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Developing Extensions for HP 00

This document provides Java and .NET developers with guidelines for developing actions for extending HP Operations Orchestration.

Note: Knowledge of Java or .NET is required.

You can extend HP Operations Orchestration programmatically. This means that third parties can add functionalities to HP Operations Orchestration and introduce them as content in the flow execution engine.

Introducing new content requires building an extension and deploying it to HP OO Central. You can write actions in Java or .NET.

In HP Operations Orchestration 10.x, extensions are called plugins (in previous versions, extensions were called IActions). A plugin is a piece of code running within the run engine. This piece of code can define its own isolated classpath. Classpath isolation ensures that different plugins can use conflicting dependencies. For example, plugin A can use dependency X version 1.0 and plugin B can use the same X dependency, but in version 2.0. You are now able to use both plugins in the same flow regardless of the conflicting classpath issue.

A plugin contains one or more actions and references to all required dependencies.

In HP Operations Orchestration 10.x, there is a new @Action interface for developing actions. The @Action is a method in a class. See "Developing @Actions" on page 11 for more information.

Although all the plugins are run by Java, HP Operation Orchestration also supports .NET actions. The actions written in .NET are referenced by a wrapping Java plugin. See ".NET Extensions" on page 16 for more information.

Note: The IAction interface from HP OO 9.x is now deprecated. Users writing new content should refrain from implementing the IAction interface and instead write @Actions.

Creating an @Action

The recommended way to build @Actions is as a Maven plugin.

You should use Apache Maven 3.0.3 - 3.0.5 to build your plugins.

Developing Plugins

This section describes how to develop plugins.

Using the Maven archetype **com.hp.oo.sdk:oo-plugin-archetype** you can create a skeleton for a plugin and a Studio project.

Preparing to Create a Plugin Using a Maven Archetype

Install Maven

Install Maven on a computer with the **bin** directory in the computer's path. This enables you to run **mvn** from anywhere in the file system.

Create a local Maven repository

• Expand sdk-dotnet-<version>.zip and sdk-java-<version>.zip to:

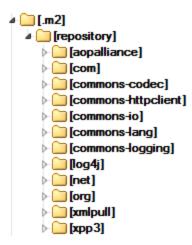
Windows: %HOMEPATH%\.m2\repository.

Linux: \$HOME/.m2/repository.

Note:

These files are located on the ISO in the SDK folder.

Following is an example of a directory structure, if the files were correctly extracted:



Register the plugin archetype

• Open the command prompt and enter the following command:

```
mvn archetype:crawl
```

This updates the Maven archetype catalog under \$HOME/.m2/repository.

Creating a Plugin Using a Maven Archetype

Create a sample project

1. Go to the path where you want to create a sample plugin project, and enter the following command in the command line:

mvn archetype:generate -DarchetypeCatalog=file://\$HOME/.m2/repository

Note: For Windows, use %HOMEPATH%.

This initiates the project creation. A list of archetypes found in the catalog appears. Press the number representing the archetype **com.hp.oo.sdk:oo-plugin-archetype** and then **Enter**.

In the example below, press 1.

```
Administrator: C:\windows\system32\cmd.exe - mvn archetype:generate -DarchetypeCatalog=file://%HOMEPATH%/.m2/repository
[INFO] Scanning for projects...
[INFO] Scanning for project (No POM) 1
```

- 2. During the archetype creation, enter the following details and press **Enter** after each one:
 - groupId: The group id for the resulting Maven project. acmeGroup is used in the example below.
 - artifactId: The artifact id for the resulting Maven project. acmeArtifact is used in the example below.
 - package: The package for the files in the project. The default for this option is the same as the groupId.
 - uuid: The UUID of the generated project. A randomly generated UUID is used in the example below.

```
Define value for property 'groupId': : acmeGroup
Define value for property 'artifactId': : acmeArtifact

[INFO] Using property: version = 1.0.0
Define value for property 'package': acmeGroup: :
Define value for property 'uuid': : e3a3afb0-df2b-11e3-8b68-0800200c9a66
Confirm properties configuration:
groupId: acmeGroup
artifactId: acmeArtifact
version: 1.0.0
package: acmeGroup
uuid: e3a3afb0-df2b-11e3-8b68-0800200c9a66
Y: : ____
```

The build finishes and a project is created.

