

# Fast, integrated and debuggable Interpreters in MPS and beyond

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# What and why: Interpreters

- Execute user programs immediately
- Interactive responses → Excel
- Easy to implement

```
TrafficLight_Test2 x
test for TrafficLight
TrafficLight_Test2 {
  assert state red
  trigger pedestrianButton
  assert state error
}

TrafficLight x
state machine TrafficLight {
  @Requirements for Traffic Light
  event pedestrianButton
  event evt2
  event evt3
  var decimal = 0.0003
  var counter = 3
  var name = "test"
  var run = true
  @Requirements for Traffic Light
  initial state red {
    on pedestrianButton [counter == 3 && run] -> green
    on pedestrianButton [counter == 0] -> error
    on evt2 [decimal == 0.0003] -> green
    on evt3 [name == "test"] -> error
  }
  @Requirements for Traffic Light
  state green {

TrafficLight_Test1 x
test for TrafficLight
TrafficLight_Test1 {
  assert state red
  trigger pedestrianButton
  assert state green
  trigger pedestrianButton
  assert state red
  trigger evt2
  assert state green
  trigger evt2
  assert state green
  trigger evt3
  assert state red
  trigger evt3
  assert state error
  trigger evt2
  assert state red
  trigger evt3
  assert state error
  trigger evt3
  assert state green
}
```

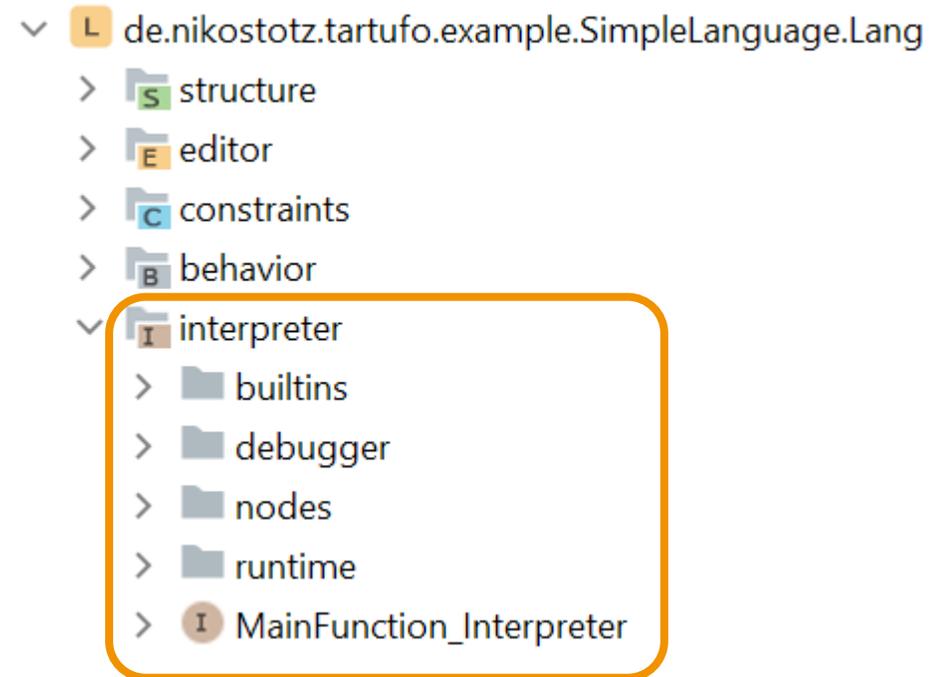
# What and why: Truffle

- Part of Oracle GraalVM
- Framework for high performance interpreters
- Community edition available
  
- Runs on any JVM
- Lots of tooling



# What and why: Tartufo – Separate DSL and aspect in MPS

- New aspect in MPS language
- Lots of boilerplate
- Integral language part: defines semantic
- Ease of use



# Demo

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# Demo screenshot: Asynchronous live update on change

```
main ( << ... >> )
{
  num = 6153
  if ( num < 1 )
  {
    return 0
  }
  else
  <no else>
  n1 = 0
  n2 = 1
  i = other ( 1 )
  while ( i < num )
  {
    next = n2 + n1
    n1 = n2
    n2 = next
    i = i + 1
  }
  return "Fibonacci of " + num + " is " + n2
}
```

Fibonacci of 6153 is 75781698331363642370210122020104031707754130042129488246182627386793034475789023201726287849278

# Demo screenshot: Breakpoint in user program with variable inspector

```
main ( << ... >> )
{
  num = 6152
  if ( num < 1 )
  {
    return 0
  }
  else
  <no else>
  n1 = 0
  n2 = 1
  i = other ( 1 )
  while ( i < num )
  {
    next = n2 + n1
    n1 = n2
    n2 = next
    i = i + 1
  }
  return "Fibonacci of " + num + " is " + n2
}
/
```

