

TRSpec Plugin User's Manual

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1 Introduction

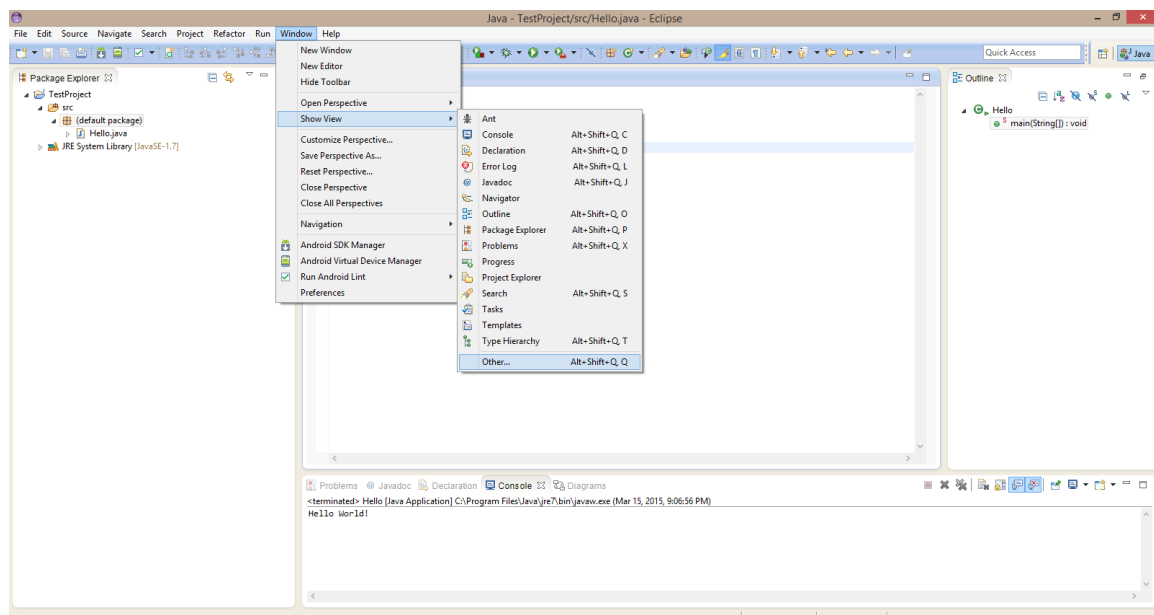
This document describes how to install and use the TRSpec plug-in for Eclipse.

2 Installing TRSpec

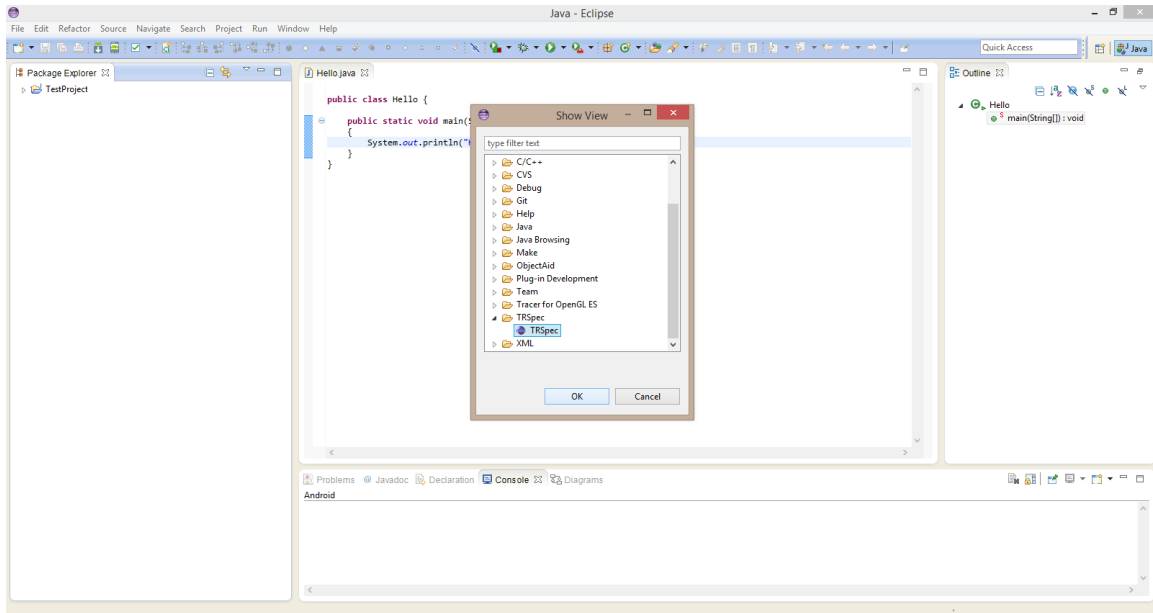
To install TRSpec place the TRSpec jar file in the *dropins* folder of the root directory of your Eclipse installation. Restart your Eclipse application and TRSpec will be available to use.

3 How to use

To open TRSpec, navigate to *Window*→*Show View*→*Other...*

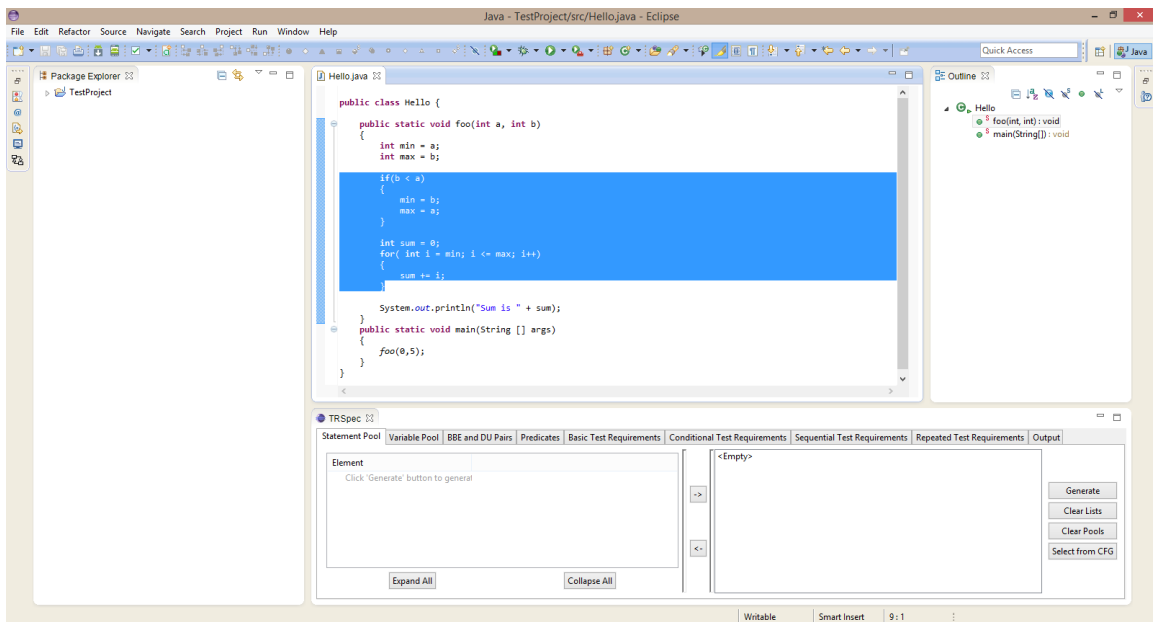


Then navigate to the *TRSpec* folder, highlight *TRSpec*, and press OK.



