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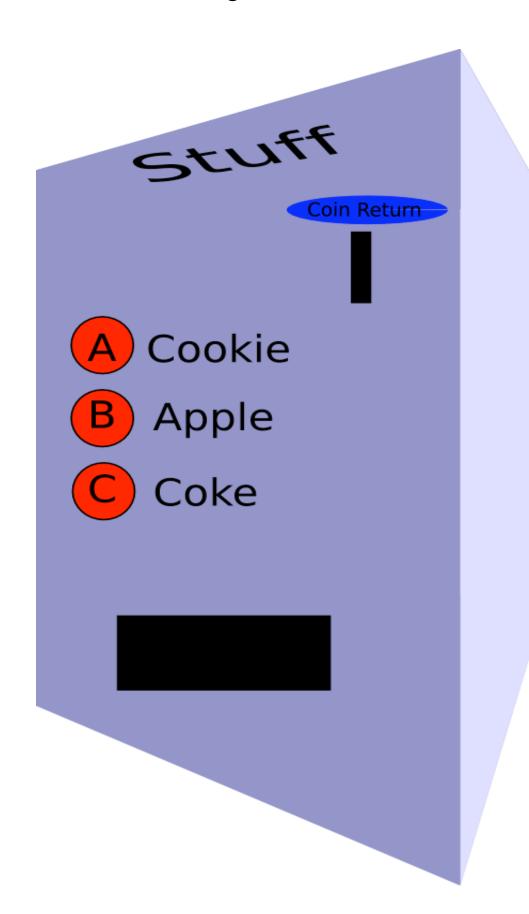
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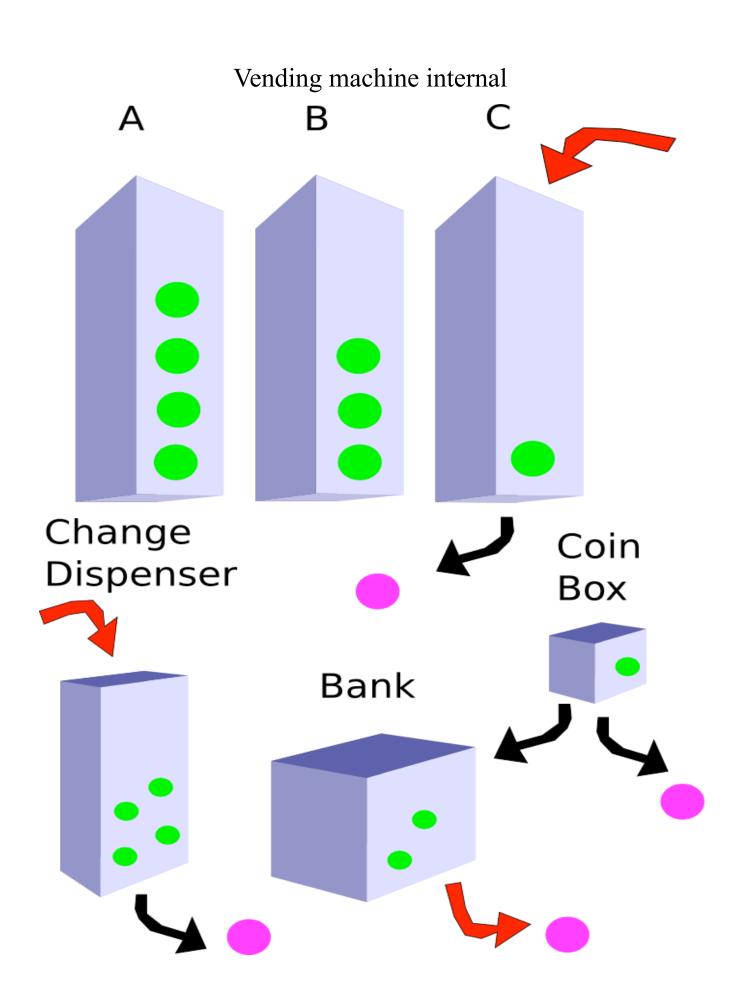
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With 'use UR;' you get...