Debug: T. SomeNode main ×

Debugger Console

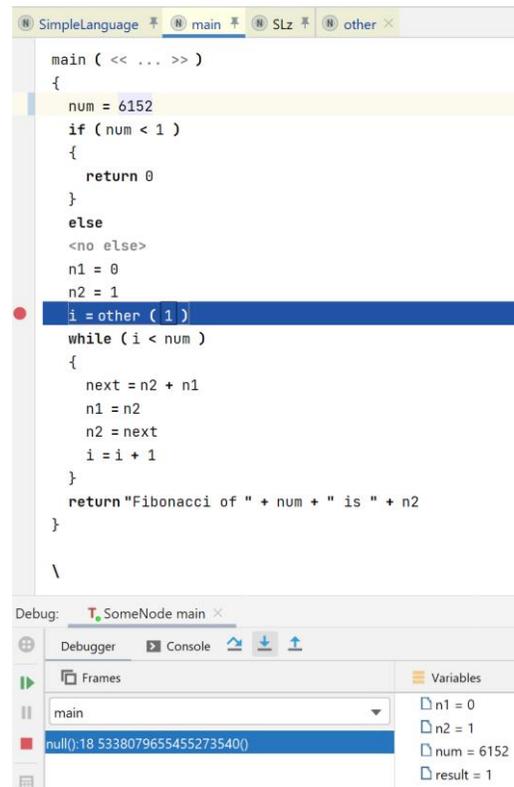
Frames

main

Variables

- n1 = 0
- n2 = 1
- num = 6152

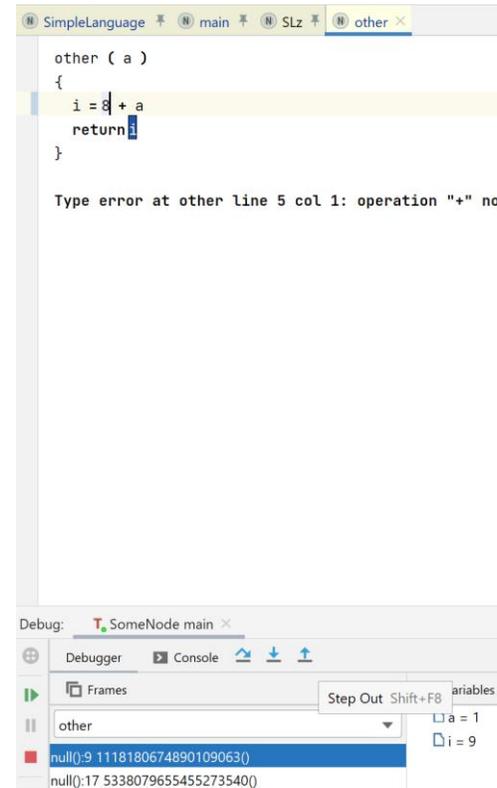
# Demo screenshot: Stepping into function



```
SimpleLanguage main SLz other x
main ( << ... >> )
{
  num = 6152
  if ( num < 1 )
  {
    return 0
  }
  else
  <no else>
  n1 = 0
  n2 = 1
  i = other ( 1 )
  while ( i < num )
  {
    next = n2 + n1
    n1 = n2
    n2 = next
    i = i + 1
  }
  return "Fibonacci of " + num + " is " + n2
}
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Debug: SomeNode main x
Debugger Console
Frames
main
null():18 5338079655455273540()
Variables
n1 = 0
n2 = 1
num = 6152
result = 1
```

# Demo screenshot: Stepping out of function



The screenshot shows a code editor with the following code in the 'other' function:

```
other ( a )  
{  
  i = 8 + a  
  return i  
}
```

A yellow highlight is on the line `i = 8 + a`. Below the code, a message reads: "Type error at other line 5 col 1: operation '+' no".

The debugger window at the bottom shows the 'Frames' pane with the following stack:

- other
- main:9:1118180674890109063()
- main:17:5338079655455273540()

The 'other' frame is selected, and the 'Step Out' button (Shift+F8) is visible. The 'Variables' pane on the right shows:

- a = 1
- i = 9

# Demo screenshot: Export model with user program

```
main ( << ... >> )
{
  num = 6153
  if ( num < 1 )
  {
    return 0
  }
  else
  <no else>
  n1 = 0
  n2 = 1
  i = other ( 1 )
  while ( i < num )
  {
    next = n2 + n1
    n1 = n2
    n2 = next
    i = i + 1
  }
  return "Fibonacci of " + num + " is " + n2
}

Fibonacci of 6153 is 7578169833136364237021012202010403170775413004212948824618262731
```

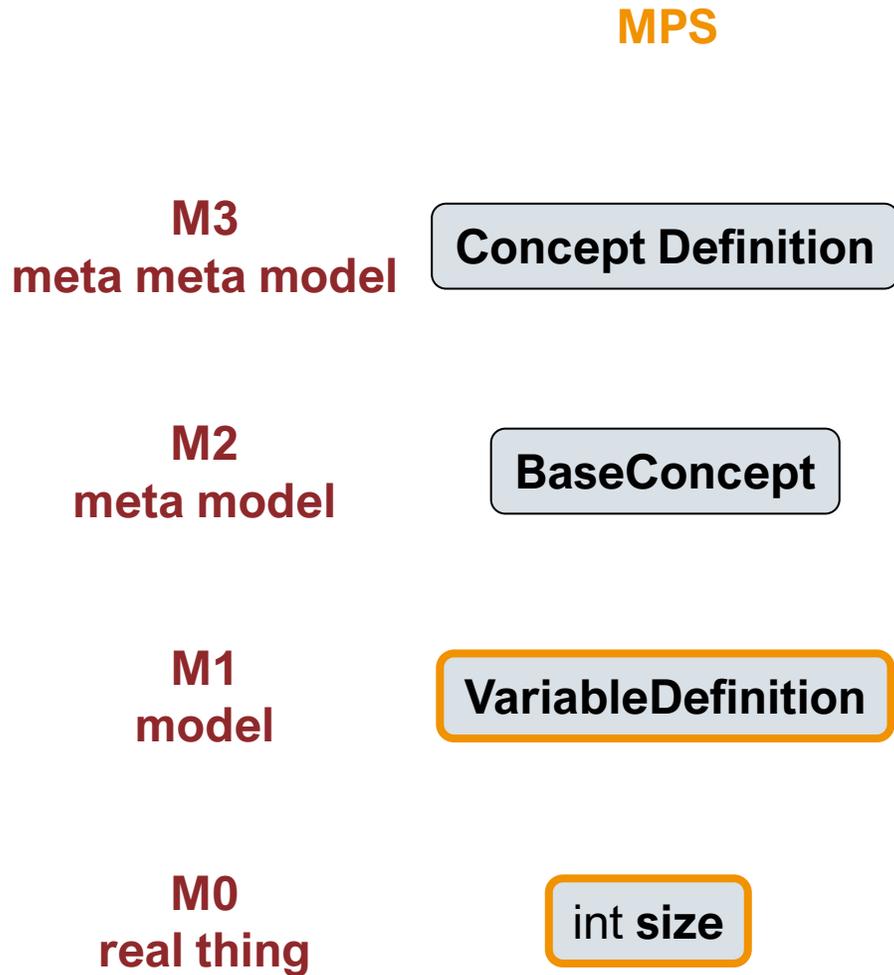
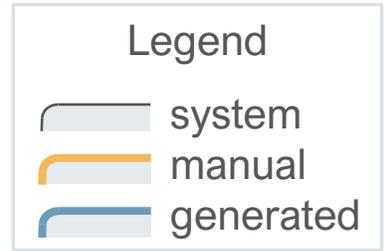
sole: Console

```
Type an expression or {statements} to execute.
Type ? for a list of commands.
Press Ctrl+Enter to execute command.
Use Ctrl+M, Ctrl+R and Ctrl+L to add imports and languages.
> node<> input = nodeRef@23968;

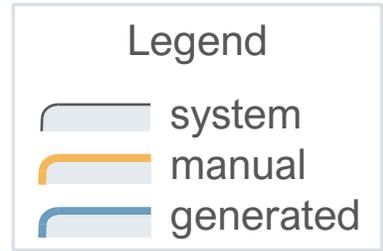
MpsNodeSerializer serializer = new MpsNodeSerializer();
serializer.serialize(input);
NodePersistor persistor = new NodePersistor(Path.of("C:/temp/nodeOutput.dat"));
persistor.save(serializer.getRootNodes());
```



