

Modellbasierte Softwareentwicklung (MODSOFT)

Part II

*Domain Specific Languages*

EMF Validation and EMF Tools (EMFT)

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# Agenda

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**Introduction:** languages and their aspects, modeling vs. programming, meta-modeling and the 4 layer model

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**Eclipse/Plug-ins:** eclipse, plug-in model and plug-in description, features, *p2*-repositories, *RCPs*



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**Structure:** *Ecore*, *genmodel*, working with generated code, constraints with *Java* and *OCL*, *XML/XMI*

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**Notation:** Customizing the tree-editor, textual with *XText*, graphical with *GEF* and *GMF*

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**Semantics:** interpreters with *Java*, code-generation with *Java* and *XTend*, model-transformations with *Java* and *ATL*

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**Tools:** persisting large models, model versioning and comparison, model evolution and co-adaption, modular languages with *XBase*, *Meta Programming System (MPS)*

# EMF Validation

# Validation – Overview

- ▶ Ecore defines “how models look like”, but does not define “how models do not look like” – meta-models define data, not rules, not behavior
- ▶ Not all Ecore features are covered by the Java mapping
  - e.g. multiplicity lower bounds, unique value sets, composition
  - some are caught at runtime
    - ◆ e.g. composition
  - others are not caught at all
    - ◆ e.g. lower bounds
- ▶ Not all *constraints* can be covered with Ecore
  - e.g. all elements in a container must have unique names
  - e.g. password must contain special character

# Validation – Overview

## ▶ Types of constraints

- check Ecore inherit constraints that are not covered by EMF Java mapping or runtime
  - ◆ already defined as part of the meta-model
- named constraints
  - ◆ declared outside the meta-model
- invariants
  - ◆ declared as part of the meta-model

# Invariants in Ecore

## ▶ Declare via Annotation

- source=<http://www.eclipse.org/emf/2002/Ecore>
  - ◆ key=constraints
  - ◆ value=ConstraintNameA ConstraintNameB ...

## ▶ EMF generates a validator class

- fido.util.FidoValidator
- one method body for each constraint
  - ◆ fido.util.FidoValidator#validateOwner\_ConstraintNameA

# Invariants in Ecore

```
/**
 * Validates the OwnerNameStartsWithCapital constraint of '<em>Owner</em>'.
 * <!-- begin-user-doc -->
 * <!-- end-user-doc -->
 * @generated
 */
public boolean validateOwner_OwnerNameStartsWithCapital(Owner owner,
    DiagnosticChain diagnostics,
    Map<Object, Object> context) {
    // TODO implement the constraint
    // -> specify the condition that violates the constraint
    // -> verify the diagnostic details, including severity, code, and message
    // Ensure that you remove @generated or mark it @generated NOT
    if (false) {
        if (diagnostics != null) {
            diagnostics.add
                (createDiagnostic
                    (Diagnostic.ERROR,
                     DIAGNOSTIC_SOURCE,
                     0,
                     "_UI_GenericConstraint_diagnostic",
                     new Object[] { "OwnerNameStartsWithCapital",
                                     getObjectLabel(owner, context) },
                     new Object[] { owner },
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    boolean success = true;
    String name = owner.getName();
    if (name != null) {
        String first = name.substring(0,1);
        success = first.toUpperCase().equals(first);
    }

    if (!success) {
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# Triggering Validation

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//markus.setName("markus");
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fido.setName("Fido");
fido.setWeight(20);
markus.getPets().add(fido);

Diagnostic diagnostic = Diagnostician.INSTANCE.validate(markus);
if (diagnostic.getSeverity() != Diagnostic.OK) {
    System.out.println("ERROR in: " + diagnostic.getMessage());
    for (Diagnostic child: diagnostic.getChildren()) {
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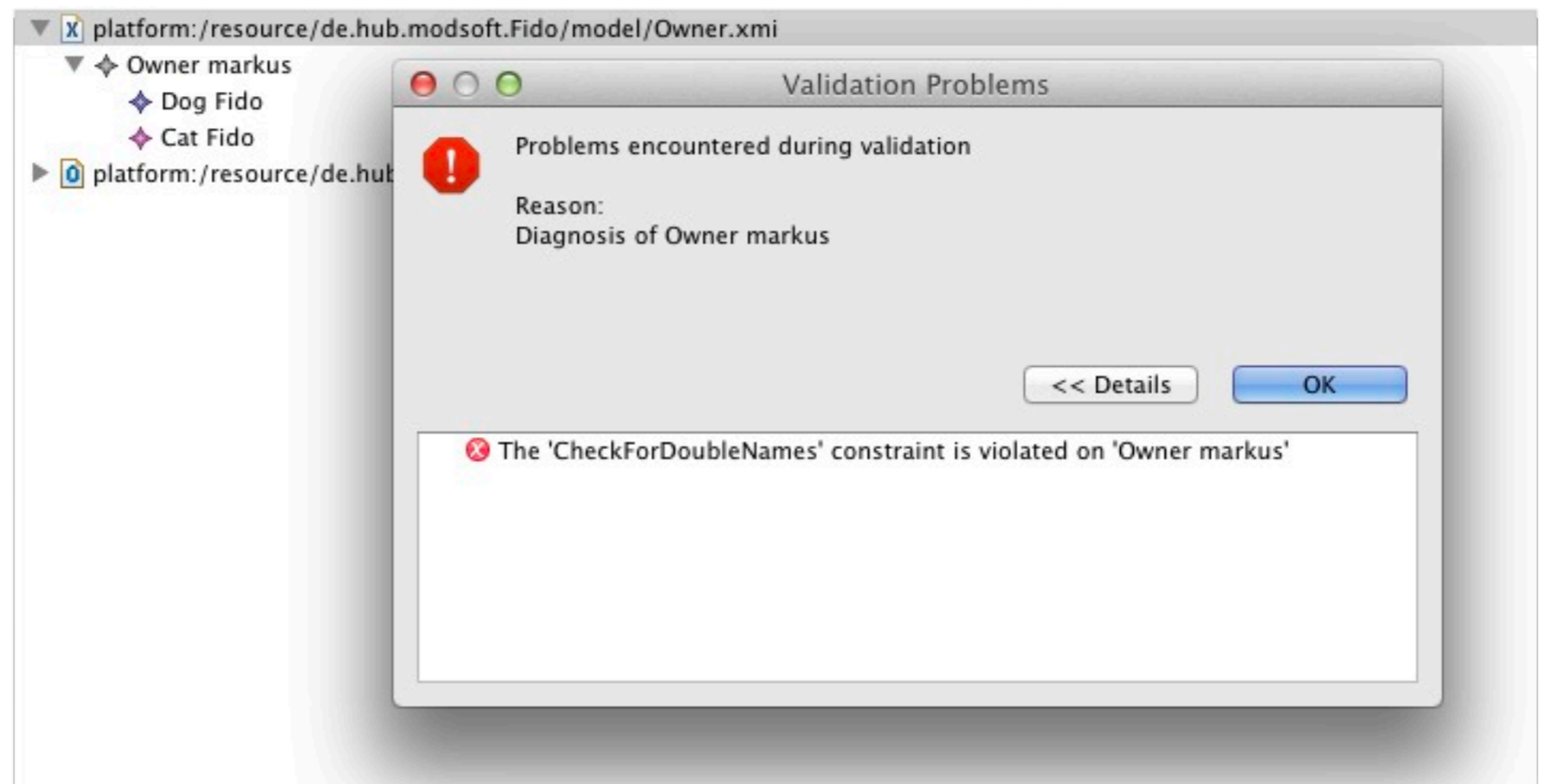
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        System.out.println(message.getMessage());  
    }  
}
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# Invariants with OCL

- ▶ Object Constraint Language (OCL)
  - OMG standard
  - rationale: predicate logic in not mathematical more engineering like notation
  - allows object navigation via structural features
  - expressions over value sets via higher order functions
  - local and arithmetical expressions
  - fully functional and stateless

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boolean success = true;
for(Pet a: owner.getPets()) {
    for(Pet b: owner.getPets()) {
        if (a.getName() != null && b.getName() != null && a.equals(b)) {
            success = a.equals(b);
        }
    }
}
return success;
```