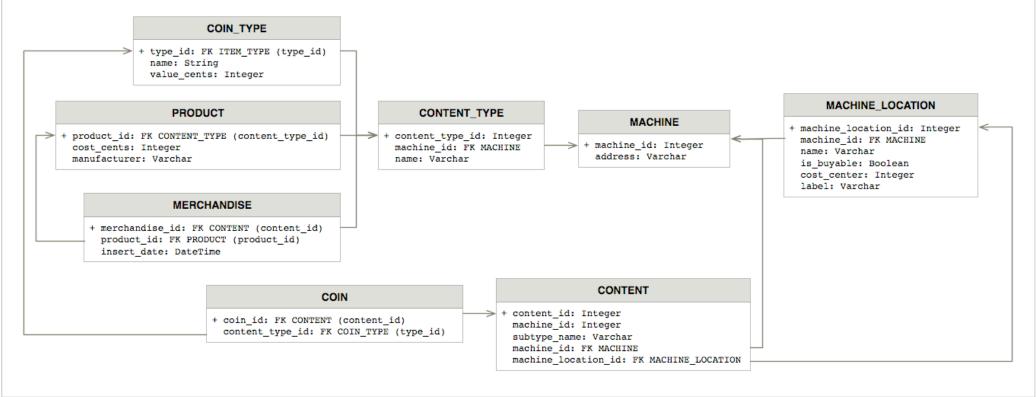
- Perl
- Command line tools to manage your metadata
- More formal class declarations
- Dynamically generated methods for class properties
- Caching between your program and its data sources
- Nestable software transactions
- Managed metadata about our schemas and synchronization with them
- Introspection: classes, properties, relationships, transactions, data sources, namespaces are objects, too.
- Infrastructure to support visualizers, aggregations of objects (Sets), command patterns

Vending machine external





Machine Database Schema



Setting Up

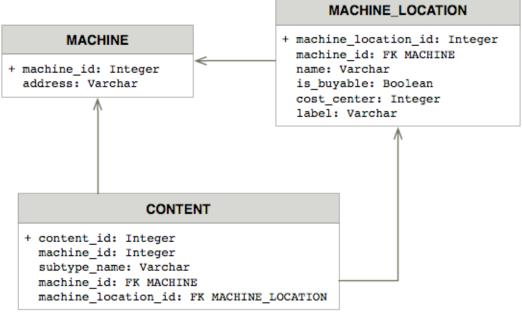
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    ...connecting...
    ...ok
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    ...ok
> sqlite3 DataSource/Machine.sqlite3
sqlite> create table MACHINE (machine id integer NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY,
                                address varchar);
[...]
> ur update classes
Updating namespace: Vending
Found data sources: Machine
Checking Vending::DataSource::Machine for schema changes...
A Machine COIN
                   Schema changes
A Machine MERCHANDISE
                             Schema changes
A Machine CONTENT_TYPE
                             Schema changes
 [ ... ]
Found 8 tables with changes.
Resolving corresponding class changes...
Updating classes...
A Vending::Coin uses Machine table COIN
A Vending::Merchandise uses Machine table MERCHANDISE
A Vending::ContentType uses Machine table CONTENT_TYPE
Updating class properties...
A Vending::Coin
A Vending::Coin
                         has new column COIN.COIN ID (integer)
                          has new column COIN.COIN_TYPE_ID (integer)
A Vending::Merchandise has new column MERCHANDISE.MERCHANDISE_ID (integer)
Updating class ID properties...
Updating class unique constraints...
Updating class relationships...
Saving metadata changes...
Resolved changes for 8 classes
Updating the filesystem ...
A /path/to/Vending/Coin.pm
A /path/to/Vending/Merchandise.pm
A /path/to/Vending/ContentType.pm
  [...]
Filesystem update complete.
Committing changes to data sources...
Cleaning up.
Update complete.
```

Updating classes... results