# MPS M3 representation



# Truffle M3 representation



**MPS**

**Truffle**

**M3**  
meta meta model

**Concept Definition**

**Class**

**M2**  
meta model

**BaseConcept**

**Truffle Node**

**M1**  
model

**VariableDefinition**

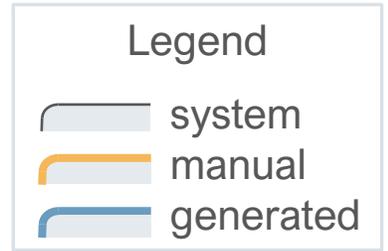
**VariableNode**

**M0**  
real thing

**int size**

**size**

# Types of M3 elements



## MPS

«ConceptDefinition»

**Concept Definition**

«ConceptDefinition»

**BaseConcept**

«ConceptDefinition»

**VariableDefinition**

«Node»

**int size**

## Truffle

«Class»

**Class**

«Class»

**Truffle Node**

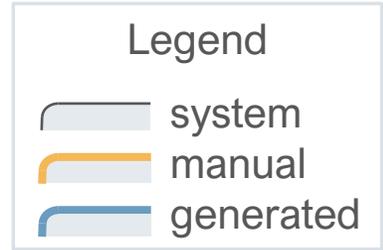
«Class»

**VariableNode**

«Object»

**size**

# No MPS in Truffle realm



all MPS

MPS

all Java  
no MPS

Truffle

«ConceptDefinition»

Concept Definition

«Class»

Class

«ConceptDefinition»

BaseConcept

«Class»

Truffle Node

«ConceptDefinition»

VariableDefinition

«Class»

VariableNode

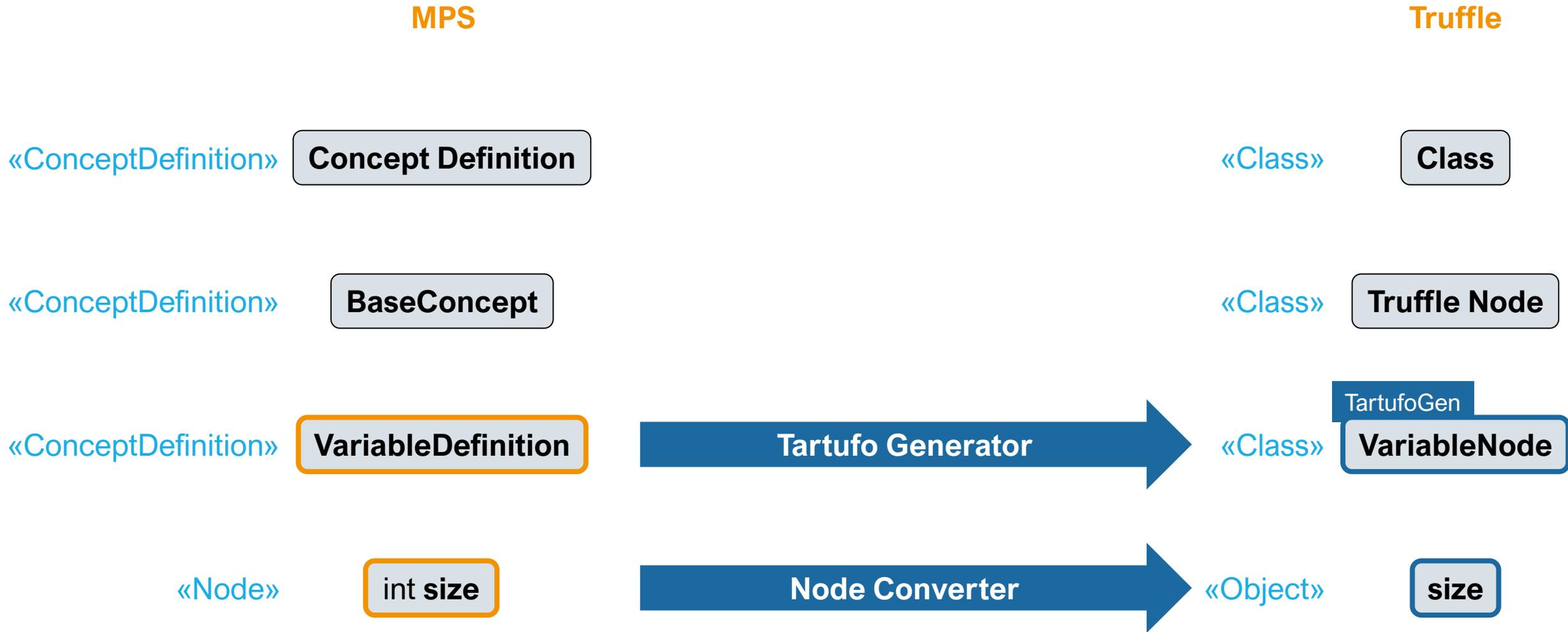
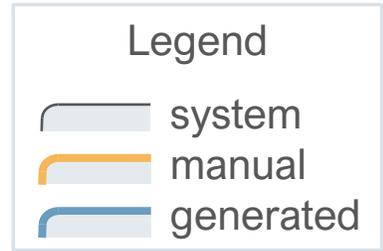
«Node»