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# Invariant with OCL in EMF





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      └─ Dog -> Pet
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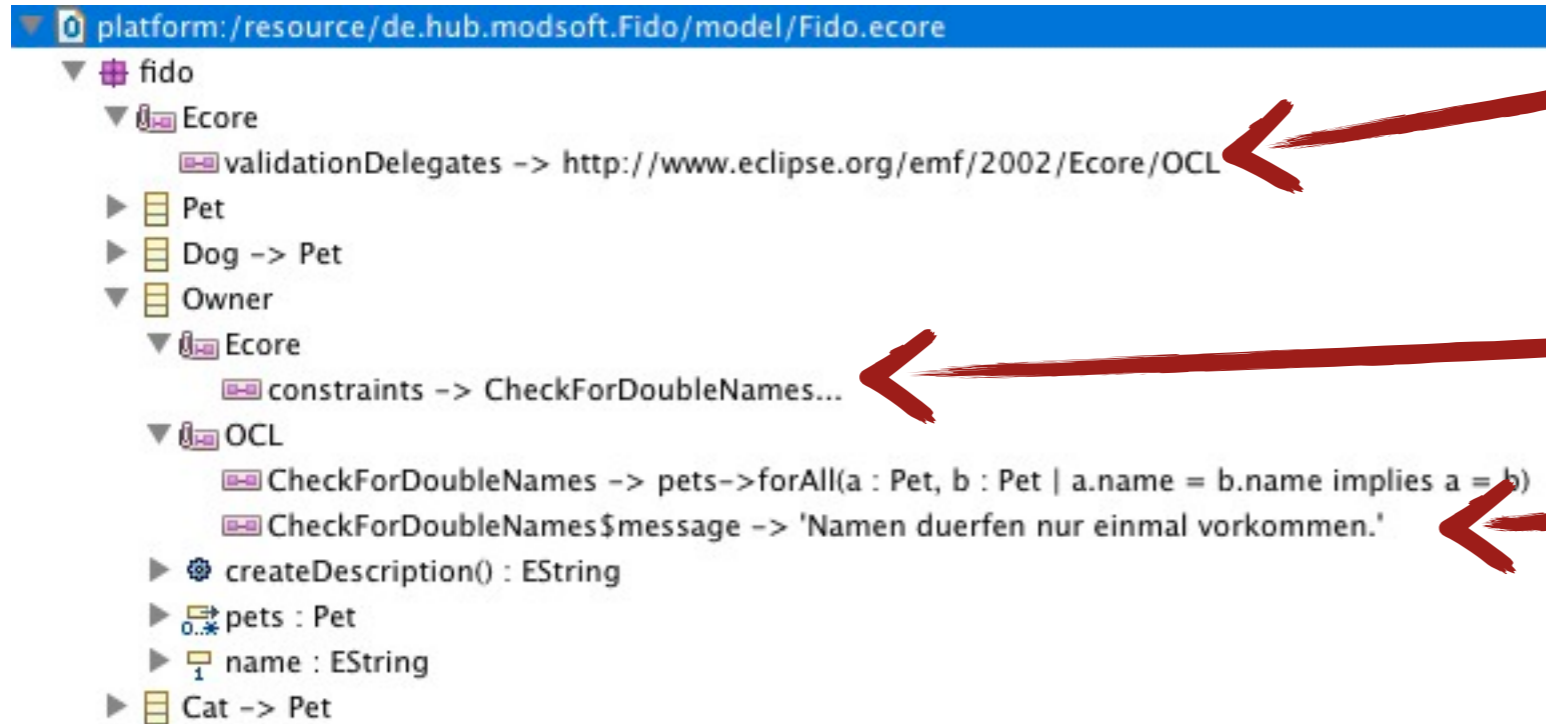
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defines constraint  
implementation in OCL

