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Object subclass: #MethodCombinationContext

```

1      instanceVariableNames: 'methodCombination genericFunction applicableMethods arguments '
2      classVariableNames: ''
3      poolDictionaries: ''
4      category: 'Generic-Functions'!
5
6      'MethodCombinationContext objects house the per-call dynamic state for GenericFunction invocations.
7      They are created by MethodCombination objects when a GenericFunction is applied so that additional
8      context information can be recovered when Context>>callNextMethod or
9      Context>>callNextMethodWithArguments: is called.
10
11     Instance Variables:
12
13     methodCombination      <MethodCombination> The MethodCombination that created this
14     MethodCombinationContext.
15     genericFunction        <GenericFunction> The GenericFunction that called the
16     MethodCombination that created us.
17     applicableMethods       <OrderedCollection of: MultiMethod> The applicable MultiMethods
18     that are still to be called.
19     arguments              <Array of: Object> The arguments with which the next
20     MultiMethod should be called.
21
22     !
23
24 !MethodCombinationContext methodsFor: 'instance initialization'!
25
26 methodCombination: mc genericFunction: gf applicableMethods: am arguments: args
27     "Stash the MethodCombination we were created for, the GenericFunction that summoned it, the
28     applicable MultiMethods that will be grist for this mill, and the
29     arguments the GenericFunction was
30     called with."
31
32     methodCombination := mc.
33     genericFunction := gf.
34     applicableMethods := am.
35     arguments := args.
36     ^self! !
37
38 !MethodCombinationContext methodsFor: 'evaluation'!
39
40 applyNextWithArguments: args
41     "Apply the next applicable method. If we were passed an
42     argument list, use those instead of the ones
43     we were created with. This will happen when callNextMethodWithArguments: is
44     callNextMethod. Then, pick the next method off of the list
45     of applicable methods, and prune it
46     off the list. Finally, call the method, and return its result as
47     our result. If there is no next applicable
48     method, declare defeat."
49
50     | method result |
51     args isNil ifFalse: [arguments := args].
52     applicableMethods isEmpty ifTrue: [self error: 'no applicable methods'].
53     method := applicableMethods first.
54     applicableMethods := applicableMethods rest.
55     result := method valueWithReceiver: arguments first arguments: arguments rest asArray.
56     Transcript show: ' -- applying ', method printString , ' in MethodCombinationContext'; cr.
57     ^result! !

```

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2 CompiledMethod variableSubclass: #EffectiveMethod

```
3     instanceVariableNames: ''  
4     classVariableNames: ''  
5     poolDictionaries: ''  
6     category: 'Generic-Functions'!  
7  
EffectiveMethod comment:  
8 'EffectiveMethods are not currently in use...'  
9  
10
```

11 Object subclass: #MethodCombination

```
12     instanceVariableNames: ''  
13     classVariableNames: ''  
14     poolDictionaries: ''  
15     category: 'Generic-Functions'!  
16  
MethodCombination comment:  
17 'MethodCombination objects take a collection of applicable methods and arguments, and run them in  
18 the manner prescribed by the qualifiers and argument types. In CLOS, MethodCombinations, in  
19 collusion with discriminating functions and the multimethods themselves, are used to produce  
20 optimized "effective methods". Here, they often conduct the execution of the GenericFunction  
21 directly. MethodCombination is an abstract class.'  
22  
23  
24 !MethodCombination methodsFor: 'evaluation'!  
25  
26 applyGenericFunction: gf withMethods: am andArguments: args  
27     ^self subclassResponsibility!  
28  
29
```

30 MethodCombination subclass: #SubStandardMethodCombination

```
31     instanceVariableNames: ''  
32     classVariableNames: ''  
33     category: 'Generic-Functions'!  
34  
35  
SubStandardMethodCombination comment:  
36 'SubStandardMethodCombination objects provide rudimentary support for Before, After, and Primary  
37 methods, with support for callNextMethod. They use MethodCombinationContext objects to provide  
38 primary/callNextMethod support. That hierarchy should be factored to parallel this one.'!  
39  
40  
41
```

```

1 !SubStandardMethodCombination methodsFor: 'evaluation'!
2
3 applyGenericFunction: gf withMethods: am andArguments: args
4     "This is the meat of SubStandardMethodCombination. First, select all
5     the #Before methods from the
6     sorted applicable methods list, and execute them in most-specific to
7     least-specific (most general)
8     order. This is the way they come out of GenericFunction's sort. Next, create a
9     MethodCombinationContext object that will house the context information for primary method
10    execution, and ask it to start the first one up. If a next method is called,
11    the stack is walked by callNextMethodXxx in order to locate this object, and it conducts
12    the next invocation. Once we have a result from the primary chain, select and execute
13    all the #After methods in least-specific to
14    most-specific order. Since they are in the sorted list
15    Any results from #Before and #After methods are discarded,
16    and the result from the primary chain
17    is returned as the result of this GenericFunction invocation."
18
19 | primaries v before mcc after |
20 before := am select: [:method | method qualifier == #Before].
21 before do: [:m | v := m valueWithReceiver: args first arguments: args rest asArray].
22 primaries := am select: [:method | method qualifier isNil].
23 mcc := MethodCombinationContext new
24         methodCombination: self
25         genericFunction: gf
26         applicableMethods: primaries
27         arguments: args.
28 v := mcc applyNextWithArguments: nil.
29 after := am select: [:method | method qualifier == #After].
30 after reverse do: [:m | v := m valueWithReceiver: args first arguments: args rest asArray].
31 Transcript show: '-- applying GenericFunction in MethodCombination'; cr.
32 ^v!
33
34 callNextMethod
35     "If you needs an example of a method where transformations that
36     would normally be considered as
37     behavior preserving might not be, consider
38     #applyGenericFunction:withMethods:andArguments: in
39     the presence of this method..."
40
41 | applyContext gf args primaries |
42 applyContext := self firstContextWithSelector:
43 #applyGenericFunction:withMethods:andArguments:.
44 gf := applyContext tempAt: 1.
45 args := applyContext tempAt: 3.
46 primaries := applyContext tempAt: 4.
47 primaries size <= 1 ifTrue: [^nil].
48 self
49         applyGenericFunction: gf
50         withMethods: primaries rest
51         andArguments: args!
52
53 callNextMethodWithArguments: arguments
54 | applyContext gf args primaries |
55 applyContext := thisContext firstContextWithSelector:
56 #applyGenericFunction:withMethods:andArguments:.
57 gf := applyContext tempAt: 1.
58 arguments isNil
59     ifTrue: [applyContext tempAt: 3]
60     ifFalse: [args := arguments].
61 primaries := applyContext tempAt: 4.
62 primaries size <= 1 ifTrue: [^nil].
63 self
64         applyGenericFunction: gf
65         withMethods: primaries rest
66         andArguments: args! !

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MethodCombination subclass: #SimpleMethodCombination

```
1
2
3     instanceVariableNames: ''
4     classVariableNames: ''
5     poolDictionaries: ''
6     category: 'Generic-Functions'!
7 SimpleMethodCombination comment:
8 'SimpleMethodCombination objects specialize MethodCombination to provide a trivial scheme for
9 MultiMethod selection and execution: just execute ''em all in the order in which they come up. It
10 does not currently support callNextMethod (though defaults should be factored into
11 MethodCombination for this soon).!'
12
13
14 !SimpleMethodCombination methodsFor: 'evaluation' !
15
16 applyGenericFunction: gf withMethods: am andArguments: args
17     "An odd test of the method combination mechanism, that executes
18     all the applicable methods, and returns the value of the last one...""
19
20     | v |
21     am do: [:m | v := m valueWithReceiver: args first arguments: (args rest) asArray].
22     Transcript show: 'applying gf in mc'; cr.
23     ^v !
24
```

1 CompiledMethod variableSubclass: #MultiMethod