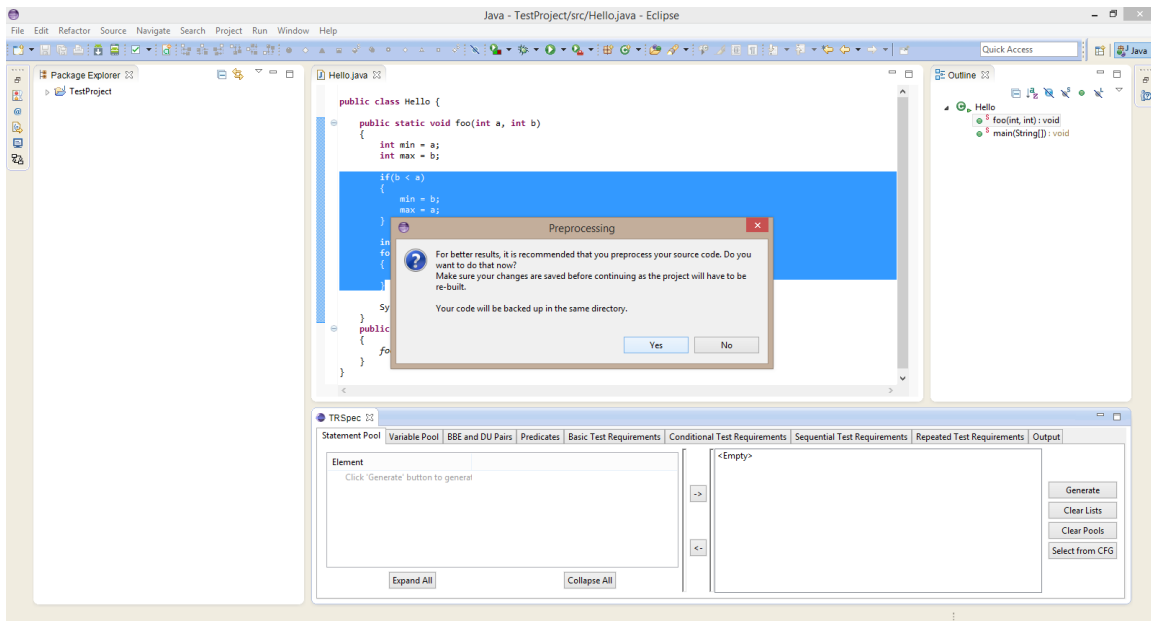
Selecting code

To begin using TRSpec, first highlight the Java code that you wish to derive bytecode statements and variables from.

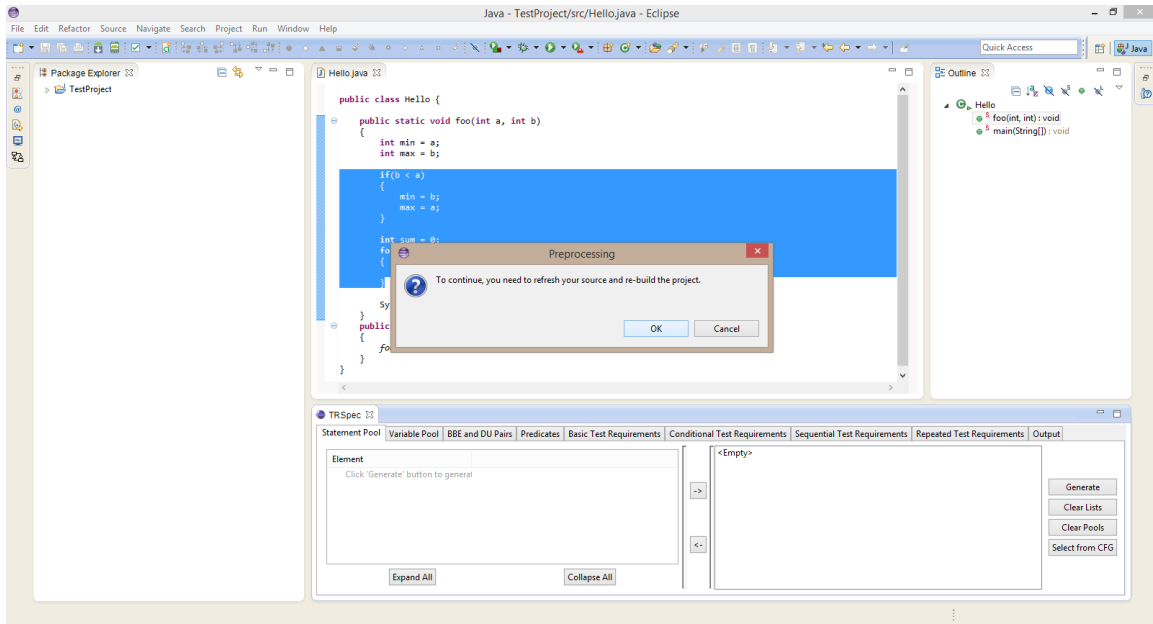


Statement and Variable Pool

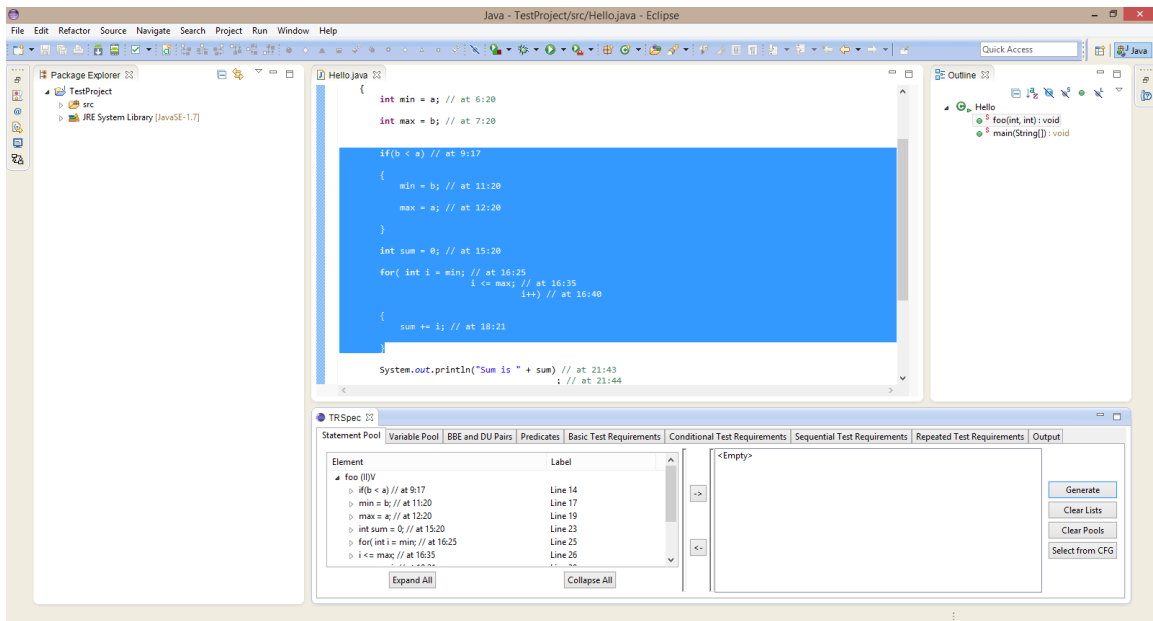
The process of specifying test requirements starts with the selection of the underlying basic constituents, namely bytecode statements and variables. Such elementary step is carried out in the *Statement Pool* and *Variable Pool* tabs. Each of these tabs is divided into two composites, a *list* composite (left section) and a *pool* composite (right section). After highlighting the Java code, click on the *Generate* button.



