BNF Tools Version 2.0: Migration Notes

Discovered features in version 1.0 and their migration status, as well as further migration notes are summarised below.

Core Features:

- 1. BNF front-end (Parser, Lexer, Linker, etc.)
- 2. translates a textual representation into an Ecore model
- 3. Editor provides IDE features, e.g. auto-completion, syntax highlighting, etc.

Validation Rules:

These rules will give warnings in the editor if they find find consistencies in the code.

- 1. *checkUpdateGrammarConsistency:* checks, if the grammar is an updated grammar, for consistencies between the originals and the new grammar
 - ♦ status: not migrated
- 2. *checkReferencedOnlyOnce:* this should warn if there is a rule that is only referenced once, this is an inlining hint
 - ♦ status: migrated
- 3. checkPassthroughRule: this tests if a rule gets just passed through, e.g. a ::= b, b ::= "literal" <=> a ::= "literal", which is better for EBNF
 - ♦ status: migrated
- 4. checkEqualAlternative: this tests if a rule got equal alternatives, e.g.: a::= d | d
 - ♦ status: migrated
- 5. checkDuplicateRules: checks if there is another rule in the EtsiBnf, that has the same right hand side, e.g.: a ::= "literal" | b, c ::= "literal" | b
 - ♦ status: migrated
- 6. checkSubruleDuplicates:
 - ♦ status: not migrated
- 7. *check unused rule*: checks if a rule is used (exept for the rule with the number 1)
 - ♦ status: migrated
- 8. checkNameIsUnique: checks if the name of a rule is already in use e.g. a ::= "end", a ::= "fin"
 - ♦ status: migrated

Generation:

Generating an intermediate xsl-fo representation for all BNF grammars (merge or delta grammars not supported). This can be rendered to PDF using apache-fop

• status: in progress

Formatting:

• old: had some but they are got commented out in the main project

• *new*: line-break after every rule, white-spaces after all literals, possible update linebreak and double tab after all >|< bars

Refactoring and Quick-fixing:

Automated restructuring support.

- 1. auto Numbering of rules
 - ♦ status: not migrated
- 2. remove unused rules
 - ♦ status: migrated
- 3. replacement of passthroughRules
 - ♦ status: not migrated
- 4. refactor uppercasetokenRules
 - ♦ status: not migrated
- 5. find references
 - ♦ status: provided by xtext2
- 6. renaming
 - ♦ status: provided by xtext2

Grammar Composition:

- 3 grammartypes:
 - grammar: normal grammar
 - delta grammar: different notation for a extension grammar,
 - ♦ adds new rules to a grammar (regular rules) and adds changes to rules of the extended grammar (extension rules) (can be automatically created)
 - merge grammar: for merging extensions
- old version had an automatic composition process for merge grammars with a small pop-up-menu. The new has 2 Buttons for Generating either PDF or RTF files from the Grammar.
- at the moment no support in the new version

Deployment:

- export project as Plugin: Plug-in Development/deployable plug-ins and fragments
- RCP project with a minimal eclipse editor: TBD

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