```
2     instanceVariableNames: 'specializers genericFunctionSelector multiMethodSelector qualifier '
3     classVariableNames: ''
4     poolDictionaries: ''
5     category: 'Generic-Functions'!
```

6 MultiMethod comment:

7 'MultiMethod objects are like regular methods, except that any and all of their arguments can
8 participate in their selection, and they can be qualified as being of particular types like #Before
9 or #After, that are treated differently from normal #Primary methods.'

10 The are currently defined by using a special type syntax in the browser. For instance,

11 moveThrough: medium <Land>

12 ...

13 in class <Mammal> defines a MultiMethod the first argument of which is specialized on (in CLOS
14 parlance) Mammal (as usual) and the second argument of which is specialized on class Land. The
15 definition of a MultiMethod in a class for which unspecialized method by that name exists
16 automatically creates a stub for that method. If a method already exists, it is hidden when the
17 DiscriminatingMethod for the class is installed, which occurs when a MultiMethod is accepted.

18 Our specializer syntax depends on an extendedLanguage flag in the Parser>>initScanner being turned
19 on.

20 Currently, no effort is made to "promote" existing unspecialized methods to MultiMethods when a
21 GenericFunction on their selector is established. This would be a useful thing to do, and the
22 policies and mechanisms for this are under investigation. Also, DiscriminatingMethods are not
23 currently removed when all the MultiMethods on a particular first argument class are removed. They
24 can be removed 'by hand', and by using the MethodWrapper uninstall protocol.

25 Currently, #Before and #After qualifications can be made by including the words Before or After
26 anywhere in a method name. This is a peculiar, stopgap mechanism that will be removed when a
27 better syntax or mechanism for qualifiers is defined.

28 Instance Variables:

29 specializers <OrderedCollection> The Specializers (currently all ClassSpecializers)
30 for this MultiMethod, in left-to-right order (for now).
31 genericFunctionSelector <Symbol> The name of the GenericFunction we specialize.
32 multiMethodSelector <Symbol> The bizarre selector used to identify us in
33 MethodDictionaries, and in the Browser.
34 qualifier <Symbol> One of #Before, #After, or nil (for primary methods)
35 #Around will follow shortly. User-defined qualifiers will be okay.
36 !

37 !MultiMethod methodsFor: 'removing'!

38 removeFromGenericFunction

39 "Disentangle us from our GenericFunction. It is in charge of the DisciminatingMethods too."

40 self genericFunction remove: self! !

41

```
1 !MultiMethod methodsFor: 'testing'!
2 
3 = anotherMultiMethod
4     "Say two MultiMethods are equal if they are on the same selector,
5      and all the Specializers are equal..."
6 
7     ^self genericFunctionSelector = anotherMultiMethod genericFunctionSelector and: [self
8     specializers = anotherMultiMethod specializers]!
9 
10 isMultiMethod
11     "I most certainly is. CompiledCode denies this. Everything else is
12      agnostic on the question."
13 
14     ^true!
15 
```

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```
1 LessThan: rhs withArguments: args
2     "We compare our specializer with the right argument's specializers on at a time, using the
3     corresponding argument to arbitrate relative priority (which is (will be?) relevant with multiple inheritance). The order method returns an interval or
4     collection that allows the order in which the
5     arguments are checked to be changed. CLOS GenericFunctions allow user
6     control of the argument precedence. We shall too, soon..."
7
8     | left right |
9     left := self specializers.
10    right := rhs specializers.
11    self order do: [:i | ((left at: i)
12                           lessThan: (right at: i))
13                           withArgument: (args at: i))
14                           ifTrue: [^true]].
15
16    ^false!
17
18 matches: args
19     "Check each of our Specializers against each respective argument.
20     If they all match, we match. If
21     any does not, we don't either."
22
23     self specializers with: args do: [:s :a | (s matches: a)
24                           ifFalse: [^false]].
25
26     ^true!
27
28 order
29     "Return a stock left to right interval. We'll override this somehow
30     to do argument permutations. An
31     instance variable with a default could do this now, but one
32     must beware of subtle complications
33     first...
34
35     ^1 to: self specializers size!
36
37 !MultiMethod methodsFor: 'instance initialization'!
38
39 on: gfSelector using: mmSelector withArgumentSpecializers: argumentSpecializers
40     "The other version is the one at the bottom. We just add a Specializer
41     for our left-hand argument, and
42     pass the buck..."
43
44     ^self
45     on: gfSelector
46     using: mmSelector
47     withSpecializers: (Array with: (ClassSpecializer on: mclass name))
48     , argumentSpecializers!
49
50 on: gfSelector using: mmSelector withSpecializers: anArray
51     "Initialize this Multimethod, and add it to its GenericFunction..."
52
53     self specializers: anArray copy.
54     self genericFunctionSelector: gfSelector.
55     self multiMethodSelector: mmSelector.
56     self qualifier: (MultiMethod qualifierFor: mmSelector).
57
58     "As with CLOS's ensure-generic-function, we create the GF
59     if it one doesn't already exist. This means users won't normally need
60     to declare GFs explicitly. This is good, because, unlike CLOS, we
61     have no syntactic sugar to make this more palatable...
62     (GenericFunction on: genericFunctionSelector) add: self .
63
64     "Flush the ENTIRE cache..."
65     self class flushVMmethodCache!
66
67 !MultiMethod methodsFor: 'accessing'!
68
```

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```
1 genericFunction
2     "Always go through the registry..."
3
4     ^GenericFunction on: self genericFunctionSelector!
5
6 genericFunctionSelector
7     ^genericFunctionSelector!
8
9
10 genericFunctionSelector: anObject
11     genericFunctionSelector := anObject!
12
13 multiMethodSelector
14     ^multiMethodSelector!
15
16 multiMethodSelector: anObject
17     multiMethodSelector := anObject!
18
19 qualifier
20     ^qualifier!
21
22 qualifier: aSymbol
23     ^qualifier := aSymbol!
24
25 specializerAt: anIndex
26     ^specializers at: anIndex!
27
28 specializerAt: anIndex put: specializer
29     ^specializers at: anIndex put: specializer!
30
31 specializers
32     ^specializers!
33
34 specializers: anArray
35     ^specializers := anArray! !
36
37 !MultiMethod methodsFor: 'discriminating method'!
38
39 discriminatingMethod
40     "Let our GenericFunction keep track of where these are planted..."
41
42     ^self genericFunction discriminatingMethodFor: self!
43
44 install
45     "If our DiscriminatingMethod is not already installed, ask it to do so now..."
46
47     self discriminatingMethod isInstalled ifFalse: [self discriminatingMethod install]! !
48
49 ----- !
50
51 MultiMethod class
52     instanceVariableNames: '!'
53
54
55 !MultiMethod class methodsFor: 'instance creation'!
56
57 new
58     "Don't allow empty constructors for multimethods..."
59
60     self shouldNotImplement!
61
62 new: anObject
63     "Don't allow empty constructors for multimethods..."
64
65     self shouldNotImplement! !
66
```