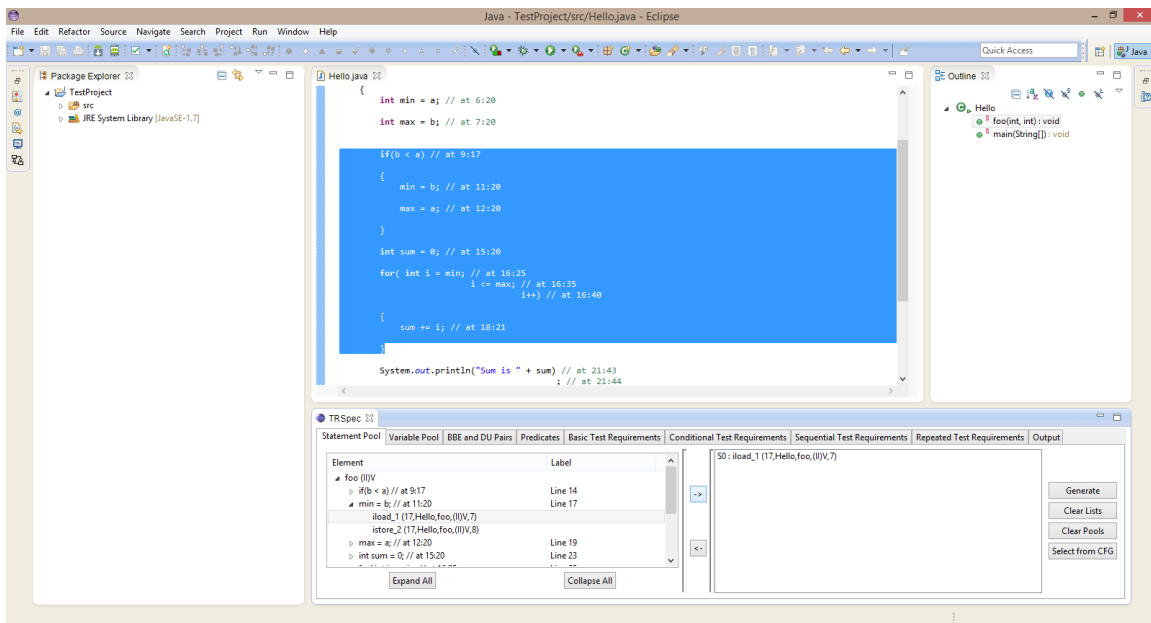
A pop-out will show asking you to pre-process your source code. Click Yes after making sure your code was saved.



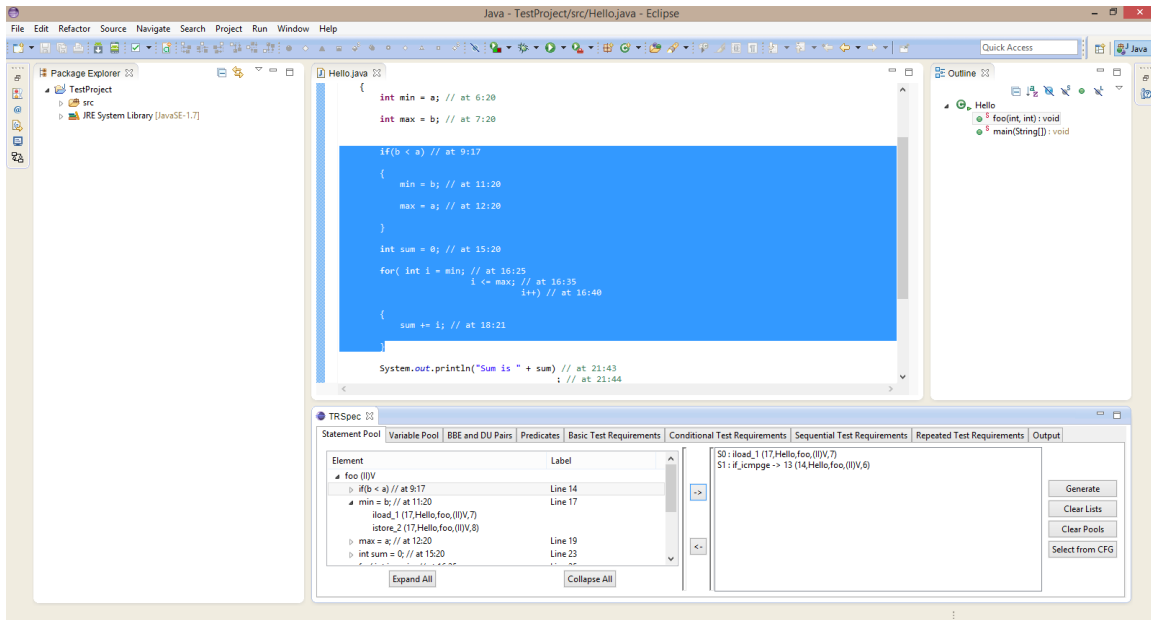
Another pop-out will show asking you to refresh and re-build your project. Click on Ok.



This will generate all the bytecode statements and variables associated with the code you highlighted; these will be inserted in the corresponding lists. To insert a statement into the *statements pool*, navigate to the *statements list*, highlight the desired statement and click on the → button adjacent to it.

