

# Eclipse Plugin Guide

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# Preface

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## Foreword

This edition of the Eclipse Plugin Guide was released by Vector Informatik GmbH.

It is part of the user documentation of the Squire software product edited and distributed by Vector Informatik GmbH.

If you are already familiar with Squire, you can navigate this manual by looking for what has changed since the previous version. New functionality is tagged with **(new in 18.1)** throughout this manual. A summary of the new features described in this manual is available in the entry **\* What's New in Squire 18.1?** of this manual's [Index](#).

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User Manual	Target Audience
<a href="#">Squire Installation Checklist</a>	New users before their first installation
<a href="#">Squire Installation and Administration Guide</a>	IT personnel and Squire administrators
<a href="#">Squire Getting Started Guide</a>	End users, new users wanting to discover Squire features
<a href="#">Squire Command Line Interface</a>	Continuous Integration Managers
<a href="#">Squire Configuration Guide</a>	Squire configuration maintainers, Quality Assurance personnel
<a href="#">Squire Eclipse Plugin Guide</a>	Eclipse IDE users
<a href="#">Squire Reference Manual</a>	End Users, Squire configuration maintainers



You can also use the online help from any page when using the Squire web interface by clicking **? > Help**.

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The version of this manual included in your Squire installation may have been updated. If you would like to check for updated user guides, consult the Vector Informatik GmbH documentation site to consult or download the latest Squire manuals at <https://support.squoring.com/documentation/latest>. Manuals are constantly updated and published as soon as they are available.

# Chapter 1. Introduction

This document is the Eclipse Plugin Guide for Squire.

Its objective is to guide you through various aspects of the Squire Eclipse Plugin:

- **Introducing the Squire Eclipse Plugin** positions the Squire Eclipse Plugin inside the Squire ecosystem, explaining its main features.
- **Installing and setting up the Squire Eclipse Plugin** describes the steps to follow in order to install the Squire Eclipse Plugin.
- **Getting Started With the Squire Eclipse Plugin** walks you through the features provided by the Squire Eclipse Plugin.

# Chapter 2. Introducing the Squore Eclipse Plugin

## Squore Eclipse Plugin in the Squore ecosystem

Squore analyzes projects (in a broad sense) to provide high level indicators and produce personalised dashboards and tailored action lists for each kind of connected user. The whole process can be automated, and integrated in a continuous integration framework.

Information generated in this fashion can be refreshed with any desired rate, and the results will be available each time the Squore process concludes a new build. However, this scenario is best suited to a daily cycle at most, where all input files are the result of a daily commit, and results are generated along with the nightly build.

The Squore Eclipse Plugin is destined to operate at a faster rate, the objective being to deliver results during the development process, before files are committed and fed to the continuous integration process. Tightening the processing loop has several consequences for the Squore Eclipse Plugin behavior:

- *It doesn't need to be connected to a central Squore server to rate a project, unless for project activation / licence validation purposes.*

By limiting communication with the server to a minimum, we make sure projects can evolve outside the global rating cycle, but still offer the rating service.

Should the server be unreachable, rating service is still available for a whole week, before being deactivated. Once a connection is available again, and the credentials are validated, the rating capabilities are restored.

- *It must be able to process and rate a project locally*

The Squore Eclipse Plugin runs the Squan Sources static code analyser on the sources in your Eclipse project.

Note that no other data provider is run by the Squore Eclipse Plugin, so the overall rating of your project may vary from the one obtained when analysing the same for the same code base on Squore Server. Metrics and violations returned by Squan Sources will nevertheless be the same.

- *It must use a configuration (in terms of Analysis Model and Data Providers) synchronised with the one installed on Squore Server*

Since the Squore Eclipse Plugin uses a Squore rating module, it needs a rating environment, which must be synchronised with the server's, to ensure results equivalence.

The Squore Eclipse Plugin will perform such synchronisation during the product activation, which is a feature available in the Squore Eclipse Plugin preferences page.

- *It must be able to manage projects using other languages than Java (e.g. C, C++, C# Ada)*

The Squore Eclipse Plugin benefits from the Squore source code analyzer, which provides support for several languages (see Squore documentation for more details).

Analysis results will be available at folder and file level.

