



# Automating changes: Cha-Q search-and-replace

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# Problem: automating changes within a program

many

before

```
public class BreakStatement extends Statement {
    @EntityProperty(value = SimpleName.class)
    private EntityIdentifier label;

    public EntityIdentifier getLabel() {
        return label;
    }

    public void setLabel(EntityIdentifier label) {
        this.label = label;
    }
}
```

value of annotation

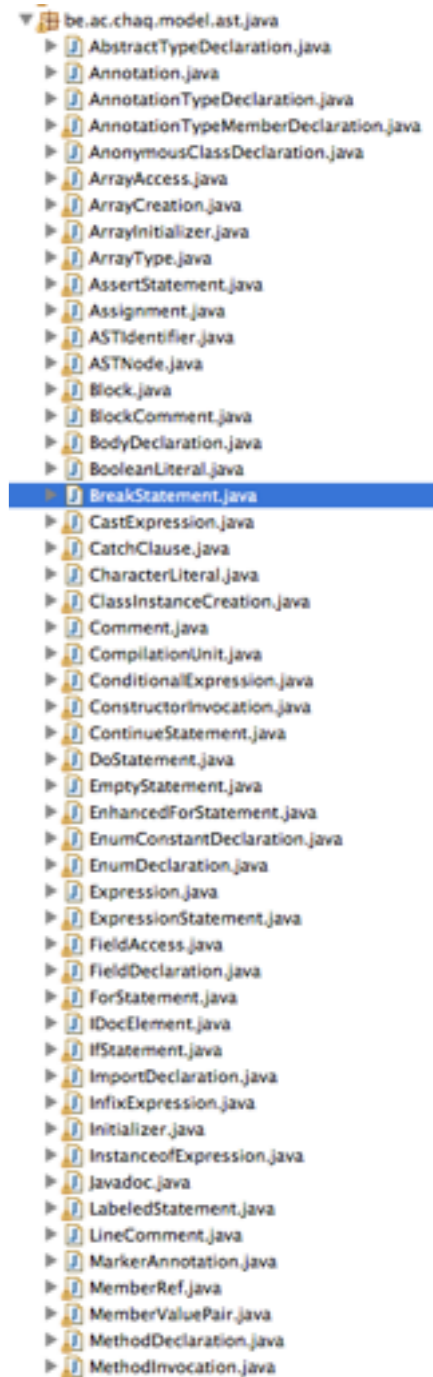
after

```
public class BreakStatement extends Statement {
    @EntityProperty(value = SimpleName.class)
    private EntityIdentifier<SimpleName> label;

    public EntityIdentifier<SimpleName> getLabel() {
        return label;
    }

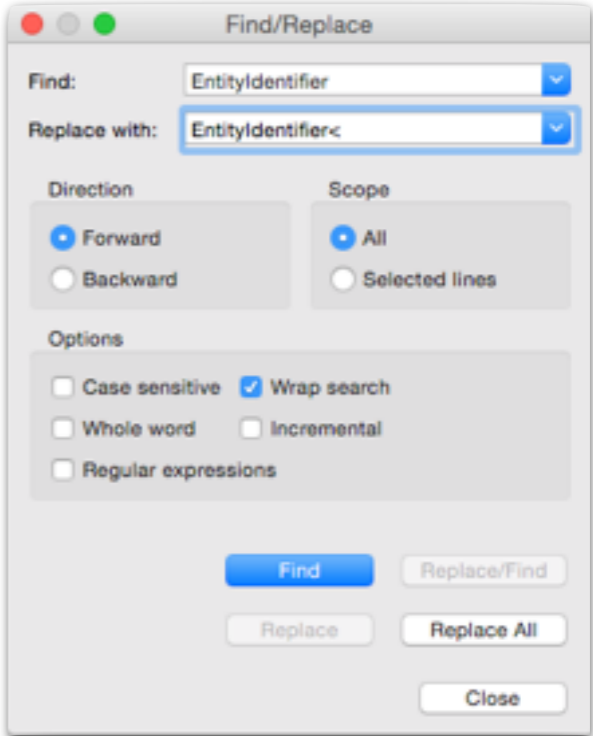
    public void setLabel(EntityIdentifier<SimpleName> label) {
        this.label = label;
    }
}
```