```
> cat Content.pm
package Vending::Content;
use strict;
use warnings;
use Vending;
class Vending::Content {
    table name => 'CONTENT',
    id by => [
         content id => { is => 'Integer' },
    ],
    has => [
                            => { is => 'Integer' },
=> { is => 'Vending::Machine',
         machine id
         machine
                                 id by => 'machine id' },
                            => { is => 'Text' },
         subtype name
         machine_location_id => { is => 'Integer' },
         machine location => { is => 'Vending::MachineLocation,
                                 id by => 'machine location id' },
    ],
    schema name => 'Machine',
    data source => 'Vending::DataSource::Machine',
};
1;
                                               MACHINE_LOCATION
                MACHINE
                                         + machine_location_id: Integer
                                           machine id: FK MACHINE
         + machine_id: Integer
                                           name: Varchar
           address: Varchar
                                           is_buyable: Boolean
```



```
Add some additional properties by hand...
> cat Content.pm
package Vending::Content;
use strict;
use warnings;
use Vending;
class Vending::Content {
  table name => 'CONTENT',
  is abstract => 1,
  subclassify by => 'subtype name',
  id by => [
    content id => { is => 'Integer' },
  ],
  has => [
   machine id
                     => { is => 'Integer' },
                     => { is => 'Vending::Machine',
    machine
                          id by => 'machine id' },
                     => { is => 'Text' },
    subtype name
    machine location id => { is => 'Integer' },
    machine_location => { is => 'Vending::MachineLocation,
                          id by => 'machine location id' },
   location name
                     => { via => 'machine location', to => 'name' },
  ],
  data source => 'Vending::DataSource::Machine',
};
1;
> cat Coin.pm
package Vending::Coin;
use strict;
use warnings;
use Vending;
class Vending::Coin {
  table name => 'COIN',
  is => 'Vending::Content',
  id by => [
    coin id => { is => 'Integer' },
  ],
  has => [
    coin type id
                   => { is => 'Integer' },
    coin type => { is => 'Vending::CoinType',
                     id by => 'coin_type_id' },
                => { via => 'coin_type', to => 'name' },
    name
    value cents => { via => 'coin type', to => 'value cents' },
    value dollars => { calculate from => 'value cents',
                       calculate => q(
                           sprintf('$%.2f',$value cents) )},
  ],
  data source => 'Vending::DataSource::Machine',
};
1;
```

Change the schema

Add a new column...

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sqlite> quit

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                          Schema changes
Found 1 tables with changes.
Resolving corresponding class changes...
Updating classes...
Updating class properties...
A Vending::Machine has new column MACHINE.SERIAL NUMBER (varchar)
Updating class ID properties...
Updating class unique constraints...
Updating class relationships...
Saving metadata changes...
Resolved changes for 1 classes
Updating the filesystem...
U /path/to/Vending/Machine.pm
Filesystem update complete.
Committing changes to data sources...
Cleaning up.
Update complete.
```

Machine Database Schema MACHINE LOCATION **PRODUCT** CONTENT_TYPE MACHINE + machine_location_id: Integer + product_id: FK CONTENT_TYPE (content_type_id) + content_type_id: Integer machine id: FK MACHINE machine_id: Integer cost cents: Integer machine id: FK MACHINE name: Varchar address: Varchar manufacturer: Varchar name: Varchar is buyable: Boolean cost center: Integer label: Varchar MERCHANDISE + merchandise_id: FK CONTENT (content_id) product_id: FK PRODUCT (product_id) insert date: DateTime CONTENT COIN content_id: Integer + coin_id: FK CONTENT (content_id) machine_id: Integer content_type_id: FK CONTENT_TYPE subtype_name: Varchar

