

Elements of Design - Plans for Reuse

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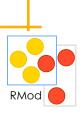
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Plans for Reuse

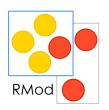


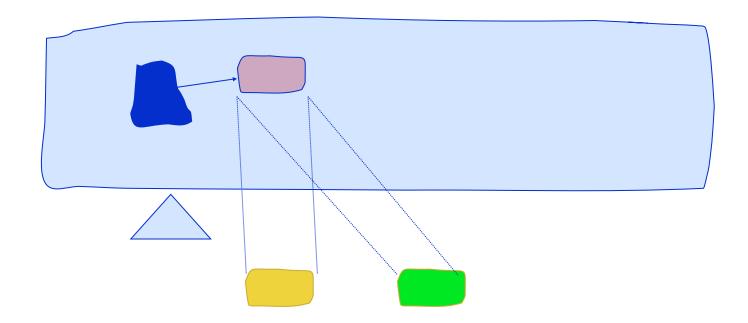
Dynamic binding + methods

- = reuse in subclasses
- = specialisation in subclasses



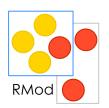
Methods are Unit of Reuse







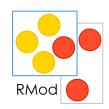
A first problem



Forced to Duplicate!

self window add:

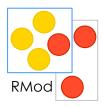
defaultWindowSize)



```
Node>>computeRatioForDisplay
    averageRatio defaultNodeSize |
   averageRatio := 55.
   defaultNodeSize := mainCoordinate /maximiseViewRatio.
   self window add:
            (UINode new with:
                        (bandWidth * averageRatio / defaultWindowSize)
 We are forced to copy the complete method!
SpecialNode>>computeRatioForDisplay
   |averageRatio defaultNodeSize|
   averageRatio := 55.
   defaultNodeSize := mainCoordinate + minimalRatio /
   maximiseViewRatio.
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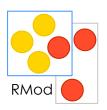
(UINode new with: (self bandWidth * averageRatio /

Solution



Define methods
Send messages to these methods
Let subclasses customize such methods

Self sends: Plan for Reuse



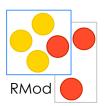
Node>>defaultNodeSize

^ mainCoordinate / maxiViewRatio

SpecialNode>>defaultNodeSize

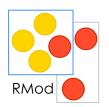
^ mainCoordinate+minimalRatio/maxiViewRatio

Do not Hardcode Class Names



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    |averageRatio defaultNodeSize|
    averageRatio := 55.
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    self window add:
             (UINode new with:
                          (bandWidth * averageRatio / defaultWindowSize).
 We are forced to copy the method!
SpecialNode>>computeRatioForDisplay
    |averageRatio defaultNodeSize|
    averageRatio := 55.
    defaultNodeSize := mainWindowCoordinate / maximiseViewRatio.
    self window add:
                 (ExtendedUINode new with:
                             (bandWidth * averageRatio /
```

Class Factories



Node>>UIClass

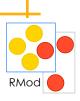
^ UINode

SpecialNode>>UlClass

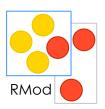
^ ExtendedUINode

Hook and Template

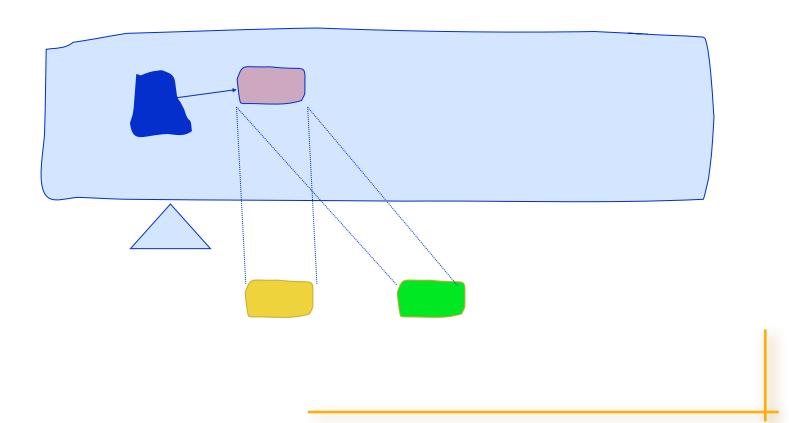




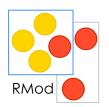
Hook and Template Methods

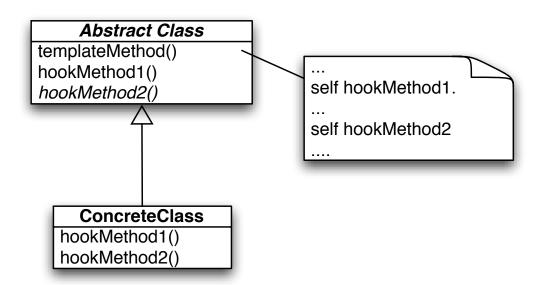


- Hooks: place for reuse
- Template: context for reuse



Hook and Template Methods





- · Templates: Context reused by subclasses
- · Hook methods: holes that can be specialized
- Hook methods do not have to be abstract, they may define default behavior or no behavior at all.