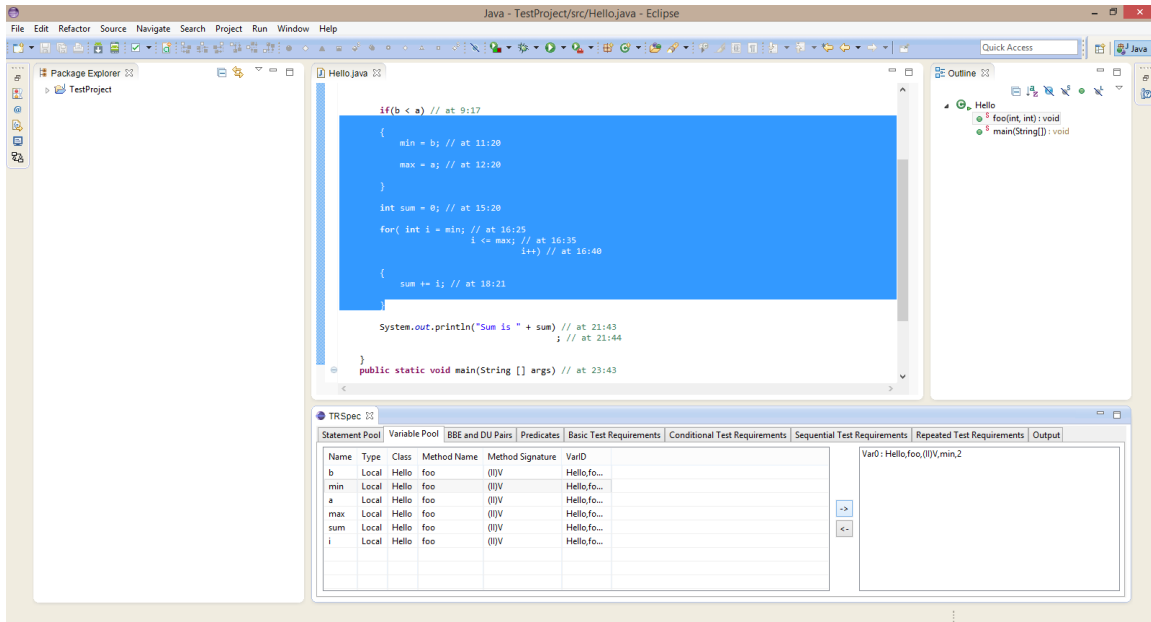


Or you can just click on your java line from the list and click on the → button and the last byte code statement of that line will be inserted to the *statements pool*.



To remove a statement from the pool, simply highlight it and click on the ← button.

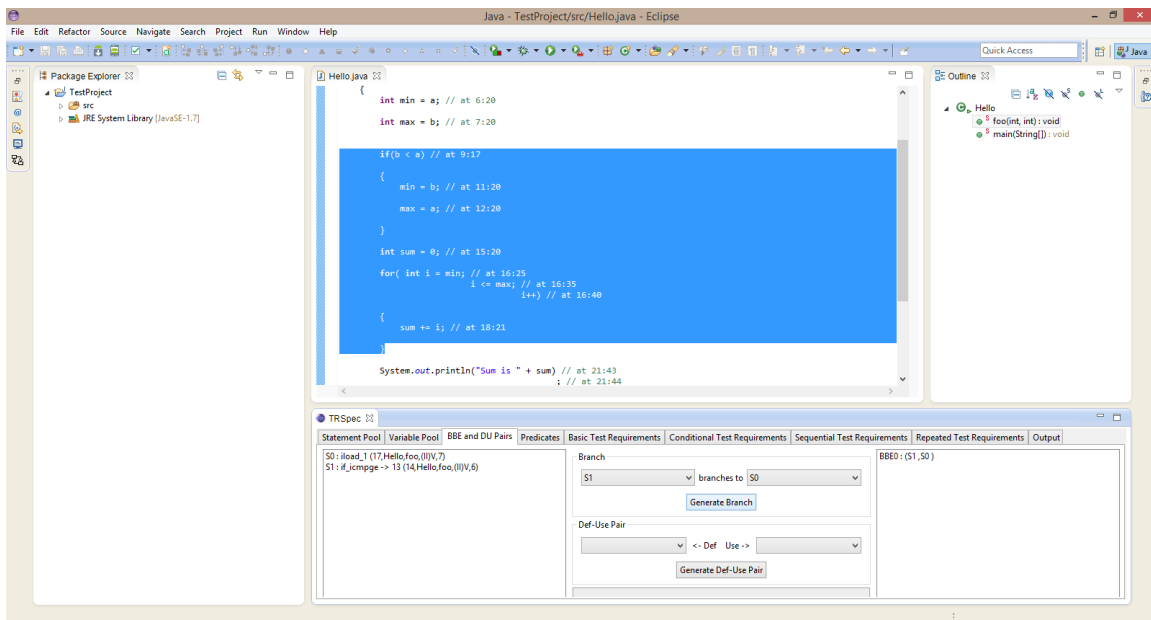
To insert variable into the *variables pool*, click on *VariablePool* tab and navigate to the *variables list*, highlight the desired variable and click on the → button adjacent to it.



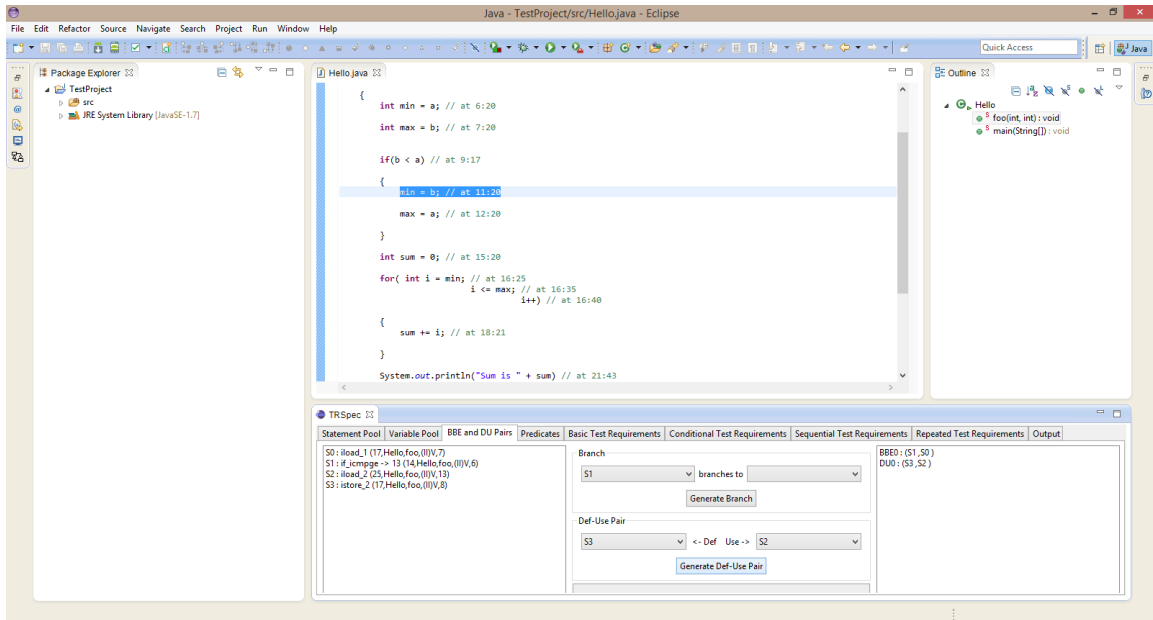
To remove a variable from the pool, simply highlight it and click on the ← button.

