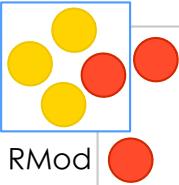


A Little Journey in the Smalltalk Syntax

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Goal

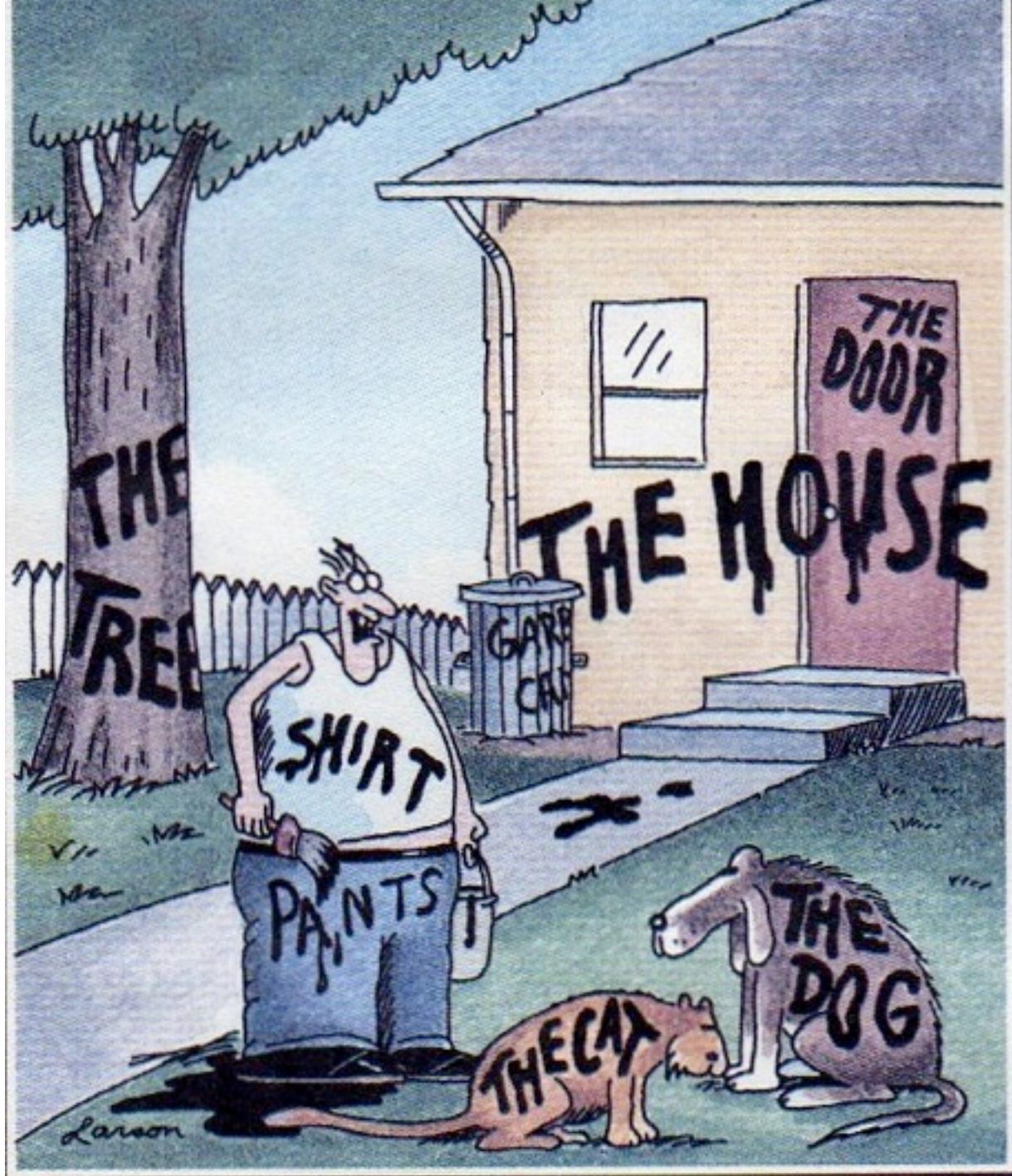


Lower your stress :)
Show you that this is simple

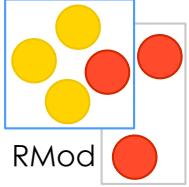


Appetizer!



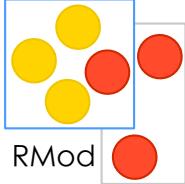


"Now! ... That should clear up
a few things around here!"



Yeah!

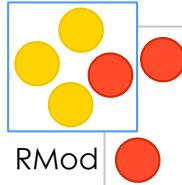
Smalltalk is a dynamically typed language



```
ArrayList<String> strings  
= new ArrayList<String>();
```

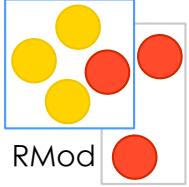
strings := ArrayList new.

Shorter



```
Thread regThread = new Thread(  
    new Runnable() {  
        public void run() {  
            this.doSomething();}  
    });  
regThread.start();
```

[self doSomething] fork.

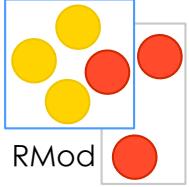


Smalltalk = Objects + Messages + (...)

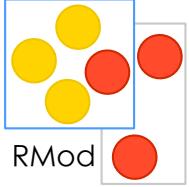
Roadmap

Fun with numbers



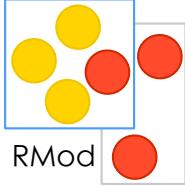


1 class

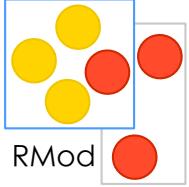


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>SmallInteger

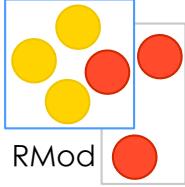


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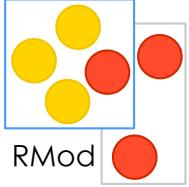


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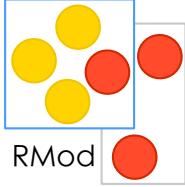


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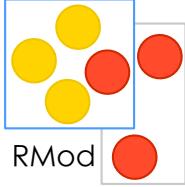


(1 class maxVal + 1) class

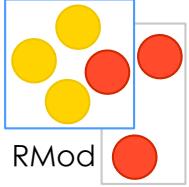
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>LargePositiveInteger



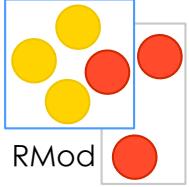


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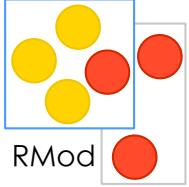


$$(1/3) + (2/3)$$

>1

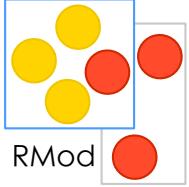


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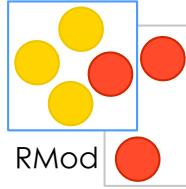