- *It must be integrated into the Eclipse IDE, taking advantage of its extendability*

The Eclipse plugin development framework offers a number of mechanisms to enhance various parts of the IDE. The added features have been designed to be both unobtrusive and informative.

- *It must enhance a project's available information by displaying ratings, Action Items, Findings and highlights for each compatible object*

The added information is assigned to each artefact, which means at project, file, module, class and function level. Each of these elements will have a rating, as well as a list of Action Items and Findings, depending on the model. A search view offering project artefacts sorted by rating is also available.

- *It must be able to manage local versions, which are dissociated from the source code control versioning mechanism*

One of the differences between the Squore Eclipse Plugin and Squore is that Squore Server uses a database to store the project builds across multiple versions, whereas the Squore Eclipse Plugin uses a local file storage mechanism, to maintain a local history.

This allows functions such as *DELTA\_VALUE* or *PREVIOUS\_VALUE* to work as expected, and produce trend analysis indicators.

Trends are based on the evolution of indicators between a baseline analysis and the last-rated analysis.

## Who is the Squore Eclipse Plugin destined to?

As hinted by its name, the Squore Eclipse Plugin is a developer tool. Its objective is to provide users with enough information to help them:

- Process the generated list of Action Items
- Check the evolution of the source code rating as it is being produced
- Find what artefacts are responsible for a poor rating, and understand why
- Anticipate and address problems that will appear in the project's daily Squore server build before the code is referenced in a SCM system

As the Squore Eclipse Plugin seamlessly integrates Squan Sources results in the IDE, and uses the same model as the one on Squore Server, developers will gain visibility over the evaluation process, and improve their development practices to match the standard defined by the model.

The integrated rating feedback also gives the developer the opportunity to actively participate to the global effort on quality improvement.

# Chapter 3. Installing and setting up the Squire Eclipse Plugin

## Installation Prerequisites

### Supported Operating Systems

The following is a list of the officially supported and tested operating systems:

- CentOS 6.7
- CentOS 7.3
- Ubuntu 18.04 LTS
- Windows 10
- Windows Server 2016



A 64-bit version of the OS is required

The following is a list of the operating systems that are not regularly tested but are known to be working:

- Red Hat Enterprise Linux 6
- Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7
- Fedora 29
- SuSe Linux 11.1
- Ubuntu Server 16.04
- Windows 7
- Windows 8
- Windows Server 2008 R2
- Windows Server 2012 R2

### For All Systems

For a successful installation of Squire, you will need:

- The Oracle Java Runtime Environment version 8 (other versions are not supported)
- A supported Eclipse version (Luna SR2 and up)
- Valid credentials to log into a Squire Server
- At least 4 GB of space available on the disk for a full installation with demo projects
- At least 8 GB of RAM on the server machine
- At least 4 GB of RAM on the client machine





Keep in mind that the requirements above are the strict minimum. In production, Squire Server generally runs on a dedicated machine. A performant configuration is usually:

- 16 threads CPU.
- 64GB of RAM.
- SSD hard drives.

Squire reserves 25% of the available RAM of the machine to the database and another 25% to the server. External processes (like Checkstyle or FindBugs) running on the same machine as Squire may add to the amount of RAM required for analysing source code. Linux is known to offer better performances than Windows when running Squire. For a production database, you should plan a minimum of 20 GB of disk space.

## Packages for Windows

A compatible version of Eclipse must be downloaded from <http://www.eclipse.org/downloads/>.

## Packages for Linux

On Linux platforms, the following must be installed before installing Squire:

- **Perl** version 5.10.1 or greater including the following extra-modules:
  - Mandatory packages:
    - **Date::Calc** [[module details](#)]
    - **Digest::SHA** [[module details](#)]
    - **HTTP::Request** [[module details](#)]
    - **JSON** [[module details](#)]
    - **LWP** [[module details](#)]
    - **LWP::UserAgent** [[module details](#)]
    - **Time::HiRes** [[module details](#)]
    - **XML::Parser** [[module details](#)]



If some of these modules are not available as packages on your operating system, use your perl installation's cpan to install the modules. Using the OS packages is recommended, as it avoids having to reinstall via cpan after upgrading your version of perl.