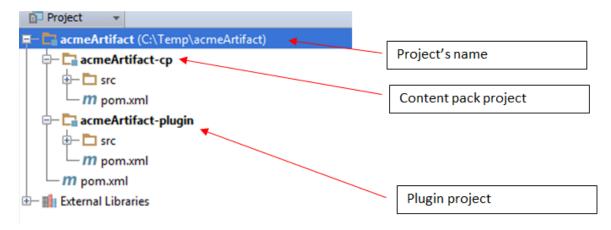
Open the project in a Java IDE

The previous step created a new Java project with a Maven-based model.

Open this project in a Java IDE application.

The project contains two modules that have the same prefix as the provided artifact ID. One of the projects is a content pack project and the other is a plugin project.

For example:



Parent project

In the illustrated example, the parent project is called **acmeArtifact**.

By default it contains two modules—one a content pack and the other a plugin. This project is meant to group @Actions and their relevant operations and flows into a single content pack.

For example, if you were developing an Office integration, you might create several plugin projects—one for each Office version. But there would be a single content pack project containing the operations and flows. This is the recommended best practice.

Plugin project

In the example, the plugin project is called **acmeArtifact-plugin**.

This module contains the @Actions. When you are building this project (with Maven), the code inside is compiled and the resulting JAR file can be opened in Studio, and operations can be created from the @Actions inside.

Inside this module, a sample @Action can be found. You can delete it and write your own.

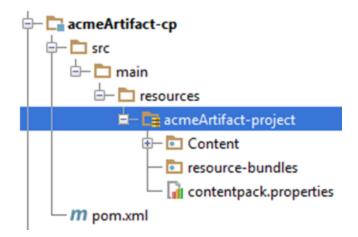
Content pack project

In the example, the content pack project is called acmeArtifact-cp.

This module represents the content pack. It includes any plugin modules upon which it is dependent, for example, **acmeArtifact-plugin**), as well as any flows, operations, and configuration items defined within it.

Use Studio to edit the content pack module

The content pack module contains a Studio project that can be opened and edited in Studio. You can import the project folder (in our example, the **acmeArtifact-project** folder) into Studio in order to edit the project.

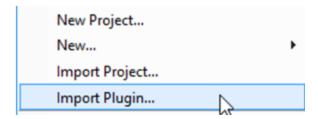


If you create flows, operations, or configuration items inside the project, you will be able to build this project with Maven. The resulting JAR file will be a content pack that can then be deployed into Central or reopened in Studio by another user.

Create operations inside the project from the plugin module

If you want to create operations from plugins that are part of the same **acmeArtifact** project (for example, from **acmeArtifact-plugin**), follow the following steps:

- 1. Import the acmeArtifact-project project into Studio.
- 2. Using Maven, build the acmeArtifact-plugin module.
- 3. Import the plugin into Studio.



The path for the plugin is the path of the **acmeArtifact-plugin.jar** file under the local Maven repository.

4. In Studio, create a new operation, and select the plugin in the Create Operations dialog box.

Developing @Actions

An @Action is a method in a class; it can be any method in any class. This method is also referred to as an extension.

An @Action is invoked during flow execution, when an operation using that @Action is executed.

"Hello World!" Example

To mark a method as @Action, annotate it with @com.hp.oo.sdk.content.annotations.Action. The following is a simple "Hello World!" @Action example:

```
public class MyActions {
    @Action
    public void sayHello() {
        System.out.println("Hello World!");
    }
}
```

By default, the created @Action is named after the method that defines it. In the "Hello World!" example, the @Action name is sayHello. The @Action name is used in the operation's definition. The operation is the means to expose an @Action to Studio and to flow authors. Each operation points to a specific groupId, artifactId, version, and @Action name (GAV+@Action name).

You can customize the @Action name and provide a name that is different from the method name. You can do this using the @Action annotation value parameter. The following code defines the same "Hello World!" @Action, but names it my-hello-action:

```
public class MyActions {
    @Action("my-hello-action")
    public void sayHello() {
        System.out.println("Hello World!");
    }
}
```

Passing Arguments to @Actions

An @Action is exposed to the flow context and can request parameters from it. The flow context holds the state of the flow. For example, consider the following @Action, which adds two numbers and prints the result to the console:

```
@Action
public void sum(int x, int y){
    System.out.println(x+y);
}
```

Parameters are taken from the context by name. The sum method requests two integer parameters x and y from the context. When invoking the @Action, HP Operations Orchestration assigns the value of x and y from the context to the method arguments with the same name.

