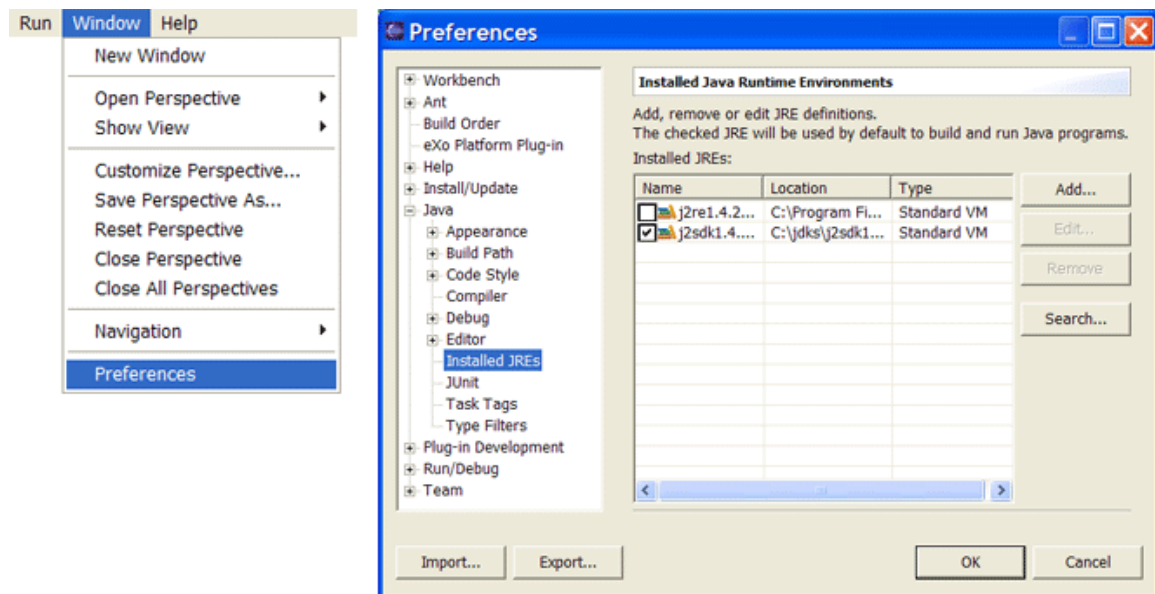


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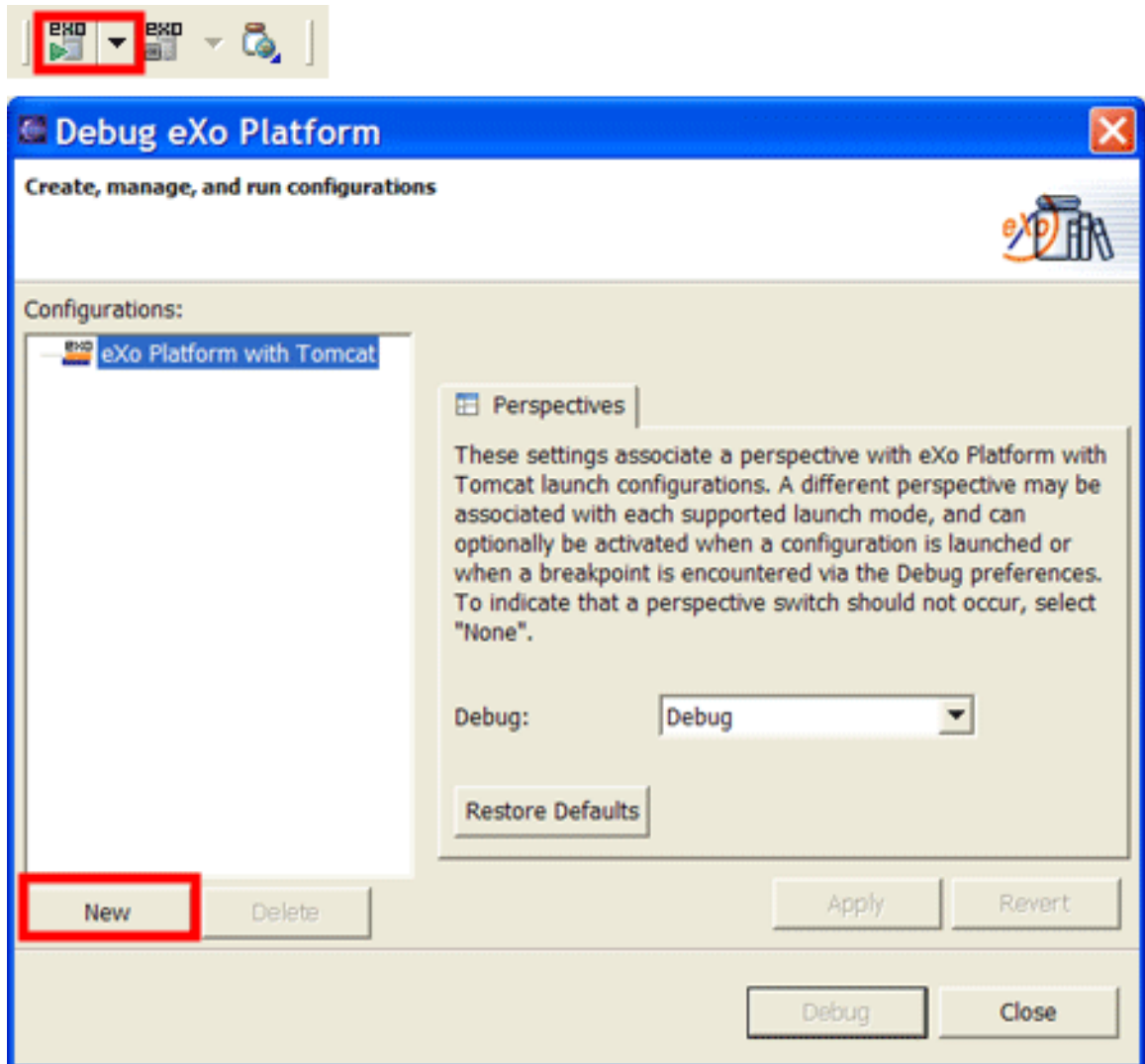
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Part 5: Starting eXo Platform via Eclipse

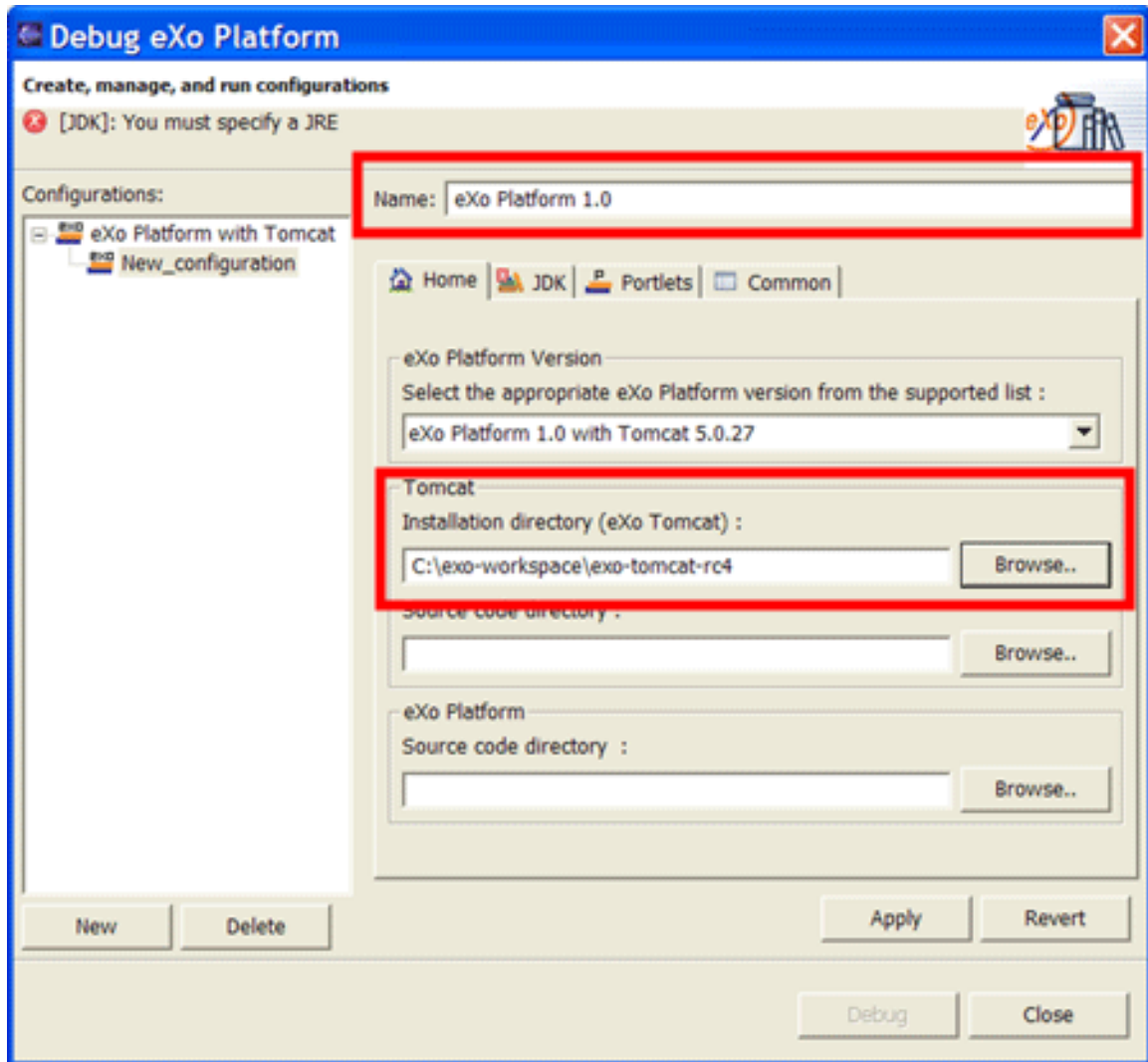