# Invariant with OCL in EMF



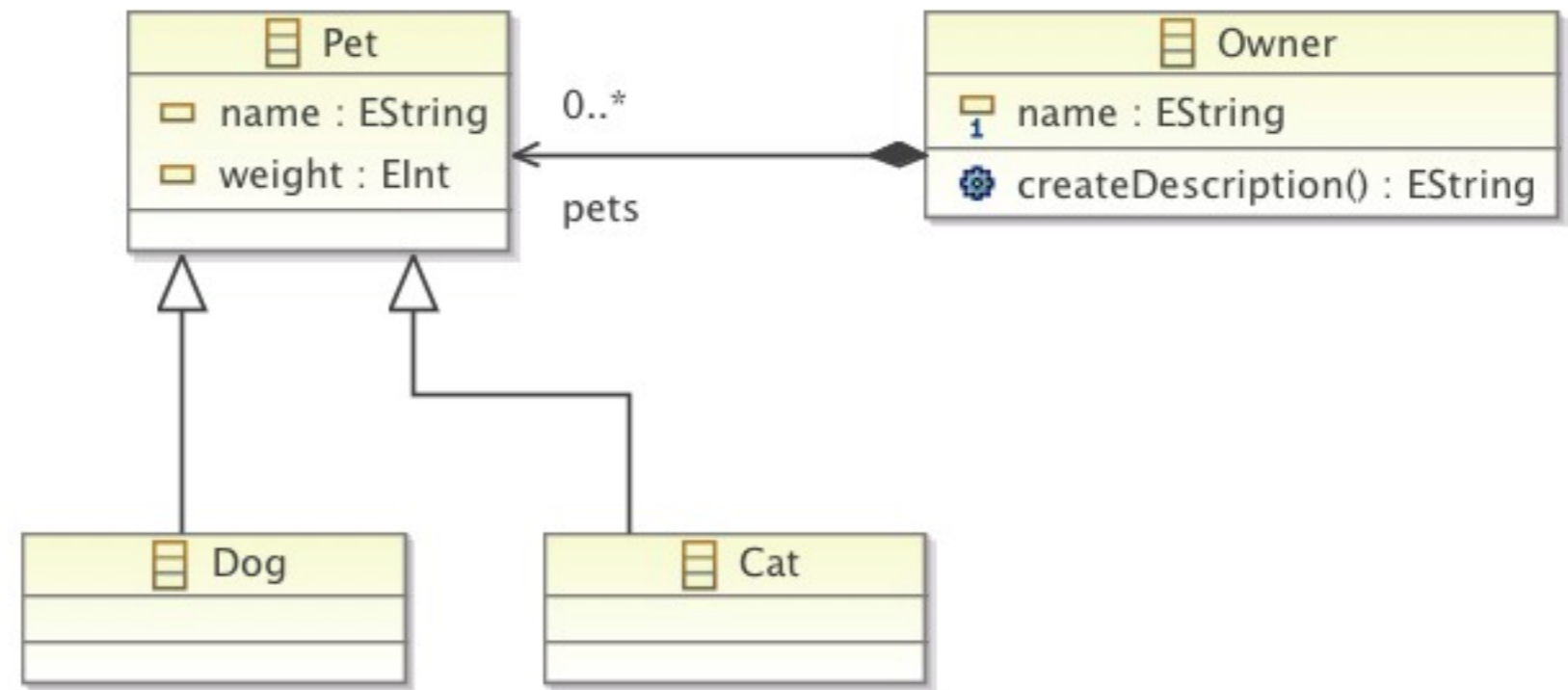
tells EMF to delegate validation to OCL implementation