int size

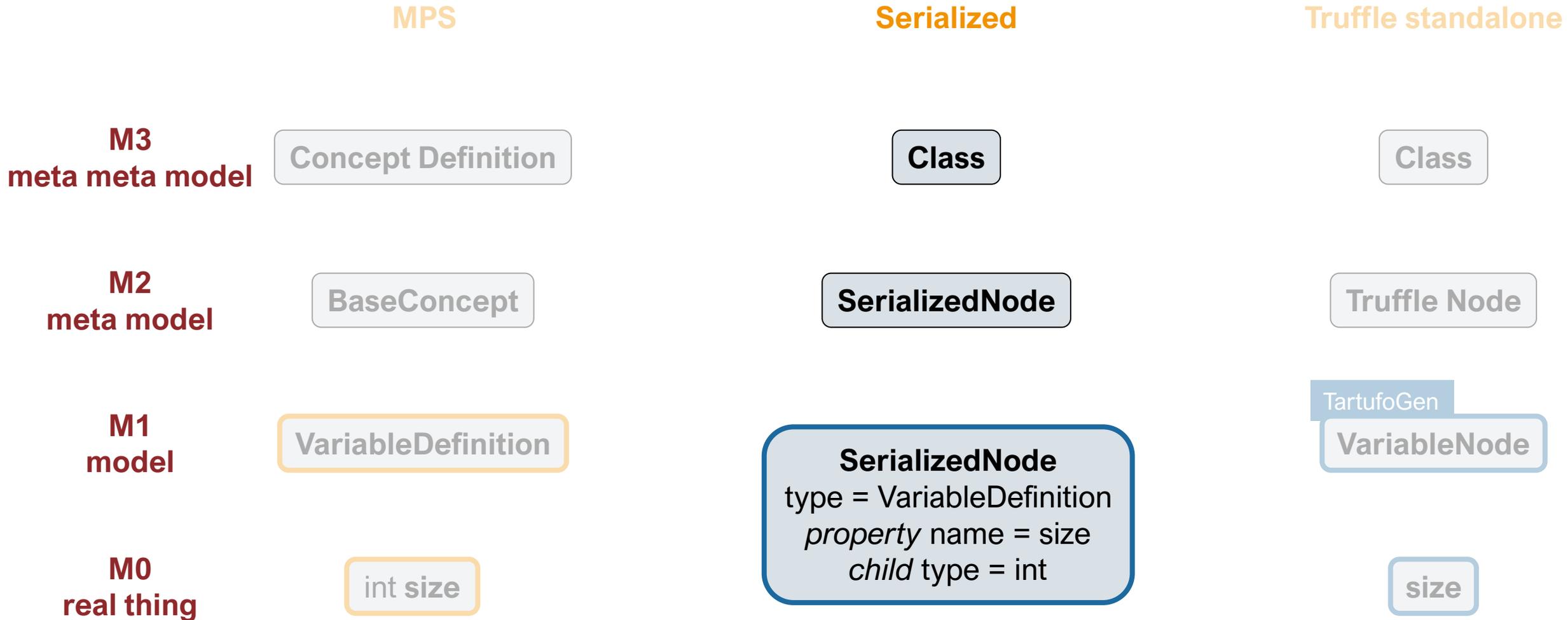
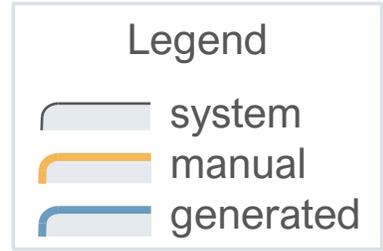
«Object»

size

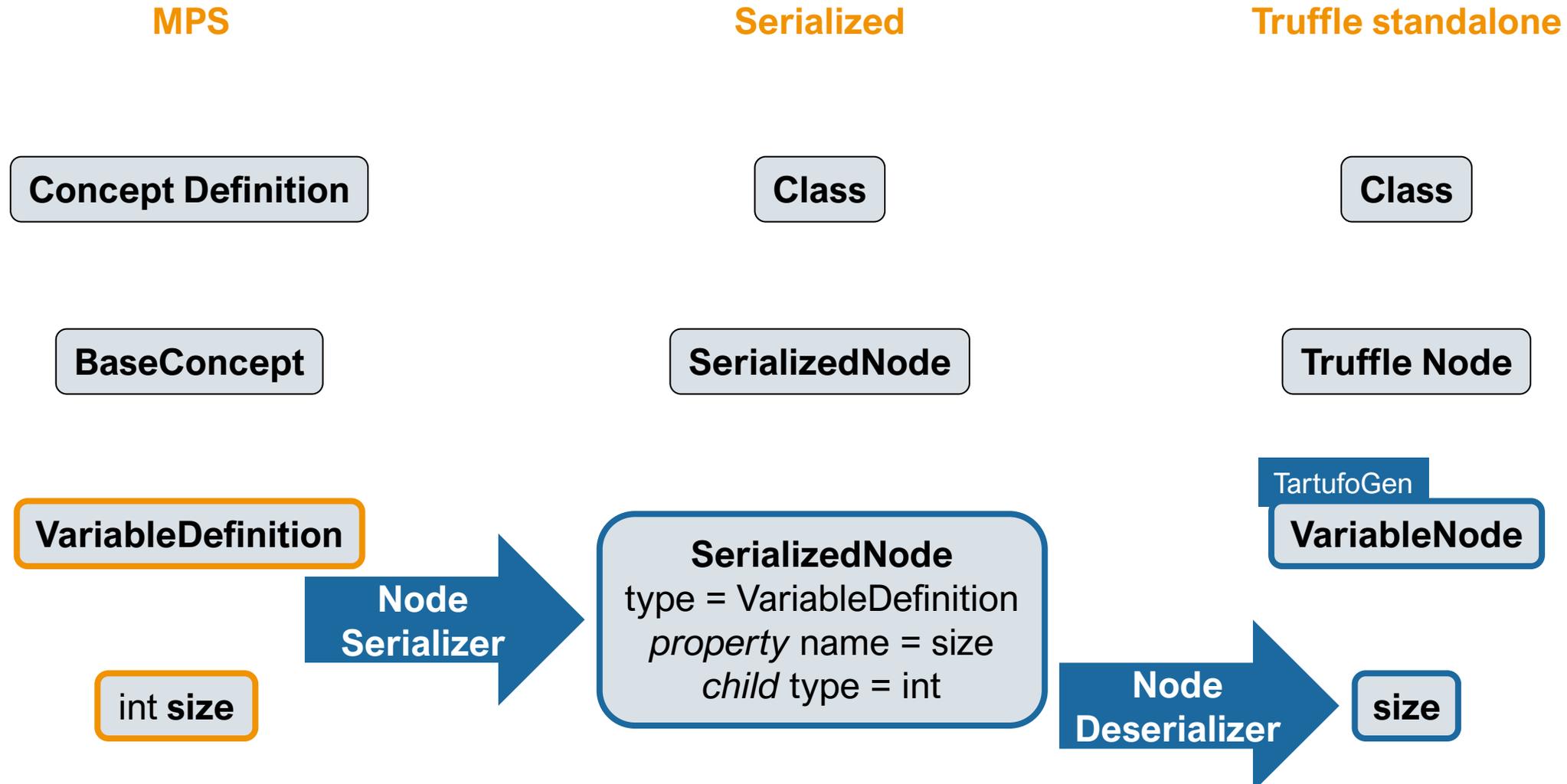
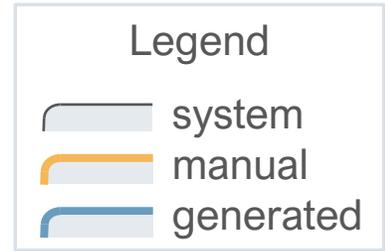
# Manual MPS elements generated to Truffle realm