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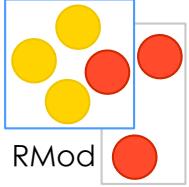
$$> 5/3$$



1 000 factorial



1000 factorial

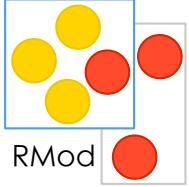


1000 factorial / 999 factorial

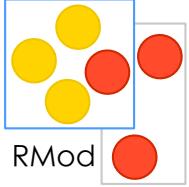
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> 1000



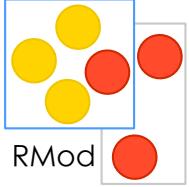


10 @ 100



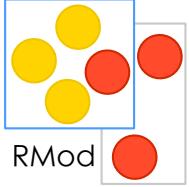
10 @ 100

(10 @ 100) ×



10 @ 100

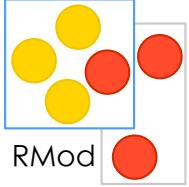
(10 @ 100) ×
> 10



10 @ 100

(10 @ 100) x
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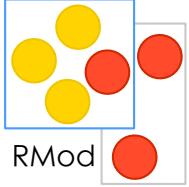
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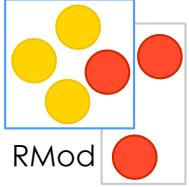
(10 @ 100) x
> 10

(10 @ 100) y
>100



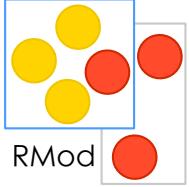
Points!

Points are created using @



Puzzle

$(10@100) + (20@100)$



Puzzle

$(10@100) + (20@100)$
 $>30@200$

Puzzle

$(10@100) + (20@100)$
 $>30@200$

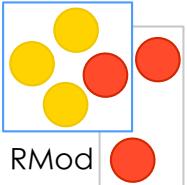


Roadmap

Fun with characters, strings, arrays

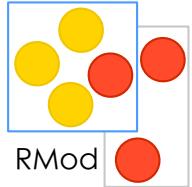


\$C \$h \$a \$r \$a \$c \$t \$e \$r



\$F \$Q \$U \$E \$N \$T \$i \$N

space? tab?



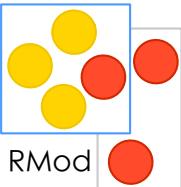
Character space

Character tab

Character cr

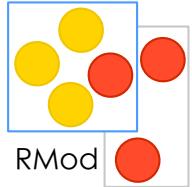


'Strings'



'Tiramisu'

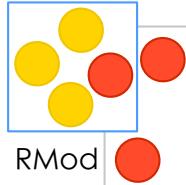
Characters



12 printString

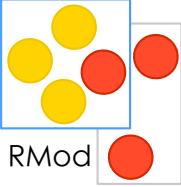
> '12'

Strings are collections of chars



'Tiramisu' at: 1

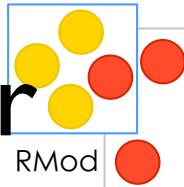
Strings are collections of chars



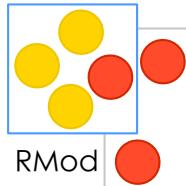
'Tiramisu' at: 1

```
> $T
```

A program — Finding the last character

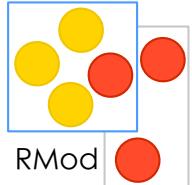


A program!



| str |

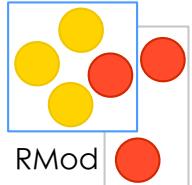
A program!



| str |

local variable

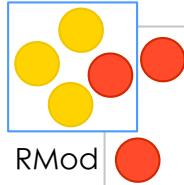
A program!



```
| str |  
str := 'Tiramisu'.
```

local variable

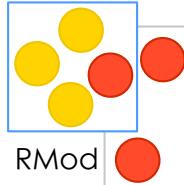
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```

local variable
assignment

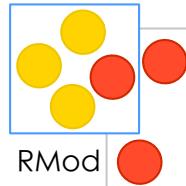
A program!



```
| str |
str := 'Tiramisu'.
str at: str size
```

local variable
assignment

A program!



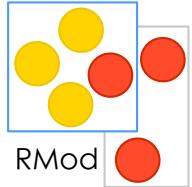
```
| str |
str := 'Tiramisu'.
str at: str size
```

local variable
assignment
message send

```
> $u
```

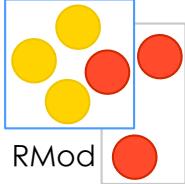


double ' to get one



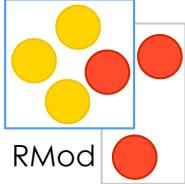
'L"Idiot'

> one string, containing a single apostrophe



For concatenation use ,

```
'Calvin' , ' & ', 'Hobbes'
```



For concatenation use ,

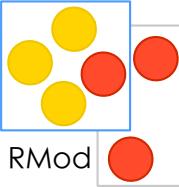
```
'Calvin' , ' & ', 'Hobbes'  
> 'Clavin & Hobbes'
```

For concatenation use ,

```
'Calvin' , ' & ', 'Hobbes'  
> 'Calvin & Hobbes'
```



Symbols: #Pharo

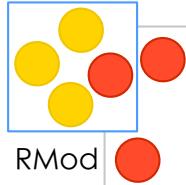


#Something is a symbol

Symbol is a unique string in the system

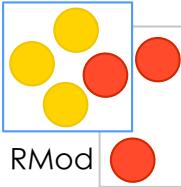
#Something == #Something
> true

“Comment”



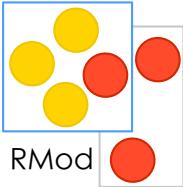
“what a fun language lecture.
I really liked the desserts”

#(Array)

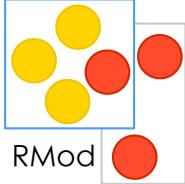


`#('Calvin' 'hates' 'Suzie')`

#(Array)



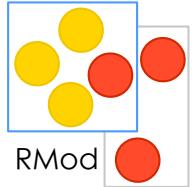
`#('Calvin' 'hates' 'Suzie') size`



#(Array)

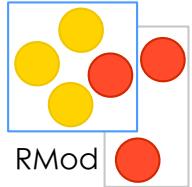
```
#('Calvin' 'hates' 'Suzie') size  
> 3
```

First element starts at 1

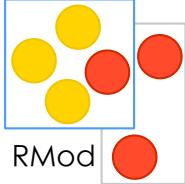


```
#('Calvin' 'hates' 'Suzie') at: 2
```