declares constraint

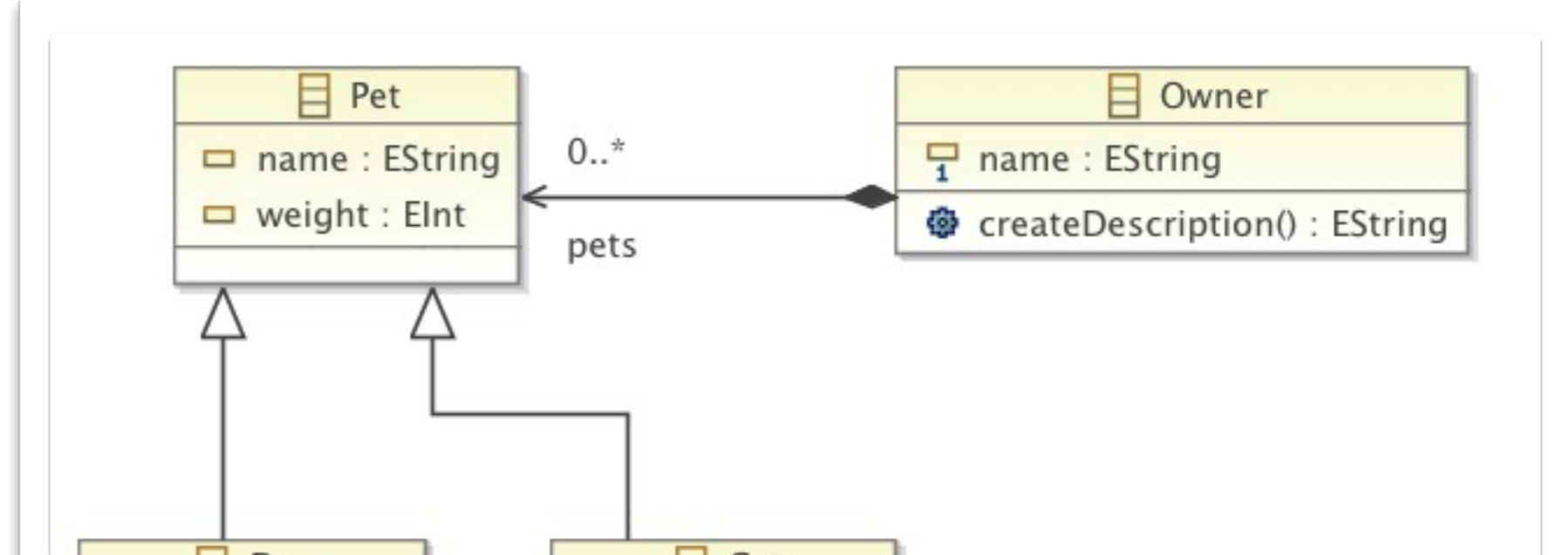
defines constraint implementation in OCL

# Ecore as Text

- ▶ OclInEcore Editor
- ▶ EMFatic
- ▶ EMFText



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```

module _'Fido.ecore'
import ecore : 'http://www.eclipse.org/emf/2002/Ecore#/' ;

package fido : fido = 'http://fido/1.0'
{
  abstract class Pet
  {
    attribute name : String[?] { ordered };
    attribute weight : ecore::EInt[?] { ordered };
  }
  class Dog extends Pet;
  class Owner
  {
    property pets : Pet[*] { ordered composes };
    attribute name : String[1] { ordered };
    operation createDescription() : String[?] { ordered };
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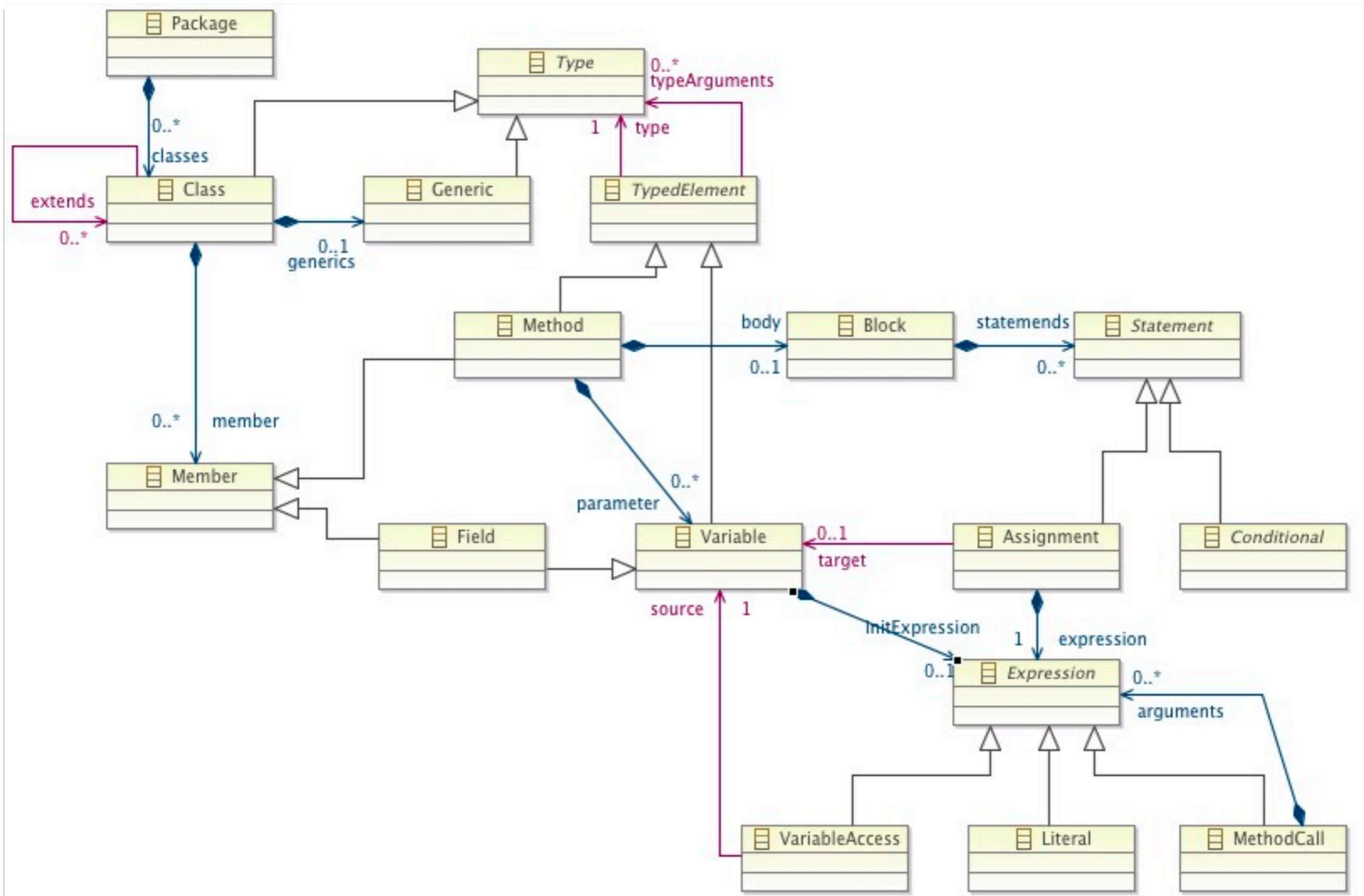


