

PHP meets UML

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Overview

- PHP 5 vs. PHP 4
- PHP 5 OO
- PHP and UML



PHP 4 and OO ?

■ Poor Object model

Methods

- No visibility
- No abstracts, No final
- Static without declaration

Properties

- No default values
- No static properties

Inheritance

- No abstract, final inheritance, no interfaces

Object handling

- Copied by value
- No destructors

PHP 5's revamped OO Model

- PHP 5 has really good OO
 - Better code reuse
 - Better for team development
 - Easier to refactor
 - Some patterns lead to much more efficient code
 - Fits better in marketing scenarios

Completely new XML support



PHP 4's XML was pathetic

- SAX was OK
- DOM was crappy, DOM was fake
- There was nothing else



PHP 5's XML is brilliant

- SAX is OK
- DOM is functional
- SimpleXML is the solution to all your problems
- Native SOAP support

Reflection API



Can reflect nearly all aspects of your PHP code

Functions

Classes, Methods, Properties

Extensions

```
<?php
class Foo {
    public $prop;
    function Func($name) {
        echo "Hello $name";
    }
}
ReflectionClass::export('Foo');
ReflectionObject::export(new Foo);
ReflectionMethod::export('Foo', 'Func');
ReflectionProperty::export('Foo', 'prop');
ReflectionExtension::export('standard');
?>
```

Reflection API

- Can be used to generate XMI
- Can be used to reverse engineer PHP



Unified Database API

- PHP 5.1 will come with PDO
 - Unified object oriented API
 - Support for MSSql, MySQL, Oracle, Postgres, ...
 - Support for transactions
 - Support for LOBs
 - Support for iterators

Why UML

- Improve Communication
 - With customer
 - With management
 - Between developers
- Visualize Concepts
- Improve documentation
- Model verification
 - Mistakes during design are cheap
 - Mistakes during implementation are expensive
- Automatic code generation

PHP and UML

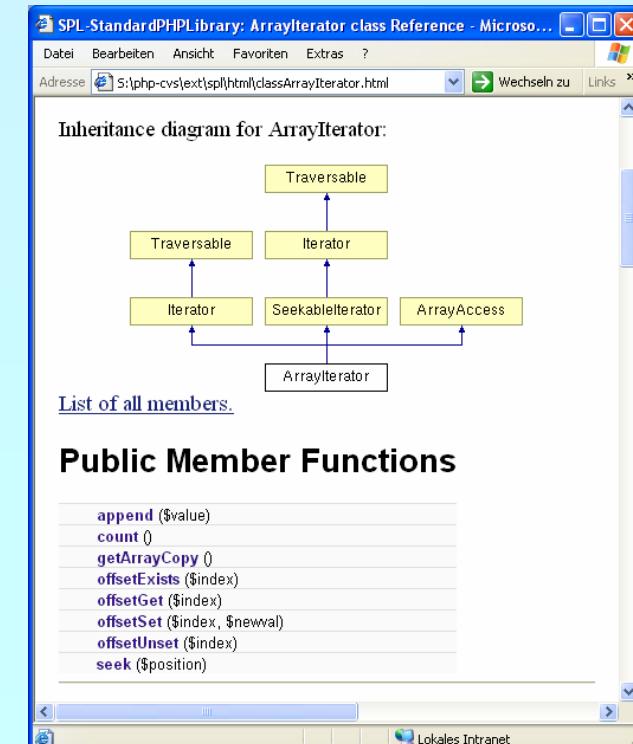
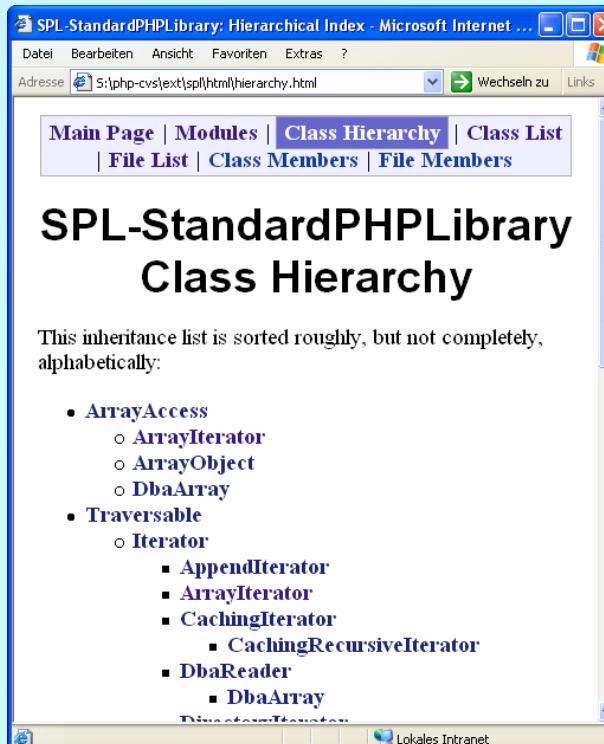
- Support for OO syntax/semantic
- Support through open source tools
 - Doxygen
 - Umbrello
 - ArgoUML
- Support through commercial/proprietary tools
 - Poseidon
 - Waterproof UML
 - BITPlan smartGENERATOR
 - Sybase PowerDesigner