First element starts at 1



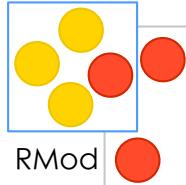
```
#('Calvin' 'hates' 'Suzie') at: 2  
> 'hates'
```



at: to access, at:put: to set

```
#('Calvin' 'hates' 'Suzie') at: 2 put: 'loves'
```

#(Array)



`#('Calvin' 'hates' 'Suzie') at: 2 put: 'loves'`

`> #('Calvin' 'loves' 'Suzie')`



Syntax Summary

comment:

"a comment"

character:

\$c \$h \$a \$r \$a \$c \$t \$e \$r \$s \$# \$@

string:

'a nice string' 'lulu' "l"idiot'

symbol:

#mac #+

array:

#{1 2 3 (1 3) \$a 4}

byte array:

#[1 2 3]

integer:

1 2r101

real:

1.5 6.03e-34 4.0 2.4e7

fraction:

1/33

boolean:

true false

point:

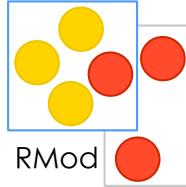
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Roadmap

Fun with keywords-based messages

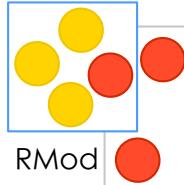


Keyword-based messages



```
arr at: 2 put: 'loves'
```

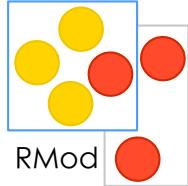
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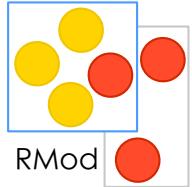
somehow like arr.atput(2,'loves')

From Java to Smalltalk



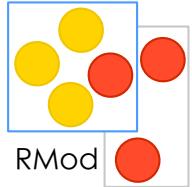
postman.send(mail,recipient);

Removing



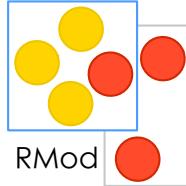
postman.send(mail,recipient);

Removing unnecessary

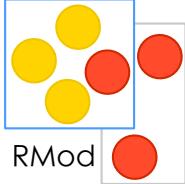


postman send mail recipient

But without losing information



postman send mail **to recipient**



postman send: mail to: recipient

postman.send(mail,recipient);

postman `send:` mail `to:` recipient

`postman.send(mail,recipient);`

The message is `send:to:`

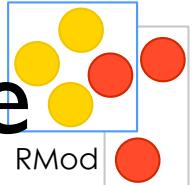


Roadmap

Fun with variables



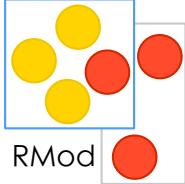
Shared or Global starts with Uppercase



Transcript cr .

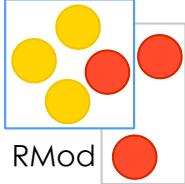
Transcript show: 'hello world'.

Transcript cr .



local or temps starts with lowercase

```
| str |
str := 'Tiramisu'
```



self, super, true, false, nil

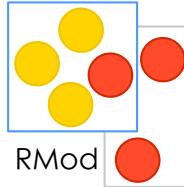
self = this

super

true, false are for Booleans

nil is UndefinedObject instance

self, super, true, false, nil



`self = this` in Java

`super`

`true, false` are for Booleans

`nil` is `UndefinedObject` instance

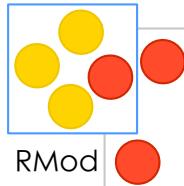


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Fun with classes

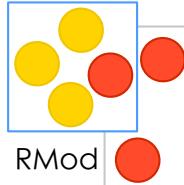


A class definition!



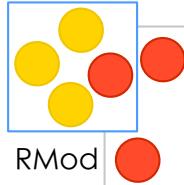
```
Superclass subclass: #Class
instanceVariableNames: 'a b c'
...
category: 'Package name'
```

A class definition!



Object subclass: #Point
instanceVariableNames: 'x y'
classVariableNames: ''
poolDictionaries: ''
category: 'Graphics-Primitives'

A class definition!



Object subclass: #Point
instanceVariableNames: 'x y'
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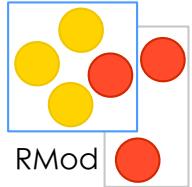


Roadmap

Fun with methods



On Integer

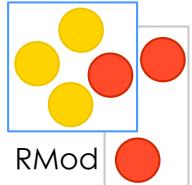


asComplex

"Answer a Complex number that represents value of the the receiver."

^ Complex real: self imaginary: 0

On Boolean

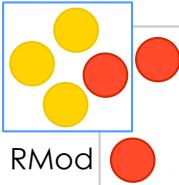


xor: **aBoolean**

"Exclusive OR. Answer true if the receiver is not equivalent to aBoolean."

`^(self == aBoolean) not`

Summary



`self, super`

can access instance variables

can define local variable | ... |

Do not need to define argument types

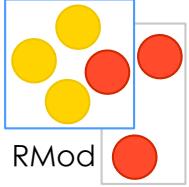
^ to return



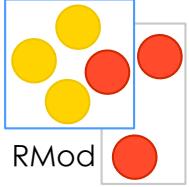
Roadmap

Fun with unary messages

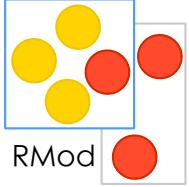




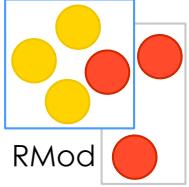
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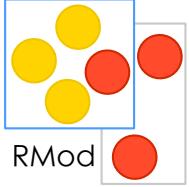
1 class
> SmallInteger



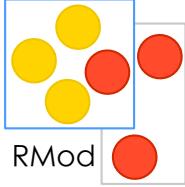
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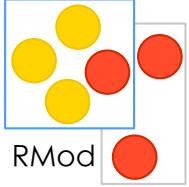
**false not
> true**



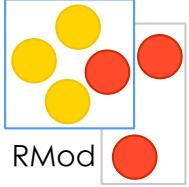
Date today



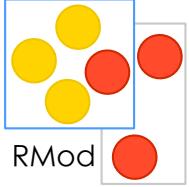
Date today
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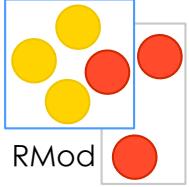
Time now



Time now
> 6:50:03 pm

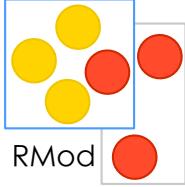


Float pi



Float pi

```
> 3.141592653589793
```



We send messages to both objects and to classes!

1 class

Date today

We sent messages to objects or classes!

