

KIELER Pre-Release 0.1.0

KIELER Rich Client Application v.0.1.0

- [Official Project Website](#)
- Built on Eclipse 3.5 "Galileo"

Release Notes

We are happy to provide the first release of the **Kiel Integrated Environment for Layout Eclipse Rich Client**! It is a framework for enhanced user interaction in graphical modeling basing on the Eclipse platform. This being a pre-release provides some basic core contributions as listed below. The full user experience will follow in upcoming releases. For known shortcomings and problems also see below.

Installation Notes

You can either download the Rich Client Application (RCA) which comes bundled with all required Eclipse infrastructure or you can install the single KIELER features via an Update Site on top of your own Eclipse 3.5 installation.

- See KIELER project website for download details.
- You'll require a Java Runtime Environment \geq version 1.5.
- Many of the features require Xtext version 0.8, which is not part of Eclipse 3.5. So install that from the [Xtext Milestone Update Site](#). This is not required for the RCA.
- The nicest graph layouts can be obtained by [GraphViz](#) and KIELER makes use of a GraphViz installation on your machine. So you might want to install it.

Provided Features

This is a very brief list of included features.

- Graphical Editors
 - Thin Kieler SyncCharts Editor (ThinKCharts)
 - Simple Dataflow Editor
- Textual Editors
 - Esterel
 - Quartz
- Infrastructure for Meta Layout (KIML)
- Execution Manager (KIEM)
- SyncCharts Simulation using Ptolemy II (KlePto)
- Structure-Based Editing of SyncCharts (KSBase)
- Environment Visualization (KEV)

Quickstart

When you start KIELER, you will probably start a new empty workspace.

- If it is not already, open the **KIELER Perspective**! It opens the most important views that KIELER adds to Eclipse and adds some shortcuts to the New-Menu.
 - Window -> Open Perspective -> Other... -> KIELER Modeling
- Create a new empty simple project.
 - File -> New -> Project

In your new project you can create new graphical or textual models. Here is some possible use case:

- Create a new SyncCharts diagram.
 - File -> New... -> SyncCharts Diagram
- Create a new initial SyncChart
 - Select empty canvas -> KIELER main menu -> Add Default
- Edit the diagram
 - Select existing graphical objects in the diagram, choose editing operations from the KIELER main menu or the context menu (right-click). You won't need the palette. Layout is always performed automatically.
- Trigger automatic layout
 - Use the corresponding little button in the toolbar (or Ctrl-R L)
 - Use the *Layout* view to customize the autolayout: choose different layout algorithms---even within the same diagram for different hierarchical nodes---or configure specific options.
- Save the SyncChart to automatically validate it.
- Simulate the SyncChart with the *Execution Manager* view
 - From the dropdown list select the matching schedule *synccharts*. This will setup KIEM for SyncCharts Simulation.
 - Press the play button.
 - Use the Execution Manager view and the *Data Table* view to interact with the model (i.e. see outputs and enter inputs).
- Checkout the key-bindings! Key-bindings help you to be faster with KIELER. All KIELER bindings have the Sequence *Ctrl+R <key>*, where <key> is some additional key that is pressed in sequence with Ctrl+R (CMD+R on Mac).
 - Press only Ctrl+R and wait to get a list shown with all possible key-bindings.
 - Maybe most frequently used are *Ctrl+R L* for autolayout and *Ctrl+R Z* for zoom to fit.

Known Problems and Limitations

- Currently there is no full-blown user documentation integrated as well as no example models. Find some material online:
 - Example models are currently only available from our subversion repository. Checkout <http://rtsys.informatik.uni-kiel.de/svn/kieler/trunk/models>
 - Source code as well as Javadoc API is available. See website. Currently no Source bundles are included. That will be part of the next releases.
- In the ThinkKCharts Editor Copy / Paste does not work as expected.

Bug Reports, Comments

We're working hard to make the graphical modeling user experience as convenient as possible. However, bugs can still remain in the code and some things might not be as you would expect them. Please don't hesitate to send in bug reports or give other comments like feature requests.

Send bug reports onto the [rt-kieler mailing list](#).