machine id: FK MACHINE

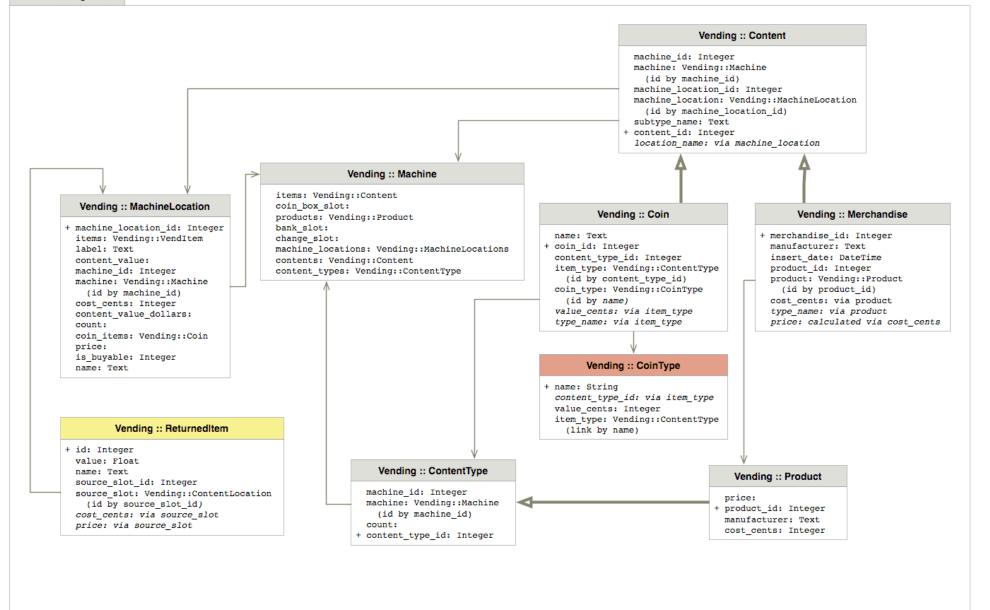
machine_location_id: FK MACHINE_LOCATION

Currency Exchange Schema

COIN_TYPE

+ name: String value_cents: Integer

```
> cat DataSource/CoinType.pm
package Vending::DataSource::CoinType;
use strict;
use warnings;
use Vending;
my $path = '/some/nfs/path/DataSource/coin types.tsv';
class Vending::DataSource::CoinType;
    is => ['UR::DataSource::File', 'UR::Singleton'],
    has constant => [
        server => { value => $path },
        delimiter => { value => '\s+' },
        column_order => { value => ['name','value_cents'] },
        sort order => { value => ['name'] },
    ],
};
1;
> cat CoinType.pm
package Vending::CoinType;
use strict;
use warnings;
use Vending;
class Vending::CoinType {
  id by => [
      name => { is => 'Text' },
  ],
  has => [
   value_cents => { is => 'Integer' },
  data source => 'Vending::DataSource::CoinType',
};
1;
```



Do some stuff

```
Get something that inherits...
my $cookie type = Vending::Product->get(name => 'Cookie');
    select PRODUCT.cost cents, PRODUCT.manufacturer,
           PRODUCT.product id,
           CONTENT TYPE.content_type_id, CONTENT_TYPE.name,
           CONTENT TYPE.machine id
    from PRODUCT
    join CONTENT TYPE on PRODUCT.product id =
                         CONTENT TYPE.content type id
    where CONTENT TYPE.name = ?
    order by PRODUCT.product id
    params: 'Cookie'
And something that inherits, by way of a delegated property...
my @cookies = Vending::Merchandise->get(name => 'Cookie');
  select MERCHANDISE.insert date, MERCHANDISE.merchandise id,
           MERCHANDISE.product id,
           CONTENT.machine location id, CONTENT.subtype name,
           CONTENT.content id, CONTENT.machine id
           product 1.cost cents, product 1.manufacturer,
           product 1.product id,
           product 2.name, product 2.content type id,
           product_2.machine_id
  from MERCHANDISE
  join CONTENT on MERCHANDISE. INV ID = CONTENT. content id
  join PRODUCT product 1 on CONTENT.product id =
                             product 1.product id
  join CONTENT TYPE product 2 on product 1.product id =
                            product 2.content type id
  where product 2.name = ?
  order by MERCHANDISE.merchandise id
  params: 'Cookie'
```

Get with another kind of operator...