1 class

Date today

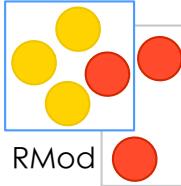


Roadmap

Fun with binary messages



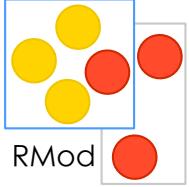
aReceiver aSelector anArgument



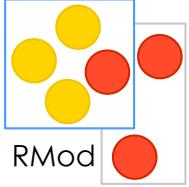
Used for arithmetic, comparison and logical operations

One or two characters taken from:

+ - / \ * ~ < > = @ % | & ! ? ,

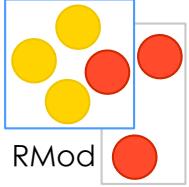


1 + 2

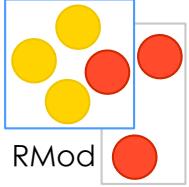


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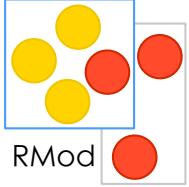
>3



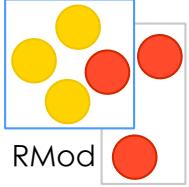
2 => 3



2 => 3
> false



10 @ 200

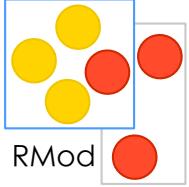


'Black chocolate' , ' is good'

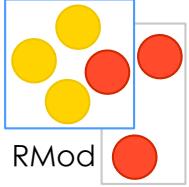
Roadmap

Fun with keyword-based messages

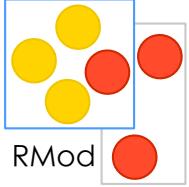




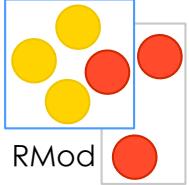
```
#('Calvin' 'hates' 'Suzie') at: 2 put: 'loves'
```



```
#('Calvin' 'hates' 'Suzie') at: 2 put: 'loves'  
> #('Calvin' 'loves' 'Suzie')
```

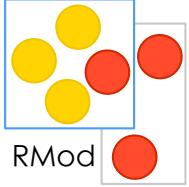


10@20 setX: 2

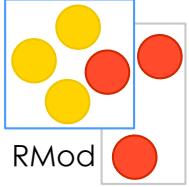


10@20 setX: 2

> 2@20

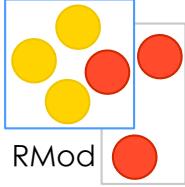


12 between: 10 and: 20



12 between: 10 and: 20

> true



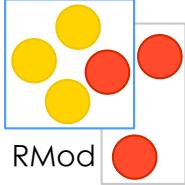
receiver

keyword1: argument1

keyword2: argument2

equivalent to

receiver.keyword1 keyword2(argument1, argument2)



receiver

keyword1: argument1

keyword2: argument2

equivalent to

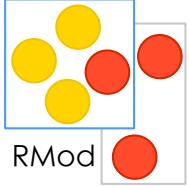
receiver.keyword1 keyword2(argument1, argument2)



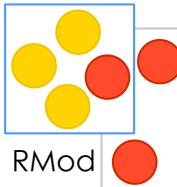
Roadmap

Browser newOnClass: Point





Browser newOnClass: Point



Browser newOnClass: Point

Class Browser: Point

Point

-- all --
*morphic-extent functions
*morphic-truncation and roundoff
*morphicextras-*morphic-postscript canvases
accessing

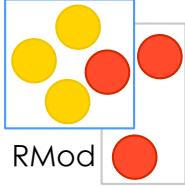
instance ? class

*

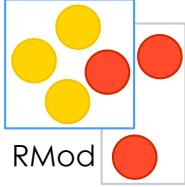
+ - / ..

browse senders implementors versions inheritance hierarchy inst vars class v

```
Object subclass: #Point
    instanceVariableNames: 'x y'
    classVariableNames: ''
    poolDictionaries: ''
    category: 'Graphics-Primitives'
```



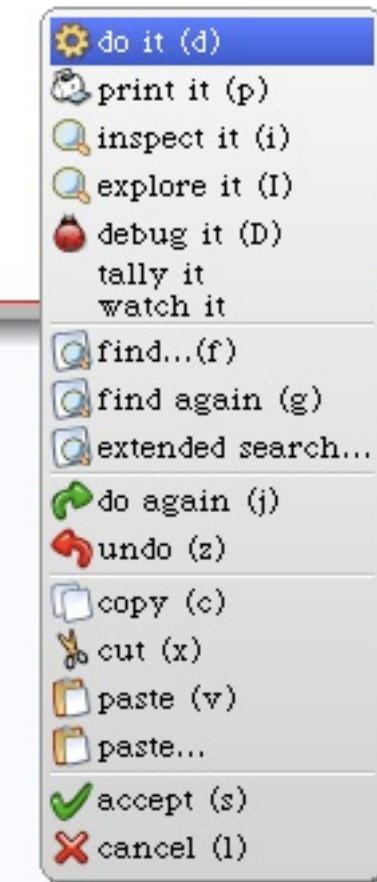
Yes there is a difference between
doing (side effect)
and returning an object

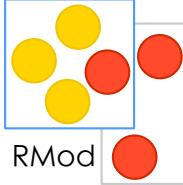


Browser newOnClass: Point
> a Browser

Doing when you do not care about the answer:

Browser newOnClass: Point

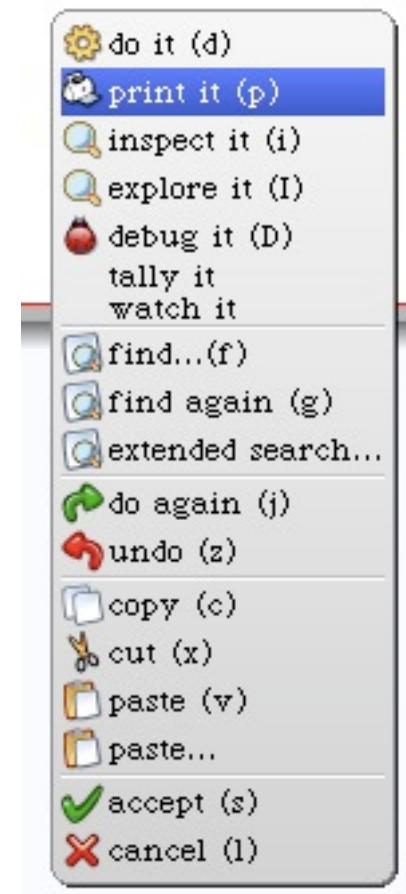


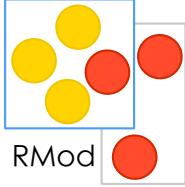


Doing when you really want to see the answer:

```
10@20 setX: 2  
> 2@20
```

This is called *printing*





dolt (do some Smalltalk code)

vs

printIt (dolt + printing
the answer)

dolt (do some Smalltalk code)

vs

printIt (dolt + printing
the answer)



Roadmap

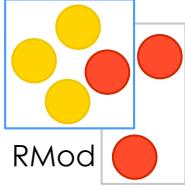
Messages messages

messages

again messages

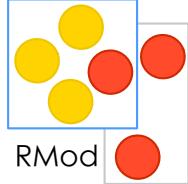
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Yes, there are only messages
unary
binary
keywords

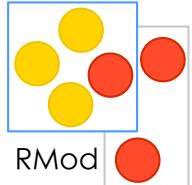
Composition: from left to right!