```
1
2 !MultiMethod class methodsFor: 'qualifiers'!
3
4 qualifierFor: aSelector
5     "MultiMethod qualifierFor: #dogFood: nil"
6     "MultiMethod qualifierFor: #AroundDogFood: #Around"
7     "MultiMethod qualifierFor: #BeforeDogFood: #Before"
8     "Any occurrence works for the moment. This is an expedient until
9     we get real qualifier syntax..."
10
11    (#(Before After Around) do: [:q | (aSelector findString: q startingAt: 1)
12        > 0 ifTrue: [^q]]).
13    ^nil!
14
15 unqualifiedSelectorFor: aSelector
16     "MultiMethod unqualifiedSelectorFor: #BeforeSomething: #something:"
17     "MultiMethod unqualifiedSelectorFor: #AfterSomething: #something:"
18     "MultiMethod unqualifiedSelectorFor: #something: #something:"
19
20     | q s |
21     q := MultiMethod qualifierFor: aSelector.
22     q isNil ifTrue: [^aSelector].
23     s := aSelector copyFrom: q size + 1 to: aSelector size.
24     s := s asString.
25     s isEmpty ifTrue: [self error: 'Bad Selector: ', aSelector].
26     s at: 1 put: (s at: 1) asLowercase.
27     ^s asSymbol!
```

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2 **MethodWrapper variableSubclass: #DiscriminatingMethod**

```

3     instanceVariableNames: 'genericFunctionSelector receiverSpecializer installedFlag '
4     classVariableNames: ''
5     poolDictionaries: ''
6     category: 'Generic-Functions'!
7 DiscriminatingMethod comment:
8 'DiscriminatingMethods are MethodWrappers that intercept the invocations of methods for which
9 GenericFunctions are defined, and pass control to these GenericFunctions. (Future) subclasses may
10 exploit the partial knowledge of the dispatch outcome that DiscriminatingMethods have, as a result
11 of their placement, and use this narrow and expedite this process.
12
13 Instance Variables:
14
15 genericFunctionSelector      <Symbol> The selector for the GenericFunction we specialize, (and for
16 the MethodDictionary slot we occupy).
17 receiverSpecializer          <ClassSpecializer> A specializer for the
18                                         receiver position (not currently in use).
19 installedFlag                <Boolean> Are we currently installed?
20 !
21
22 !DiscriminatingMethod methodsFor: 'evaluating'!
23
24 valueWithReceiver: object arguments: args
25 "When an instance of MethodWrapper is called, this method is
26 given control. DiscriminatingMethods
27 pass control to their GenericFunctions...""
28
29
30 | v |
31 v := (GenericFunction on: self genericFunctionSelector)
32                                         applyReceiver: object withArguments: args.
33 ^v! !
34
35 !DiscriminatingMethod methodsFor: 'accessing'!
36
37 genericFunctionSelector
38     ^genericFunctionSelector!
39
40 genericFunctionSelector: aSymbol
41     genericFunctionSelector := aSymbol!
42
43 receiverClass
44     ^receiverClass!
45
46 receiverClass: anObject
47     receiverClass := anObject!
48
49 receiverSpecializer
50     ^receiverSpecializer!
51
52 receiverSpecializer: anObject
53     receiverSpecializer := anObject! !
54

```

55

```

1 !DiscriminatingMethod methodsFor: 'installation'!
2
3 install
4     "Let's not let these nest for now. This is unnecessarily restrictive,
5      but keeps things simple for now...""
6
7     | targetMethod |
8     self receiverSpecializer: (ClassSpecializer on: mclass name).
9     targetMethod := mclass compiledMethodAt: selector.
10
11    "Is there a wrapper there? If so, yank it out first..."
12    (targetMethod isKindOf: MethodWrapper)
13    ifTrue:
14        [Transcript show: 'uninstalling a '; print: targetMethod class; show: ' at ';
15     print: selector; cr; endEntry.
16     targetMethod uninstall].
17
18    "Our parent knows how to handle this..."
19    super install.
20
21    "Show something other than the hidden method in the Browsers..."
22    sourceCode := (DiscriminatingMethod class compiledMethodAt:
23 #installedDiscriminatingMethodSource) sourcePointer.
24    installedFlag := true!
25
26 uninstall
27     "Do the real uninstall, and then say we don't know our code either,
28      and mark us as uninstalled..."
29
30     super uninstall.
31     sourceCode := (DiscriminatingMethod class compiledMethodAt:
32 #uninstalledDiscriminatingMethodSource) sourcePointer.
33     installedFlag := false! !
34
35 !DiscriminatingMethod methodsFor: 'testing'!
36
37 isDiscriminatingMethod
38     "CompiledCode denies this..."
39
40     ^true!
41
42 isInstalled
43     "Is this DiscriminatingFunction currently installed in a MethodDictionary, or not?"
44
45     ^installedFlag! !
46
47 !DiscriminatingMethod methodsFor: 'initialize-release'!
48
49 class: aClass selector: sel
50     "This is a stock MethodWrapper set up method. Before letting MethodWrapper
51      finish up, we say we
52      aren't installed, and set our sourceCode pointer to a dummy chunk of
53      source code so that Browsers
54      will have something to look at that indicates
55      our status...""
56
57     installedFlag := false.
58     sourceCode := (DiscriminatingMethod class compiledMethodAt:
59 #uninstalledDiscriminatingMethodSource) sourcePointer.
60     ^super class: aClass selector: sel! !
61

```

```

1  "----"!
2
3 DiscriminatingMethod class
4   instanceVariableNames: '!'
5
6
7 !DiscriminatingMethod class methodsFor: 'installation'!
8
9 on: selector inClass: class
10  "Do pretty much what our super does, but don't forget our genericFunction selector...""
11  "Why selector AND genericFunctionSelector? History. I probably don't need both."
12
13 | d |
14 d := super on: selector inClass: class.
15 d genericFunctionSelector: selector.
16 ^d !
17
18 !DiscriminatingMethod class methodsFor: 'accessing'!
19
20 canWrap: aSelector inClass: aClass
21  "Test if a method can be wrapped without causing infinite recursion."
22
23 | class method |
24 (aClass includesBehavior: MethodWrapper) ifTrue: [^false].
25 aClass == BlockClosure ifTrue:
26  [(#(#[#valueAsUnwindBlockFrom: #valueNowOrOnUnwindDo:]) includes: aSelector)
27   ifTrue: [^false]].
28 ^true
29 "I decided to not be picky about whether there is a method to wrap..."
30 "class := aClass whichClassIncludesSelector: aSelector.
31 class isNil ifTrue: [^false].
32 method := class compiledMethodAt: aSelector ifAbsent: [nil].
33 ^method notNil and: [(self primitives includes: method primitiveNumber) not]"!
34
35 !DiscriminatingMethod class methodsFor: 'source templates'!
36
37 installedDiscriminatingMethodSource
38  "*** The method you are looking at is an INSTALLED DiscriminatingMethod for the current
39 selector. It's actual
40  code is hidden. ***"
41  "Don't change and accept this code unless you want a method named
42 #installedDiscriminatingMethodSource..."
43  "The source pointer for this method is copied to that of each DiscriminatingMethod when it
44 is installed..."
45
46 ^self!
47
48 uninstalledDiscriminatingMethodSource
49  "*** You are looking at an UNINSTALLED Discriminating Method ***"
50  "Don't change and accept this code unless you want a method named
51 #uninstalledDiscriminatingMethodSource..."
52  "The source pointer for this method is copied to that of each DiscriminatingMethod when it
53 is created and uninstalled..."
54
55 ^self! !
56
57

```