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my @items = Vending::Content->get(location_name => {
                                       operator => 'like',
                                       value => 'chan%' } );
  select CONTENT.machine location id, CONTENT.subtype name,
         CONTENT.content id, CONTENT.machine id
         machine location 1.cost cents, machine location 1.is buyable,
         machine location 1.label, machine location 1.name,
         machine location 1.machine location id,
         machine location 1.machine id
  from CONTENT
  join MACHINE LOCATION machine location 1 on CONTENT. machine location id =
                                    machine location 1.machine location id
  where machine location 1.name like ?
  order by CONTENT.content_id
  params: 'chan%
** Loads a row where 'subtype name' = 'Vending::Coin'
Starts a parallel query to retrieve Vending::Coin objects with the
same filters as the original query
  select COIN.coin id, COIN.coin_type_id,
         CONTENT.machine_location_id, CONTENT.subtype_name, CONTENT.content_id, CONTENT.machine_id
         machine_location_1.cost_cents, machine location 1.is buyable,
         machine location 1.label, machine location 1.name,
         machine location 1.machine location id,
         machine location 1.machine id
  from COIN
  join CONTENT on COIN.coin id = CONTENT.content id
  join MACHINE LOCATION machine location 1 on CONTENT.machine location id =
                                    machine location 1.machine location id
```

where machine location 1.name like ?

order by COIN.coin_id params: 'chan%'

```
Even more complicated...
my @quarters = Vending::Coin->get(value_cents => 25);
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value_cents comes from a Vending::CoinType
 which we can query by its name
 which comes from Vending::Coin->name

Vending::Coin is-a Vending::Content

which comes from Vending::ContentType->name

Even more complicated...

order by COIN.coin id

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    which we can query by its name
      which comes from Vending::Coin->name
        which comes from Vending::ContentType->name
      Vending::Coin is-a Vending::Content
  select COIN.coin id, COIN.coin type id,
         CONTENT. machine location id, CONTENT. subtype name,
         CONTENT.content id, CONTENT.machine id
         coin type 1.name, coin type 1.content type id,
         coin type 1.machine id
  from COIN
  join CONTENT on COIN.coin id = CONTENT.content id
  join CONTENT TYPE coin_type_1 on COIN.coin_type_id =
                                   coin type 1.content type id
  order by COIN.coin id
In a parallel query, it asks the currency exchange for COIN TYPE rows
where the value is 25
  FILE: opened /path/to/dir/Vending/DataSource/coin types.tsv
```

Even more complicated...

FILTERS: value cents = 25

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         CONTENT. machine location id, CONTENT. subtype name,
         CONTENT.content id, CONTENT.machine id
         coin_type_1.name, coin_type_1.content type id,
         coin type 1.machine id
  from COIN
  join CONTENT on COIN.coin id = CONTENT.content id
  join CONTENT TYPE coin_type_1 on COIN.coin_type_id =
                                   coin type 1.content type id
  order by COIN.coin id
In a parallel query, it asks the currency exchange for COIN_TYPE rows
where the value is 25
  FILE: opened /path/to/dir/Vending/DataSource/coin types.tsv
  FILTERS: value cents = 25
And internally does the equivalent of an SQL join between the first
and second queries' rows on CONTENT_TYPE.name = COIN_TYPE.name
```

Returns Vending:: Coin objects back to the caller.

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Caching and Context

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$cookie->price_cents(55);
```

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$cookie->price_cents(55);
# Won't update the database yet
my $coke = Vending::Product->get(name => 'Coke')
$coke->delete();
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$coke->delete();
# Still not updating...
if (UR::Context->commit()) {
    # Now it's back at the database
    return 1;
} else {
    # Coke Merchandise still remains
    # There were constraint problems...
    my @changed_objects = grep { $_->changed }
                          UR::Object->all objects loaded();
    # Fix them up?
}
```

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if (UR::Context->commit()) {
   # Now it's back at the database
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} else {
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   UR::Object->all_objects_loaded();
   # Fix them up?
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$cookie->price cents(55);
# Won't update the database yet
my $coke = Vending::Product->get(name => 'Coke')
$coke->delete();
# Still not updating...
if (UR::Context->commit()) {
    # Now it's back at the database
    return 1;
} else {
    # Coke Merchandise still remains
    # There were constraint problems...
    # Just go back to the way we were...
    UR::Context->rollback();
}
```

Properties and their Accessors