BBE and DU Pairs

To specify a branch (basic block edge or *BBE*), navigate to the branch composite, select the statement to branch from in the combo on the left, select the statement to branch to in the combo on the right, and then click on the *Generate Branch* button. Note that the options listed are managed in a way to make sure that the source and the target form a valid branch.

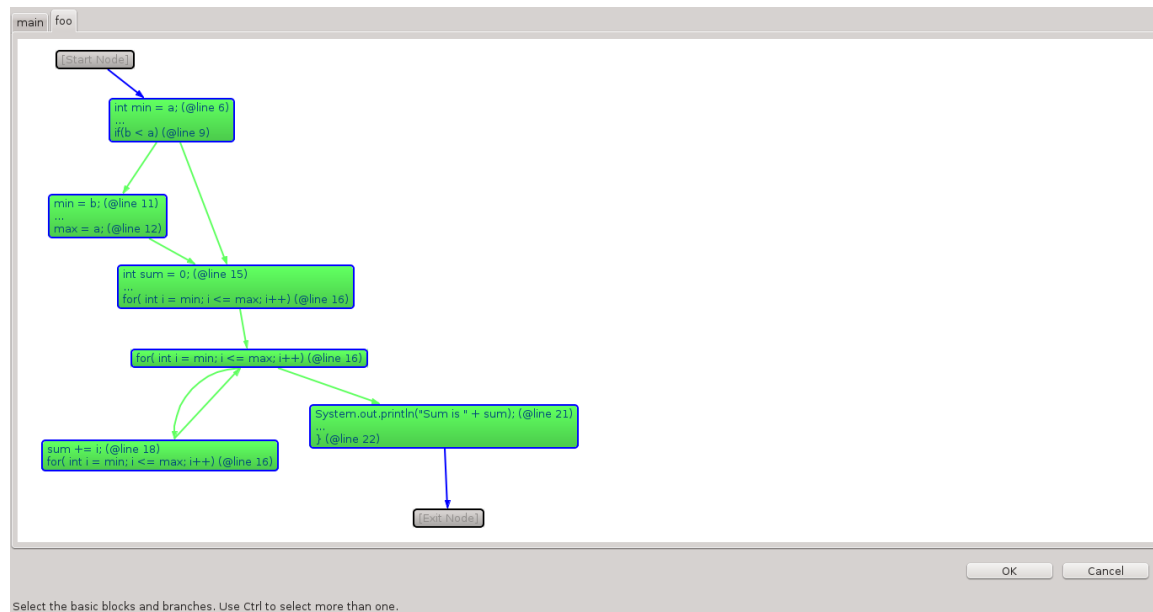


Specifying def-use pairs can be done similarly.



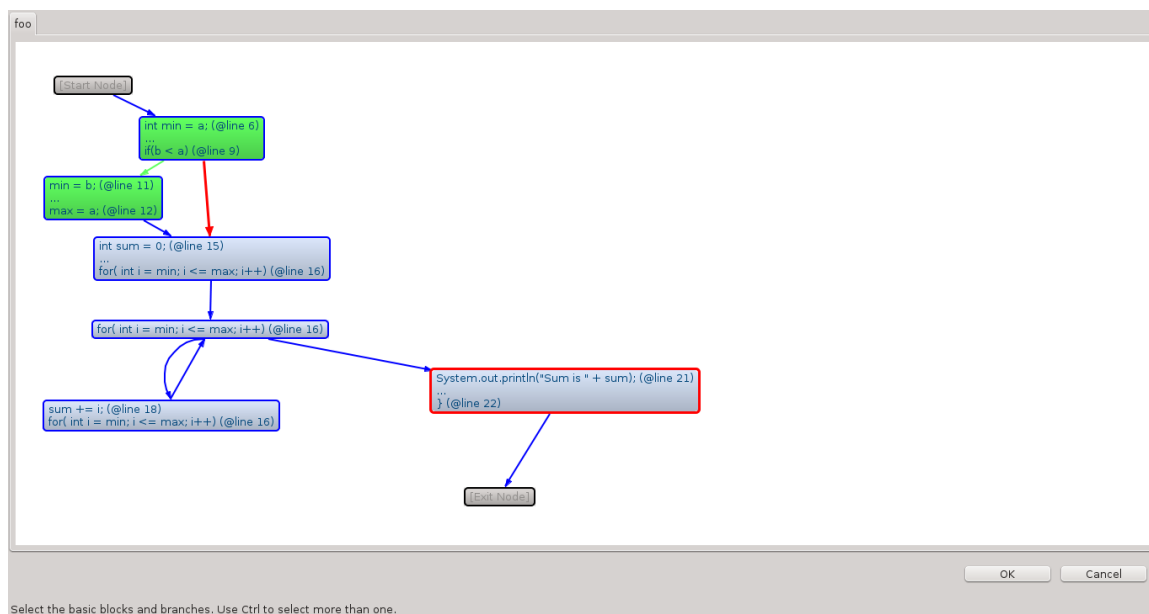
Using the Control Flow Graph

To simplify this process, it is also possible to select the needed elements from the Control Flow Graph (CFG) of your program. To do that, you can click on the “Select from CFG” button after selecting the relevant part of your code in the editor. You might be asked to generate the model for your code if you had not done that previously; if that is the case, press “Ok”. You will see a pop-up dialog that looks similar to this one:



Each of the Java methods you had selected will have its own tab in the dialog (in the above case “main” and “foo”), with separate independent CFGs for each method. The CFG has an entry and exit node (in gray), basic blocks (all other nodes), and branches (the connections of the graph). The basic blocks and branches are color coded. The meaning of each color is as follows:

- Basic blocks with a *green background* represent the code which was selected in the editor
- Branches colored in *green* represent the branches which are selected in the editor, i.e. the source and target basic blocks were selected in the editor
- Basic blocks and branches with a *blue border* are those which have not been added to their respective pools (in order to be used when defining the test requirements)
- Basic blocks and branches with a *red border* are those which have been added to their respective pools
- Selected items will be highlighted in *orange* and *yellow* to allow for easier visualization of the control flow