Doxxygen



Doxygen is a documentation system

- Code comments to documentation
- Creates UML like graphs automatically
- Generates html, chm, TEX, PostScript, PDF, man pages
- Runs on Linux/Windows



Umbrello

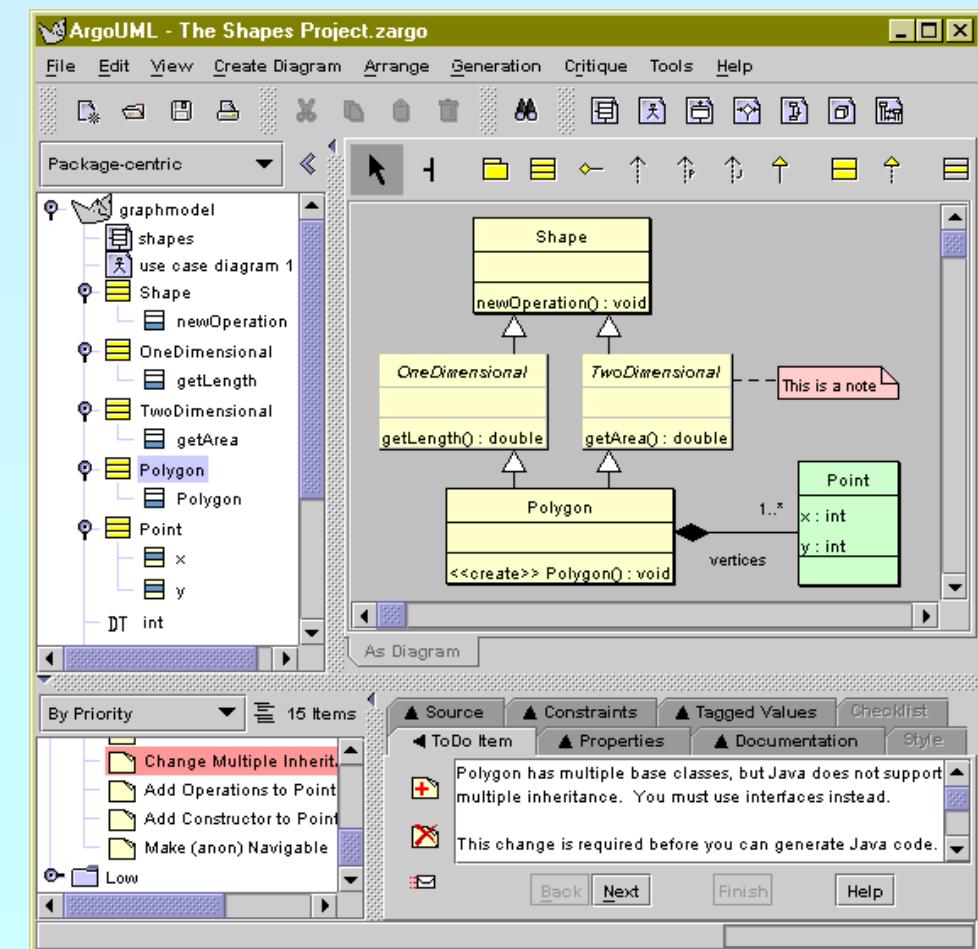
- Most of UML 1 diagram types
- Code generation for
 - C++, Java, PHP, Perl, Python, SQL, ADA, AS,
 - JavaScript, IDL, XML Schema
- Export to PNG and XMI
- Runs on Linux/KDE
- Manual in English and German