```
Meanwhile... in the Vending::Machine...
  has => [
    products => { is => 'Vending::Product',
                    reverse_id_by => 'machine',
    is_many => 1 },
machine_locations => { is => 'Vending::MachineLocation',
                   reverse id by => 'machine',
              is_many => 1 },
=> { via => 'machine_locations',
    change
                   to => '-filter',
                   where => [name => 'change'] },
    coin box => { via => 'machine locations',
                   to => '-filter',
                   where \Rightarrow [name \Rightarrow 'box'] },
  ],
my @products = $machine->products();
my $cookie = $machine->products(name => 'Cookie');
my $iter = $machine->product_iterator(cost_cents => {
                                              operator => '<',
                                              value => '110' });
while (my $obj = $iter->next()) {
    # Do something
}
my $product = $machine->add product(manufacturer => 'Acme',
                                       cost cents => 1234,
                                       name => 'dynamite');
```

Vending Machine at Work

```
# Put in some money
sub insert {
   my(\$self,\$item name) = 0;
    my $coin type = Vending::CoinType->get(name => $item name);
    unless ($\overline{\sqrt{coin type}}\) {
        $self->error message("This machine does not accept '$item name'");
        return;
    my $coin box = $self->coin box();
    my $coin = $coin box->add coin item(type id => $coin type->type id,
                                          machine id => $self->machine id);
    return defined($coin);
}
# Get our coins back from the Vending:: Machine...
sub coin_return {
    my $self = shift;
    my $coin box = $self->coin box;
    my @coins = $coin box->items;
    my @returned coins = Vending::ReturnedItems->create from items(@coins);
    $ ->delete foreach @coins;
    return @returned coins;
}
```

```
Buy something from Vending::Machine...
sub buy {
    my($self,@location names) = @ ;
    my $inserted money = $self->coin box->content value();
    my @bought items ;
    my $transaction = UR::Context::Transaction->begin();
    eval {
        foreach my $loc_name ( @location_names ) {
            my $vend_ = $self->machine_locations(name => $loc_name);
            my $item iter = $vend ->item iterator();
            my $item = $item iter->next();
            if (!$item) {
                die "We're out of $_name";
            $inserted money -= $item->cost cents;
            if ($inserted money < 0) {
                die "You did not insert enough money";
            }
            my $bought = Vending::ReturnedItem->create from item($item);
            $item->delete();
            push @bought items, $bought;
        	ilde{\#} make change will die if there's not enough change
        push @bought items, $self->make change($inserted money);
    };
    if ($@) {
        # There was an exception
        $transaction->rollback();
        $self->error message("Couldn't process your purchase: $0");
        return;
    } else {
        # Everything worked
        $transaction->commit();
        $self->status message("OK");
        return @bought items;
    }
}
# In another part of the code
$machine->insert('dollar');
my @received = $self->buy('a','b');
print "You get ",scalar(@received), "things:\n";
foreach my $thing (@received) {
    print $thing->name,"\n";
}
UR::Context->commit();
```

Command Pattern

```
Reusable work units:
> cat Command/Outputter.pm
package Vending::Command::Outputter;
use strict;
use warnings;
use Vending;
class Vending::Command::Outputter {
    is abstract => 1,
    is => 'Vending::Command',
    doc => 'abstract parent for things that output items to the user'
};
sub execute {
    my $self = shift;
    my @user items = $self-> get items to output();
    foreach my $item ( @user_items ) {
        print "You get: ",$item->name,"\n";
    return 1;
}
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   my @user items = $self-> get items to output();
    foreach my $item ( @user items ) {
        print "You get: ",$item->name,"\n";
    }
    return 1;
}
1;
> cat Command/CoinReturn.pm
package Vending::Command::CoinReturn;
use strict;
use warnings;
use Vending;
class Vending::Command::CoinReturn {
   is => 'Vending::Command::Outputter',
   doc => 'Return all inserted coins back to the user',
};
sub get items to output {
    my $self = shift;
    my $machine = $self->machine;
    my @items = $machine->coin return();
    return @items;
}
1;
```