# OCL Validation in Standalone Applications

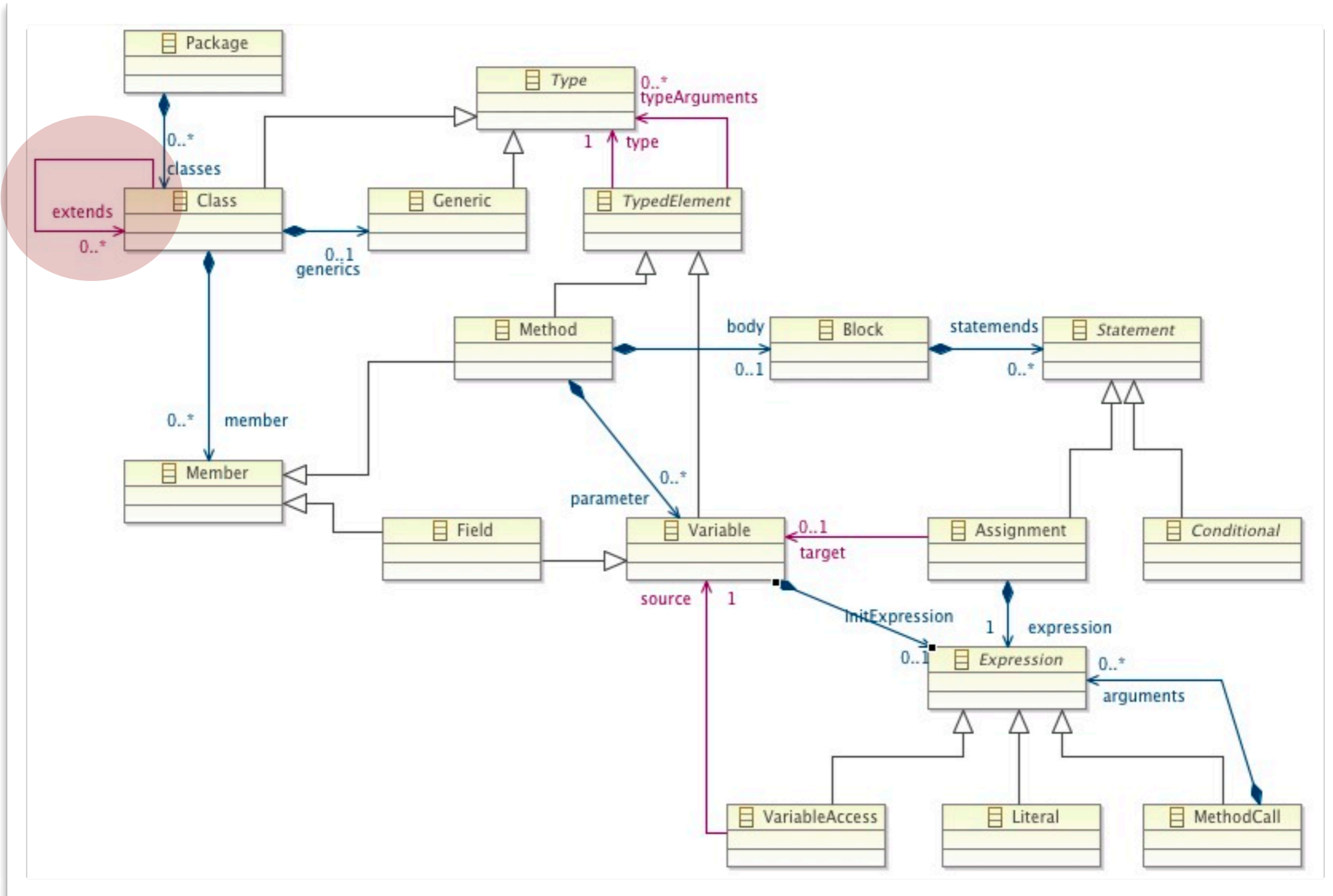
```
String oclDelegateURI = OCLDelegateDomain.OCL_DELEGATE_URI;  
EValidator.ValidationDelegate.Registry.INSTANCE.put(  
    oclDelegateURI, new OCLValidationDelegateFactory.Global());
```

- ▶ Register OCL implementation with EMF
- ▶ Not necessary within Eclipse runtime
- ▶ OCL Validation supports pure reflective EMF