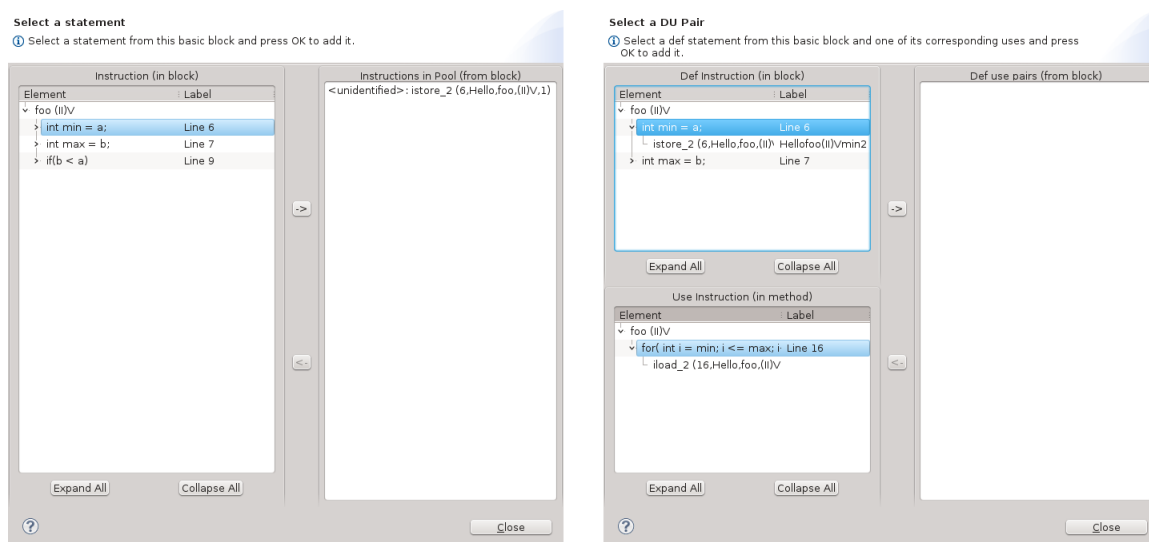


Hint: Each node shows the starting and ending lines of the Java code that corresponds to the basic block. Hovering the mouse over the block will show the full code for reference.

To use a basic block in a test requirement, you can double click on its node. This will add the last statement in this basic block to the *Statement pool*. By definition, if any statement in the basic block is executed, all the statements are supposed to execute (unless exceptions occur – more about this later). Hence, if any statement is selected within the block it will be marked with a red border. If you wish to select a specific statement within that basic block, you can always right click on it and select “Select individual statement”. A pop-up will show; it allows you to add and remove statements from the *Statement pool*. For details about its usage, refer to the “Statement and Variable Pool” section.

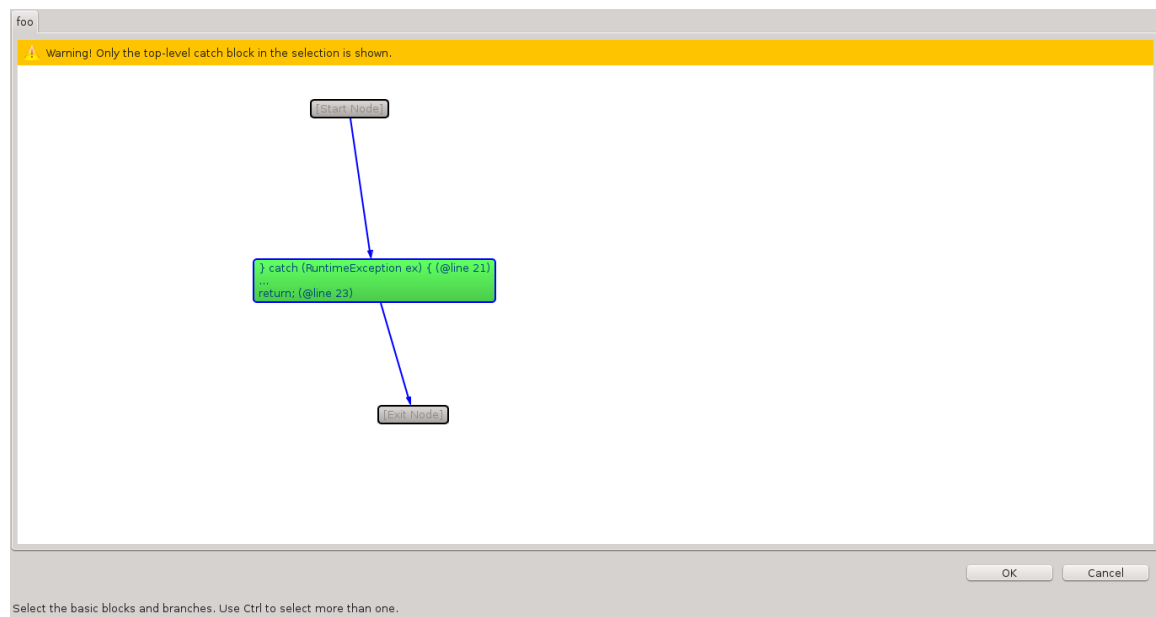
To use a branch in a test requirement, it can be added by double clicking a connection. Each connection represents a branch from the end of one basic block to the start of the next block. Similarly, to de-select a branch, you can double click a connection marked in red.

To use a def-use in a test requirement, it can also be added from the CFG. To do that, you need to identify in which basic block the def is found. Then, you can right click on that basic block and select “Select DU-Pair”. A pop-up will show with the list of *definitions* in the top left corner and a list of its *corresponding uses* in the whole method. To include one in your test requirement, highlight the relevant def and use Java statements (or bytecode statements if more precision is needed), then press the adjacent → button. If it is no longer needed, you can remove it by pressing the arrow pointing to the other direction.



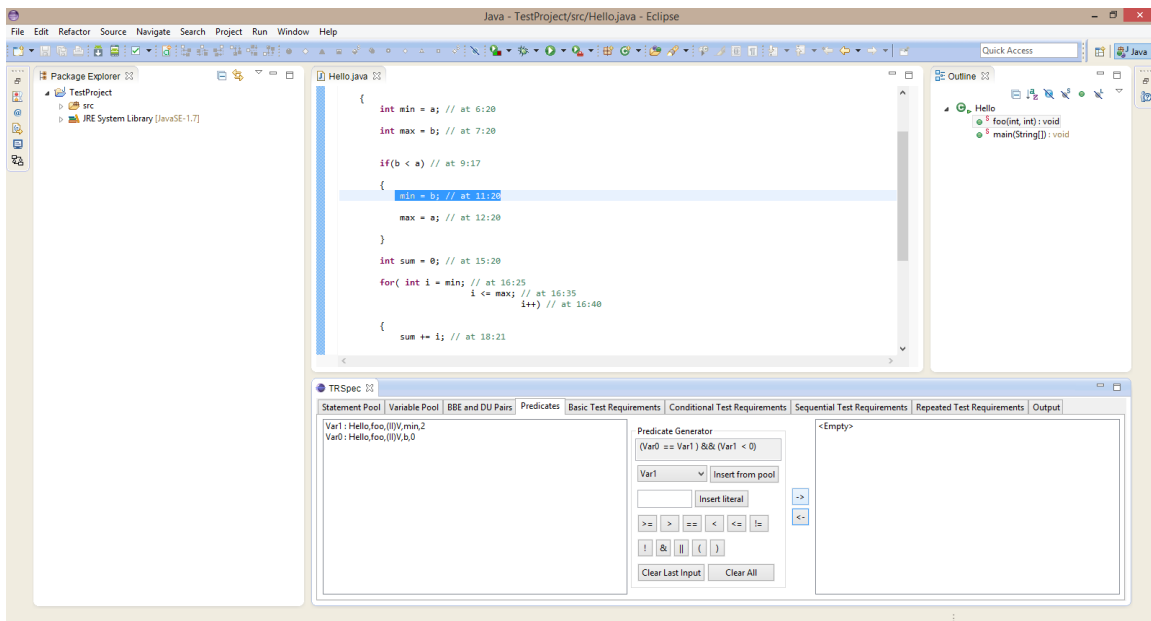
Once all the necessary selections are done, press Ok to confirm your changes. You can also press Cancel if you want to discard your changes. You can now continue with the next steps.