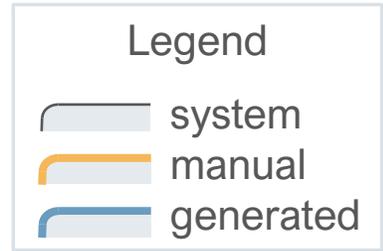
# Custom serialization M3 representation



# MPS serialization, deserialization to Truffle



# Types of M3 elements



## MPS

«ConceptDefinition»

**Concept Definition**

«ConceptDefinition»

**BaseConcept**

«ConceptDefinition»

**VariableDefinition**

«Node»

**int size**

## Serialized

«Class»

**Class**

«Class»

**SerializedNode**

«Object»

**SerializedNode**  
type = VariableDefinition  
property name = size  
child type = int

## Truffle standalone

«Class»

**Class**

«Class»

**Truffle Node**

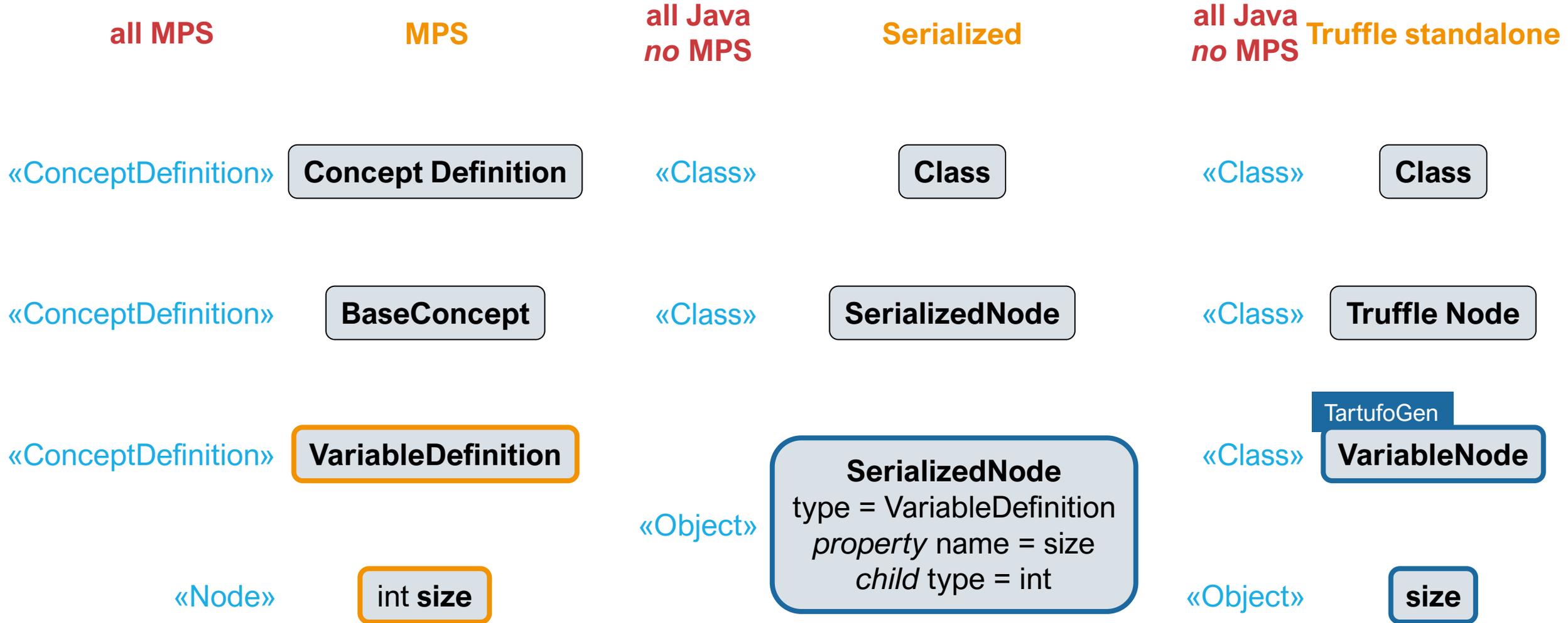
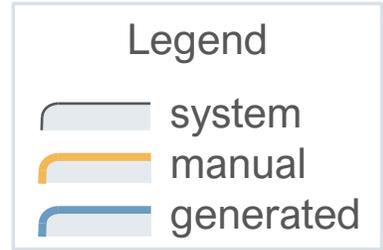
«Class»

TartufoGen  
**VariableNode**

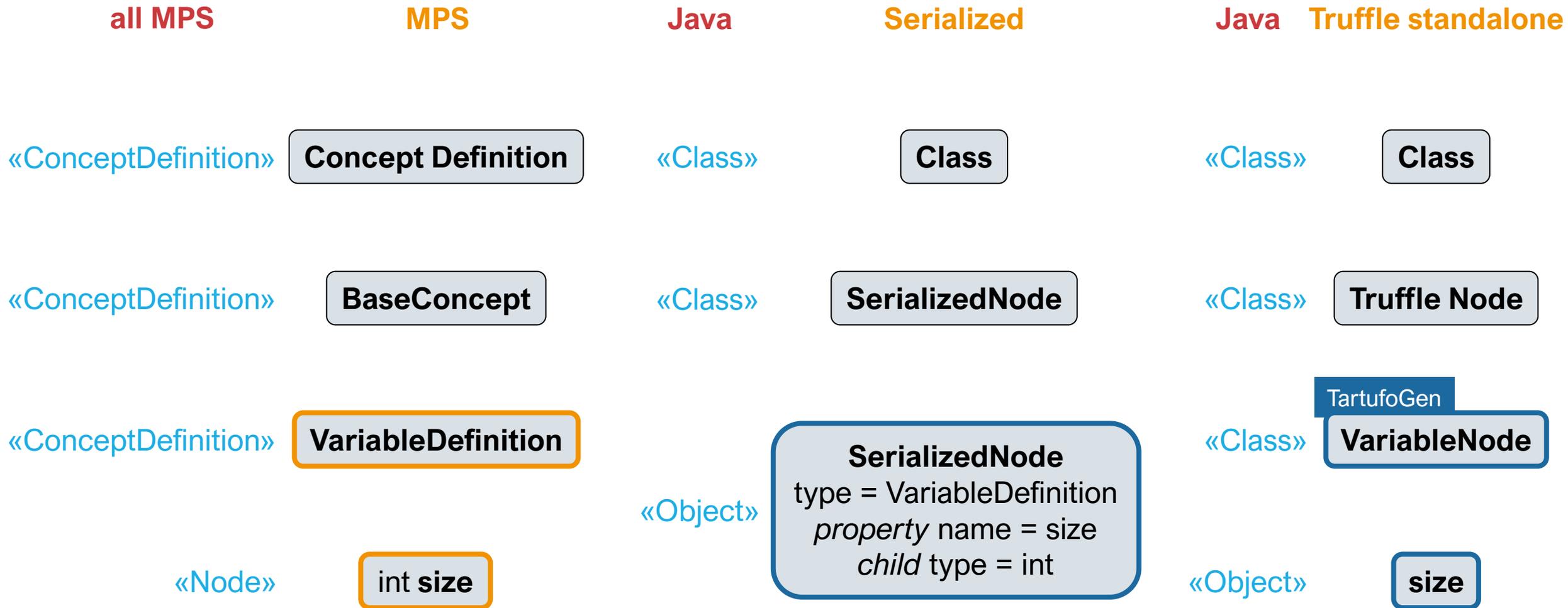
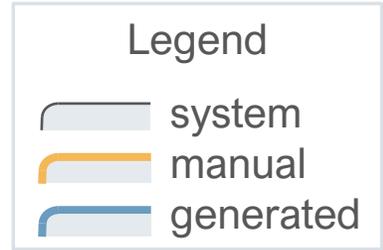
«Object»