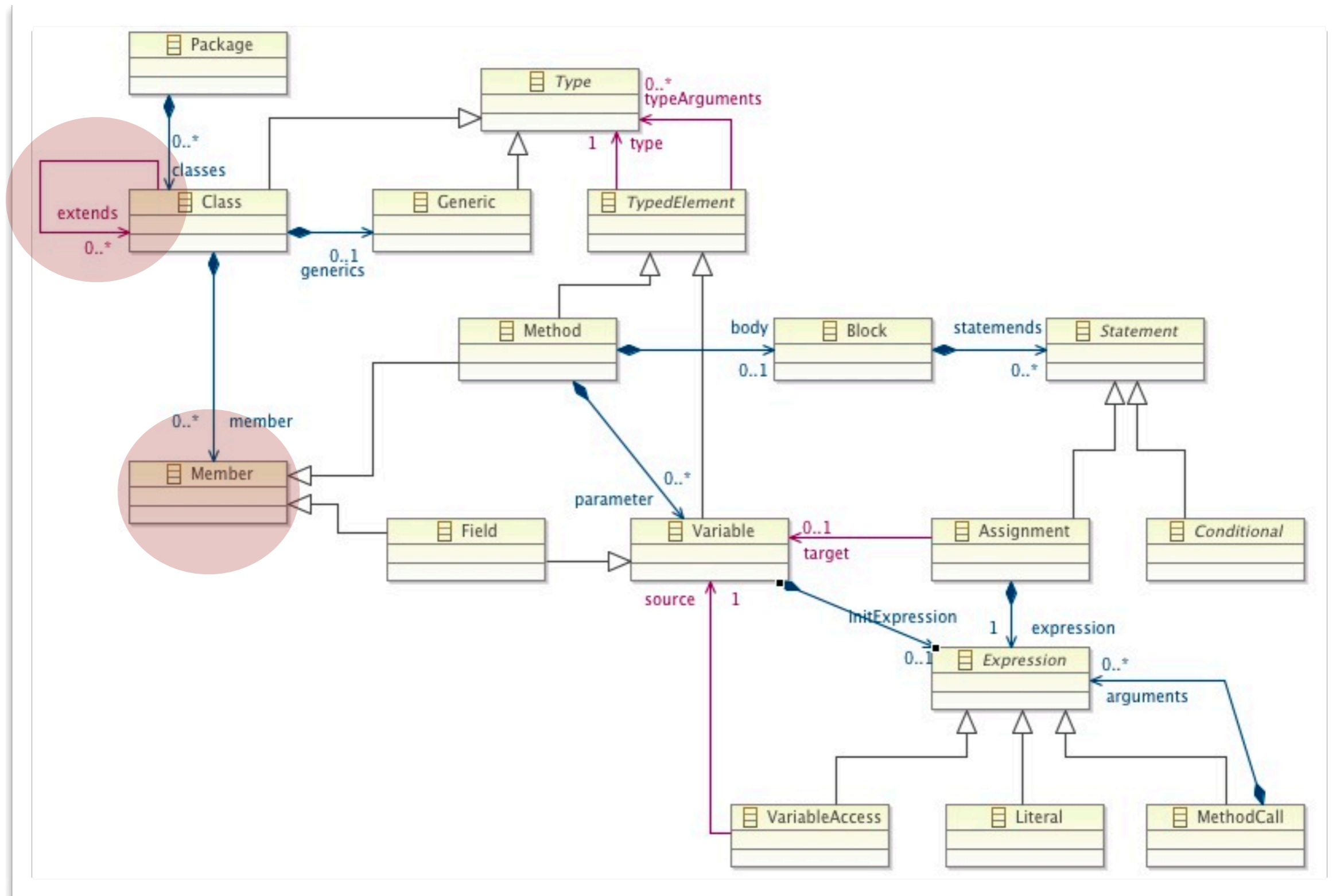
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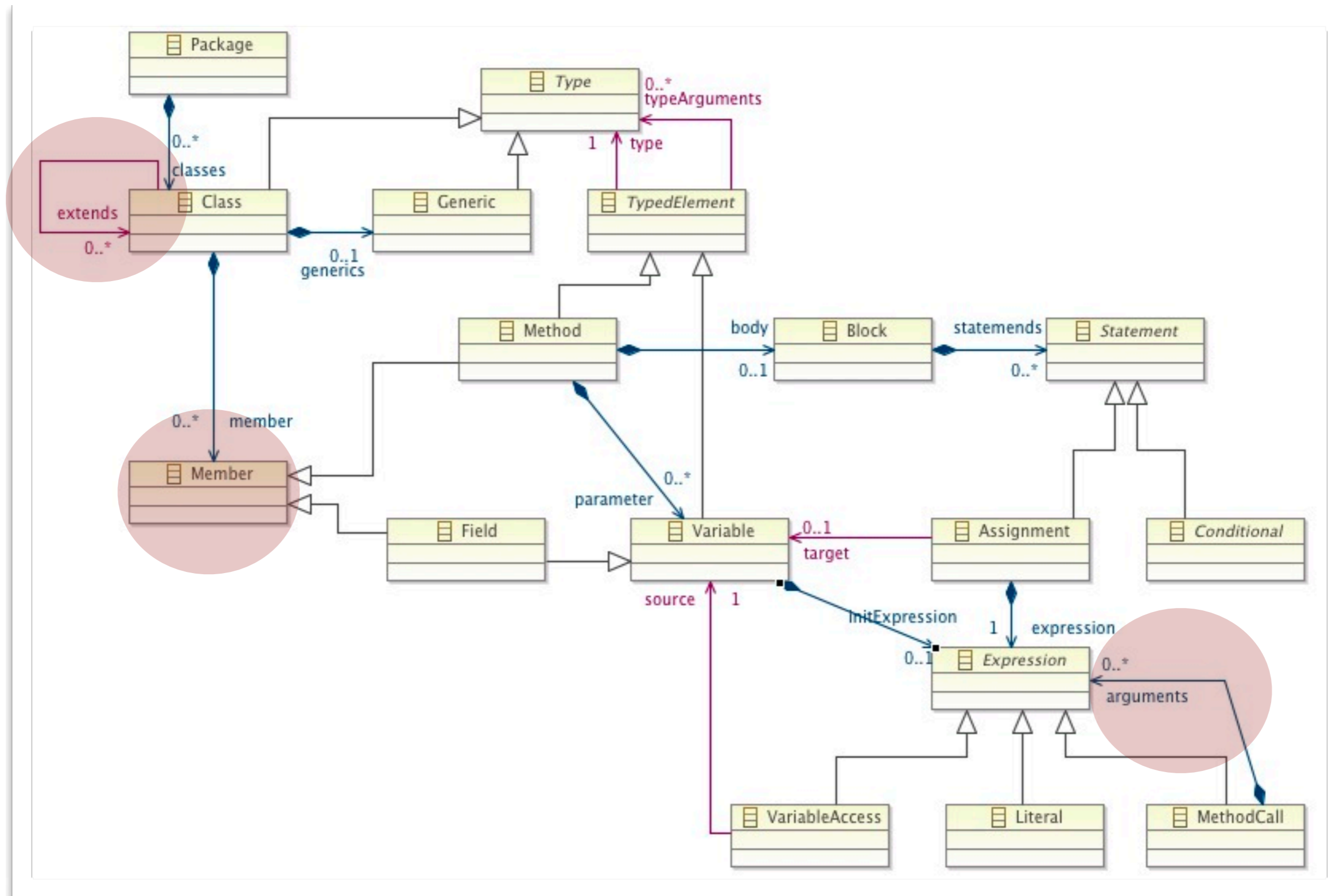
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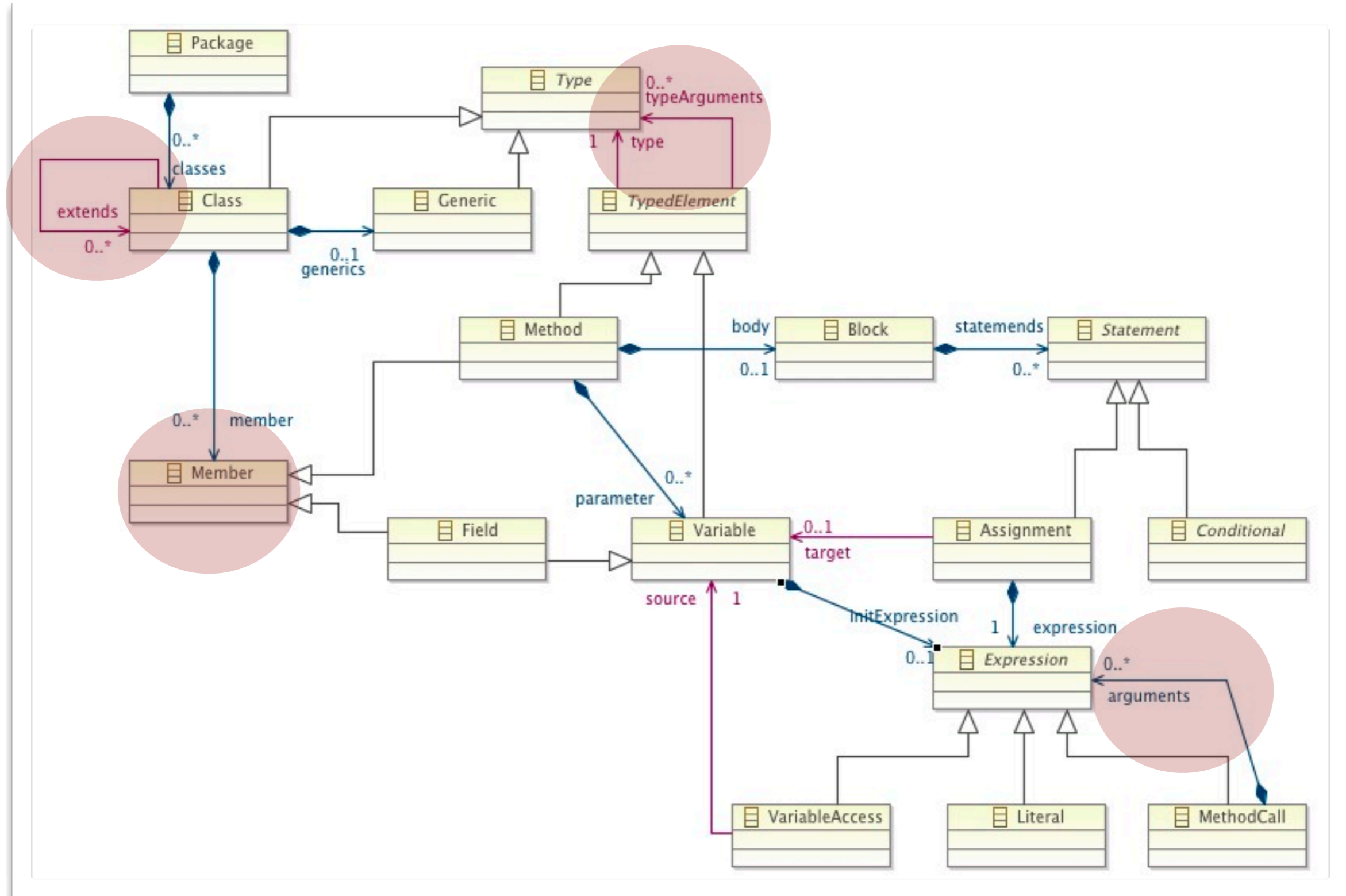