ArgoUML

- Runs on any platform with Java 1.3+
- Exports GIF, PS, EPS, PGML and SVG
- XMI Support
- OCL Support
- Code generation

- C++
- Java
- PHP

- Support through commercial version Poseidon



BITPlan smartGENERATOR

- Code generation from XMI
 - This allows to use all XMI compliant UML tools
 - Rational Rose
 - Poseidon Gentleware
 - microTOOL objectivF
 - Together Soft Together/J oder C++
 - Object Domain from Object Domain Systems
 - JDBC-Quellen and other Repositories
 - At the moment only a prototype

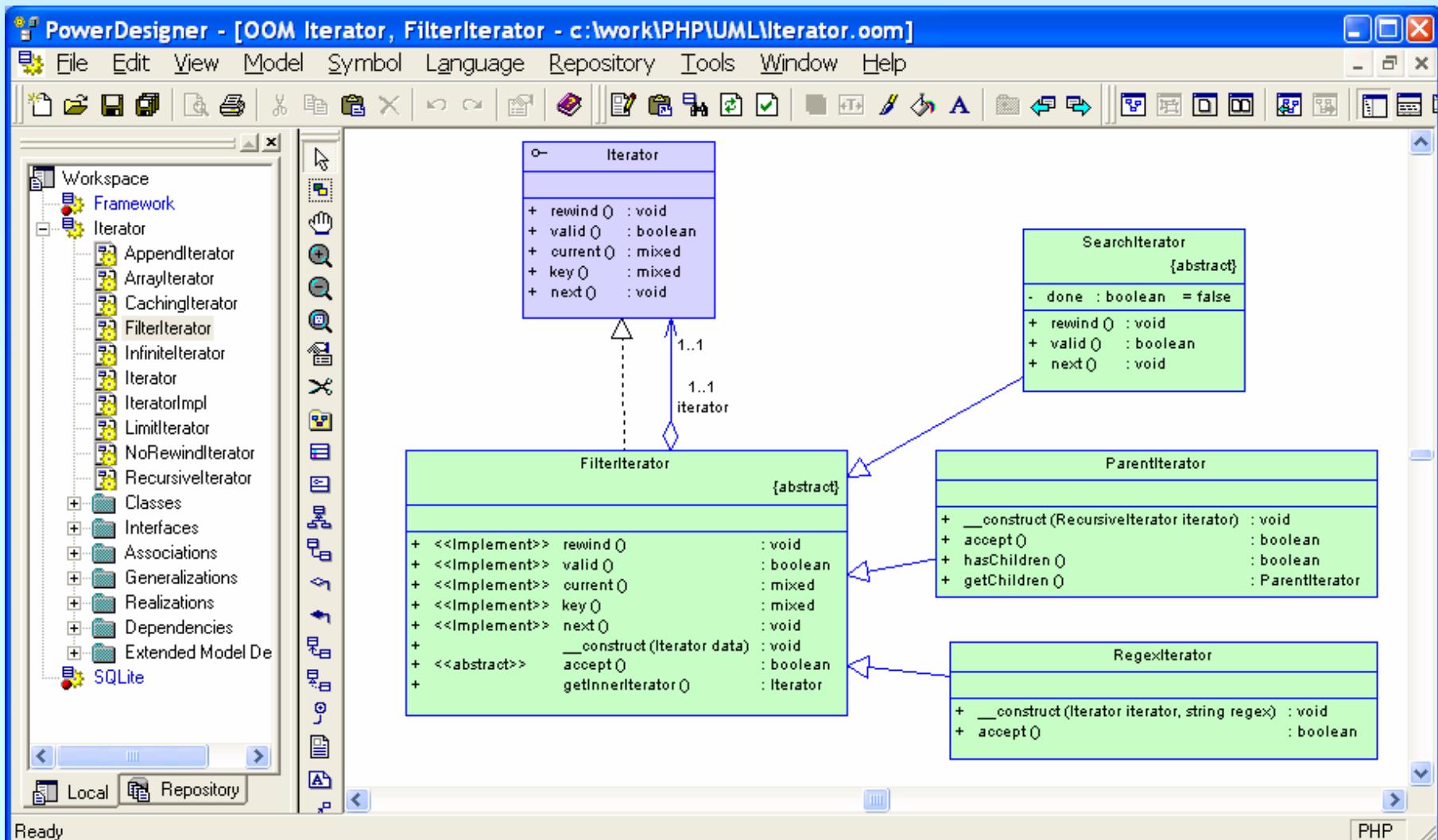
Sybase PowerDesigner

- Complete UML 1.3 support
- Process Execution
 - Service Oriented Architecture support
 - ebXML, BPEL4WS
- Data Modeling
 - Conceptual, Logical, Physical and Warehouse Data
 - Roundtrip engineering for databases
- Enterprise Modeling
 - Model Driven Architecture
 - Object/Relational, XML to Database and Warehouse Source mapping Techniques
 - Roundtrip engineering for C#, C++, Java, VBA, XML, ...
- Documentation generation
- Highly Extensible and Customizable

