

# Discovering Velo User Interface

## Basics of the User Interface: Perspectives and Views

The VELO User Interface was developed with the Open Source [Eclipse software](#) known for its Java Integrated Development Environment (IDE). Two terms important to navigating Velo are **perspectives** and **views** (Figure 1).

A **perspective** is the name given to an initial collection and arrangement of **views** in the user interface. Each perspective provides a set of windows that is tailored to a specific task.

A **view** is a visual component (or window) within the perspective. Each view is tailored to a specific function.

A perspective can show any number of views (Figure 1).

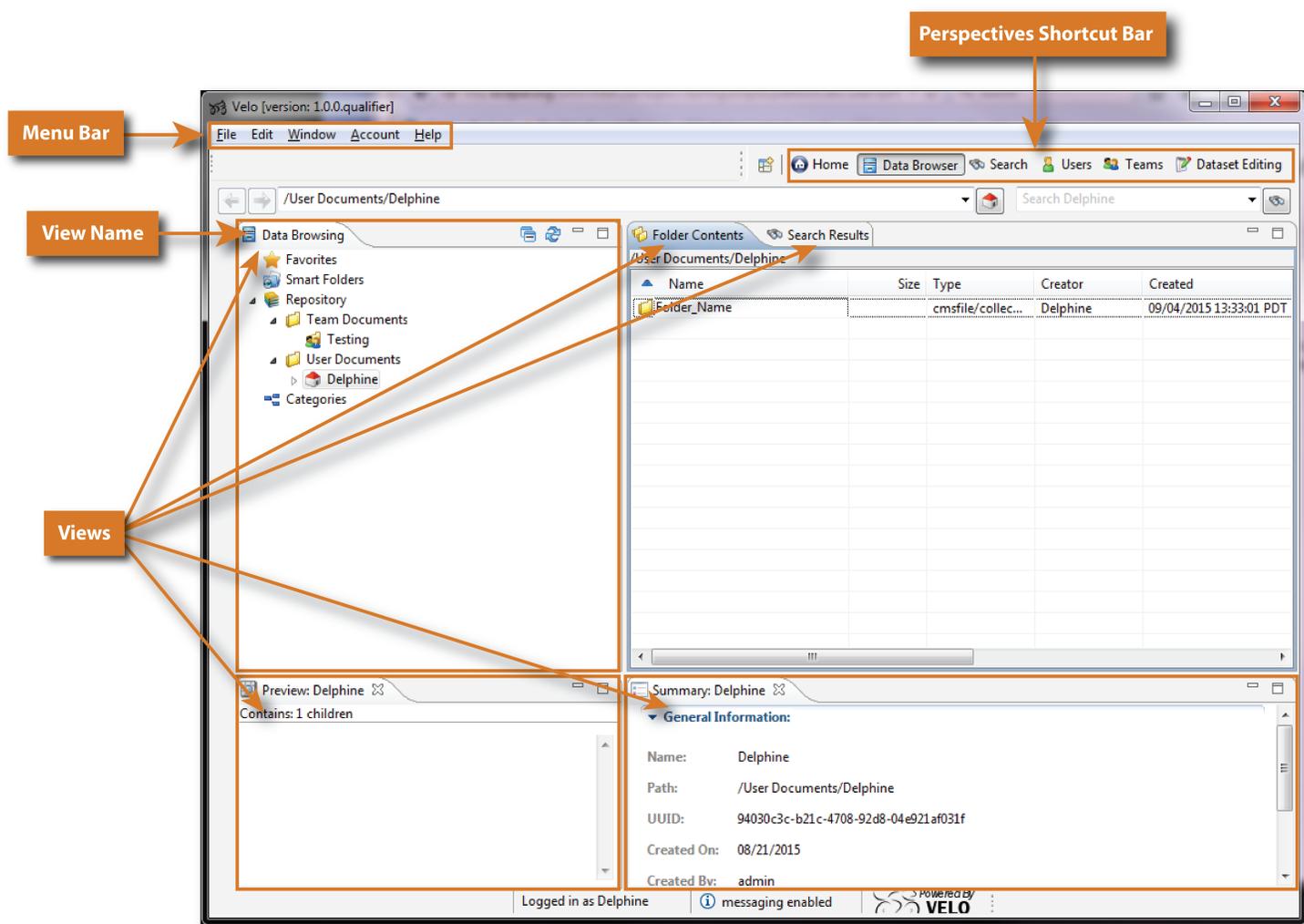


Figure 1. Typical Perspective Layout in Velo With its Arrangement of Views (Dat Browser)

Velo provides the default perspective shown in Figure 1. In this example, the perspective contains a collection of five separate views: *Data Browsing*, *Summary*, *Preview*, *Folder Contents* and *File Browser*. The collection of windows is entitled the *Data Browser* perspective.