```

1 !DiscriminatingMethod class methodsFor: 'nothing methods'!
2
3 createEmptyMethodFor: selector
4     "Create a stub method for the indicated selector. First use
5     emptyMethodFor: to create some source,
6     and then compile it. We return a method node..."
7
8     ^(self compilerClass new
9         compile: (self emptyMethodFor: selector)
10        in: self
11        notifying: nil
12        ifFail: []) generate!
13
14 createNothingMethodFor: numArgs
15     "Deprecated..."
16
17     ^(self compilerClass new
18         compile: (self doNothingStringFor: numArgs)
19         in: self
20         notifying: nil
21         ifFail: []) generate!
22
23 doNothingStringFor: numArgs
24     "(0 to: 3) collect: [:i | DiscriminatingMethod doNothingStringFor: i]"
25
26     | nameString methodComment |
27     methodComment := '*' * * DiscriminatingMethod stub method * * *'.
28     nameString := numArgs = 0
29         ifTrue: ['nothing']
30         ifFalse: [''].
31     1 to: numArgs do: [:i | nameString := nameString , 'nothing: t' , i printString , ' '].
32     ^nameString , ' ', methodComment , ' ^self'!
33
34 emptyMethodFor: selector
35     "DiscriminatingMethod emptyMethodFor: #to:do:"
36
37     | methodComment |
38     methodComment := '*' * * DiscriminatingMethod stub method... * * *'.
39     ^(self methodHeaderFor: selector)
40         , methodComment , ' ^self'!
41
42 methodHeaderFor: selector
43     "DiscriminatingMethod methodHeaderFor: #size 'size ''"
44     "DiscriminatingMethod methodHeaderFor: #'+' + rhs ''"
45     "DiscriminatingMethod methodHeaderFor: #to:do: 'to: a1 do: a2 ''"
46
47     | s |
48     selector numArgs == 0 ifTrue: [^selector asString , ' '].
49     selector isInfix ifTrue: [^selector asString , ' ', 'rhs' , ' '].
50     s := ''.
51     (1 to: selector numArgs)
52         with: selector keywords do: [:i :k | s := s , k , 'a' , i printString , ' '].
53     ^s!

```

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2 **Object subclass: #Specializer**

```

3     instanceVariableNames: ''
4     classVariableNames: ''
5     poolDictionaries: ''
6     category: 'Generic-Functions'!
7 
8 Specializer comment:
9 'Specializer is an abstract class for CLOS-style argument specializers. It currently houses
10 default denials for the isXXX queries defined in its subclasses. The class side houses some
11 default queries.'!
```

```
13 !Specializer methodsFor: 'testing'!
```

```

14 
15 isClassSpecializer
16     "No I'm not one of these...""
17 
18     ^false!
19 
20 isEqualSpecializer
21     "Deny this heritage...""
22 
23     ^false! !
24 
```

25 **Specializer class**
26 instanceVariableNames: ''!

```

27 
28 !Specializer class methodsFor: 'instance creation'!
29 
30 
31 default
32     "The default specializer shall be whatever ClassSpecializer thinks a good default is...""
33 
34     ^ClassSpecializer default! !
35 
36 
```

37 **Specializer subclass: #EqualSpecializer**

```

38 
39     instanceVariableNames: 'specializerInstance specializerBlock'
40     classVariableNames: ''
41     poolDictionaries: ''
42     category: 'Generic-Functions'!
43 
44 EqualSpecializer comment:
45 'EqualSpecializers (when they are implemented, which they currently are not) will mimic CLOS-style
46 per-instance MultiMethod specializers
47 
```

```
48 Instance Variables:
```

```

49 
50 specializerInstance <Object>      The value this EQL-specializer must match.
51 specializerBlock      <BlockClosure> A one argument block that returns true if an object
52 matches us.'!
```

```
53 
```

54 **EqualSpecializer methodsFor: 'testing'!**

```

55 
56 = aSpecializer
57     "If we are both EqualSpecializers, and our specializerInstance
58     variables match, we're satisfied..."
59 
60     aSpecializer isEqualSpecializer iffFalse: [^false]. 
```

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```
1      ^self specializerInstance = aSpecializer specializerInstance!
2
3 isEqualSpecializer
4      ^true! !
```

```

1 !EqualSpecializer methodsFor: 'accessing' !
2
3 specializerBlock
4     ^specializerBlock!
5
6 specializerBlock: anObject
7     ^specializerBlock := anObject!
8
9 specializerInstance
10    ^specializerInstance!
11
12 specializerInstance: anObject
13     ^specializerInstance := anObject! !
14
15 ----- !
16
17 EqualSpecializer class
18     instanceVariableNames: ''!
19
20
21 !EqualSpecializer class methodsFor: 'instance creation' !
22
23 on: aBlock
24     "Store the block we were given..."
25
26     | s |
27     s := super new.
28     s specializerBlock: aBlock.
29     ^s !
30

```

31 Specializer subclass: #ClassSpecializer

```

32     instanceVariableNames: 'specializerClassName'
33     classVariableNames: ''
34     poolDictionaries: ''
35     category: 'Generic-Functions'!
36
37 ClassSpecializer comment:
38     'ClassSpecializers implement CLOS-style MultiMethod argument specializers. They store the identity
39     of the class the specializer must match.
40
41 Instance Variables:
42     specializerClassName <Symbol> The name of the Class we must match. Storing the name avoids forward
43     reference and zombie reference problems.!'
44
45
46 !ClassSpecializer methodsFor: 'testing' !
47
48 = aSpecializer
49     "If we are both ClassSpecializers, and the classes match, we're happy...""
50
51     aSpecializer isClassSpecializer ifFalse: [^false].
52     ^self specializerClass = aSpecializer specializerClass!
53
54 isClassSpecializer
55     ^true!
56
57 lessThan: rhs withArgument: arg
58     "We determine order by our relative positions given the CPL for a <particular argument>...""
59
60     | cpl |
61     cpl := self computeClassPrecedenceListFor: arg.
62     ^(cpl indexOf: self specializerClassName)
63         < (cpl indexOf: rhs specializerClassName)! !

```

```

1 !ClassSpecializer methodsFor: 'precedence'!
2
3 computeClassPrecedenceListFor: anObject
4     "Without multiple inheritance, a Class Precedence List (CPL in CLOS parlance) comes
5     down to a straight patrilineal chain all the way to
6     nil (the only superclass worth having)..."
7
8     | cpl class |
9     cpl := OrderedCollection new: 5.      "What depth covers most of 'em?"
10    class := anObject class.
11    [class isNil]
12        whileFalse:
13            [cpl add: class name].
14            class := class superclass].
15
16 ^cpl!
17
18 matches: anObject
19     "In CLOS, you specify the precedence of your (perhaps multiple) direct superclass(es).
20     This means different arguments may have a particular class in different positions
21     in their CPLs, which is why they use CPLs for this stuff."
22
23     "Yes, I know that for single inheritance the commented line of code below
24     really is equivalent, but CPLs may matter later..."
25     "result := anObject isKindOf: self specializerClass."
26     | cpl result |
27     cpl := self computeClassPrecedenceListFor: anObject.
28     result := cpl includes: self specializerClassName.
29     "The temporary result leaves us somewhere to put the self halt during testing..."
30     ^result!
31
32 !ClassSpecializer methodsFor: 'printing'!
33
34 printOn: aStream
35     "ClassSpecializers print as <Junk>..."
36
37     aStream nextPut: $<.
38     aStream print: self specializerClass.
39     aStream nextPut: $>! !
40
41 !ClassSpecializer methodsFor: 'accessing'!
42
43 specializerClass
44     "Dig the actual class for our specializer out of Smalltalk..."
45
46     ^Smalltalk at: self specializerClassName!
47
48 specializerClass: aClass
49     "Store the name, not the class..."
50
51     self specializerClassName: aClass name!
52
53 specializerClassName
54     ^specializerClassName!
55
56 specializerClassName: aSymbol
57     ^specializerClassName := aSymbol! !