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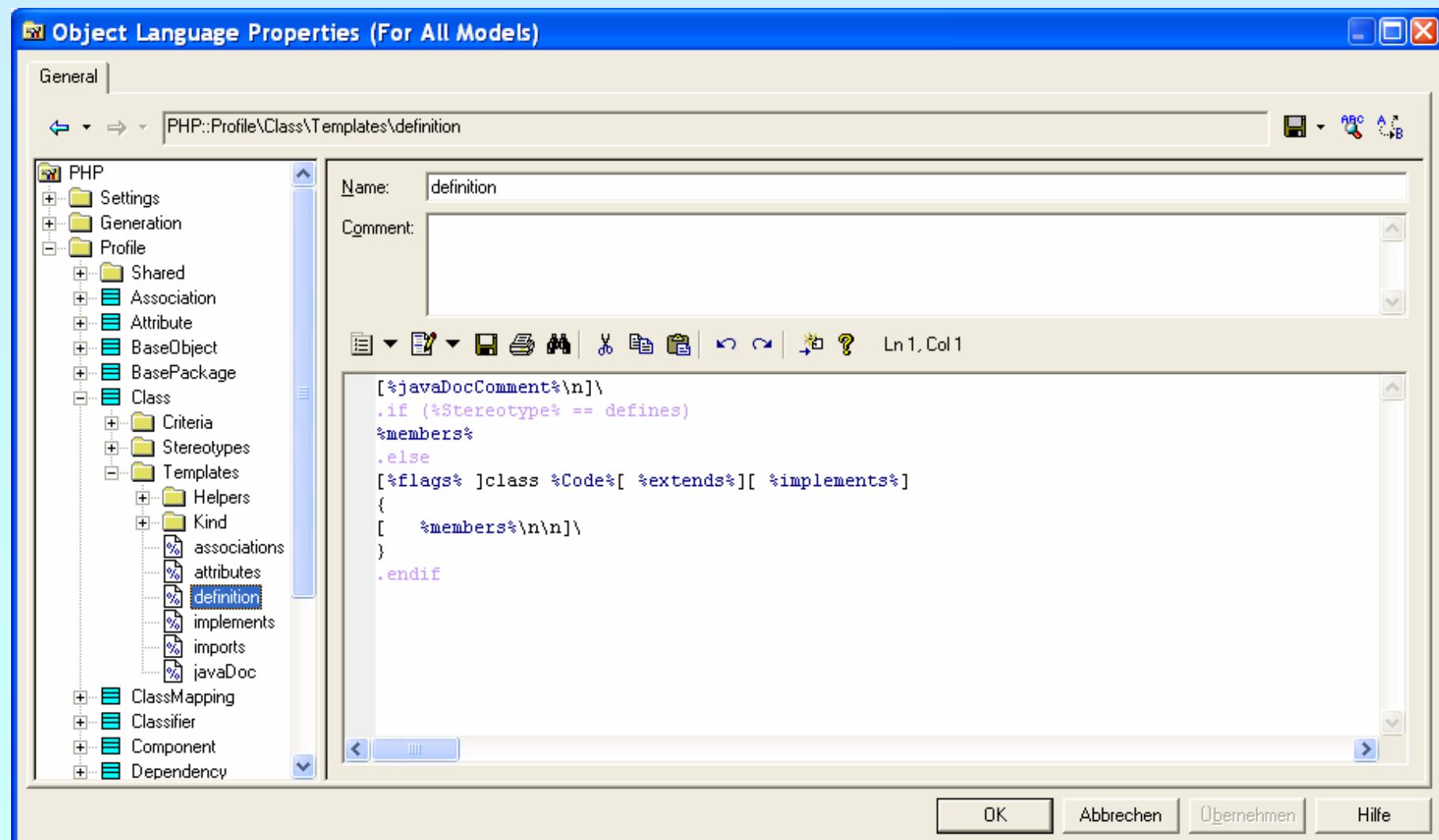
Working with class diagrams