Just like with @Action, it is possible to customize parameter names and request that HP Operations Orchestration resolves the value while using a custom name. In the following example, the sum method requests that the context op1 parameter is assigned to the x argument and op2 to the y argument:

```
@Action
public void sum(@Param("op1") int x, @Param("op2") int y){
    System.out.println(x+y);
}
```

The classes ResponseNames, ReturnCodes, InputNames, and OutputNames, under the com.hp.oo.sdk.content.constants package, include commonly used constants, which you can use in the @Action. For example, input names such as HOST, USERNAME, PASSWORD, PORT, and so on, or response names such as SUCCESS, FAILURE, NO_MORE, and so on.

Return Values

An @Action, like any Java method, can also return a single value. The returned value is considered the return result of the @Action and is used as return result in the operation. It is also possible for an @Action to return multiple results to the operation. This is done by returning a Map<String, String>, where the Map key is the name of the result, and the associated value is the result value. Returning a Map<String, String> is a way for an @Action to pass multiple outputs to the operation at runtime.

Adding @Action Annotations

@Action annotations are used tso generate new operations in the Studio. When generating an @Action based operation, the new operation's initial attributes (description, inputs, outputs, responses) are taken from the @Action annotations definitions.

When developing plugins, you must correctly annotate the actions that return only a single value. The annotation has to declare an output with the special name singleResultKey. There is a constant ActionExecutionGoal.SINGLE_RESULT_KEY that assists you, for example:

```
@Action(name = "modulo-ten",
    description = "returns the last digit",
    outputs = @Output(ActionExecutionGoal.SINGLE_RESULT_KEY),
    responses = @Response(text = ResponseNames.SUCCESS,
    field = OutputNames.RETURN_RESULT,
    value = "0", matchType = MatchType.ALWAYS_MATCH,
    responseType = ResponseType.RESOLVED)
)
public int moduloTen(@Param("number") int number) {
    return number % 10;
}
```

Note: It is important that you use @Action annotations; otherwise, operations created from these @Actions are harder to use.

Annotations

Adding metadata means adding or setting the relevant annotations and their attributes. The following table describes the <code>@Action</code>, <code>@Output</code>, <code>@Response</code> and <code>@Param</code> annotations:

Action

Attributes:

- value (optional): the name of the @Action
- description (optional)
- Output[] (optional): array of outputs (see below)
- Response[] (optional): array of responses (see below)

Comments:

You have two options for setting the name of the @Action:

1. The value attribute:

```
@Action("aflPing")
public void ping(...)
Or
@Action(value="aflPing")
public void ping(...)
```

2. The method name:

```
@Action
public void ping(...)
```

The names are checked in the above order. The first one checked is the value attribute. If it doesn't exist, the method name is selected.

Param

Attributes:

- · value: the name of the input
- required (optional): by default is false
- encrypted (optional): by default is false
- description (optional)

Comments:

This is important not only for the @Action data, but also for execution.

Inputs give an operation or flow the data needed to act upon. Each input is mapped to a variable. You can create an input for a flow, operation, or step.

In Studio, inputs can be:

- · Set to a specific value
- Obtained from information gathered by another step
- Entered by the person running the flow, at the start of the flow

See the *HP OO 10 Studio Authoring Guide* for more information and see "Passing Arguments to @Actions" on page 11 for details on the execution functionality.

Output

Attributes:

- · value: the name of the output
- description (optional)

Comments:

In order for the operation in Studio to have multiple outputs, the @Action itself has to declare them. Assigning values to multiple outputs can be achieved by creating an @Action whose return value is a Map<String, String>.

In order for the operation in studio to have only one output, the @Action itself has to declare it in the return value, and use the SINGLE RESULT KEY for binding.

The output is the data produced by an operation or flow. For example, success code, output string, error string, or failure message.

In Studio, the different kinds of operation outputs include:

- Raw result: the entire returned data (return code, data output, and error string).
- The primary and other outputs, which are portions of the raw result.

See the HP OO 10 Studio Authoring Guide for more information.