**size**

# No MPS in serialization or Truffle realms



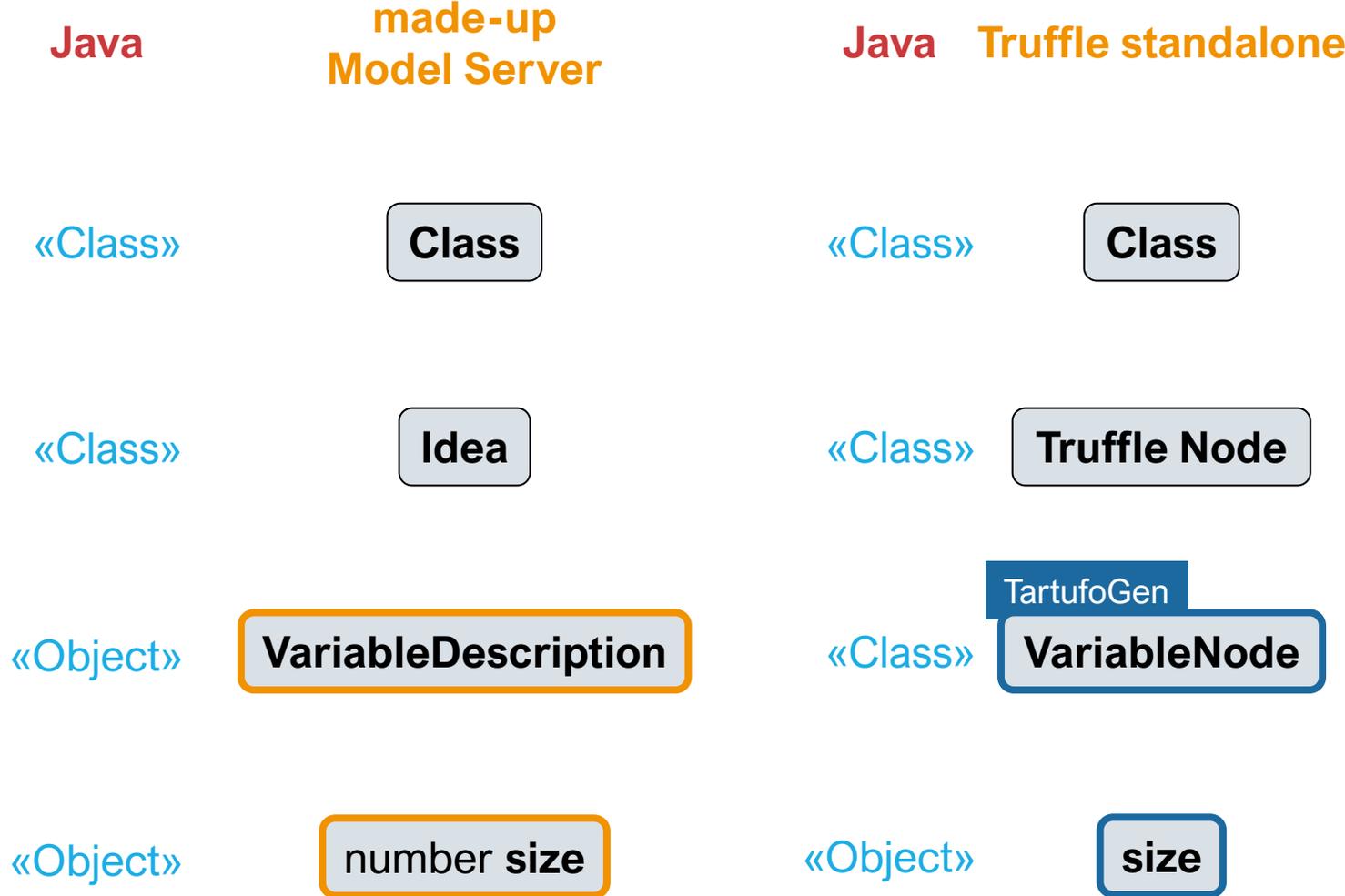
# Focus on Java part – without MPS



# Serialization could also be model server

Legend

- system
- manual
- generated



Legend

- system
- manual
- generated

Java

made-up  
Model Server

«Class»

Class

«Class»

Idea

«Object»

VariableDescription

«Object»

number size

Java

Truffle standalone

«Class»

Class

«Class»

Truffle Node

«Class»