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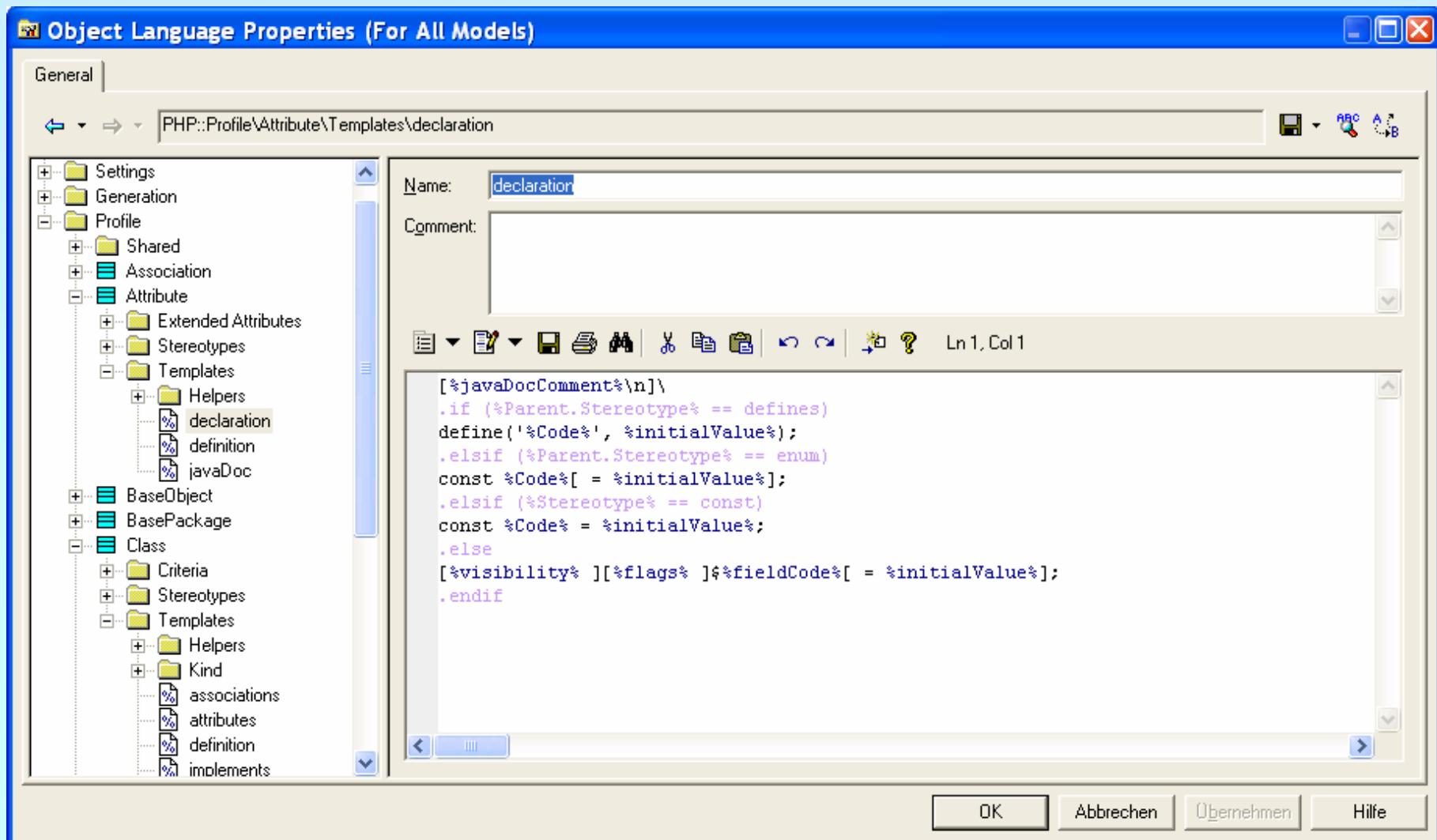
Teaching PHP



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The screenshot shows the 'Object Language Properties (For All Models)' dialog in Sybase PowerDesigner. The title bar indicates the current object is 'PHP::Profile\Attribute\Stereotypes\const\Custom Checks\CheckValuePresent'. The left pane is a tree view of the object structure, and the right pane contains the script editor with the following PHP code:

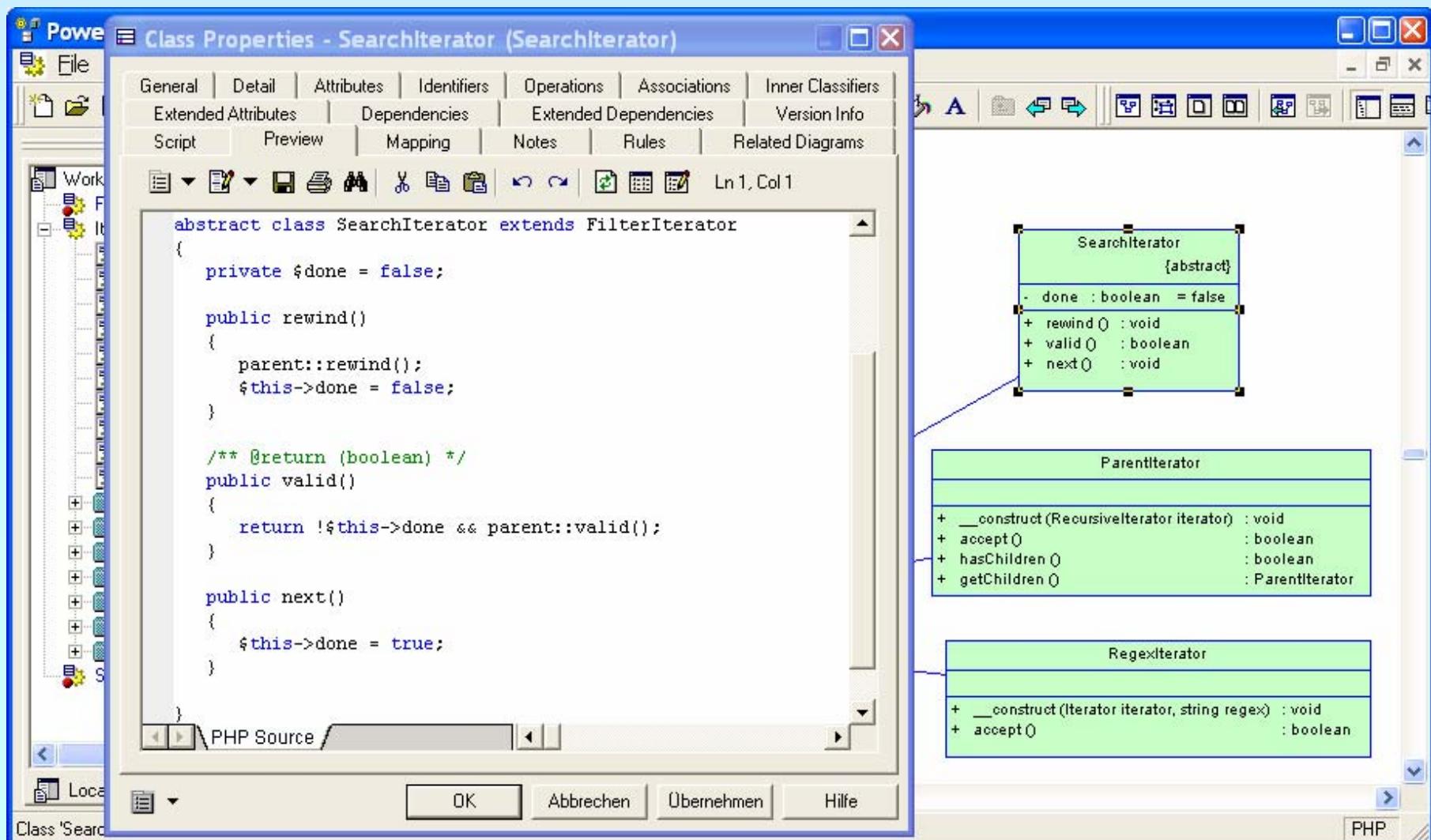
```
Function %Check%(obj)
    If obj.DataType = "string" Then
        %Check% = True
    ElseIf IsEmpty(obj.initialValue) OR obj.initialValue = "" Then
        %Check% = False
    Else
        %Check% = True
    End If
End Function
```

The code checks if the object's data type is a string. If it is, it sets the check result to true. If the initial value is empty or null, it sets the check result to false. Otherwise, it sets the check result to true.

