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Bugzilla Eclipse IDE integration: Mylyn

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Abstract

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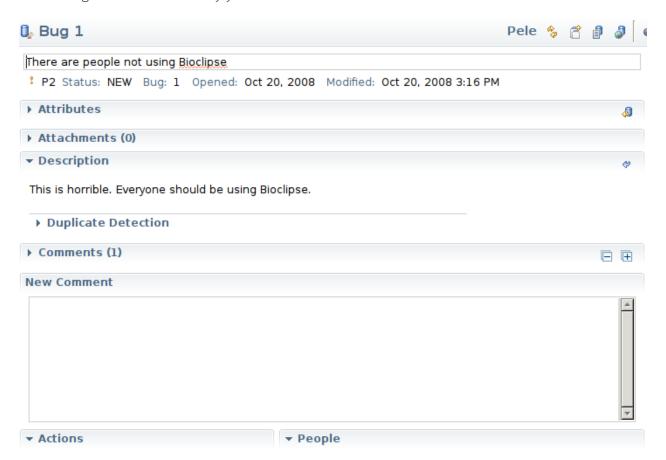
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However, SourceForge, our bug tracker, integrates, but to too limited functionality. Bugzilla, though, has excellent integration. And curious about what that would look like, I installed Bugzilla on an Ubuntu system. Which failed. Due to a bug know for two years already! Anyway, two tweaks to the system got it working!

- 1. Work around the password in the postinstall script (see here)
- 2. Set up a /bugs/ link (see here)

This is Bugzilla as viewed in Mylyn:



(The bug content is derived from Ubuntu bug #1.)