- In [part 1](#), you downloaded the SDK (not JRE) version of J2SE 1.4. Lets add it to the recognized JVMs in Eclipse. Select Window -> Preferences from the main menu. This will bring the 'Preferences' dialog. In the dialog, expand the 'Java' node, and select the 'Installed JREs' node. This will bring a page with all the JREs that Eclipse recognizes so far. Click on the Add... button to add your J2SE 1.4 SDK installation. Once you are done, just click on the Ok button.



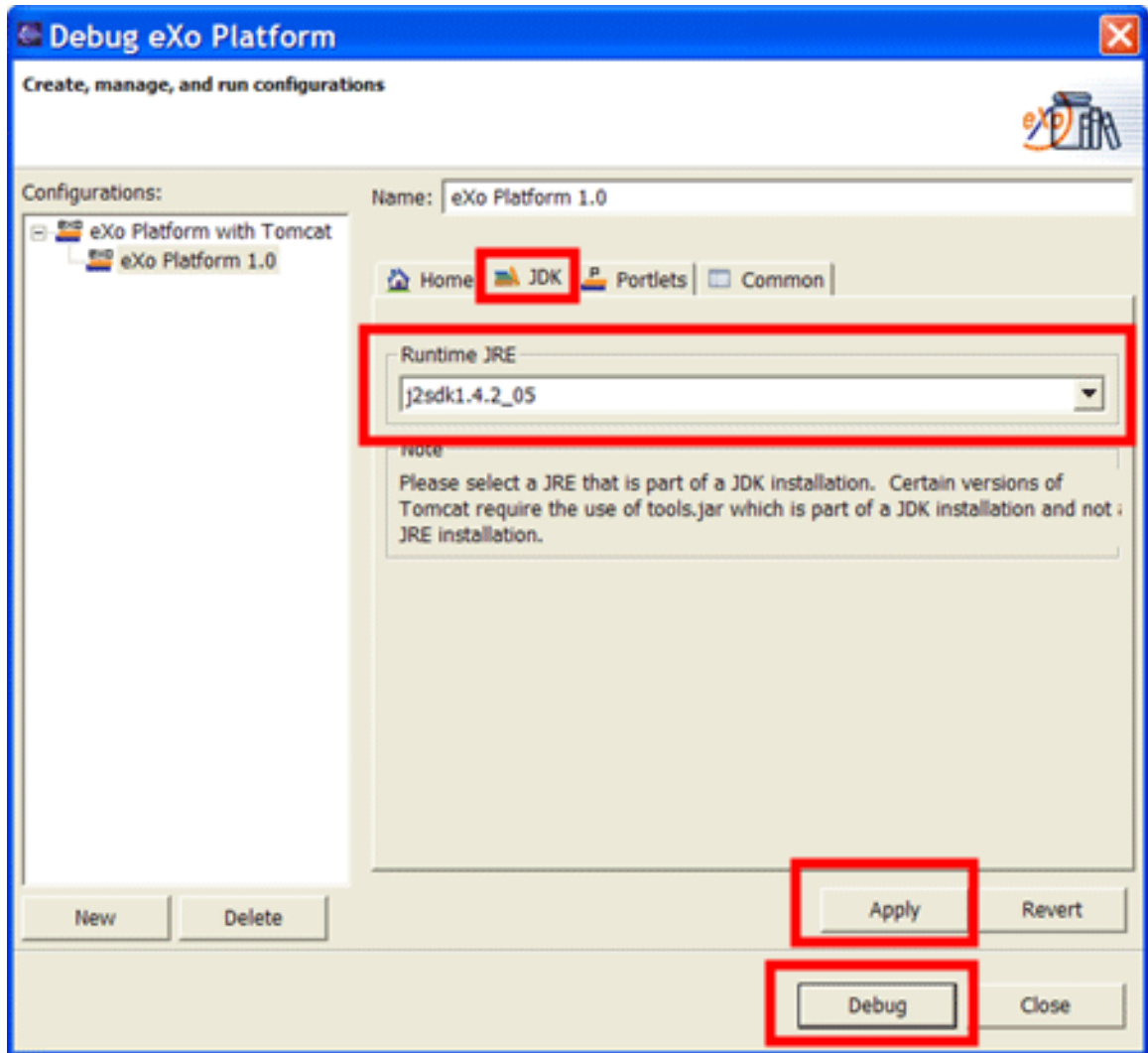
- Before we can start eXo Platform from Eclipse. We first need to create an eXo Platform launch configuration. Creating the launch configuration is only done once. So, you don't need to create one everytime you start or stop eXo Platform. Use Ctrl+Shift+F11 or click on the 'Debug eXo Platform' button on the toolbar. This will bring the launch configuration dialog. Click the New button to create an eXo Platform launch configuration.



