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### Poseidon integrated into Eclipse

Hamburg, December 2, 2004. Gentleware AG, maker of the world renowned UML (Unified Modeling Language) tool Poseidon for UML, introduced its new Major Release 3.0 to the community, notably including integration into the open Eclipse development environment. With this release Gentleware places its commitments to Eclipse in the forefront and has chosen a strategically valuable open source platform, which has already been established as a quasi-standard among developers. With this advance, the Hamburg software firm paves new ways for customers to integrate and work with other tools in conjunction with Poseidon for UML within the Eclipse environment.

The integration of Poseidon for UML in Eclipse marks another milestone in the development of the user friendly tool. The connection to the open source-based development environment is of the greatest importance for many developers worldwide because working with different programming languages and tools in fact requires multiple development environments. With the integrated development environment of Eclipse, the Poseidon user can effortlessly utilize more tools and languages in a single environment, namely Eclipse, to maintain and synchronize code and model in one consolidated project. The previous method of importing and exporting code from other tools and UML models has now been reduced to the single push of a button within Eclipse. The advantages for the user include substantial time savings, dramatically fewer errors, and more productive use of development resources.

CEO and founder Dr. Marko Boger summarizes it for users: "We offer our customers the best of two worlds: the flexible and open Eclipse development environment with its particular strengths for working with text and code, and

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our modern and easy-to-use UML tool, ideal to visualize a project. The innovative window control of Eclipse grants our users full customization of the screen layout." Dr. Boger further explains: "With this step towards the open source development environment, Gentleware proves itself as a technical innovation leader and offers the UML community a genuine increase in value."

The new Release 3.0 offers wide-reaching improvements for users of all editions of the tool. The Professional Edition user can combine the familiar user friendly interface and improved performance of the UML tool Poseidon for UML with the potential of the powerful and open Eclipse development environment. Along with that comes comprehensive extensions to roundtrip engineering. The program recognizes changes to the source code made outside of Poseidon, and when necessary recognizes conflicts, resolving the conflicts automatically as far as possible with manual synchronization options in other cases.

Customers of the Standard Edition profit from the continued development of the documentation generator UMLdoc, which now includes complete representation of Statechart diagrams. For developers of embedded systems, a collaboration component has been added to allow team modeling. Because the Hamburg software creators got their start from a community-based project, the hundreds of thousands of UML users who use the free Community edition have not been left out. Gentleware has taken some of the previous restrictions out of this free edition, permitting for example unrestricted printing, making an absolutely fully usable tool available for non-commercial projects.

## **About Gentleware**

Gentleware AG was founded in 2000 in Hamburg, Germany, and develops tools for software modeling based on the Unified Modeling Language (UML). It is led by the founder and Board of Directors member Dr. Marko Boger, who for a long time previous was the driving strength behind the open source project ArgoUML.

The product line "Poseidon for UML" is the leader in UML tools, with over 700,000 downloads worldwide. In addition to the free Community Edition available on the Gentleware webpage ([www.gentleware.com](http://www.gentleware.com)), various commercial editions with an abundance of the most up-to-date functionalities are available for the professional use of UML. Poseidon for UML is characterized in particular by its high degree of usability and its conformity to international standards. Gentleware has the know-how in pointing the way in training and consulting as well as with the development of customized tools.

**For further information regarding the topics Eclipse and Roundtrip Engineering you can request more details or an appointment for a webcast with our CEO, Dr. Marko Boger.**

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