Debug with Eclipse

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Debug Process

- Build project :P
- Run project and find where you want to start looking
 - Generally where it breaks or causes errors
- Set a breakpoint there
 - Look at the console window for the line number

Debug Process

- Debug project
- Step-Into lines/methods you want to examine closely
- Step-Over lines/methods you have already resolved
- Step-Return to get back to where this line was called

Debug



Debug Reminder

Confirm Perspective Switch

This kind of launch is configured to open the Debug perspective when it suspends.

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This Debug perspective is designed to support application debugging. It incorporates views for displaying the debug stack, variables and breakpoint management.

Do you want to open this perspective now?

Remember my decision

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Debug Commands



Debug Perspective

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Stacktrace



Breakpoints

- This is what you set to find a specific spot to go to when debugging the project
- If you press resume it will go to the next breakpoint or occurrence of this breakpoint if in a loop
- Double click to the left of the line number to set or remove a breakpoint
 - There must be code there for a breakpoint

Variables



Variables Window

- Check the value of the components within the program
- Very useful to see what happens at every step of the program
- Use this to see where a logic error occurs
- Use this to see why a NullPointerException occurs

Step Into

- Check every step of this line of code
- This is what most people think of for debugging code
- Look at each line of code and watch the value of the variables in the variables window

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Step Into!

Step Over

- Do this one line and stop
- If you know that this is not needed to check but part of a larger sequence
 - Calling a getter
 - Assigning a simple value
 - You have already gone through that method entirely

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Step Over

Step Return

- Finish running the current method and go back to where it was called
- Further proof that one giant method is a bad idea
- Useful especially if you want to continue debugging just not this specific method anymore

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Step Return