to be used as type parameter

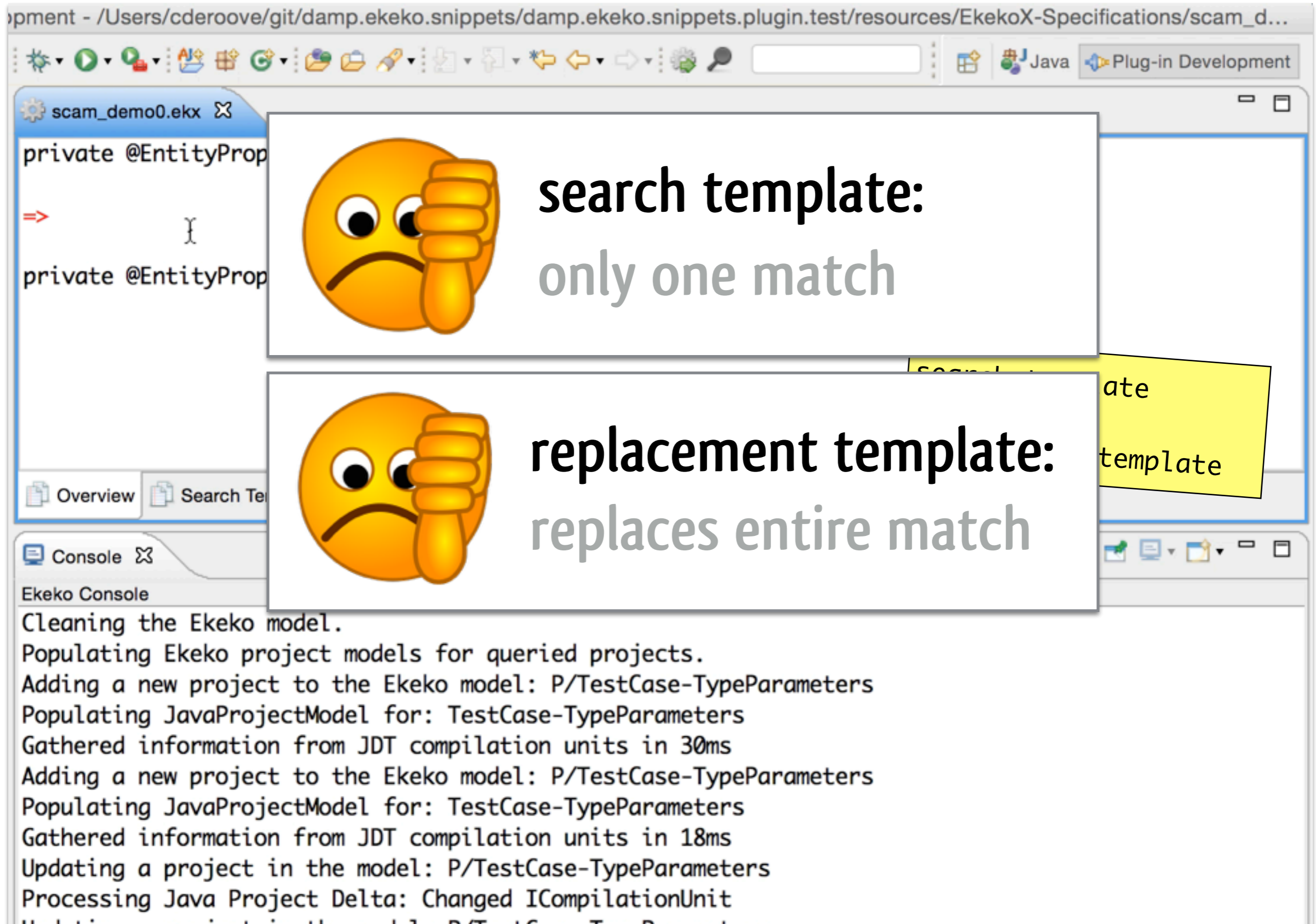


# State of the art: two extremes

```
;;relies on functions for program manipulation
;;can be invoked directly
;;following fixes all at once
(for [[field fieldtype annotype]
     ;;subjects of change
     (ekeko [?field ?fieldtype ?annotype]
            (fresh [?anno ?annotypeliteral]
                  (field-declaration!incorrect ?field)
                  (has :type ?field ?fieldtype)
                  (fielddeclaration-annotation ?field ?anno)
                  (annotation!ep-typeliteral ?anno ?annotypeliteral)
                  (has :type ?annotypeliteral ?annotype))))
     ;;actual changes
     (let [fieldtype-copy (copy-astnode fieldtype)
           annotype-copy (copy-astnode annotype)
           new-type (create-parameterized-type fieldtype-copy)
           (change-property-node field :type new-type)
           (add-node (current-rewrite-for-cu (.getRoot field)) new-type :typeArguments annotype-copy 0)])
         ;;have scheduled changes
         ;;still need to apply them
         (apply-and-reset-rewrites)
```