Response

Attributes:

- text: the text displayed by each response transition
- field: the field to evaluate

- value: the expected value in the field
- description: (optional)
- isDefault: Indicates whether this is the default response. The default value is false. Only one response in a @Action can have this set to true.
- mathType: The type of matcher to activate against the value. For example if we defined (field = fieldName, value = 0, matchType = COMPARE_GREATER) this means that this response will be chosen if the field fieldName will have a value greater than 0.
- responseType: The type of the response (Success, Failure, Diagnosed, No_Action or Resolve_ By_Name).
- isOnFail: Indicates whether this is the On-Fail response. The default value is false. Only one response in a @Action can have this set to true.
- ruleDefined: Indicates whether or not this response has a rule defined. Responses that have no
 rules defined can be used as the default response. There should be only one response without a rule
 defined in a single @Action.

Comments:

A response is the possible outcome of an operation or flow. The response contains a single rule: field matches value.

See the *HP OO 10 Studio Authoring Guide* for more information.

@Action Data Definition Example

```
@Action(value = "aflPing",
        description = "perform a dummy ping",
        outputs = {@Output(value = RETURN_RESULT, description = "returnResult description"),
                   @Output(RETURN_CODE),
                   @Output("packetsSent")
                   @Output("packetsReceived"),
                   @Output("percentagePacketsLost"),
                   @Output("transmissionTimeMin"),
                   @Output("transmissionTimeMax"),
                   @Output("transmissionTimeAvg")},
        responses = {@Response(text = "success", field = RETURN_CODE, value = PASSED),
                     @Response(text = "failure", field = RETURN_CODE, value = FAILED)})
public Map<String, String> doPing(
   @Param(value = "targetHost",
           required = true,
           encrypted = false,
           description = "the host to ping") String targetHost,
    @Param("packetCount") String packetCount,
   @Param("packetSize") String packetSize) {
}
```

Testing Extensions

Testing Extensions as Part of the Project Build

As an @Action is a simple Java method, it is possible to test it using standard Java test tools such as JUnit, leveraging the normal lifecycle phases of a Maven project.

As the @Action itself is a regular method, it does not require invoking any HP Operations Orchestration components. The invocation can be a direct Java method invocation in the test case.

Testing Extensions Independently from the Command Line

Once they are packaged into a plugin, you can invoke extensions from the command line for test purposes. The following is an @Action example:

```
public class TestActions {
    @Action
    public int sum(@Param("op1") int x, @Param("op2") int y){
        return x+y;
    }
}
```

Suppose the TestActions class is in a plugin with the following groupId, artifactId and version (GAV): **com.mycompany:my-actions:1.0**

You can invoke the sum @Action from the command line as follows:

```
mvn com.mycompany:my-actions:1.0:execute -Daction=sum -Dop1=1 -Dop2=3 -X
```

The result of this command is a long trace. The -x option is required to see log messages. Towards the end of the trace you can see:

```
[DEBUG] Configuring mojo 'com.mycompany:my-actions:1.0::execute' with basic configurator -->
[DEBUG] (f) actionName = sum
[DEBUG] (f) session = org.apache.maven.execution.MavenSession@21cfa61c
[DEBUG] -- end configuration --
[DEBUG] Action result: action result = 4
```

.NET Extensions

In order to create content using .NET actions, you need to:

1. Create a DLL file containing the implementation of the desired @Actions, just like in version 9.x. The @Action class should implement an IAction interface.

- Deploy the created DLL, including referenced libraries, to the local Maven repository, using mvn install:install-file. For more information on installing artifacts that were not built by Maven, see http://maven.apache.org/plugins/maven-install-plugin/usage.html
- 3. Generate an HP OO Maven plugin, wrapping the .NET action. To do this, you need to:
 - a. Create a pom.xml file. For POM references, see http://maven.apache.org/pom.html.
 - b. Under <dependencies>, add a list containing all the required DLLs. Define all DLL artifacts using <type>dll</type>.
 - c. Run the mvn install command from the folder containing the **pom.xml** file. This is considering that the Maven **bin** folder is contained in the system path.

The result is the Maven plugin, placed in the target folder and installed to the local Maven repository. The target folder location is relative to the current folder.