```

```
1 ----- "!
2
3 ClassSpecializer class
4 instanceVariableNames: '!'
5
6
7 !ClassSpecializer class methodsFor: 'instance creation'!
8
9 default
10   "We could probably cache this..."
11   "Our default is Object (CLOS 'T'). nil superclass shenanigans
12   will probably merit some thought done
13   the road...""
14
15   ^super new; specializerClass: Object; yourself!
16
17 on: aClassOrSymbol
18   "Create a ClassSpecializer. Let callers send us Symbols, or the real McCoy.
19   This may make a useful
20   MultiMethod demonstration one of these days...""
21
22   | s |
23   s := super new.
24   (aClassOrSymbol isKindOf: Symbol)
25     ifTrue: [s specializerClassName: aClassOrSymbol]
26     ifFalse: [s specializerClass: aClassOrSymbol].
27
28 ^s!
```

```

1
2 Object subclass: #GenericFunction
3     instanceVariableNames: 'selector multiMethods discriminatingMethods methodCombination '
4     classVariableNames: 'GenericFunctionRegistry '
5     poolDictionaries: ''
6     category: 'Generic-Functions'!
7
8 GenericFunction comment:
9 'GenericFunctions implement CLOS-style families of MultiMethods, where dispatching takes not only
10 the left-hand (receiver) argument into account, but all the other arguments to a method invocation
11 as well. A GenericFunction knows all the MultiMethods that ''specialize'' it. It also has a
12 MethodCombination object, which determines the manner in which applicable MultiMethods are
13 executed.
14
15 Instance Variables:
16 selector <Symbol>           The selector, or operator that this GenericFunction oversees.
17 multiMethod <Dictionary> A mapping from MultiMethod selectors to MultiMethods
18 discriminatingMethods <Dictionary> A mapping from Class names to DiscriminatingMethods.
19 methodCombination <MethodCombination> The MethodCombination used for this GenericFunction.
20
21 Class Variables:
22
23 GenericFunctionRegistry <Dictionary> A mapping from each Symbol for which a GenericFunction is
24 defined to that GenericFunction. This global registry ensures that one and only one
25 GenericFunction is defined at any given time for a particular selector/operator.
26 !
27
28 !GenericFunction methodsFor: 'private'!
29
30 allImplementors
31     "Return a SortedCollection of all the methods in the system that implement our selector...""
32     "This is based on Browser>>allImplementorsOf:."
33     "(GenericFunction on: #at:put:) allImplementors"
34
35     | aCollection |
36     aCollection := OrderedCollection new.
37     Smalltalk allBehaviorsDo: [:class | (class includesSelector: selector)
38             ifTrue: [aCollection add: (class compiledMethodAt: selector)]].
39
40     ^aCollection!
41
42 allImplementorsOld
43     "Return a SortedCollection of all the methods in the system that implement our selector...""
44     "This is based on Browser>>allImplementorsOf:."
45     "(GenericFunction on: #at:put:) allImplementors"
46
47     | aCollection |
48     aCollection := SortedCollection new.
49     Smalltalk allBehaviorsDo: [:class | (class includesSelector: selector)
50             ifTrue: [aCollection add: class name , ' ', selector]].
51
52     ^aCollection!
53
54 !GenericFunction methodsFor: 'printing'!
55
56 printOn: aStream
57     "We might use the temporary for vowel testing one of these days...""
58
59     | title |
60     title := self class name.
61     aStream nextPutAll: title.
62     aStream nextPutAll: ' on: '.
63     aStream print: selector! !
64

```

```

1 !GenericFunction methodsFor: 'evaluation' !
2
3 apply: args
4     "To apply a GenericFunction, first, determine the applicable methods
5     (those for which the arguments
6     satisfy the specializers). These are then sorted in the order in which
7     they are applicable. Then, they
8     are passed to the MethodCombination, which actually executes the methods..."
9
10    | am v s |
11    am := self computeApplicableMethods: args.
12    am isEmptyIfTrue: [self error: 'no-applicable-methods'].
13    s := SortedCollection sortBlock: [:l :r | l lessThan: r withArguments: args].
14    s addAll: am.
15    am := s asOrderedCollection.
16    v := self methodCombination
17        applyGenericFunction: self
18        withMethods: am
19        andArguments: args.
20    Transcript show: 'after mc apply'; cr.
21    ^v!
22
23 applyReceiver: receiver withArguments: args
24     "Concatenate the receiver and the given arguments and pass 'em all to apply:...."
25     "(Yes, this is a peculiar idiom for this, but I froze the code for now.)"
26
27    | a |
28    a := OrderedCollection new: args size + 1.
29    a add: receiver.
30    a addAll: args.
31    Transcript show: 'applying gf'; cr.
32    ^self apply: a!
33
34 computeApplicableMethods: args
35     "Return a collection of all the applicable methods, regardless of
36     qualifiers, given the current
37     arguments...""
38
39    | am |
40    am := multiMethods values select: [:m | m matches: args].
41    ^am!
42
43 !GenericFunction methodsFor: 'multimethod add/remove' !
44
45 add: aMultiMethod
46     "Put this MultiMethod in our Dictionary of potentially applicable methods..."
47     "Do some goaltending first..."
48
49     self selector = aMultiMethod genericFunctionSelector unqualified ifFalse: [self error: 'Bad
50 multimethod selector'].
51     multiMethods at: aMultiMethod multiMethodSelector put: aMultiMethod.
52     "Note that this DM isn't installed yet. This is because we may not have ensured it has a
53     selector to wrap yet."
54     discriminatingMethods at: aMultiMethod mclass name ifAbsentPut: [
55         DiscriminatingMethod on: selector unqualified inClass: aMultiMethod mclass]!
56
57 remove: aMultiMethod
58     "If someone is trying to remove MultiMethod from the wrong GF, catch 'em here.
59     Test the unqualified
60     name so as to allow the before/after qualifier gambit."
61
62     self selector = aMultiMethod genericFunctionSelector unqualified ifFalse: [self error:
63 'MultiMethod and GenericFunction selector mismatch'].
64     multiMethods removeKey: aMultiMethod multiMethodSelector ifAbsent: [self error: 'Bad
65 multimethod selector'].
66     "We need to reference count these, or otherwise correctly manage them..."
67     "discriminatingMethods at: aMultiMethod mclass"
68     Transcript show: '-- Removing: ', self printString; cr; endEntry! !