# Cha-Q search-and-replace



**search template:**  
only one match



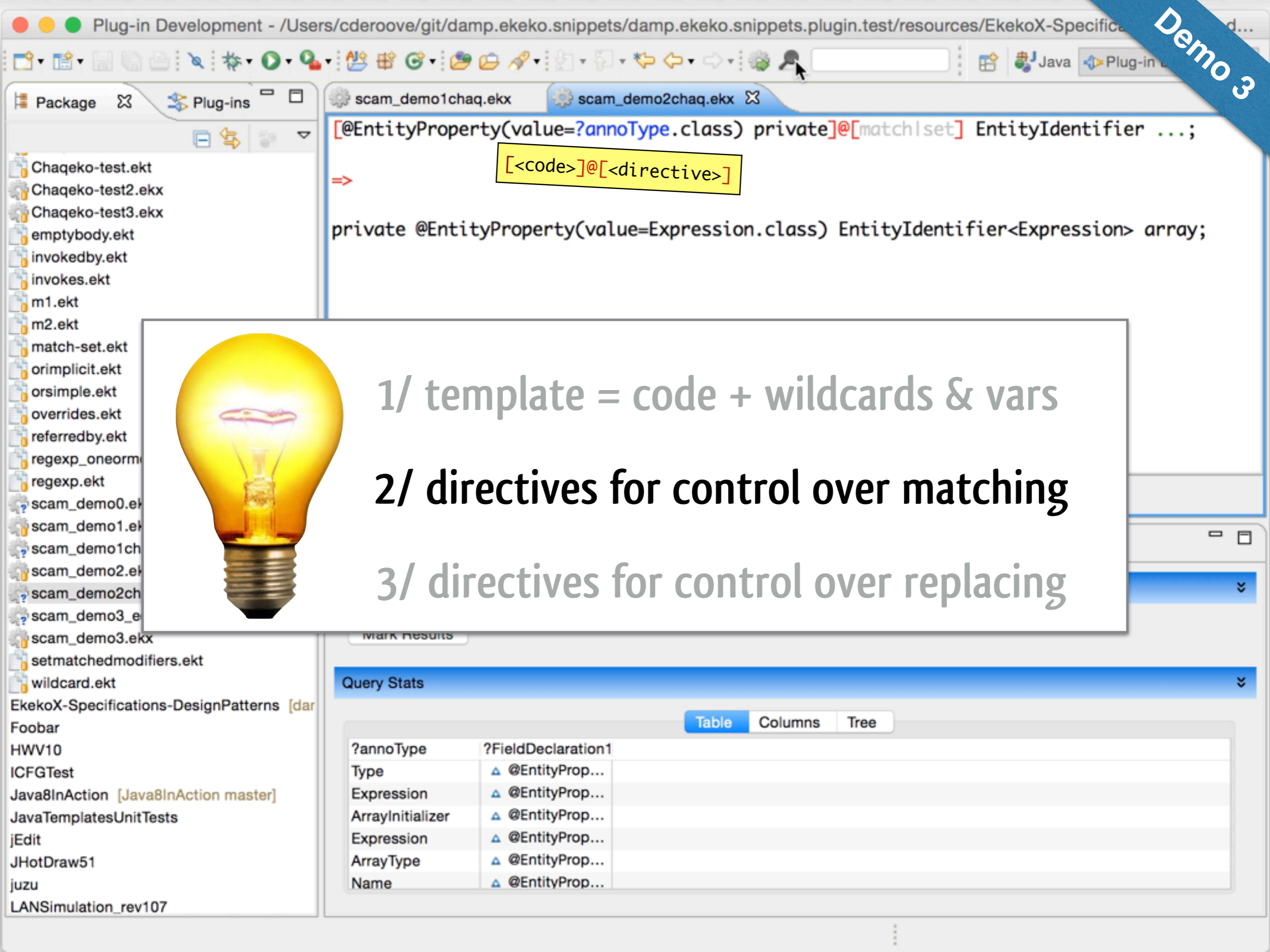
**replacement template:**  
replaces entire match