- **Tcl** version 8.5 or greater,
- A supported Eclipse version (Luna SR2 and up)

## Packages for CentOS and Red Hat Enterprise Linux

On Red Hat Enterprise Linux and CentOS (6.5 and 7.1), the dependencies are satisfied by the following packages:

### Mandatory packages:

- **java-1.8.0-openjdk**
- **perl**
- **perl-Date-Calc**
- **perl-Digest-SHA**

- **perl-JSON**
- **perl-libwww-perl**
- **perl-Time-HiRes**
- **perl-XML-Parser**
- **tcl**
- A compatible installation of Eclipse downloaded from <http://eclipse.org/downloads>.

For more information about how to install the Extra Packages for Enterprise Linux (EPEL) repository, consult <https://fedoraproject.org/wiki/EPEL>.

## Packages for Ubuntu

On Ubuntu 16.04.3 LTS, the dependencies are satisfied by the following packages:

### Mandatory packages:

- **libdate-calc-perl**
- **libhttp-message-perl**
- **libjson-perl**
- **libwww-perl**
- **libxml-parser-perl**
- **openjdk-8-jre**
- **perl**
- **tcl**
- A compatible installation of Eclipse downloaded from <http://eclipse.org/downloads>

## Square Eclipse Plugin installation

The Square Eclipse Plugin complies with the Eclipse requirements, and is an OS-independent package to be deployed in the Eclipse plugins directory. Installation is done through an update site.



In order to launch analyses, the plugin needs to use an installation of perl and tclsh. If you are using a Windows operating system, the easiest way to install both dependencies is to install the Square CLI package on your machine following the procedure outlined in the Command Line Interface manual.

- Create a new update site within Eclipse
  - Select **Help > Install new software;**
  - Click on **Available Software Sites;**
  - Add a new site;
  - Give it a name (for example: "Square Eclipse Plugin");
  - Set the location to [http://localhost:8180/SQuORE\\_Server/eclipse](http://localhost:8180/SQuORE_Server/eclipse)
- Go back to the **"Install"** window with the **"OK"** buttons;
- Select the newly created update site;
- Proceed with the plugin installation as with any Eclipse plugin.