```
Instant command-line interface:
> cat vend
#!/usr/bin/perl
use strict;
use warnings;
use Vending;
Vending::Command->execute_with_shell_params_and_exit();
>
```

```
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> cat vend
#!/usr/bin/perl
use strict;
use warnings;
use Vending;
Vending::Command->execute with shell params and exit();
> ./vend
Commands for Vending
               Attempt to get a sellable item
  coin-return Return all inserted coins back to the customer
  dime
               Insert a dime into the machine
  dollar
               Insert a dollar into the machine
  insert-money Insert a non-standard coin type
 menu
nickel
quarter
service
               Show the items available to buy
               Insert a nickel into the machine
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  service
> ./vend dollar
> ./vend menu
NAME
       {	t LABEL}
                   PRICE
         ----
----
                   ____
         Cookie
                   $0.65
a
                   $1.00
b
         Apple
                   $1.50
         Coke
С
You have inserted $1.00 so far
```

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----
                   ____
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        Apple
         Coke
                   $1.50
С
You have inserted $1.00 so far
> ./vend coin-return
You get: dollar
```

```
Use them in a program, too:
use Vending;
$dollar = Vending::Command::Dollar->create();
$dollar->execute();
$coin_return = Vending::Command::coin_return->create();
$coin_return->execute();
UR::Context->commit();
```

Omphaloskepsis

```
Classes are people objects too...
my $product_meta = UR::Object::Type->get(class_name => 'Vending::Product);
```

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my $product_meta = UR::Object::Type->get(class_name => 'Vending::Product);
# UR::Object::Property objects named id, property_id, content_type_id,
# name, manufacturer, cost_cents, count, price, etc.
my @all_product_properties = $product_meta->all_property_metas();
# UR::Object::Property objects named property_id, manufacturer,
# cost_cents and price
my @new_product_properties = $product_meta->direct_property_metas();
# Only the properties we inherit from all parent classes
my @inherited_properties = $product_meta->ancestry_property_metas();
# our direct parent classes
my @immediate_parent_classes = $product_meta->parent_class_metas();
# All parent classes, their parents, their parents, etc...
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my @all inherited parent classes = $product meta->ancenstry class metas();
# A particular property meta-object
my $property meta = $product meta->property meta for name('name');
# The class it's attached to
print $property_meta->class name(), "\n";
my $class meta = $property meta->class meta();
print $property meta->data type(), "\n";
print $property_meta->property name(), "\n";
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# For delegated/object properties, UR::Object::Reference
my @relationships = $class meta->reference metas;
# Unique constraints, UR::Object::Property::Unique
my @unique metas = $class meta->direct unique metas();
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Or get them directly...
my @properties = UR::Object::Property->get(property name => 'type id');
my $property = UR::Object::Property->get(class name => 'Vending::Coin',
                                         property name => 'type id');
my @int properties = UR::Object::Property->get(data type => 'Integer');
my @bar classes = UR::Object::Type->get(table name => 'BAR');
my @baz properties = UR::Object::Property->qet(column name => 'BAZ');
UR is introspectional, too...
my $ur namespace = UR::Namespace->qet('UR');
my $property meta class = UR::Object::Type->get(
                               class name => 'UR::Object::Property
                         );
my $property_meta_property = UR::Object::Property->get(
                                class name => 'UR::Object::Type',
                                property_name => 'ancestry_property_metas',
                              );
```

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Novel classes on the fly...
use Vending;
UR::Object::Type->define(
    class_name => 'New::Thing',
    id_by => [
        thing_id => { is => 'Integer' },
    ],
    has => [
        product => { is => 'Vending::Product', id_by => 'product_id' },
        name => { via => 'product', to => 'name' },
    ],
);

# product_id 2 has name = 'Apple'
New::Thing->create(product_id => 2);
my $same_new_thing = New::Thing->get(name => 'Apple');
```

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