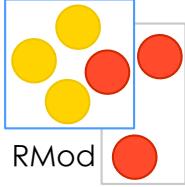
69 class inspect

69 class superclass superclass inspect

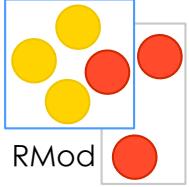
Precedence



Unary > Binary > Keywords

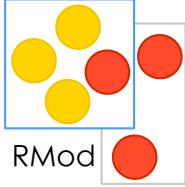


2 + 3 squared



$2 + 3$ squared

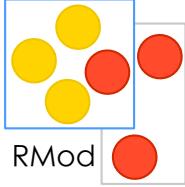
$> 2 + 9$



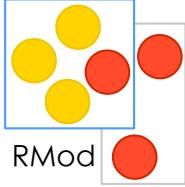
2 + 3 squared

> 2 + 9

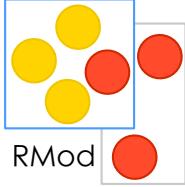
> ||



Color gray - Color white = Color black



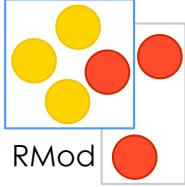
Color gray - Color white = Color black
> aColor = Color black



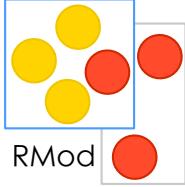
Color gray - Color white = Color black

> aColor = Color black

> true

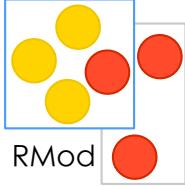


2 raisedTo: 3 + 2



2 raisedTo: 3 + 2

> 2 raisedTo: 5

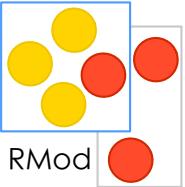


`2 raisedTo: 3 + 2`

`> 2 raisedTo: 5`

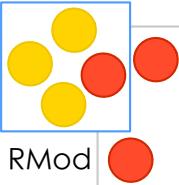
`> 32`

No mathematical precedence



$1/3 + 2/3$

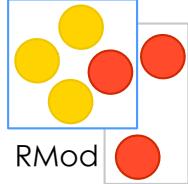
No mathematical precedence



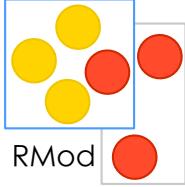
$1/3 + 2/3$

$>7/3 /3$

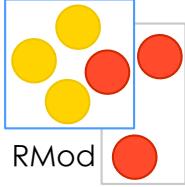
(Msg) > Unary > Binary > Keywords



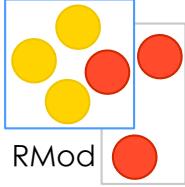
Parenthesized takes precedence!



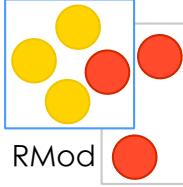
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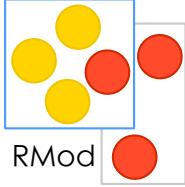
`(0@0 extent: 100@100) bottomRight
> (aPoint extent: anotherPoint)
bottomRight`



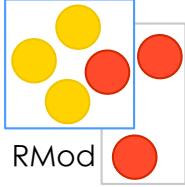
(0@0 extent: 100@100) bottomRight
> (aPoint extent: anotherPoint)
bottomRight
> aRectangle bottomRight



(0@0 extent: 100@100) bottomRight
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bottomRight
> aRectangle bottomRight
> 100@100



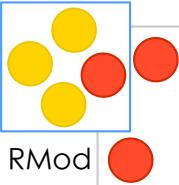
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`0@0 extent: 100@100 bottomRight`

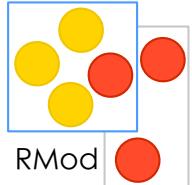
- > Message not understood
- > 100 does not understand bottomRight

No mathematical precedence



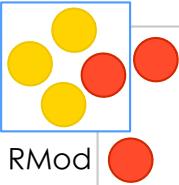
$3 + 2 * 10$

No mathematical precedence



$3 + 2 * 10$
 $> 5 * 10$

No mathematical precedence



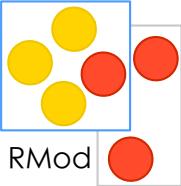
3 + 2 * 10

> 5 * 10

> 50

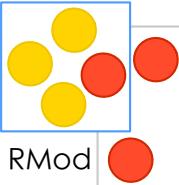
argh!

No mathematical precedence



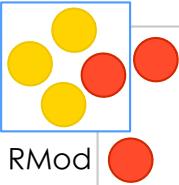
$3 + (2 * 10)$

No mathematical precedence



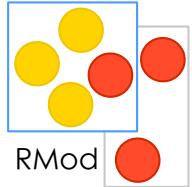
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3 + (2 * 10)  
> 3 + 20
```

No mathematical precedence



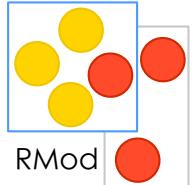
```
3 + (2 * 10)  
> 3 + 20  
> 23
```

No mathematical precedence



$$\begin{aligned} & 1/3 + 2/3 \\ & > 7/3 / 3 \end{aligned}$$

No mathematical precedence

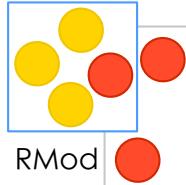


$$1/3 + 2/3$$

$$> (7/3) / 3$$

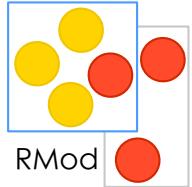
$$> 7/9$$

No mathematical precedence



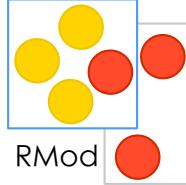
$$(1/3) + (2/3)$$

No mathematical precedence



$$\begin{aligned}(1/3) + (2/3) \\ > 1\end{aligned}$$

Only Messages

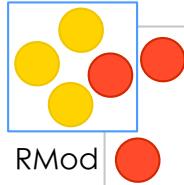


(Msg) > Unary > Binary > Keywords

from left to right

No mathematical precedence

Only Messages



(Msg) > Unary > Binary > Keywords
from left to right
No mathematical precedence

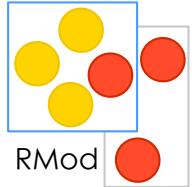


Roadmap

Fun with blocks

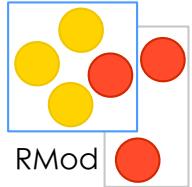


Function definition