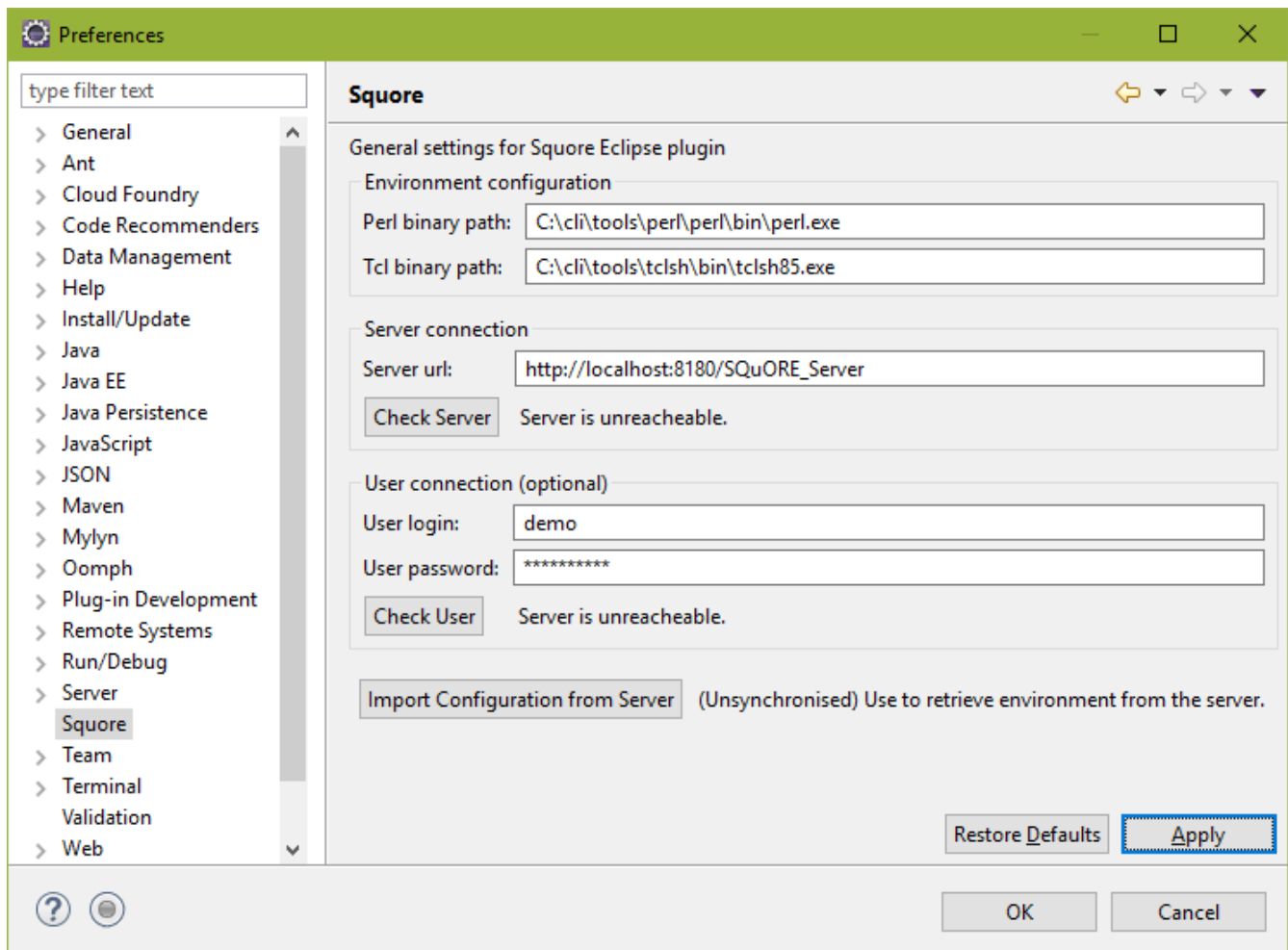


- To speed-up installation procedure, it is possible to uncheck "Contact all update sites during install to find required software", as no external software is needed by the Squore Eclipse Plugin.
- Should the plugin fail to deploy, Eclipse will notify the user of the problem cause, and will start its operations as usual. If necessary, copy and send the generated Eclipse log to [support@squoring.com](mailto:support@squoring.com).

## Squore Eclipse Plugin setup

To use the Squore Eclipse Plugin, it must be activated, the server must be reachable with proper credentials, and rating preferences must be provided.

All these operations are accessible through the **Window > Preferences > Squore** page. Note that all provided information uses the Eclipse secure storage.



*The Squore Eclipse Plugin preferences page*

Fill in the paths to the perl and tclsh executables and the server details and click **Check Server** to ensure that your configuration is correct.

If you can successfully connect to the server, click **Import Configuration from Server** to synchronise your environment with the one from Squore Server.

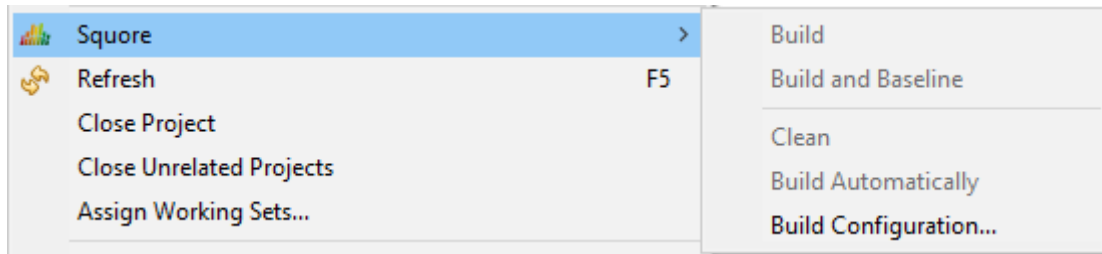
When the synchronisation finishes, click **OK** to close the preferences window.

# Chapter 4. Getting Started With the Squire Eclipse Plugin

## Launching Your First Analysis

Once the Squire Eclipse Plugin is installed in Eclipse, obtaining a rating for your project is rather straightforward.

First locate the Squire contextual menu entry for the project you want to rate.



*Contextual menu on an Eclipse project*

Rating (or "building") a project with Squire Eclipse Plugin can either be performed as a baseline build or a draft build .

- When choosing baseline build, the project rating will produce a new reference version, with which all subsequent ratings will be compared to. This will affect rating computations based on metrics previous values, as well as all trends displayed in the Squire Eclipse Plugin views.

