The Eclipse Integrated Development Environment

From the on-line documentation for Eclipse, the “Basic Tutorial” sections of the Workbench User Guide and the Development User Guide
Integrated Development Environment

• Programmers need to consider a variety of tasks when writing up codes:
  ▪ E.g., compiling files, correcting syntax and runtime errors, remembering library names

• Use computing power to integrate all the tasks into a single application
  ▪ Editor finds syntax errors and suggest solutions.
  ▪ Editor suggests methods.

• Such applications are called Integrated Development Environment (IDE).
IDE Features

• Organize and browse files

• Smart code editor

• Autocomplete

• Integrated compiler and debugger
Eclipse IDE Demo
Documentation

• If you write a method or a field, it helps to have a short note about what the method does or the intended use of the field.

• Users consult your notes to update the code in a different context.

• To document methods, you mention
  ▪ Purpose
  ▪ Parameters
  ▪ Results
Javadoc

• Javadoc is a documentation generator for Java language.
• It transforms documentation to formatted HTML output.
• Javadoc looks for comments that begin with /*** and end with */.
  • Specify special aspects of documentation using tags that begin with @. For example, @author, @return
• You can create custom tags using Eclipse.
Javadoc Demo