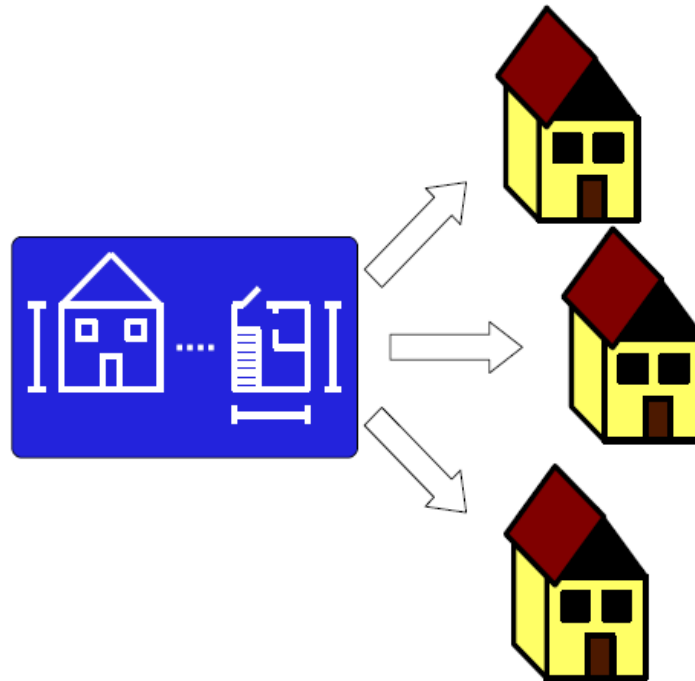


Smalltalk

- Creating a class (Account)
- Creating a subclass (Savings, Checking)

Class and Instances

<http://stephane.ducasse.free.fr/FreeBooks/Gnu/ProgrammingUsingGnuSmalltalk.pdf>



We can think of the blue print as a House class and the actual houses as the instances of it.

Smalltalk Rules

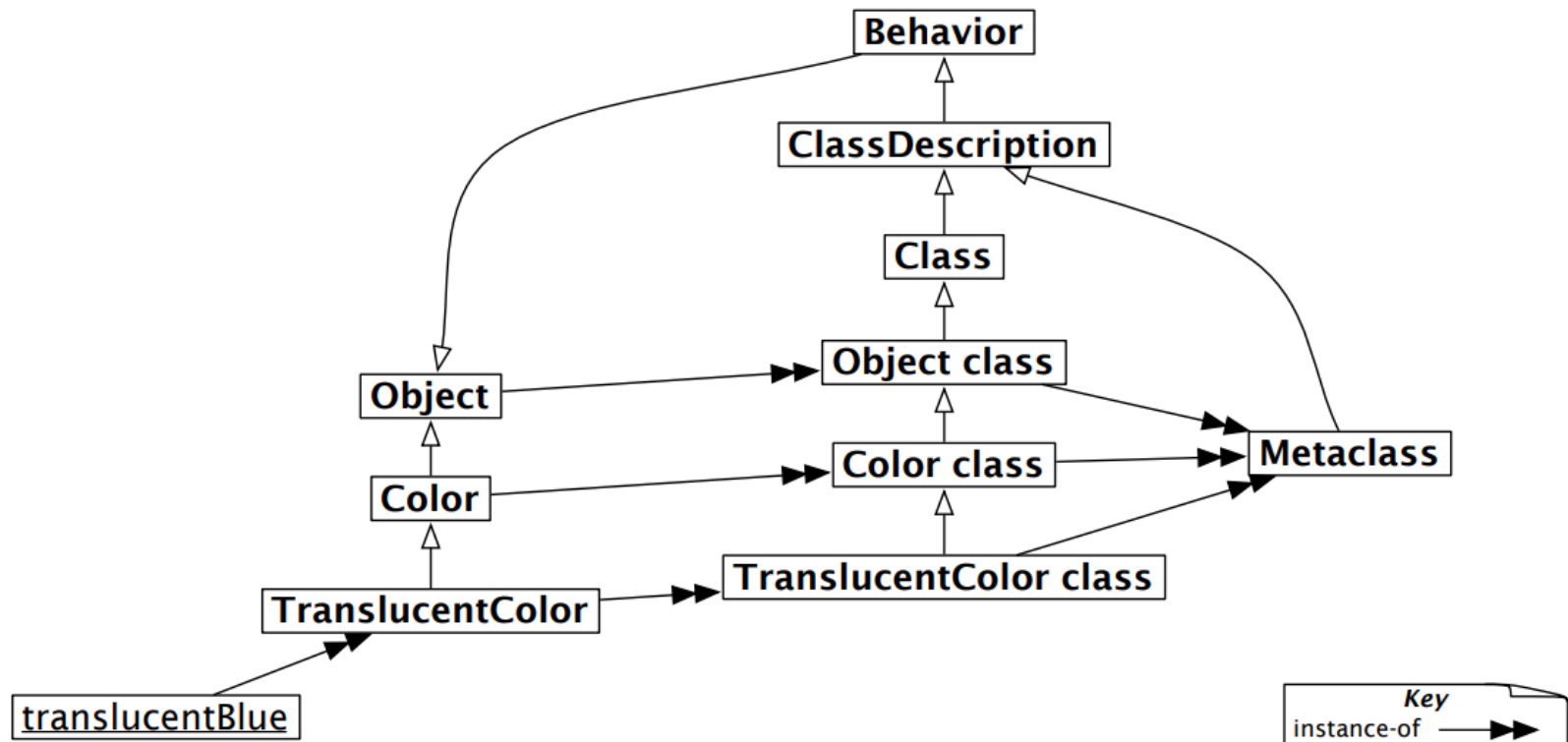
- **Rule 1.** Everything is an object.
- **Rule 2.** Every object is an instance of a class.
- **Rule 3.** Every class has a superclass.
- **Rule 4.** Everything happens by sending messages.
- **Rule 5.** Method lookup follows the inheritance chain.