```
fct(x) = x * x + x
```

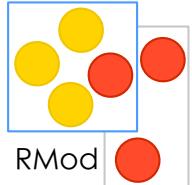
Function Application



`fct (2) = 6`

`fct (20) = 420`

Function definition

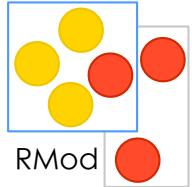


$fct(x) = x * x + x$

|fct|

fct:= [:x | x * x + x].

Function Application



fct (2) = 6

fct (20) = 420

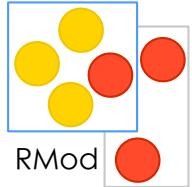
fct value: 2

> 6

fct value: 20

> 420

Other examples

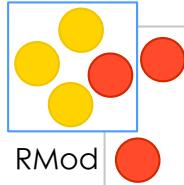


[2 + 3 + 4 + 5] value

[:x | x + 3 + 4 + 5] value: 2

[:x :y | x + y + 4 + 5] value: 2 value: 3

Block



anonymous function

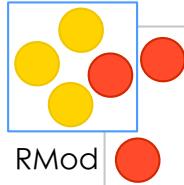
```
[ :variable1 :variable2 |  
  | tmp |  
  expression1.  
  ...variable1 ... ]
```

To execute the function, use the

value: ... value: ...

message

Block



anonymous function — represented as an object

Really really cool!

Can be passed to methods, stored in instance variables ...

```
[ :variable1 :variable2 |  
  | tmp |  
  expression1.  
  ...variable1 ... ]
```

value: ... value: ...

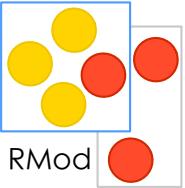


Roadmap

Fun with conditional



Example

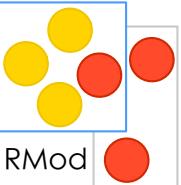


`3 > 0`

`ifTrue:['positive']`

`ifFalse:['negative']`

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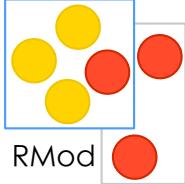