A note on exceptions and try-catch blocks: If the selected code in the editor contains a try-catch block, it will not be displayed because it usually does not belong to the desired control flow and you will be warned about it. However, in some instances it can be important to cover an important element in a catch block (or a finally block). To do that, you will have to explicitly select only the relevant catch block in question, press “Generate” then “Select from CFG”, and its CFG will be displayed alone, with its entry and exit nodes being the start of the catch or finally block and the exit node of the method respectively.



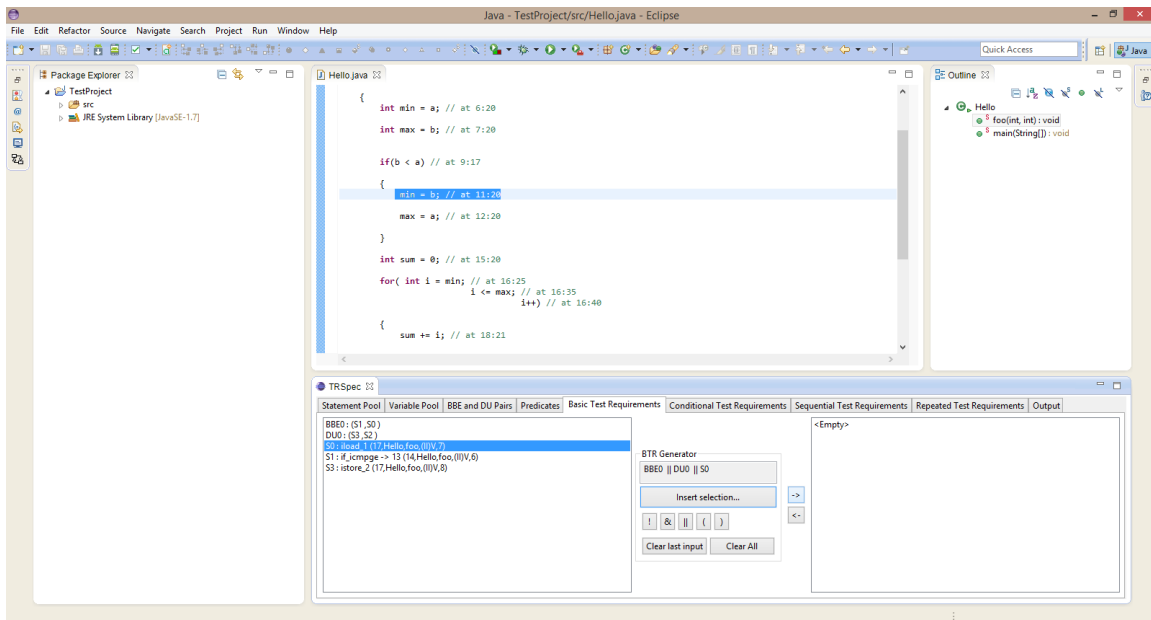
Predicates

1. Predicates are constructed using the variables selected in the *Pools* tab. They can either be atomic themselves or composed by joining other atomic predicates using boolean operators (&&, ||, and !). Atomic predicates are specified by selecting two variables (or a variable and a literal) and a corresponding relational operator (>=, >, ==, <, <=, and !=).
- a. You may insert variables from the variable pool by selecting them in the combo and clicking on the *Insert from pool* button.
- b. You may insert literals by typing them into the corresponding textbox and clicking on the *Insert literal* button.
- c. You may insert boolean/relational operators by clicking on the respective buttons.
2. To clear the last input to the predicate, click on the *Clear Last Input* button. To clear the whole predicate, click on the *Clear All* button.
3. To insert the finished predicate into the pool, click on the → button. To remove a predicate from the pool, highlight it in the list on the right and click on the ← button.



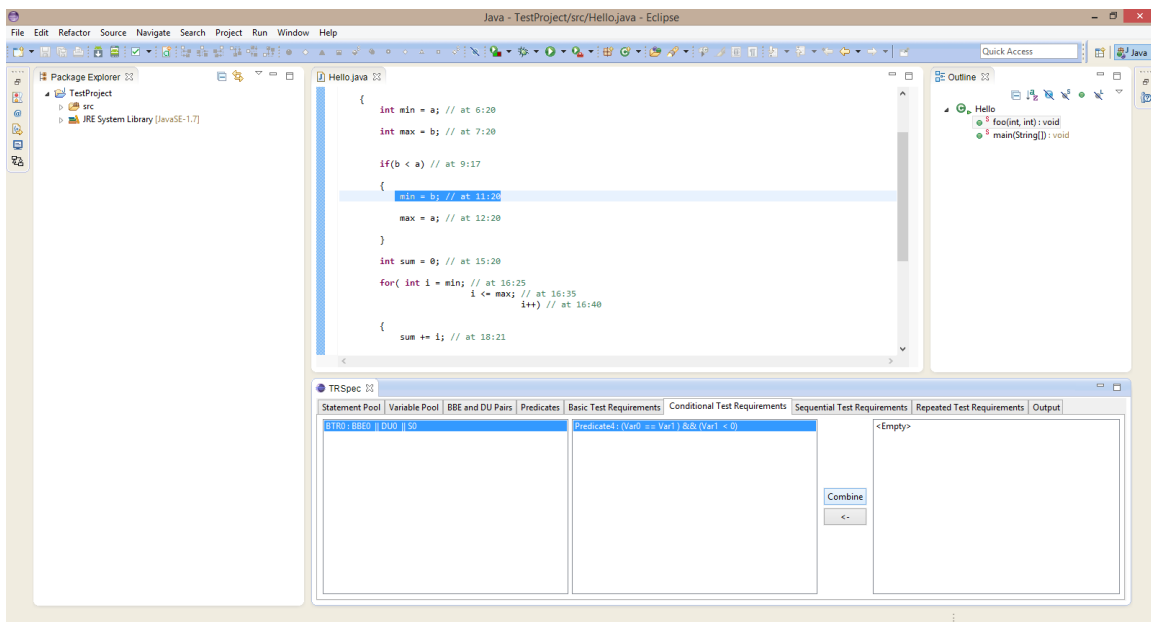
Basic Test Requirements

1. To construct a basic test requirement (BTR):
 - a. You may insert a statement by highlighting it in the list on the left and clicking on the *Insert selection* button.
 - b. You may insert a branch or a def-use pair by highlighting it in the same list and clicking on the *Insert selection* button.
 - c. You may construct a complex BTR by joining statements, branches, and def-use pairs using the boolean operators `&&`, `||`, and `!`
2. To clear the last input in the basic test requirement, click on the *Clear Last Input* button. To clear the whole basic test requirement, click on the *Clear All* button.
3. To insert the finished basic test requirement into the pool, click on the `→` button. To remove a basic test requirement from the pool, highlight it in the list on the right and click on the `←` button.