Smalltalk Rules

- **Rule 6.** Every class is an instance of a metaclass.
- **Rule 7.** The metaclass hierarchy parallels the class hierarchy.
- **Rule 8.** Every metaclass inherits from Class and Behavior.
- **Rule 9.** Every metaclass is an instance of Metaclass.
- **Rule 10.** The metaclass of Metaclass is an instance of Metaclass.

Classes and Metaclasses

An Example



[Credit: Pharo By Example](#)

Creating a class

```
Object subclass: Account [  
    | balance |  
    <comment:  
        'I represent a place to deposit  
and withdraw money'>  
]
```

Add a class method

```
Account class extend [  
  new [  
    | r |  
    <category: 'instance creation'>  
    r := super new.  
    r init.  
    ^r  
  ]  
]
```

Add an instance method

```
Account extend [  
  init [  
    <category: 'initialization'>  
    balance := 0  
  ]  
]
```


Add another instance method

```
Account extend [  
  printOn: stream [  
    <category: 'printing'>  
    super printOn: stream.  
    stream nextPutAll: ' with  
balance: '.  
    balance printOn: stream  
  ]  
]
```

Add more instance methods

```
Account extend [  
  spend: amount [  
    <category: 'moving money'>  
    balance := balance - amount  
  ]  
  deposit: amount [  
    <category: 'moving money'>  
    balance := balance + amount  
  ]  
]
```

Put everything together and testing

- See `account.st`
- Testing: `gst account.st -`
- Testing:

`gst`

`st>FileStream fileIn: 'account.st'`

Creating a subclass

```
Account subclass: Savings [  
    | interest |  
  
    init [  
        <category: 'initialization'>  
        interest := 0.  
        ^super init  
    ]
```

Creating a subclass (2)

```
interest: amount [  
    interest := interest + amount.  
    self deposit: amount  
]  
clearInterest [  
    | oldinterest |  
    oldinterest := interest.  
    interest := 0.  
    ^oldinterest  
]  
]
```

Creating another subclass

- See `checking.st`

```
Account subclass: Checking [  
    | checknum checksleft history |  
  
]
```

Method with a block

```
checksOver: amount do: aBlock [  
    history keysAndValuesDo: [:key :value |  
        (value > amount)  
            ifTrue: [aBlock value: key]  
    ]  
]
```

Method with a block (2)

```
checksOver: amount do: aBlock [  
    | chosen |  
    chosen := history select: [:amt| amt >  
amount].  
    chosen keysDo: aBlock  
]
```


Testing (test.st)

```
mycheck := Checking new.  
mycheck deposit: 250.  
mycheck newChecks: 100 count: 40.  
mycheck writeCheck: 10.  
mycheck writeCheck: 52.  
mycheck writeCheck: 15.  
mycheck printChecks.  
(mycheck check: 101) printNl.  
mycheck checksOver: 1 do: [:x | x printNl].  
mycheck checksOver: 17 do: [:x | x printNl].  
mycheck checksOver: 200 do: [:x | x printNl].
```

References

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