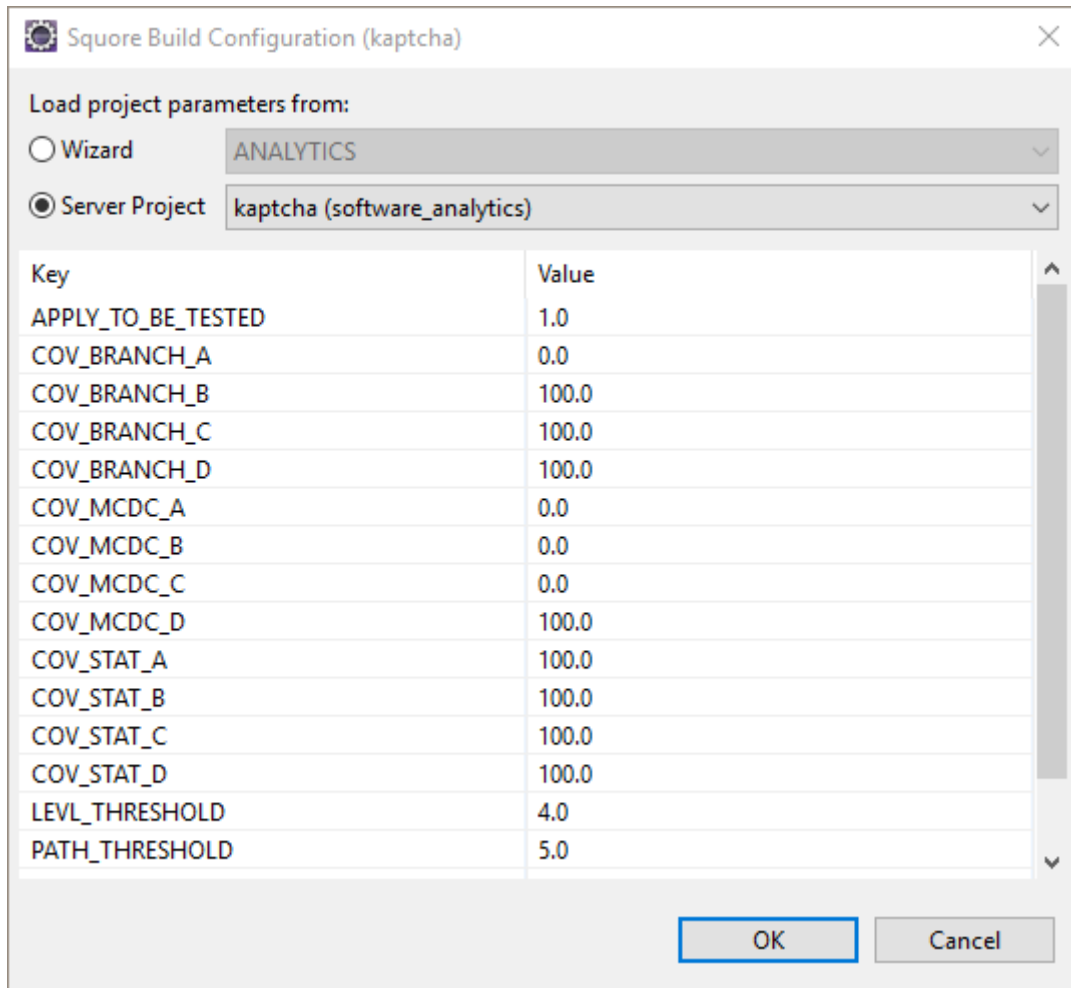
The baseline mode is useful when a stable state of the project has been reached, and a development phase is about to begin.

- When choosing draft build, the project is rated as usual, but the reference version is not modified. Each new draft build overwrites the previous analysis and displays trends and deltas relative to the last defined baseline.

The draft mode is useful during a development phase, when the project can undergo several back and forth changes, and the user wants to keep comparing the current version to the last stable one.

Before you can build a project, you first need to define its build configuration:





*Project options for the kaptcha project on the server*

Click **OK** to close the configuration dialogue. You are now ready to start building your project using the draft or baseline submenu in the Squore Eclipse Plugin context menu.