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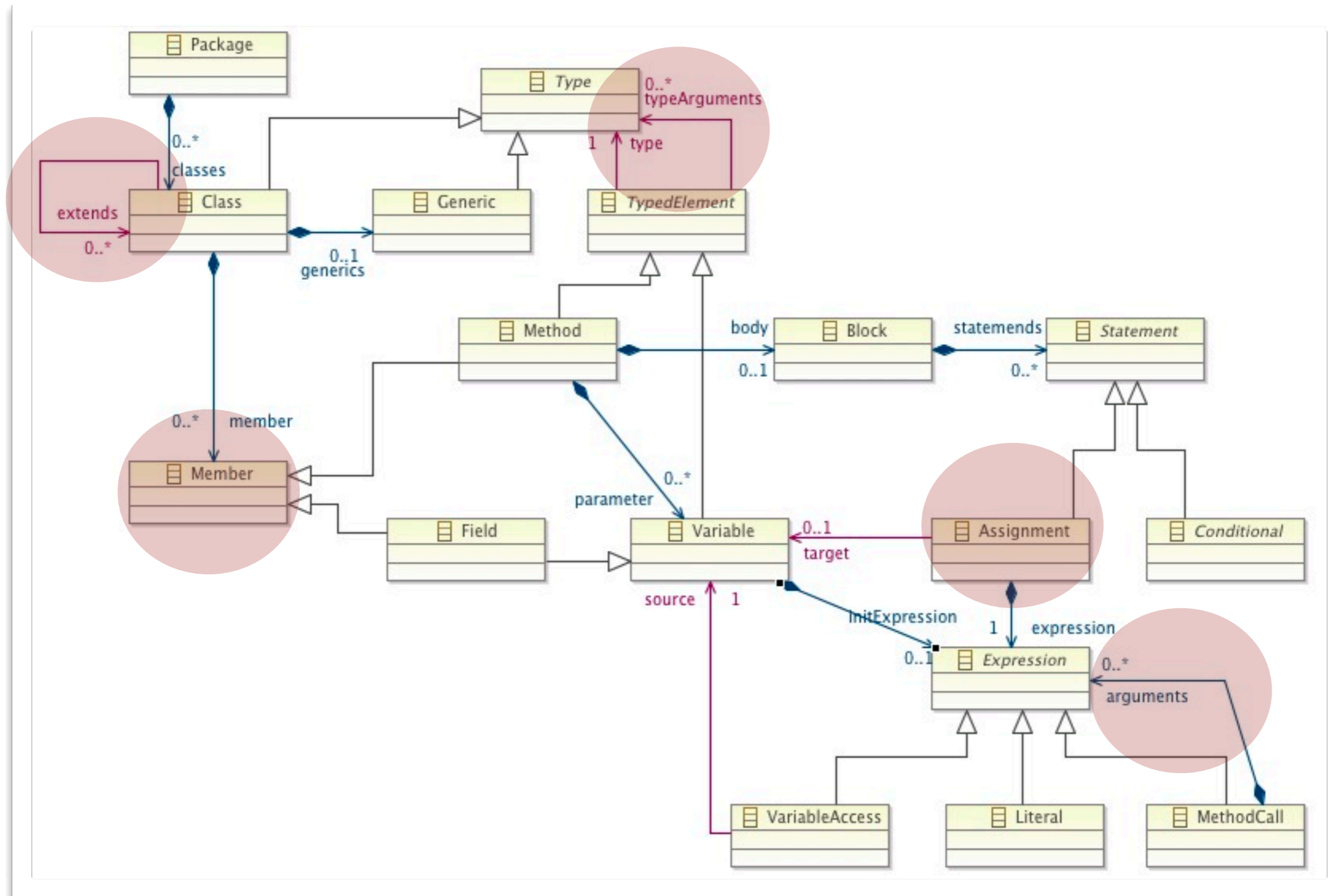