Hook / Template Example: Printing

Object>>printString

"Answer a String whose characters are a description of the receiver."

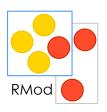
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aStream
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aStream := WriteStream on: (String new: 16).

self printOn: aStream.

^aStream contents

Hook



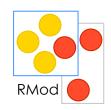
Object>>printOn: aStream

"Append to the argument aStream a sequence of characters that describes the receiver."

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title
title := self class name.
aStream nextPutAll:
              ((title at: I) is Vowel if True: ['an '] if False: ['a ']).
aStream print: self class
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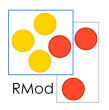
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Overriding the Hook



```
Array>>printOn: aStream
   "Append to the argument, aStream, the elements of the Array
   enclosed by parentheses."
    tooMany
   tooMany := aStream position + self maxPrint.
   aStream nextPutAII: '#('.
   self do: [:element |
               aStream position > tooMany
           ifTrue: [ aStream nextPutAll: '...(more)...)'.
               ^self ].
                element printOn: aStream]
       separatedBy: [aStream space].
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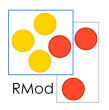
Overriding



False>>printOn: aStream
"Print false."

aStream nextPutAll: 'false'

Specialization of the Hook



The class **Behavior** that represents a class extends the default hook but still invokes the default one.

Behavior>>printOn: aStream

"Append to the argument aStream a statement of

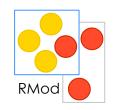
superclass the receiver descends from."

aStream nextPutAll: 'a descendent of '. superclass printOn: aStream

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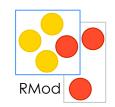
which

Another Example: Copying



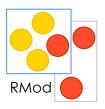
Complex (deepCopy, veryDeepCopy...)
Recursive objects
Graph of connected objects
Each object wants a different copy of itself
No up-front solution

The copy hook/template



Smallest template method ever (2 messages) three messages: copy, shallowCopy, postCopy

Hook Example: Copying



Object>>copy

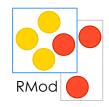
"Answer another instance just like the receiver. Subclasses normally override the postCopy message, but some objects that should not be copied override copy."

^self shallowCopy postCopy

Object>>shallowCopy

"Answer a copy of the receiver which shares the receiver's instance variables."

postCopy

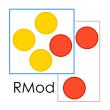


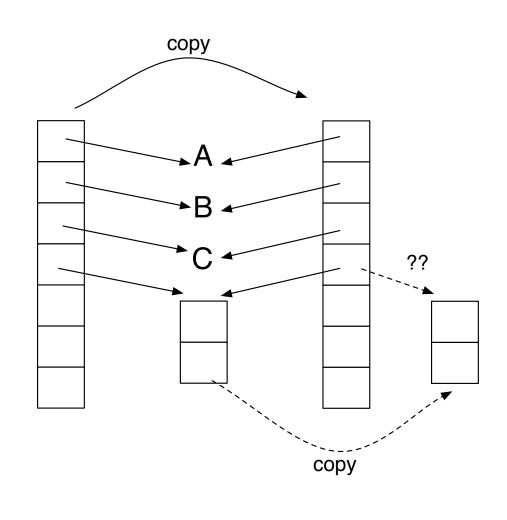
Object>>postCopy

"Finish doing whatever is required, beyond a shallowCopy, to implement 'copy'. Answer the receiver. This message is only intended to be sent to the newly created instance. Subclasses may add functionality, but they should always do super postCopy first."

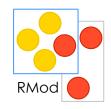
^self

Sounds Trivial?





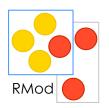
Stuff>>copy



We do not want to share the fourth element

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Stuff>>postCopy
super postCopy.
fourth := fourth copy
```

Analysis

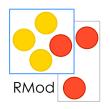


Recursive invocation of copy

we do not know how the subelement wants to be copied

Hook Specialisation

Bag>>postCopy



```
"Make sure to copy the contents fully."

| new |
| super postCopy.
| new := contents class new: contents capacity.
| contents keysAndValuesDo:
| [:obj :count | new at: obj put: count].
| contents := new.
```

Guidelines for Creating Template Methods

Simple implementation.

Implement all the code in one method.

Break into steps.

Comment logical subparts

Make step methods.

Extract subparts as methods

Call the step methods

Make constant methods, i.e., methods doing nothing else than returning.

Repeat steps 1-5 if necessary on the methods created