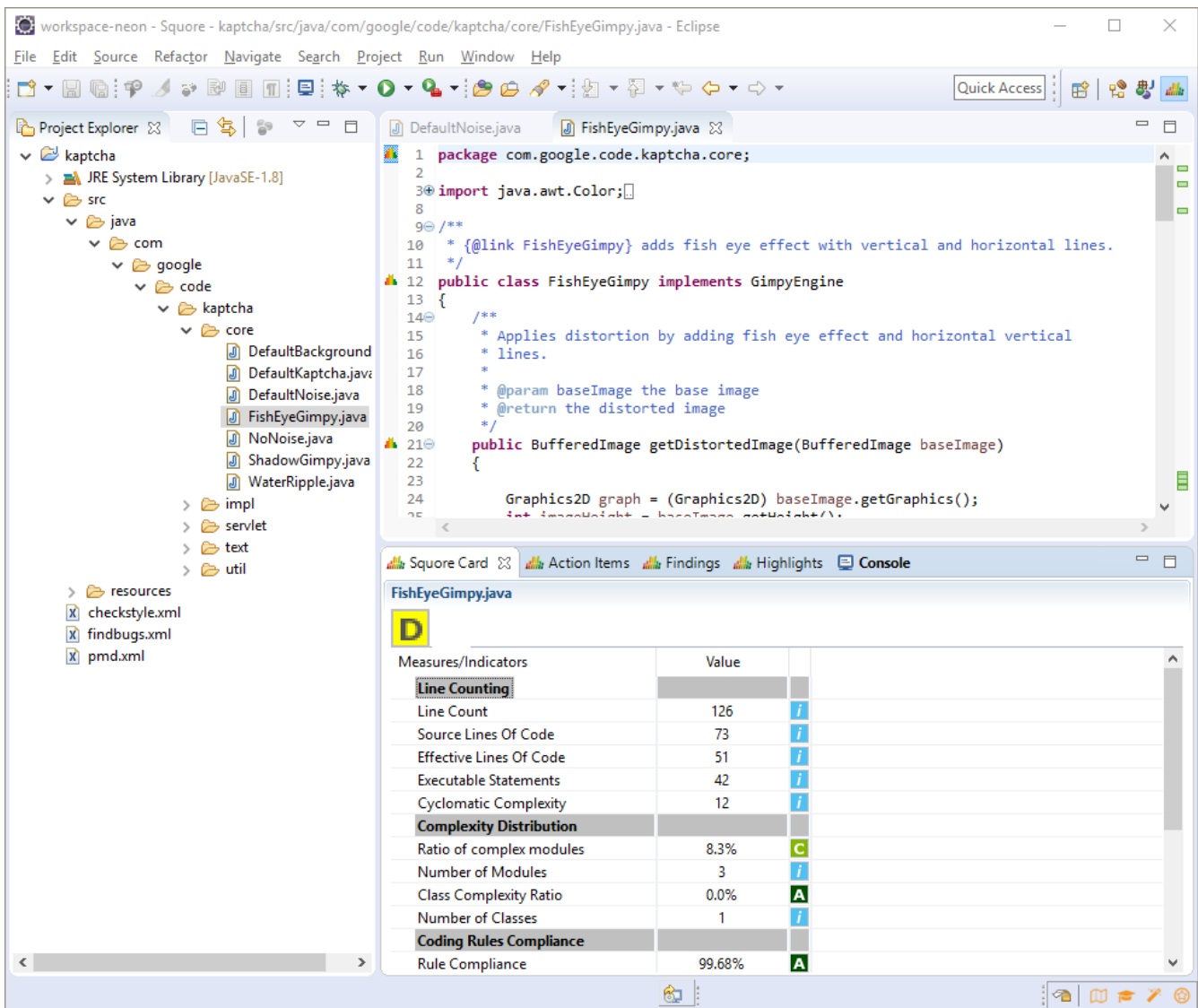
## Visualising Analysis Results

After your analysis completes, switch to the Squore perspective to view the results.



Click **Window > Perspective > Open Perspective > Other** and search for **Squore** in the list of available perspectives if you are using it for the first time.

The Squore perspective displays various views with information relative to the file or folder you click in the Project Explorer.



The Squore Perspective with the Squore Card, Action items, Findings and Highlights views in the bottom panel

Click a file or folder in the Project Explorer and use one of the following views in the bottom panel to understand your rating:

- The Squore Card view displays the overall rating for the current artefact, and its trend. It also lists the tables of interests for this artefact, as defined in the Analysis Model used to rate the project.