```

```
1 !GenericFunction methodsFor: 'accessing' !
2 
3 arity
4     "Return the number of arguments our selector takes, including the receiver...""
5 
6     ^self numArgs + 1!
7 
8 discriminatingMethodFor: aMultiMethod
9     "Return the DiscriminatingMethod that catches invocations a particular
10    MultiMethod on a particular
11    first argument."
12 
13    ^discriminatingMethods at: aMultiMethod mclass name ifAbsent: [nil]!
14 
15 discriminatingMethods
16     "Return the discriminating methods for this GenericFunction..."
17 
18     ^discriminatingMethods!
19 
20 discriminatingMethods: aCollection
21     ^discriminatingMethods := aCollection!
22 
23 methodCombination
24     ^methodCombination!
25 
26 methodCombination: aMethodCombination
27     ^methodCombination := aMethodCombination!
28 
29 multiMethods
30     "Return the multimethods for this GenericFunction..."
31 
32     ^multiMethods!
33 
34 multiMethods: aDictionary
35     "Store the multimethods for this GenericFunction..."
36 
37     ^multiMethods := aDictionary!
38 
39 numArgs
40     "Return the number of arguments our selector takes, not including
41     the receiver. To include the receiver, use #arity..."
42 
43     ^selector numArgs!
44 
45 selector
46     "Return the selector for this GenericFunction..."
47 
48     ^selector!
49 
50 selector: aSelector
51     "Return the RHS to allow cascaded assignments."
52 
53     ^selector := aSelector! !
54 
55 !GenericFunction methodsFor: 'test'!
56 
57 trash! !
58 
```

```

1 !GenericFunction methodsFor: 'initialization'!
2
3 initialize
4     "Start with the SimpleMethodCombination scheme for now.
5     Standard will be a better default once it is working correctly...""
6
7     self methodCombination: SimpleMethodCombination new.
8     multiMethods := Dictionary new: 10.
9     self discriminatingMethods: (Dictionary new: 10)! !
10    "-----"
11
12 GenericFunction class
13     instanceVariableNames: ''!
14
15
16 !GenericFunction class methodsFor: 'class initialization'!
17
18 initialize
19     "Initialize the GenericFunction class by creating an empty registry..."
20     "GenericFunction initialize"
21
22     GenericFunctionRegistry := IdentityDictionary new: 10! !
23
24 !GenericFunction class methodsFor: 'accessing'!
25
26 genericFunctions
27     "Return the registry..."
28     "GenericFunction genericFunctions"
29
30     ^GenericFunctionRegistry! !
31
32 !GenericFunction class methodsFor: 'instance creation'!
33
34 new
35     "Don't allow uncommitted GFs to be minted..."
36
37     self shouldNotImplement!
38
39 new: anObject
40     "Don't allow uncommitted GFs to be minted for now..."
41
42     self shouldNotImplement!
43
44 on: aSelector
45     "Create a new GenericFunction for the indicated selector...
46     "If we've already created a generic function for this selector, return it.
47     Otherwise, create a new generic function object, and register it.
48     In this way, we use GenericFunction class as both a GenericFunction factory
49     and repository..."
50     "GenericFunction on: #at:put:"
51     "An empty registry means we haven't been initialized, or someone
52     is up to mischief. In either case, the reinitialization is indicated..."
53
54     | selector |
55     GenericFunctionRegistry isNil ifTrue: [self initialize].
56     selector := MultiMethod unqualifiedSelectorFor: aSelector.
57     ^GenericFunctionRegistry at: selector
58     ifAbsent:
59         ["If a GF already exists for this selector, return it, otherwise, create
60         one..."
61         | gf |
62         gf := super new.
63         gf initialize.
64         gf selector: selector.
65         GenericFunctionRegistry at: selector put: gf.
66         gf]! !

```

```
1 !GenericFunction class methodsFor: 'testing'!
2 
3 isGenericFunction: aSelector
4     "Let the caller know whether we've got this selector in the registry..."
5     "We might want to hide the registry mechanism behind some protocol at some point..."
6 
7     | selector |
8     selector := MultiMethod unqualifiedSelectorFor: aSelector.
9     ^GenericFunctionRegistry includesKey: selector! !
10 GenericFunction initialize!
11 
12 Object subclass: #Medium
13     instanceVariableNames: ''
14     classVariableNames: ''
15     poolDictionaries: ''
16     category: 'MultiMethod-Menagerie' !
17 
```

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2 **Medium subclass: #Land**

```

3     instanceVariableNames: ''
4     classVariableNames: ''
5     poolDictionaries: ''
6     category: 'MultiMethod-Menagerie'!
7
8

```

9 **Object subclass: #Animal**

```

10    instanceVariableNames: 'legs'
11    classVariableNames: ''
12    poolDictionaries: ''
13    category: 'MultiMethod-Menagerie'!
14
15
16 !Animal methodsFor: 'ethology'!
17
18 AfterMoveThrough: medium <Medium>
19   "(Mammal new) moveThrough: (Water new)"
20   "(Mouse new) moveThrough: (Land new)"
21   "(Mammal new) speak"
22
23   Transcript show: 'AFTER <Animal>AfterMoveThrough<Medium>...'; cr; endEntry!
24
25 BeforeMoveThrough: medium <Medium>
26   "(Mammal new) moveThrough: (Water new)"
27   "(Mouse new) moveThrough: (Land new)"
28   "(Mammal new) speak"
29
30   Transcript show: 'BEFORE <Animal>BeforeMoveThrough<Medium>...'; cr; endEntry!
31
32 AfterMoveThrough: a1 "*** DiscriminatingMethod stub method... ***" ^self!
33
34 BeforeMoveThrough: a1 "*** DiscriminatingMethod stub method... ***" ^self!
35
36 installedDiscriminatingMethodSource
37   "*** The method you are looking at is an INSTALLED DiscriminatingMethod for the current
38 selector. It's actual
39   code is hidden. ***"
40   "Don't change and accept this code unless you want a method named
41 #installedDiscriminatingMethodSource..."
42   "The source pointer for this method is copied to that of each DiscriminatingMethod when it
43 is installed..."
44
45   ^self!
46
47 speak
48   Transcript show: 'I am an animal';cr;endEntry.
49   ^66! !
50
51 !Animal methodsFor: 'accessing'!
52
53 legs
54   ^legs!
55
56 legs: n
57   ^legs := n! !

```

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2 Animal subclass: #Mammal

```

3     instanceVariableNames: 'hasHair aquatic'
4     classVariableNames: ''
5     poolDictionaries: ''
6     category: 'MultiMethod-Menagerie'!
7
8
9 !Mammal methodsFor: 'accessing'!
10
11 aquatic
12     ^aquatic!
13
14 aquatic: aBoolean
15     ^hasHair := aquatic!
15
16 hasHair
17     ^hasHair!
17
18 hasHair: aBoolean
19     ^hasHair := aBoolean! !
20
21
22 !Mammal methodsFor: 'ethology'!
23
24
25 AfterMoveThrough: medium <Medium>
26     "(Mammal new) moveThrough: (Water new)"
27     "(Mouse new) moveThrough: (Land new)"
28     "(Mammal new) speak"
29
30     Transcript show: 'AFTER <Mammal>AfterMoveThrough<Medium>...'; cr; endEntry!
31
32 BeforeMoveThrough: medium <Medium>
33     "(Mammal new) moveThrough: (Water new)"
34     "(Mouse new) moveThrough: (Land new)"
35     "(Mammal new) speak"
36
37     Transcript show: 'BEFORE <Mammal>BeforeMoveThrough<Medium>...'; cr; endEntry!
38
39 moveThrough: medium <Land>
40     "(Mammal new) moveThrough: (Water new)"
41     "(Mouse new) moveThrough: (Land new)"
42     "(Mammal new) speak"
43
44     Transcript show: 'Mammals can usually move over land'; cr; endEntry!
45
46 moveThrough: medium <Medium>
47     "(Mammal new) moveThrough: (Water new)"
48     "(Mouse new) moveThrough: (Land new)"
49     "(Mammal new) speak"
50
51     Transcript show: 'Mammals can usually move adequately through any Medium for at least brief
52 periods of time...!'
53
54 AfterMoveThrough: a1 "*** DiscriminatingMethod stub method... ***" ^self!
55
56 BeforeMoveThrough: a1 "*** DiscriminatingMethod stub method... ***" ^self!
57
58 speak
59     Transcript show: 'I am am a Mammal';cr;endEntry.
60     ^super speak! !