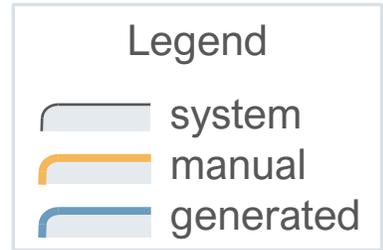
TartufoGen

VariableNode

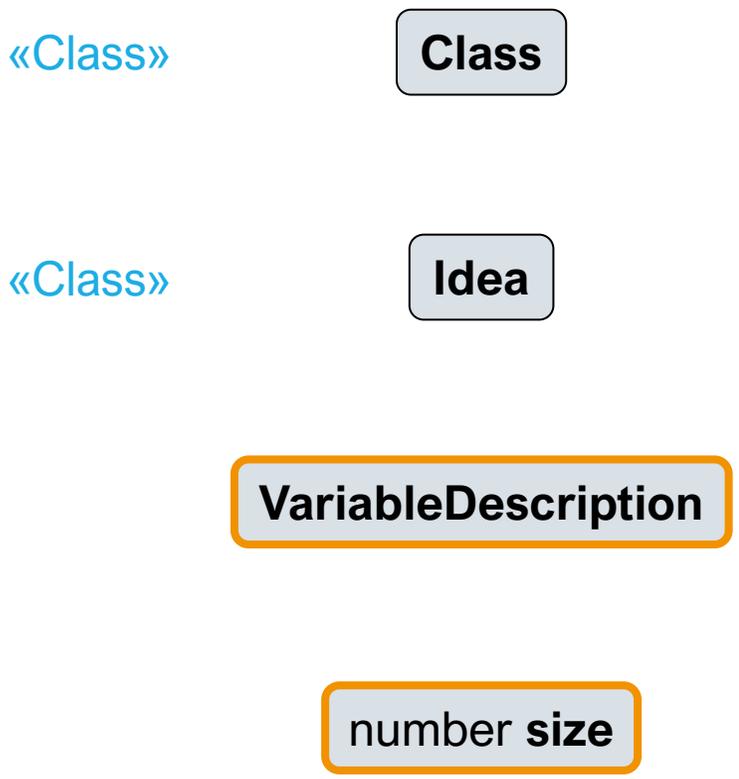
«Object»

size

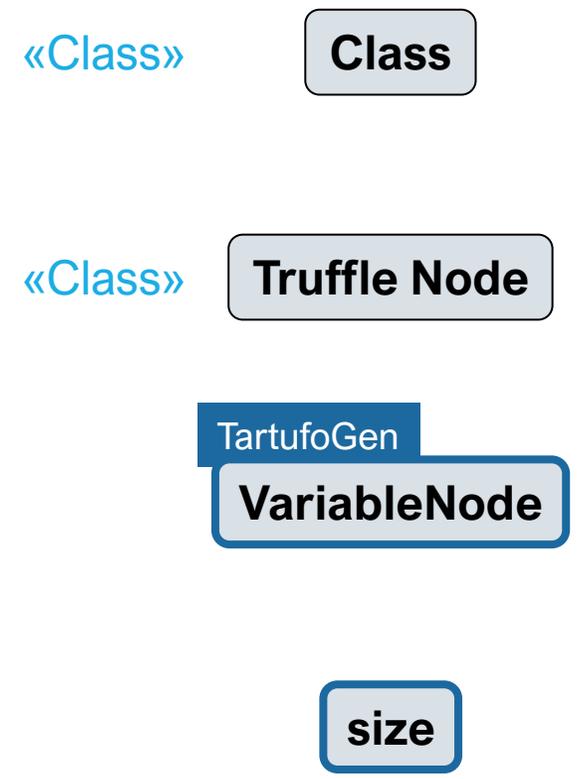
# Model server to Truffle converter



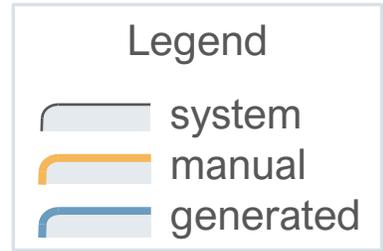
made-up  
Model Server



Truffle standalone



# API call instead of node converter



made-up  
Model Server

Truffle  
Interpretation Server

VariableDescription

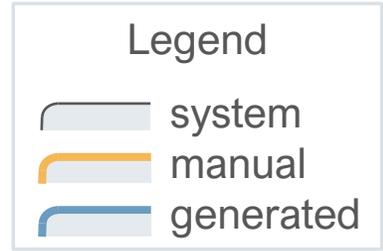
TartufoGen  
VariableNode

number size



size

# Model server in any language

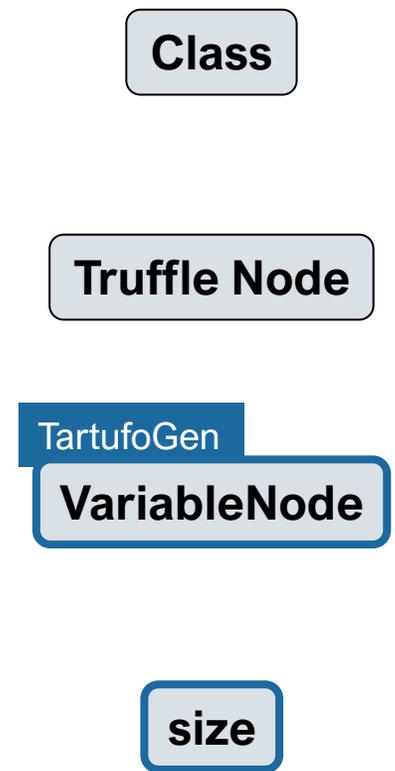
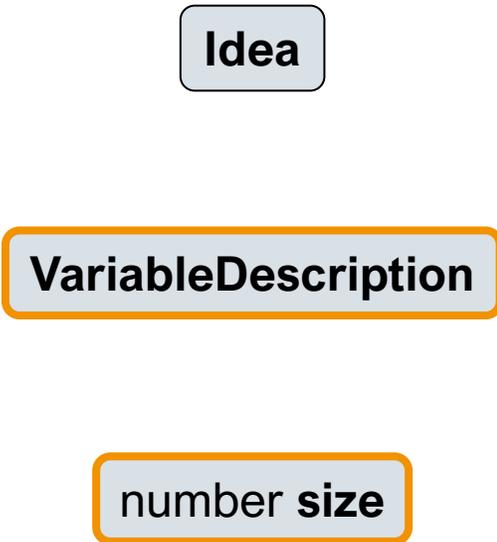


any language

made-up Model Server

Java

Truffle Interpretation Server



# Tartufo Languages

## Implementation

- **Tartufo Interpreter**
  - Tartufo Abstraction?
- Tartufo Base
- Tartufo Mixin
- Truffle Annotations
- Java
- Byte code