```
3 > 0
```

```
  ifTrue:['positive']
```

```
  ifFalse:['negative']
```

```
> 'positive'
```



Yes **ifTrue:ifFalse:** is a message!

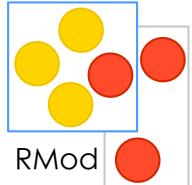
Weather isRaining

ifTrue: [self takeMyUmbrella]

ifFalse: [self takeMySunglasses]

ifTrue:ifFalse is sent to an object: a boolean!

Booleans



& | not

or: and: (lazy)

xor:

ifTrue:ifFalse:

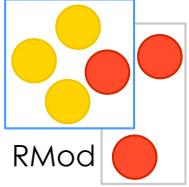
ifFalse:ifTrue:

...

Yes! `ifTrue:ifFalse:` is a message send to a Boolean.

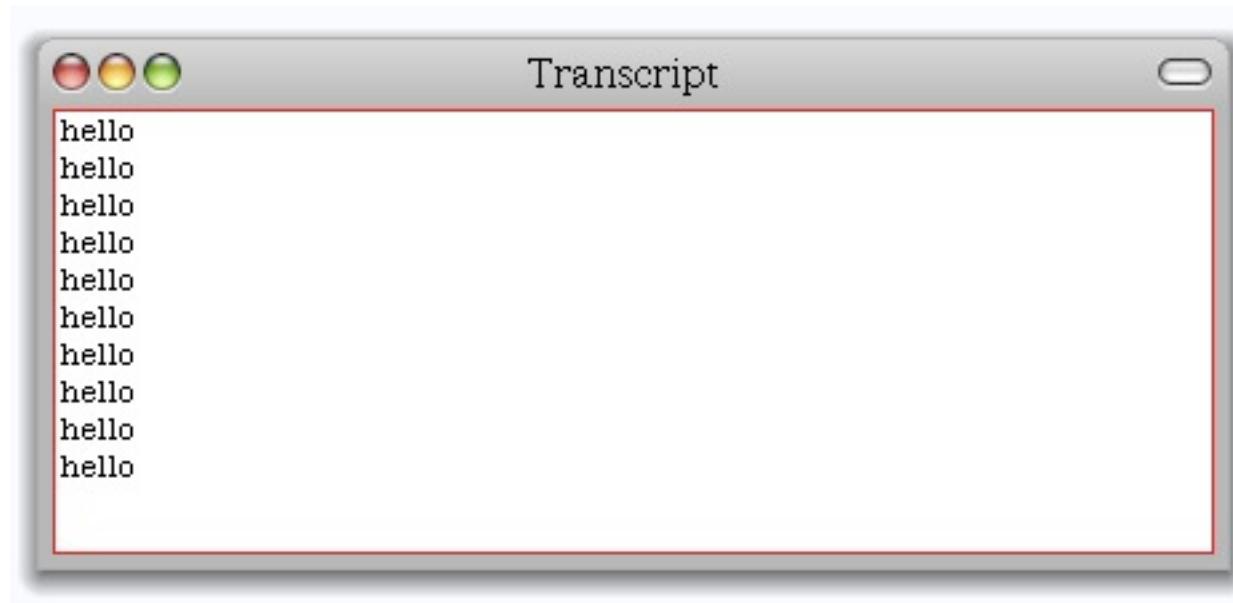
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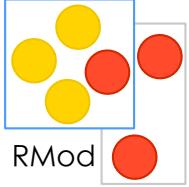




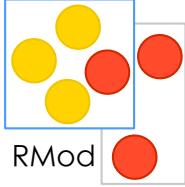
10 timesRepeat: [Transcript show: 'hello'; cr]

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[x < y] whileTrue: [x := x + 3]



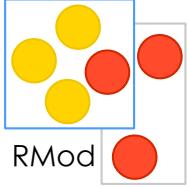
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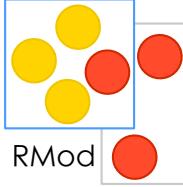
aBlockTest `whileTrue: aBlockBody`

aBlockTest `whileFalse: aBlockBody`

anInteger `timesRepeat: aBlockBody`



Confused about () and [] ?



Use [] when you do not know the number of times something may be executed

(x isBlue) ifTrue: [x schroumph]

n timesRepeat: [self shout]

Control statement of other languages are replaced by messages sent to booleans:

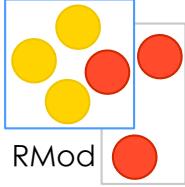
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Roadmap

Fun with loops



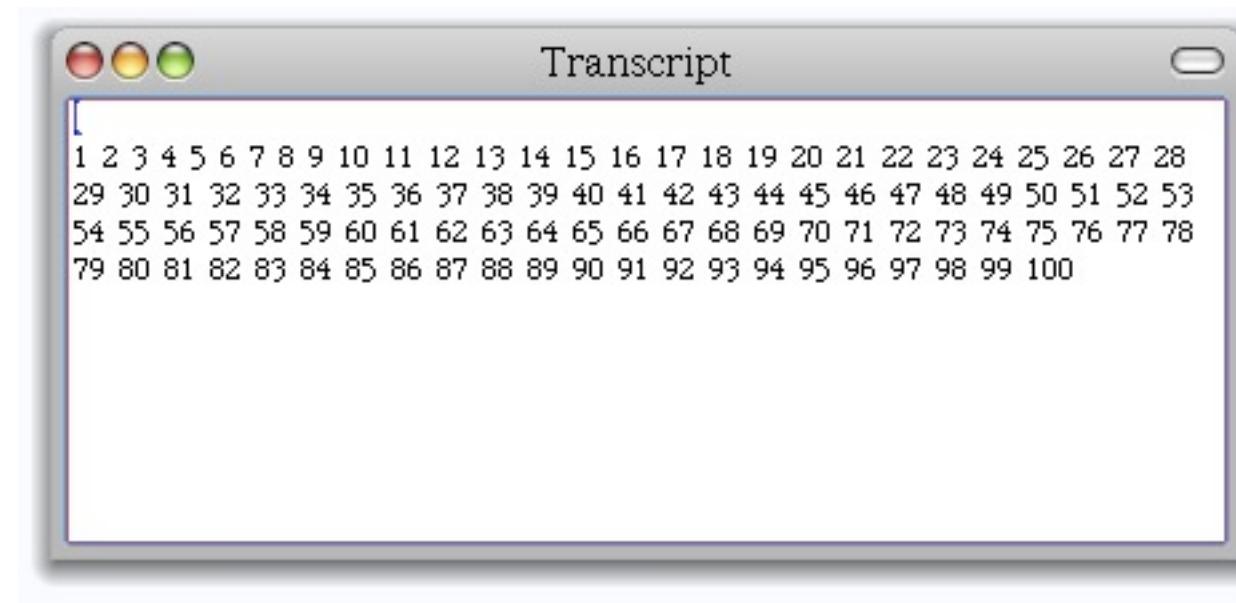


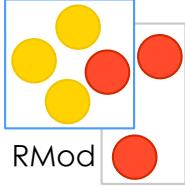
| **to:** | 100 **do:**

[:i | Transcript show: i ; space]

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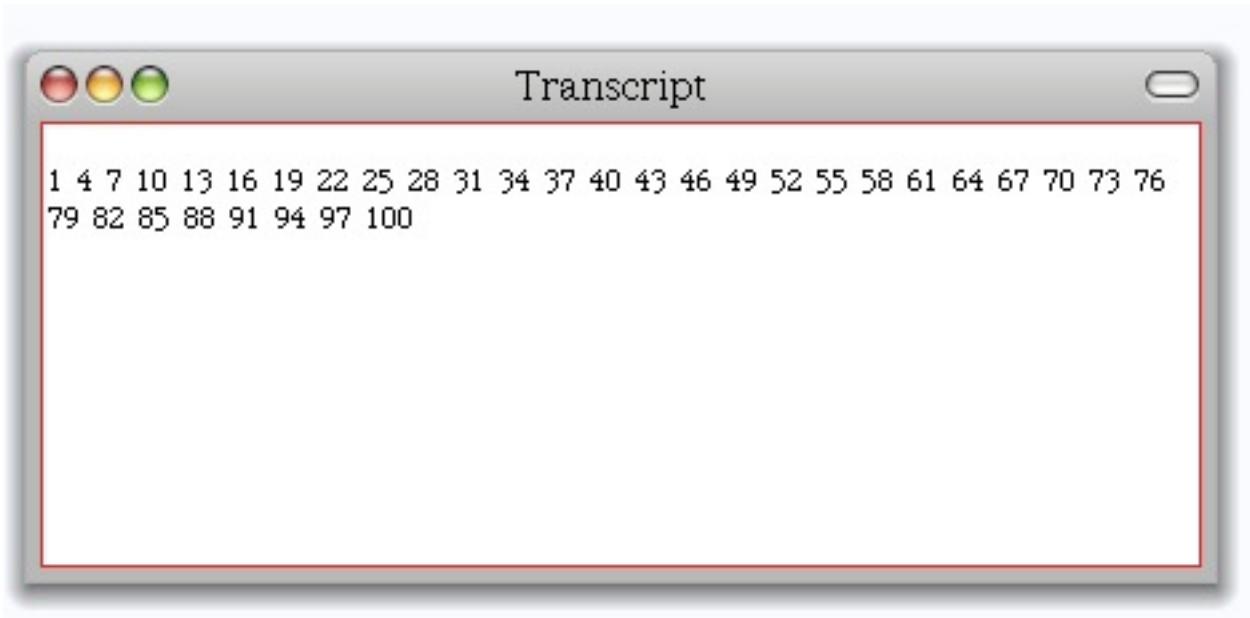
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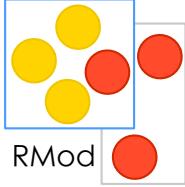




```
| to: 100 by: 3 do:
[ :i | Transcript show: i ; space]
```

```
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```





So: yes, there are real loops in Smalltalk!

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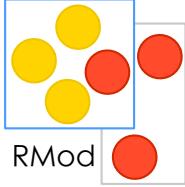
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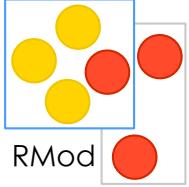
Fun with iterators



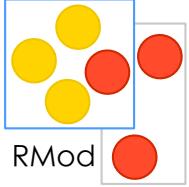


```
ArrayList<String> strings  
        = new ArrayList<String>();  
for(Person person: persons)  
    strings.add(person.name());
```

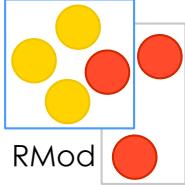
```
strings :=  
persons collect [:person | person name].
```