```

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2 **Mammal subclass: #Mouse**

```

3     instanceVariableNames: 'favoriteCheese '
4     classVariableNames: ''
5     poolDictionaries: ''
6     category: 'MultiMethod-Menagerie' !
7
8
9 !Mouse methodsFor: 'accessing'!
10
11 favoriteCheese
12     ^favoriteCheese!
13
14 favoriteCheese: cheese
15     ^favoriteCheese := cheese! !
16
17 !Mouse methodsFor: 'ethology'!
18
19 moveThrough: medium <Land>
20     "GenericFunction initialize"
21     "(Mammal new) moveThrough: (Water new)"
22     "(Mouse new) moveThrough: (Land new)"
23     "(Mammal new) speak"
24     "(GenericFunction on: #moveThrough:) inspect"
25     "(GenericFunction on: #moveThrough:) methodCombination: StandardMethodCombination new"
26     "(GenericFunction on: #moveThrough:) methodCombination: SimpleMethodCombination new"
27     "(GenericFunction on: #moveThrough:) methodCombination: SubStandardMethodCombination new"
28
29     thisContext callNextMethodWithArguments: nil.
30     Transcript show: 'Mice move quite well over land'; cr; endEntry!
31
32 installedDiscriminatingMethodSource
33     "* * * The method you are looking at is an INSTALLED DiscriminatingMethod for the current
34 selector. It's actual
35     code is hidden. * * *"
36     "Don't change and accept this code unless you want a method named
37 #installedDiscriminatingMethodSource..."
38     "The source pointer for this method is copied to that of each DiscriminatingMethod when it
39 is installed..."
40
41     ^self!
42
43 speak
44     "Mouse new speak"
45
46     Transcript show: 'I am am a Mouse'; cr; endEntry.
47     ^super speak! !

```

```

1 !Compiler class methodsFor: 'simulating' !
2
3 simulateAgain: expr
4     "Simulate the evaluation of expr,
5      without flushing the cache"
6     | method ctx root dummy |
7     method := Compiler compileClass: Object selector: #doIt source: 'doIt ^(' , expr , ')'.
8     dummy := CompiledMethod bytes: #() literals: #() numArgs: 0 numTemps: 0 maxDepth: 1
9     needsFrame: true hybrid: false forContext: false.
10    dummy mclass: Object.
11    root := MethodContext sender: nil receiver: nil method: dummy arguments: #().
12    ctx := MethodContext sender: root receiver: nil method: method arguments: #().
13    [ctx := ctx interpretNextInstructionFor: ctx.
14     (ctx isKindOf: Array) ifTrue: [ctx := ctx at: 1]. "<BF>".
15     ctx == root]
16     whileFalse: [].
17     ^ctx top! !
18

19 !Symbol methodsFor: 'converting' !
20
21 unqualified
22     "Pass this to where it doesn't really belong, for now...""
23
24     ^MultiMethod unqualifiedSelectorFor: self! !
25

26 !SequenceableCollection methodsFor: 'copying' !
27
28 rest
29     "This goes well with first and last...""
30     "For frustrated Lisp'ers who miss CDR...""
31     "#() rest #()"
32     "#(1) rest #()"
33     "#(1 2) rest #(2)"
34     "#(1 2 3) rest #(2 3)"
35     "'brat' rest 'rat'"'
36
37     self size < 2 ifTrue: [^self copyEmpty: 0].
38     ^self copyFrom: 2 to: self size! !
39
40

41 !Context methodsFor: 'simulation-debugger' !
42
43 sendFlagSet: s
44     "Sneak a value in for this flag...""
45
46     Send := s! !
47

```

```
1 !Context methodsFor: 'multimethod support'!
2 
3 callNextMethod
4     "If you need an example of a method where transformations that would
5     normally be considered as
6     behavior preserving might not be, consider
7     #applyGenericFunction:withMethods:andArguments: in
8     the presence of this method..."
9 
10    | applyContext gf am args mc |
11    applyContext := self firstContextWithSelector:
12    #applyGenericFunction:withMethods:andArguments:.
13    gf := applyContext tempAt: 1.
14    am := applyContext tempAt: 2.
15    args := applyContext tempAt: 3.
16    "mc := applyContext receiver outerContext receiver."
17    mc := applyContext receiver.
18    am size <= 1 ifTrue: [^nil].
19    mc
20        applyGenericFunction: gf
21        withMethods: am rest
22        andArguments: args!
23 
24 callNextMethodWith: a1
25     ^self callNextMethodWithArguments: (Array with: a1)!
26 
27 callNextMethodWith: a1 with: a2
28     ^self callNextMethodWithArguments: (Array with: a1 with: a2)!
29 
30 callNextMethodWith: a1 with: a2 with: a3
31     ^self callNextMethodWithArguments: (Array
32             with: a1
33             with: a2
34             with: a3)!
35 
36 callNextMethodWithArguments: arguments
37     "Find a MethodCombinationContext on the stack, and hand off to it. When
38     it's done, return its
39     result..."
40 
41     applyContext := self firstContextForInstanceOf: MethodCombinationContext.
42     methodCombinationContext := applyContext receiver.
43     result := methodCombinationContext applyNextWithArguments: arguments.
44     ^result!
45 
46
```

```

1 firstContextForInstanceOf: aClass
2   | c |
3   c := self.
4   [c isNil ifTrue: [^nil].
5   (c receiver isKindOf: aClass)
6     ifTrue: [^c].
7   Transcript show: c selector; cr; endEntry.
8   c == self sender ifTrue: [^nil].
9   c := self sender] repeat!
10
11 firstContextWithSelector: aSelector
12   "With a doIt, you should find the context below..."
13   "thisContext firstContextFor: #performMethod:arguments:"
14
15   | c |
16   c := self.
17
18   [c isNil ifTrue: [^nil].
19   c selector == aSelector ifTrue: [^c].
20   Transcript show: c selector; cr; endEntry.
21   c == self sender ifTrue: [^nil].
22   c := self sender] repeat!
23
24 hasNextMethod
25   "ERROR: This should be handed off to the MethodCombinationContext!!!!!!"
26
27   | applyContext am |
28   applyContext := self firstContextWithSelector:
29   #applyGenericFunction:withMethods:andArguments:.
30   am := applyContext tempAt: 2.
31   "If there are any methods left, say 'right this way'..."
32   ^am rest isEmpty not!
33
34 !Context class methodsFor: 'class initialization'!
35
36 sendFlagSet: s
37   "Sneak a value in for this flag..."
38
39   Send := s! !
40
41 !ParameterNode methodsFor: 'multimethod support'!
42
43 getTypeInfo
44   "Since we have some test methods with type expressions, we don't flag them for now,
45   but arbitrarily treat them as default specializers..."
46
47   type isNil
48     ifTrue: [^ClassSpecializer on: Object name]
49     ifFalse: [(type isKindOf: VariableNode)
50       ifTrue: [^ClassSpecializer on: type name asSymbol]
51       ifFalse: ["self error: 'Bad Type Expression'"
52                     ^Specializer default]]!
53
54 hasTypeInfo
55   "For a ParameterNode, just see if a type expression was given at all..."
56
57   ^type ~= nil! !
58

```

```

1 !MethodNode methodsFor: 'multimethod support'!
2 
3 getExperimentalSelector
4     "(MultiTest parseTreeForMethod: #Junk:with:) getExperimentalSelector
5 #'Junk:<MultiTest>with:<Junk>'"
6     "(MultiTest parseTreeForMethod: #'Junk:<MultiTest>with:<Junk>') getExperimentalSelector"
7 
8     self hasTypeInfo iffFalse: [^selector]
9         ifTrue:
10            [| specializers newSelector words |
11             newSelector := ''.
12             specializers := self getTypeInfo.
13             words := selector isKeyword iffFalse: [Array with: selector]
14                 ifTrue: [selector keywords].
15             words with: specializers do: [:w :s | newSelector := newSelector , w , s
16             printString].
17             ^newSelector asSymbol]!
18 
19 getOriginalSelector
20     "Since we intercept the selector accessor and return a
21     MultiMethod selector (using getSelector) in
22     response to the selector accessor, we provide this method
23     for cases where the original selector is
24     needed..."
25 
26     ^selector!
27 
28 getSelector
29     "If we are not a multimethod, return the usual selector, otherwise
30     make a dotted selector with the
31     types at the beginning..."
32 
33     self hasTypeInfo iffFalse: [^selector]
34         ifTrue:
35            [| specializers newSelector |
36             newSelector := ''.
37             specializers := self getTypeInfo.
38             specializers do: [:s | newSelector := newSelector , s specializerClass
39             printString].
40             newSelector := newSelector , '.' , selector.
41             ^newSelector asSymbol]!
42 
43 getTypeInfo
44     ^block getTypeInfo!
45 
46 hasTypeInfo
47     "Ask our code block, which is a BlockNode, about this..."
48 
49     ^block hasTypeInfo!
50 
51 !MethodNode methodsFor: 'accessing'!
52 
53 selector
54     "Call into the multimethod code for this...
55     "Aselector"
56 
57     ^self getSelector!
58 
```