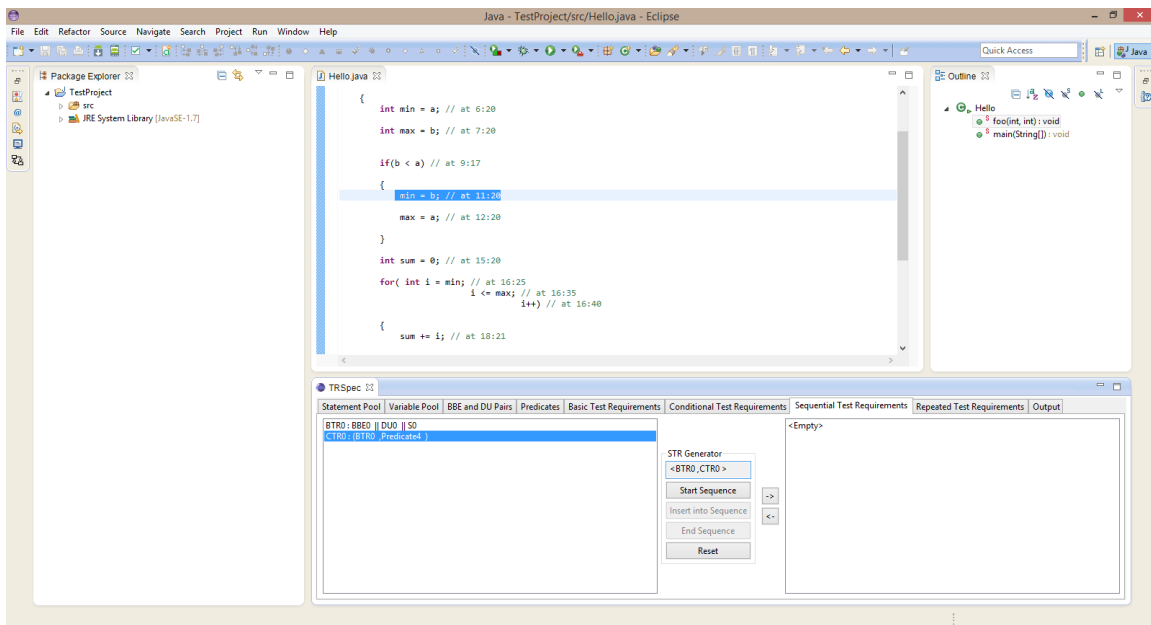
Conditional Test Requirements

1. To construct a conditional test requirement, select one of the (already specified) test requirements from the list on the left, select a predicate from the middle list, and click on the *Combine* button. This adds it to the pool.
2. To remove a conditional test requirement from the pool, highlight it in the list on the right and click on the ← button.



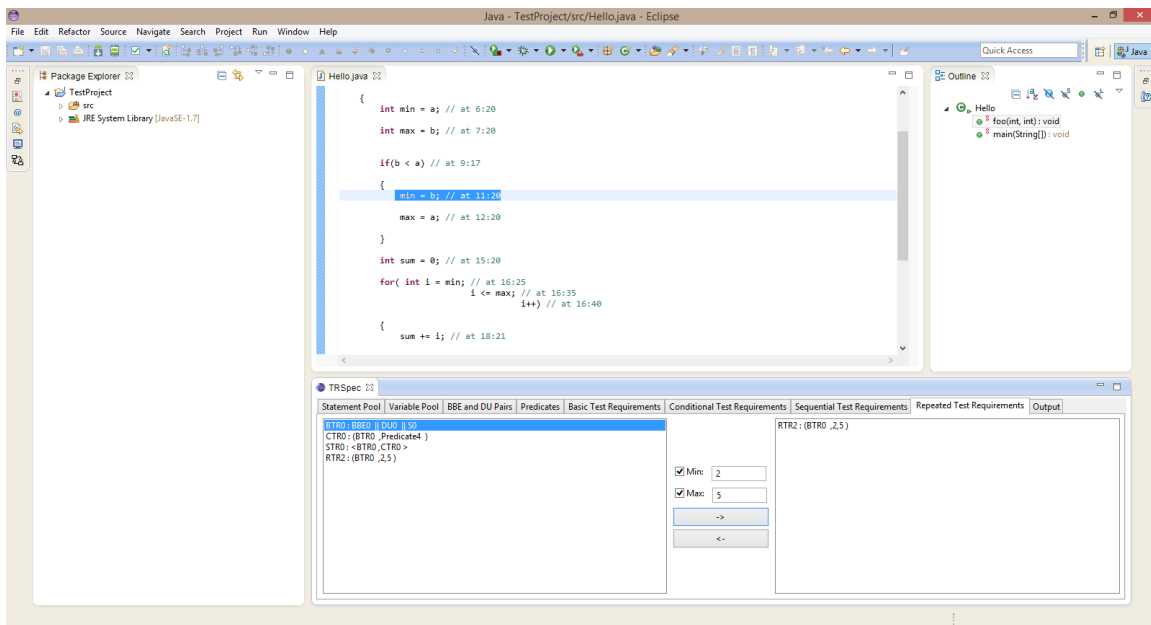
Sequential Test Requirements

1. To construct a sequential test requirement:
 - a. Begin the sequence by clicking on the *Start Sequence* button.
 - b. Select one of the test requirements from the list on the left and click on the *Insert into Sequence* button. Repeat this for all the elements in the sequence.
 - c. When done, click on the *End Sequence* button.
2. You can reset the sequence at any time by clicking on the *Reset* button.
3. To insert the finished sequential test requirement into the pool, click on the → button.
To remove a sequential test requirement from the pool, highlight it in the list on the right and click on the ← button.



Repeated Test Requirements

1. To construct a repeated test requirement:
 - a. Select the test requirement to be repeated from the list on the left.
 - b. To specify a minimum repeat number, mark the corresponding checkbox and type the number in the textbox adjacent to it. If you don't want to specify a minimum repeat number, leave the checkbox unmarked. Similarly, you can specify a maximum repeat number.
2. To insert the finished repeated test requirement into the pool, click on the → button.
To remove a repeated test requirement from the pool, highlight it in the list on the right and click on the ← button.



Output

To generate compilable code, select the corresponding test requirements from the left pane and click on the *Generate output* button. A pop-out will show asking you to specify the output directory and the generated code will be listed in the right pane.

