

Chapter 1

Athens

1.1 Basics

Some handy extensions

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[ 1 + 2 ] cull: 5  → 3
[ 1 + 2 ] cull: 5 cull: 6  → 3
[ :x | 2 + x ] cull: 5  → 7
[ :x | 2 + x ] cull: 5 cull: 3  → 7
[ :x :y | 1 + x + y ] cull: 5 cull: 2  → 8
[ :x :y | 1 + x + y ] cull: 5  ~> error because the block needs 2 arguments.
[ :x :y | 1 + x + y ] valueWithPossibleArgs: #(5)
                               ~> error because 'y' is nil and '+' does not accept nil as a parameter.
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Other messages. Some messages are useful to profile execution (more information on Chapter ??):

bench. Return how many times the receiver can get executed in 5 seconds.

durationToRun. Answer the duration (instance of Duration) taken to execute the receiver block.

timeToRun. Answer the number of milliseconds taken to execute this block.

Figure 1.1: Non local variable are looked in the method activation context where the block was created and not executed.