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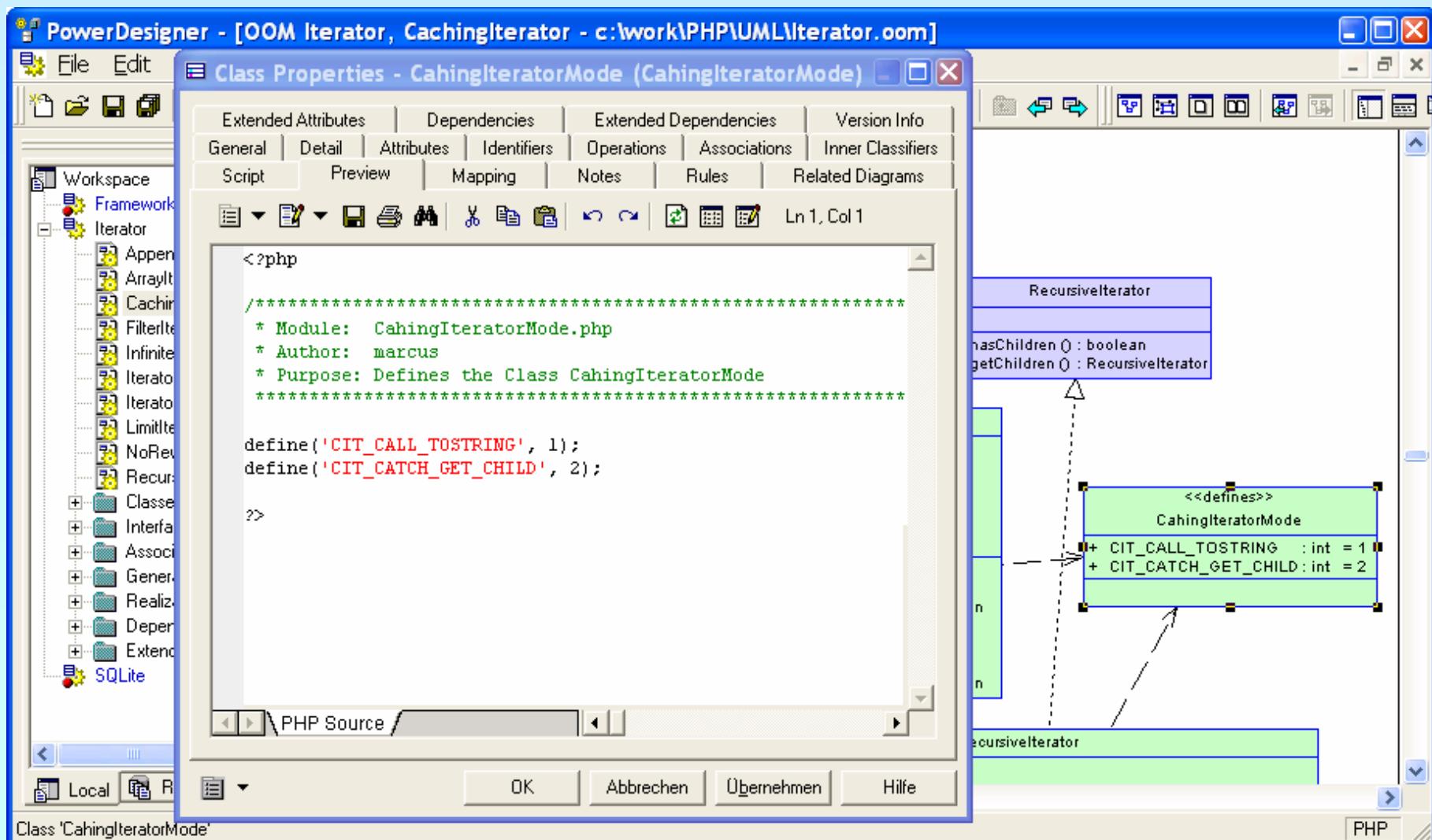
Generating PHP scripts from UML



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Generating PHP code for constants



What to do next

- Automatically generate data query classes
- Extending PHP's reflection API to write XMI
- Typehints for properties and return values
- Implement roundtrip engineering
- Implement a script packaging extension
- Extend PHP with the keyword 'package'

What else?

- Using PHP to script UML tools
- Generate PHP code from Activity Diagrams
- Validating generated PHP code

Links

- This slides
<http://somabo.de/talks>
- PHP
<http://php.net>
- Doxygen
<http://doxygen.org>
- ArgoUML
<http://argouml.tigris.org>
- Poseidon
<http://www.gentleware.com>
- Umbrello
<http://uml.sourceforge.net>
- Waterproof
<http://www.waterproof-software.com/uml/>
- PowerDesigner
<http://www.sybase.com/products/enterprisemodeling>