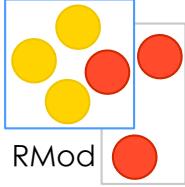
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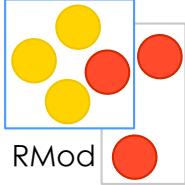
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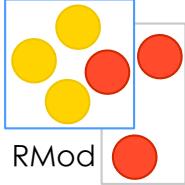
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#(15 10 19 68) collect: [:i | i odd ]  
> #(true false true false)
```



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We can also do it this way:

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aCol := #( 2 -3 4 -35 4).
result := aCol species new: aCol size.
I to: aCollection size do:
  [ :each | result at: each put: (aCol at: each) odd].
result
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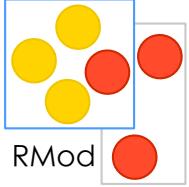


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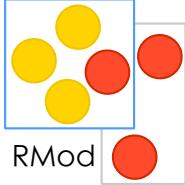
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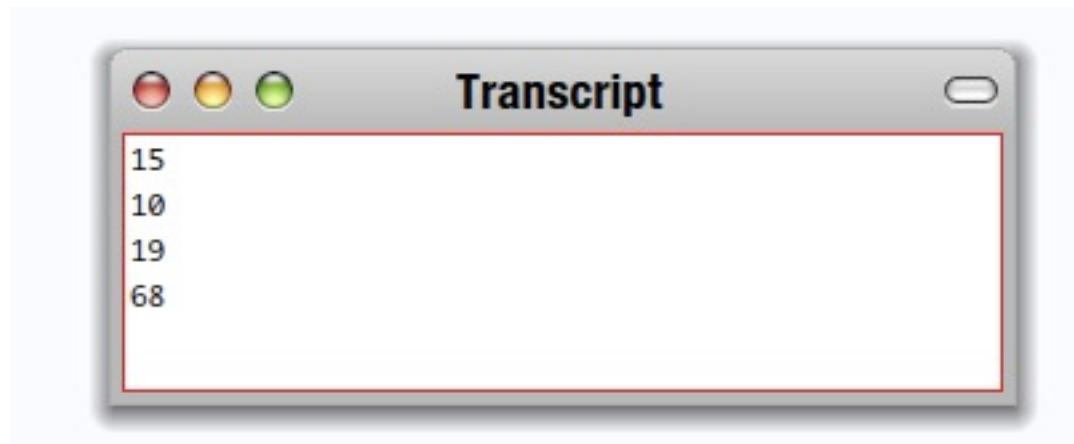
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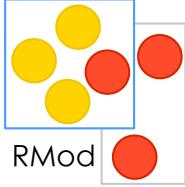


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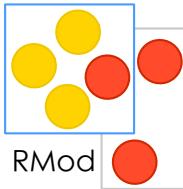




#(1 2 3)

with: #(10 20 30)

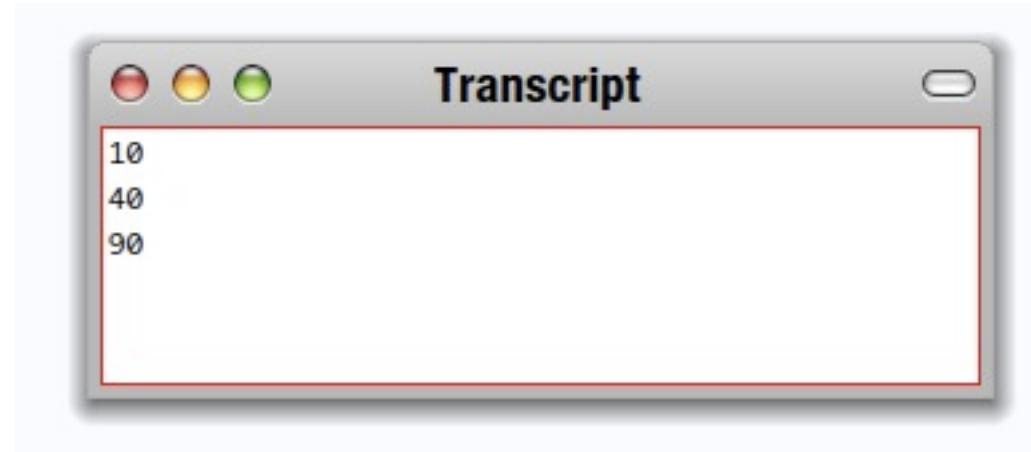
do: [:x :y| Transcript show: (y * x) ; cr]

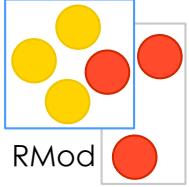


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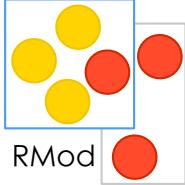
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How is do: implemented?



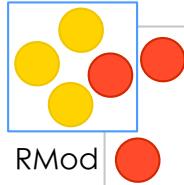
How do: is implemented?

SequenceableCollection » do: aBlock

"Evaluate aBlock with each of the receiver's elements as the argument."

| **to:** self size **do:** [:i | aBlock value: (self **at:** i)]

Some others... make them your friends



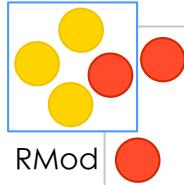
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```
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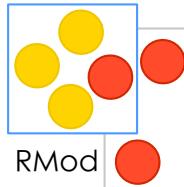
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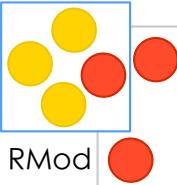
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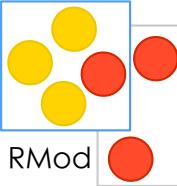
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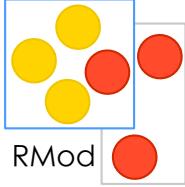


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> #(10 68)
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> 19
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> I
```



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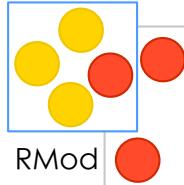
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Far Breton

A simple exercise



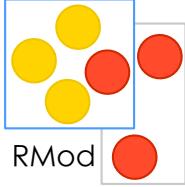
How do you write a method that does this?

#() :>

(nothing)

#{a} :> a

#{a b c} :> a, b, c



```
#(a b c)
```

```
do: [:each | Transcript show: each]  
separatedBy: [Transcript show: ',']
```

```
#(a b c)
```

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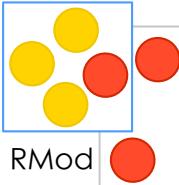
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More fun with Messages



Messages Sequence



message1 .

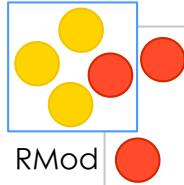
message2 .

message3

. is a separator, not a terminator

```
| macNode pcNode node1 printerNode |
macNode := Workstation withName: #mac.
Transcript cr.
Transcript show: 1 printString.
Transcript cr.
Transcript show: 2 printString
```

Multiple messages to one object ;



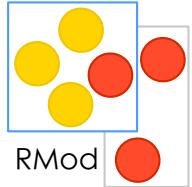
To send multiple messages to the same object, use ;

Transcript show: 3 printString; cr

is equivalent to:

Transcript show: 3 printString.
Transcript cr

Hints ...

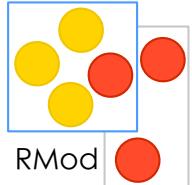


`x isNil ifTrue: [...]`

better:

`x ifNil: [...]`

Hints ...



`x includes: 3 ifTrue: [...]`

is read as sending the message **includes:ifTrue:**

So: use parenthesis

`(x includes: 3) ifTrue: [...]`



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