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# Summary

- ▶ Validation for constraints (“rules”) that cannot be expressed in Ecore
- ▶ Validation has to be triggered “manually”
- ▶ Constraints can be declared in Ecore and implemented in Java or OCL



# EMF Tools

- ▶ Ecore Tools Diagram Editor

# EMF Tools

- ▶ Eclipse
  - JDT
  - ...
  - Eclipse Modeling Framework
    - ◆ EMF (core)
    - ◆ ...
    - ◆ EMF Tools
      - ◆ Ecore Tools
      - ◆ EMF Compare
      - ◆ Search
      - ◆ EMF Generator Framework
      - ◆ Modeling Workflow Engine
      - ◆ Tedeo/CDO
      - ◆ Texo
      - ◆ ...
    - ◆ EMF Validation

# Diagram Editor

model is saved as regular ecore XMI file

diagram specific data is stored in extra diagram XMI file

view on the model might be incomplete

regular ecore edit view

simpler forms

regular properties view from ecore edit

# Summary

- ▶ Lots of useful frameworks
- ▶ Big mess

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- ▶ What a meta-model and 4-layer modeling
- ▶ How to write Ecore models and Ecore model constraints
- ▶ Generate and use Ecore Java code
- ▶ Notifications, Serialization, and Edit-framework
  
- ▶ Everything we saw is based on these basics
  - diagram editor
  - text editor for Ecore and OCL
  - .ecore and .genmodel file format