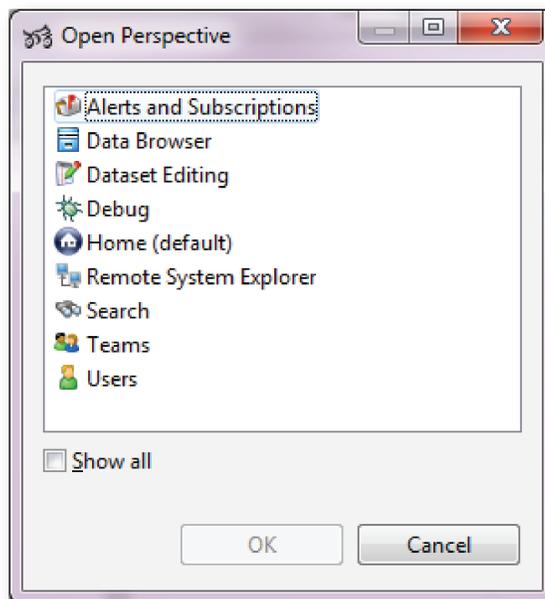
## Opening A Perspective

To open a new **Perspective**, two ways can be used:

1. The **Perspective Shortcut Bar** (see Figure 1) provides quick access to the most commonly used perspectives in Velo.

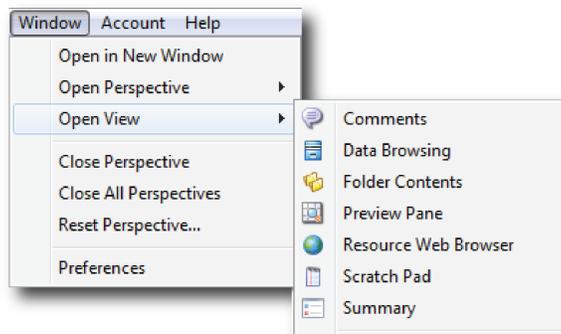
Navigate to a specific perspective just by clicking on its name in the shortcut bar.

- From the **Menu Bar** (see Figure 1), click on *Window > Open Perspective > Other* or click on the **Open Perspective**  and select the desired perspective (Figure 2).



## Customizing a Perspective

The arrangement of the **Views** can be changed by dragging the view tabs to different locations within the window. It is also possible to resize areas and add or remove views. To add **Views** that are not displayed in a specific perspective by default, just click on *Window > Open View* and select the View to be displayed.



Return to the default layout by choosing *Window > Reset Perspective*

At any point of time, several perspectives can be opened simultaneously. Freely switch between these perspectives by clicking on the perspectives shortcut bar.

## Closing a Perspective

To close a perspective, just click on *Window > Close Perspective* or click on the close button in the Perspective Name Tab (Figure 1).

## Velo's Perspectives

Velo comes six perspectives that offer different action and presentation sets. The general description of each of them are described below. Click on the link in the table below for a description of each of the perspectives

PERSPECTIVE	DESCRIPTION / MAIN FEATURES
 <a href="#">Home</a>	Welcome Perspective (default) - Access to features that will get the user started with Akuna
 <a href="#">Data Browser</a>	Allows the user to manage datasets in a directory tree structure specific.
 <a href="#">Dataset Editing</a>	Provides data management process to create and edit datasets.
 <a href="#">Search</a>	Provides simple or advances search tools
 <a href="#">Users</a>	Provides view information about other users of the Velo server
 <a href="#">Teams</a>	Allows the user to create teams and provides view information about Velo teams of which the user is a member.
 <a href="#">Remote System Explorer</a>	Allows the user to browse remote servers