ate  
template

```
private @EntityProp  
=> {  
private @EntityProp
```

Ekeko Console  
Cleaning the Ekeko model.  
Populating Ekeko project models for queried projects.  
Adding a new project to the Ekeko model: P/TestCase-TypeParameters  
Populating JavaProjectModel for: TestCase-TypeParameters  
Gathered information from JDT compilation units in 30ms  
Adding a new project to the Ekeko model: P/TestCase-TypeParameters  
Populating JavaProjectModel for: TestCase-TypeParameters  
Gathered information from JDT compilation units in 18ms  
Updating a project in the model: P/TestCase-TypeParameters  
Processing Java Project Delta: Changed ICompilationUnit





- 1/ template = code + wildcards & vars
- 2/ directives for control over matching
- 3/ directives for control over replacing

Query Stats

Table Columns Tree

?annoType	?FieldDeclaration1
Type	▲ @EntityProp...
Expression	▲ @EntityProp...
ArrayInitializer	▲ @EntityProp...
Expression	▲ @EntityProp...
ArrayType	▲ @EntityProp...
Name	▲ @EntityProp...

```
[@EntityProperty(value=?annoType.class) private]@[match|set] [EntityIdentifier]@[equals ?fieldType]]
```

```
=>  
[EntityIdentifier<?annoType>]@[replace ?fieldType]]
```



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Query Stats

Table Columns Tree

?FieldDeclaration1	?fieldType	?annoType	
▲ @EntityProp...	EntityIdentifier	Type	
▲ @EntityProp...	EntityIdentifier	Expression	
▲ @EntityProp...	EntityIdentifier	ArrayInitializer	
▲ @EntityProp...	EntityIdentifier	Expression	
▲ @EntityProp...	EntityIdentifier	ArrayType	
▲ @EntityProp...	EntityIdentifier	Name	

src

- be.ac.chaq.change
- be.ac.chaq.model.ast.java
  - AbstractTypeDeclaration.java
  - Annotation.java
  - AnnotationTypeDeclaration
  - AnnotationTypeMemberDec
  - AnonymousClassDeclaratic
  - ArrayAccess.java
  - ArrayCreation.java
  - ArrayInitializer.java
  - ArrayType.java
  - AssertStatement.java
  - Assignment.java
  - ASTIdentifier.java
  - ASTNode.java
  - Block.java
  - BlockComment.java
  - BodyDeclaration.java
  - BooleanLiteral.java
  - BreakStatement.java
  - CastExpression.java
  - CatchClause.java
  - CharacterLiteral.java
  - ClassInstanceCreation.java
  - Comment.java
  - CompilationUnit.java
  - ConditionalExpression.java
  - ConstructorInvocation.java
  - ContinueStatement.java
  - DoStatement.java
  - EmptyStatement.java

```
?modList class ?className {  
  [ @... (value=?annoType.class) priv  
  public [EntityIdentifier]@[child*  
    return [returned]@[ (refers-to ?  
  }  
  public void ?setterName( [Entity]  
    [assignee]@[ (refers-to ?field)]  
  }  
  ]@[match|set]}  
=>  
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```

```
package be.ac.chaq.model.ast.java;  
  
import java.util.List;  
  
import be.ac.chaq.model.entity.EntityIdentifier;  
import be.ac.chaq.model.entity.EntityListProperty;  
import be.ac.chaq.model.entity.EntityProperty;  
  
public class ArrayCreation extends Expression {  
  ayType.class)  
  pe;  
  
  Expression.class)  
  er> dimensions;  
  
  ayInitializer.class)  
  initializer;  
  
  Type() {  
  
  return type;
```



automated changes!

Console Ekeko Query Results



# Research on automating changes

# Cha-Q search-and-replace

we are excited



truly template-driven  
match control and data flow variants

we are looking for cases



find and fix all  
occurrences of  
the same bug



evolve existing  
code to newer  
Java versions



update existing  
clients to new  
version of API



co-maintain  
multiple system  
variants