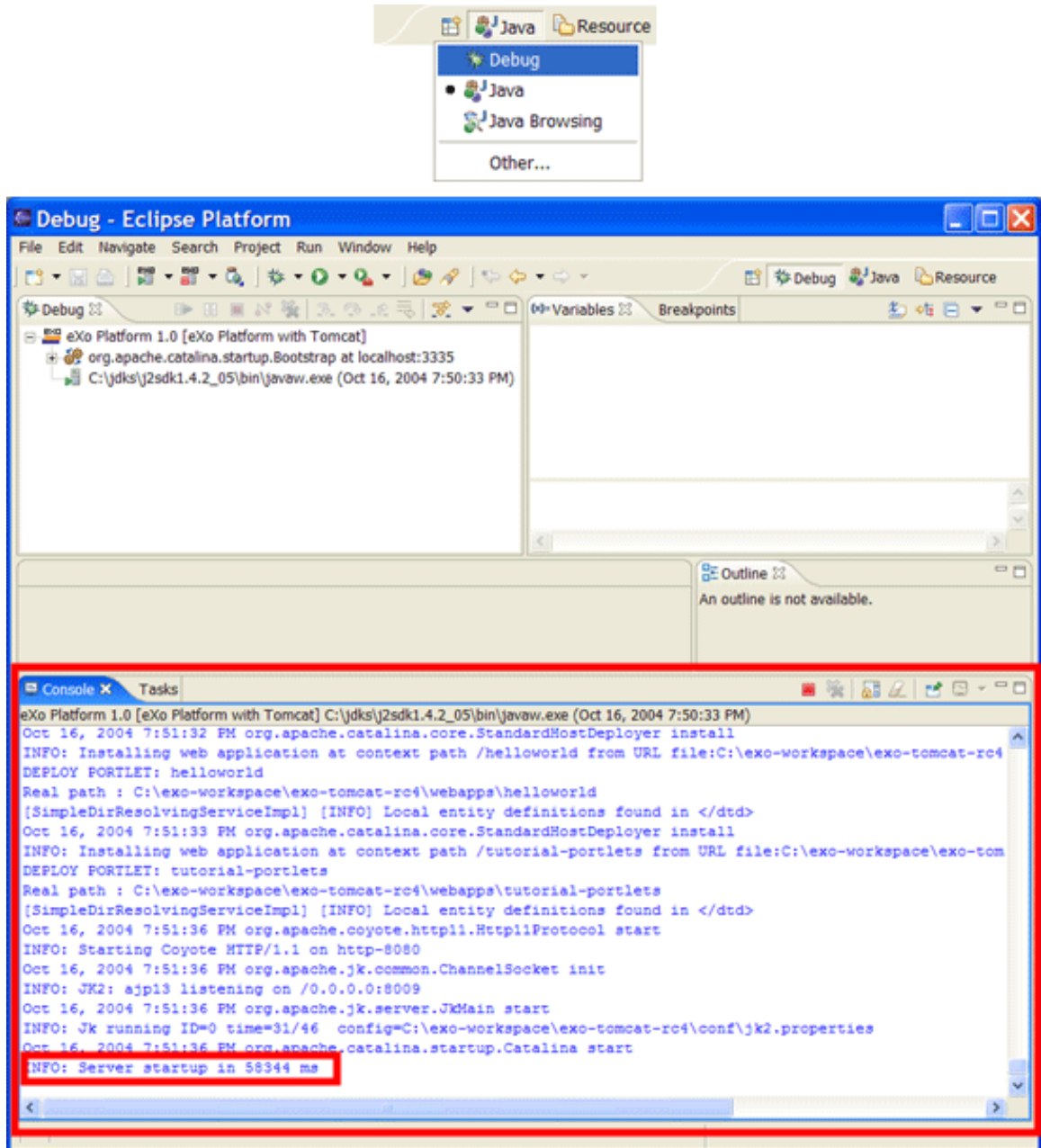
- Give a name to the launch configuration for easy readability. Let's name it as 'eXo Platform 1.0'. Next, for the 'Installation directory (eXo Tomcat)' input field, use the Browse... button to navigate to the location of the eXo Platform binary distribution you installed in [part 1](#). You can leave the rest of the fields empty. Notice that we will come back to the 'Source code directory' field in the last part of the tutorial.



- Click on the 'JDK' tab, and from the 'Runtime JRE' drop down menu, select the one that represents your J2SE 1.4 SDK installation. You should see it in the drop down menu since we made Eclipse recognizes it in the first step of this part of the tutorial. When you are done, click on the Apply button to save the configuration. Ok, lets start eXo Platform now, by clicking on the Debug button.



- Switch to the Eclipse 'Debug' perspective, and watch the 'Console' view in Eclipse for the startup messages from Tomcat to see if everything is going okay. Wait until you see a message like 'INFO: Server startup in 58344 ms'.



- The next time you want to start eXo Platform, you can use Ctrl+Shift+F11 or use the button on the toolbar.
- That is it for part 5. Lets get to [part 6](#).

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