The content of the **pom.xml** is:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
project xmlns="http://maven.apache.org/POM/4.0.0"
         xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
         xsi:schemaLocation="http://maven.apache.org/POM/4.0.0 http://maven.apache.org/xsd/maven-
4.0.0.xsd">
    <modelVersion>4.0.0</modelVersion>
    <groupId>[my plugin groupId]</groupId>
    <artifactId>[my plugin artifactId]</artifactId>
    <version>[my plugin version]</version>
    <packaging>maven-plugin</packaging>
    coronerties>
        <oo-sdk.version>[THE LATEST HP 00 SDK VERSION]
        <oo-dotnet.version>[THE LATEST HP 00 DOTNET VERSION]/oo-dotnet.version>
    </properties>
    <dependencies>
        <!-- required dependencies -->
        <dependency>
            <groupId>com.hp.oo</groupId>
            <artifactId>oo-dotnet-action-plugin</artifactId>
            <version>${oo-sdk.version}</version>
        </dependency>
        <dependency>
            <groupId>com.hp.oo</groupId>
            <artifactId>oo-dotnet-legacy-plugin</artifactId>
            <version>${oo-dotnet.version}</version>
            <type>dll</type>
        </dependency>
            <groupId>${project.groupId}</groupId>
            <artifactId>IAction</artifactId>
            <version>9.0</version>
            <type>dll</type>
```

```
</dependency>
        <!-- end of required dependencies -->
        <dependency>
            <groupId>[groupId-1]
            <artifactId>[artifactId-1]</artifactId>
            <version>[version-1]</version>
            <type>dll</type>
        </dependency>
        <dependency>
            <groupId>[groupId-2]</groupId>
            <artifactId>[artifactId-2]</artifactId>
            <version>[version-2]</version>
            <type>dll</type>
        </dependency>
        <dependency>
            <groupId>[groupId-n]</groupId>
            <artifactId>[artifactId-n]</artifactId>
            <version>[version-n]</version>
            <type>dll</type>
        </dependency>
    </dependencies>
    <build>
        <plugins>
            <plugin>
                <groupId>com.hp.oo</groupId>
                <artifactId>oo-action-plugin-maven-plugin</artifactId>
                <version>${oo-sdk.version}</version>
                <executions>
                    <execution>
                        <id>generate plugin</id>
                        <phase>process-sources</phase>
                        <goals>
                            <goal>generate-dotnet-plugin</goal>
                        </goals>
                    </execution>
                </executions>
            </plugin>
        </plugins>
    </build>
</project>
```

In the following example:

- The POM file is named example.pom.xml.
- The my-dotnet-actions.dll contains the desired @Actions.
- The generated Maven plugin is com.example:my-dotnet-plugin:1.0.

4.0.0.xsd">