## Infrastructure

- ~~Converter~~
- Service
- Dummyclass
- Aspect
- **BLIntegration**

# Language: Tartufo Interpreter

```
Interpreter SimpleLanguage
```

```
Evaluators
```

```
AddExpression specialized
```

```
exception on ArithmeticException
```

```
long lhs, long rhs {
```

```
    Math.addExact(lhs, rhs);
```

```
}
```

```
type BigInteger lhs, BigInteger rhs {
```

```
    lhs.add(rhs);
```

```
}
```

```
guard Object lhs, Object rhs
```

```
if lhs instanceof string || rhs instanceof string; {
```

```
    lhs.toString() + " " + rhs.toString();
```

```
}
```

# Language: Tartufo Base

```
public abstract Specialized Node Add extends Binary {
  Description          <no description>
  Short Name           +
  Generate Wrapper    false
  Refers to Type System false
  Tags                 << ... >>
  Implemented Libraries << ... >>
  Shared Caches       << ... >>
  Frame Kind          <no frameKind>
  Node Children       << ... >>

  protected string add
  (
    specialized Object left
    specialized Object right
  )
  @Specialization ( guard return left instanceof string || right instanceof string; )
  {
    return left.toString() + " " + right.toString();
  }
}
```

# Language: Tartufo Mixin

```
@NodeInfo(shortName = "+")
public abstract class SLAddNode extends SLBinaryNode {
    @Specialization(rewriteOn = ArithmeticException.class)
    protected long add(long left, long right) {
        return Math.addExact(left, right);
    }
    @Specialization()
    @TruffleBoundary()
    protected SLBigNumber add(SLBigNumber left, SLBigNumber right) {
        return new SLBigNumber(left.getValue().add(right.getValue()));
    }
    @Specialization(guards = isString(left, right))
    @TruffleBoundary()
    protected String add(Object left, Object right) {
        return left.toString() + " " + right.toString();
    }
    protected boolean isString(Object a, Object b) {
        return a instanceof String || b instanceof String;
    }
    @Fallback
    protected Object typeError(Object left, Object right) {
        throw SLException.typeError(this, left, right);
    }
}
```

# Language: Truffle Annotations

```
@NodeInfo(shortName = "+")
public abstract class SLAddNode extends SLBinaryNode {
    @Specialization(rewriteOn = ArithmeticException.class)
    protected long add(long left, long right) {
        return Math.addExact(left, right);
    }
    @Specialization
    @CompilerDirectives.TruffleBoundary
    protected SLBigNumber add(SLBigNumber left, SLBigNumber right) {
        return new SLBigNumber(left.getValue().add(right.getValue()));
    }
    @Specialization(guards = "isString(left, right)")
    @CompilerDirectives.TruffleBoundary
    protected String add(Object left, Object right) {
        return left.toString() + " " + right.toString();
    }
    protected boolean isString(Object a, Object b) {
        return a instanceof String || b instanceof String;
    }
    @Fallback
    protected Object typeError(Object left, Object right) {
        throw SLException.typeError(operation: this, left, right);
    }
}
```

# Language: Java

@GeneratedBy(SLAddNode.class)

```
public final class SLAddNodeGen extends SLAddNode {
```

1 usage

```
private SLAddNodeGen(SLExpressionNode leftNode, SLExpressionNode rightNode) {  
    this.leftNode_ = leftNode;  
    this.rightNode_ = rightNode;  
}
```

1 usage

```
private Object executeGeneric_generic1(int state_0, VirtualFrame frameValue) {  
    Object leftNodeValue_ = this.leftNode_.executeGeneric(frameValue);  
    Object rightNodeValue_ = this.rightNode_.executeGeneric(frameValue);  
    if ((state_0 & 0b1) != 0 /* is-state_0 add(long, long) */ && leftNodeValue_ instanceof Long) {...}  
    if ((state_0 & 0b10) != 0 /* is-state_0 add(SLBigNumber, SLBigNumber) */ && SLTypesGen.isImplicitSLBigNumber((state_0 & 0b110000) >>> 4 /*  
        SLBigNumber leftNodeValue__ = SLTypesGen.asImplicitSLBigNumber((state_0 & 0b110000) >>> 4 /* extract-implicit-state_0 0:SLBigNumber */,  
        if (SLTypesGen.isImplicitSLBigNumber((state_0 & 0b11000000) >>> 6 /* extract-implicit-state_0 1:SLBigNumber */, rightNodeValue_)) {  
            SLBigNumber rightNodeValue__ = SLTypesGen.asImplicitSLBigNumber((state_0 & 0b11000000) >>> 6 /* extract-implicit-state_0 1:SLBigNum  
            return add(leftNodeValue__, rightNodeValue__);  
        }  
    }  
}  
if ((state_0 & 0b1100) != 0 /* is-state_0 add(Object, Object) || typeError(Object, Object) */) {  
    if ((state_0 & 0b100) != 0 /* is-state_0 add(Object, Object) */) {  
        if ((isString(leftNodeValue_, rightNodeValue_))) {  
            return add(leftNodeValue_, rightNodeValue_);  
        }  
    }  
}
```

# Language: Bytecode

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```

# Language: Base Language integration

```
Object interpretationResult = interpret ( node , editorContext.getRepository() );
```

```
CompletableFuture<Object> interpretationFuture = interpretAsync ( node , editorContext.getRepository() );
```

# Maturity

MPS Truffle integration

engineered, no production

Async editor cell

prototype, usable base

Debugger

prototype, usable base

Node (de)serializer

proof of concept

Standalone executor

proof of concept

Languages

Interpreter

design ideas

Base

concepts almost complete, generator missing

Mixin

engineered, no production

# Issues

- MPS Java facet vs. Java Annotation Processors
- Line numbers
- Language ease vs. extensibility

# Outlook

- Remote debugging
- Debugging interaction, e.g. change values
- Node replacement
- Higher level languages
- Async editor cell as separate language
- Update to current MPS / Truffle versions
  - used: MPS 2021.1 / GraalVM 21.1
  - current: MPS 2021.3 / GraalVM 22.2

# Future

- Typesystem integration
- Interop objects language

# Summary

- Interpreters useful for DSLs
- Truffle provides speed and tooling
- Tartufo simplifies usage
- Enables use cases inside and outside MPS



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# Addendum: Links

- Jobs @ F1RE: <https://www.f1re.nl/alle-vacatures>
- GraalVM: <https://www.graalvm.org/>
- Truffle: <https://www.graalvm.org/22.2/graalvm-as-a-platform/language-implementation-framework/>
- Tartufo will be Open Source, we first need to sort out some licensing details. Contact [niko@f1re.io](mailto:niko@f1re.io) for early access.