Measures/Indicators	Value	
<b>Line Counting</b>		
Line Count	126	<i>i</i>
Source Lines Of Code	73	<i>i</i>
Effective Lines Of Code	51	<i>i</i>
Executable Statements	42	<i>i</i>
Cyclomatic Complexity	12	<i>i</i>
<b>Complexity Distribution</b>		
Ratio of complex modules	8.3%	<b>C</b>
Number of Modules	3	<i>i</i>
Class Complexity Ratio	0.0%	<b>A</b>
Number of Classes	1	<i>i</i>
<b>Coding Rules Compliance</b>		
Rule Compliance	99.68%	<b>A</b>
Non Conformity Count	6 violations	<i>i</i>
Non Compliant Standards	2 rules	<i>i</i>
Coding Standards	618 rules	<i>i</i>
<b>Issue Distribution</b>		
Blocker Issues	0	<i>i</i>
Critical Issues	0	<i>i</i>
Major Issues	0	<i>i</i>
Minor Issues	6	<i>i</i>

*The Squire card*

- The Findings view lists the Findings for the current artefact as well as underlying artefacts, with their location and definition details. This list can be sorted, and allows navigation to artefacts associated to each finding by double-clicking on their name.

Artefact	Line	Rule	Practice	New	DP	Na
getAsArray(Collection<String> c)	21	Class Cast Exception With ...	This usage of the Collection.toArray() method will throw a ClassCastException.	true	SQUIRE	Ris
getAsArray(Collection<String> c)	21	BC: Impossible downcast ...	This code is casting the result of calling toArray() on a collection to a type more speci...	true	SQUIRE	Ris
f()	14	Multiple exits	A function shall have a single point of exit at the end (see [MISRA-C:2004]: RULE 14.7).	true	SQUIRE	No

*A finding and its location in the source code*



```
String[] getAsArray(Collection<String> c) {
    Multiple markers at this line
    - [SQUORE] This usage of the Collection.toArray() method will throw a ClassCastException.
    - [SQUORE] This code is casting the result of calling toArray() on a collection to a type more specific than Object[], as in: String[] getAsArray(Collection<String> c)
    { return (String[]) c.toArray(); } This will usually fail by throwing a ClassCastException. The toArray() of almost all collections return an Object[]. They can't really do anything
    else, since the Collection object has no reference to the declared generic type of the collection. The correct way to do get an array of a specific type from a collection is to use
    c.toArray(new String[0]); or c.toArray(new String[c.size()]); (the latter is slightly more efficient). There is one common/known exception exception to this. The toArray() method of
    lists returned by Arrays.asList(...) will return a covariantly typed array. For example, Arrays.asList(new String[] { 'a' }).toArray() will return a String []. FindBugs attempts to detect
    and suppress such cases, but may miss some.
```

*A finding full description*

- The Action Items view works much like the Findings one, except it lists the Action Items computed by the Decision Model, and the reason why they have been generated.

Artefact	Id	Name	Scope	Status	Reasons	Priority
getAsArray(Collection<S...	-3.-51.0	Number of Blocker and critical rule increased	[Function]	OPEN	New artefact should be reviewed due to...	High
getAsArray(Collection<S...	-3.-51.2	No 'Blocker' rules	[Function]	OPEN	'Blocker' rules (=1) detected in function.	High
getAsArray(Collection<S...	-3.-51.1	Number of high and major rule increased	[Function]	OPEN	New Artefact should be reviewed due to...	Medi...

*Action Items*

- The Highlights view works much like the Findings one, except it provides a list of the current project's Files, Classes or Functions, sorted by decreasing rating. Selecting the type of object to sort (File, Class or Function) is performed through the top-left menu icons.

Artefact	Line
doXMLFinding	C 310
endElement	C 570
getLocStr	C 58
startElement	C 549
CoreArtefact	B 76
addData	B 179
addDefectReports	B 115
addDefectReports	B 219
addDrLinksTestsDependencies	B 551
addInformation	B 489
addLocation	B 56
addLogicalFatherStr	B 482
addSon	B 428

*Highlights*



Only the highlights created for the role **PLUGIN** are displayed in Eclipse. For more information about configuring highlights in your model, refer to the Configuration Guide.

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