```
<modelVersion>4.0.0</modelVersion>
<groupId>com.example
<artifactId>my-dotnet-plugin</artifactId>
<version>1.0</version>
<packaging>maven-plugin</packaging>
cproperties>
    <oo-sdk.version>2.190</oo-sdk.version>
    <oo-dotnet.version>1.30</oo-dotnet.version>
</properties>
<dependencies>
  <!-- required dependencies -->
    <dependency>
        <groupId>com.hp.oo</groupId>
        <artifactId>oo-dotnet-action-plugin</artifactId>
        <version>${oo-sdk.version}</version>
    </dependency>
    <dependency>
        <groupId>com.hp.oo</groupId>
        <artifactId>oo-dotnet-legacy-plugin</artifactId>
        <version>${oo-dotnet.version}</version>
        <type>dll</type>
    </dependency>
    <dependency>
        <groupId>${project.groupId}</groupId>
        <artifactId>IAction</artifactId>
        <version>9.0</version>
        <type>dll</type>
    </dependency>
  <!-- end of required dependencies -->
    <dependency>
        <groupId>com.example</groupId>
        <artifactId>my-dotnet-actions</artifactId>
        <version>1.0</version>
        <type>dll</type>
    </dependency>
</dependencies>
<build>
    <plugins>
        <plugin>
            <groupId>com.hp.oo</groupId>
            <artifactId>oo-action-plugin-maven-plugin</artifactId>
            <version>${oo-sdk.version}</version>
            <executions>
                <execution>
                    <id>generate plugin</id>
                    <phase>process-sources</phase>
                    <goals>
                        <goal>generate-dotnet-plugin
                    </goals>
                </execution>
            </executions>
        </plugin>
    </plugins>
</build>
```

</project>

Legacy Actions

In order to create content using legacy actions, you need to:

- 1. Verify that you have a JAR containing the implementation of the desired actions, just like in version 9.x. The action class should implement an IAction interface.
- 2. Deploy the JAR, including referenced libraries, to the local Maven repository, using mvn install:install-file. For more information on installing artifacts that were not built by Maven, see http://maven.apache.org/plugins/maven-install-plugin/usage.html
- 3. Generate an HP OO Maven plugin, wrapping the legacy actions library. To do this, you need to:
 - a. Create a **pom.xml** file. For POM references, see http://maven.apache.org/pom.html.
 - b. Under <dependencies>, add a list containing all the required JARs.
 - c. Run the mvn install command from the folder containing the **pom.xml** file. This is considering that the Maven **bin** folder is contained in the system path.

The result is the Maven plugin, placed in the target folder and installed to the local Maven repository. The target folder location is relative to the current folder.

The content of the **pom.xml** is:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
project xmlns="http://maven.apache.org/POM/4.0.0"
       xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
       xsi:schemaLocation="http://maven.apache.org/POM/4.0.0 http://maven.apache.org/xsd/maven-
4.0.0.xsd">
    <modelVersion>4.0.0</modelVersion>
    <groupId>[my plugin groupId]</groupId>
    <artifactId>[my plugin artifactId]</artifactId>
    <version>[my plugin version]</version>
    <packaging>maven-plugin</packaging>
       <oo-sdk.version>[THE LATEST HP 00 SDK VERSION]
        <oo-dotnet.version>[THE LATEST HP 00 DOTNET VERSION]/oo-dotnet.version>
    </properties>
    <dependencies>
       <!-- required dependencies -->
           <groupId>com.hp.oo
           <artifactId>oo-legacy-action-plugin</artifactId>
           <version>${oo-sdk.version}</version>
        </dependency>
        <!-- end of required dependencies -->
```

```
<dependency>
            <groupId>[groupId-1]</groupId>
            <artifactId>[artifactId-1]</artifactId>
            <version>[version-1]</version>
        </dependency>
        <dependency>
            <groupId>[groupId-2]</groupId>
            <artifactId>[artifactId-2]</artifactId>
            <version>[version-2]</version>
        </dependency>
        <dependency>
            <groupId>[groupId-n]</groupId>
            <artifactId>[artifactId-n]</artifactId>
            <version>[version-n]</version>
        </dependency>
    </dependencies>
    <build>
        <plugins>
                <groupId>com.hp.oo</groupId>
                <artifactId>oo-action-plugin-maven-plugin</artifactId>
                <version>${oo-sdk.version}</version>
                <executions>
                    <execution>
                        <id>generate plugin</id>
                        <phase>process-sources</phase>
                        <goals>
                            <goal>generate-legacy-plugin
                        </goals>
                    </execution>
                </executions>
            </plugin>
        </plugins>
    </build>
</project>
```

In the following example:

- The POM file is named example.pom.xml.
- The my-legacy-actions.jar contains the desired actions.
- The generated Maven plugin is **com.example:my-legacy-actions:1.0**.

```
<packaging>maven-plugin</packaging>
    cproperties>
        <oo-sdk.version>2.190</oo-sdk.version>
        <oo-dotnet.version>1.30</oo-dotnet.version>
    </properties>
    <dependencies>
       <!-- required dependencies -->
        <dependency>
            <groupId>com.hp.oo</groupId>
            <artifactId>oo-legacy-action-plugin</artifactId>
            <version>${oo-sdk.version}</version>
        </dependency>
        <!-- end of required dependencies -->
        <dependency>
            <groupId>com.example
            <artifactId>my-legacy-actions</artifactId>
            <version>1.0</version>
        </dependency>
    </dependencies>
    <build>
       <plugins>
               <groupId>com.hp.oo</groupId>
               <artifactId>oo-action-plugin-maven-plugin</artifactId>
               <version>${oo-sdk.version}</version>
               <executions>
                    <execution>
                        <id>generate plugin</id>
                        <phase>process-sources</phase>
                        <goals>
                            <goal>generate-legacy-plugin
                        </goals>
                    </execution>
                </executions>
            </plugin>
        </plugins>
    </build>
</project>
```