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1 !BlockNode methodsFor: 'multimethod support'!
2
3 getTypeInfo
4     "Glean the type information each of our arguments..."
5
6     ^arguments collect: [:arg | arg get TypeInfo]!
7
8 hasTypeInfo
9     "If any of our arguments had a type specifier, flag us as a potential MultiMethod..."
10
11    arguments do: [:arg | arg hasTypeInfo ifTrue: [^true]].
12    ^false! !
13
14 !Behavior methodsFor: 'creating method dictionary'!
15
16 removeSelector: selector
17     "Assuming that the message selector is in the receiver's method dictionary,
18     remove it. If the selector is not in the method dictionary, create an error
19     notification."
20
21     | method |
22     method := methodDict at: selector ifAbsent: [self error: 'Removing non-existant method'].
23     (method isKindOf: MultiMethod) ifTrue: [method removeFromGenericFunction].
24     "Resume stock code here..."
25     methodDict removeKey: selector.
26     self flushVMmethodCacheEntriesFor: selector! !
27
28 !Behavior methodsFor: 'accessing method dictionary'!
29
30 parseTreeForMethod: aSymbol
31     ^self parserClass new
32         parse: (self sourceCodeAt: aSymbol) readStream
33         class: self
34         noPattern: false
35         context: nil
36         notifying: (SilentCompilerErrorHandler new failBlock: [^nil])
37         builder: ProgramNodeBuilder new
38         saveComments: true
39         ifFail: [^nil]! !
40
41 !Behavior methodsFor: 'compiling'!
42
43 compile: code notifying: requestor ifFail: failBlock
44     "Compile the argument, code, as source code in the context of the receiver and
45     install the result in the receiver's method dictionary. The argument requestor is to
46     be notified if an error occurs. The argument code is either a string or an
47     object that converts to a string or a PositionableStream on an object that
48     converts to a string. This method does not save the source code.
49     Evaluate the failBlock if the compilation does not succeed."
50
51     | methodNode selector |
52     methodNode := self compilerClass new
53         compile: code
54         in: self
55         notifying: requestor
56         ifFail: failBlock.
57     methodNode hasTypeInfo ifTrue: [methodNode := (MethodWrapperCompiler new methodClass:
58     MultiMethod)
59             compile: code
60             in: self
61             notifying: requestor
62             ifFail: failBlock].
63     selector := methodNode selector.
64     self addSelector: selector withMethod: methodNode generate.
65     ^selector!
66

```

```
1
2 !CompiledCode methodsFor: 'testing'!
3
4 isDiscriminatingMethod
5     "Part of the GenericFunction code..."
6
7     ^false!
8
9 isMultiMethod
10    "Part of the GenericFunction code..."
11
12    ^false!
13
14 isWrapper
15    "Part of the method wrapper code..."
16
17    ^false! !
18
19
20 !MethodNodeHolder methodsFor: 'multimethod support'!
21
22 getExperimentalSelector
23     "Duct tape..."
24
25     ^methodNode getExperimentalSelector!
26
27 getOriginalSelector
28     "More duct tape..."
29
30     ^methodNode getOriginalSelector!
31
32 getTypeInfo
33     "Forward this rascal too..."
34
35     ^methodNode getTypeInfo!
36
37 hasTypeInfo
38     "Forward this rascal..."
39
40     ^methodNode hasTypeInfo! !
41
```

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1 !ClassDescription methodsFor: 'compiling'!
2
3 compile: code classified: heading notifying: requestor
4     "Compile the argument, code, as source code in the context of the receiver
5     and install the result in the receiver's method dictionary under the
6     classification indicated by the second argument, heading. The third
7     argument, requestor, is to be notified if an error occurs. The argument code
8     is either a string or an object that converts to a string or a
9     PositionableStream on an object that converts to a string."
10
11    | selector method |
12    selector := self
13        compile: code
14        notifying: requestor
15        ifFail: [:nil].
16    (methodDict at: selector)
17        sourcePointer: (SourceFileManager default
18            storeMethodSource: code asString
19            class: self
20            category: heading
21            safely: true).
22    self organization classify: selector under: heading.
23
24    "Begin the multimethod alterations here..."
25    "We could almost call the current method recursively, if we generated a better method
26 string...""
27    method := methodDict at: selector.
28    ((method isKindOf: MultiMethod)
29        and: [(methodDict at: method genericFunctionSelector ifAbsent: [nil]) isNil])
30        ifTrue:
31            [| sel met |
32            sel := method genericFunctionSelector.
33            met := DiscriminatingMethod createEmptyMethodFor: sel.
34            self addSelector: sel withMethod: met.
35            (methodDict at: sel) sourcePointer: (SourceFileManager default
36                storeMethodSource: (DiscriminatingMethod emptyMethodFor: sel)
37                class: self
38                category: heading
39                safely: true).
40            self organization classify: sel under: heading.
41            "Give the MM a chance to install the DM here..."
42            method install].
43
44    "Resume normal code here..."
45    ^selector!
46
47

```

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```
1 compile: code notifying: requestor ifFail: failBlock
2     "Intercept this message in order to remember system changes."
3
4     | methodNode compiledMethod selector |
5     methodNode := self compilerClass new
6         compile: code
7         in: self
8         notifying: requestor
9         ifFail: failBlock.
10    selector := methodNode selector.
11    "If this method has type information, compile it again as a MultiMethod..."
12    methodNode hasTypeInfo ifTrue: [methodNode := (MethodWrapperCompiler new methodClass:
13        MultiMethod)
14            compile: code
15            in: self
16            notifying: requestor
17            ifFail: failBlock].
18    "Resume old code here...""
19    (methodDict includesKey: selector)
20        ifTrue: [ChangeSet current changeSelector: selector class: self]
21        ifFalse: [ChangeSet current addSelector: selector class: self].
22    compiledMethod := methodNode generate.
23    "If this is a MultiMethod, find it's funny selector, and complete
24    it's initialization..."
25    (compiledMethod isKindOf: MultiMethod)
26        ifTrue:
27            [selector := methodNode getExperimentalSelector.
28             selector := ('<' , self printString , '>' , selector) asSymbol.
29             compiledMethod
30                 on: methodNode getOriginalSelector
31                 using: selector
32                 withArgumentSpecializers: methodNode getTypeInfo].
33    "Resume old code here...""
34    self addSelector: selector withMethod: compiledMethod.
35    ^selector!
36
37
38 !Parser methodsFor: 'initialize-release' !
39
40 initScanner
41     "Turning on extendedLanguage enables <Xxx> type expressions in method definitions..."
42
43     super initScanner.
44     typeTable := TypeTable.          "Default language choice:"
45     oldLanguage := true.
46     newLanguage := true.
47     extendedLanguage := true! !
48
49
```

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1 !Parser methodsFor: 'expression types->value/error' !
2 
3 argument
4     | arg argType oldPos oldToken oldTokenType |
5     tokenType == #word ifFalse: [^self expected: 'Argument name'].
6     arg := builder declareVariableName: token.
7     arg sourcePosition: mark.
8     self scanToken.
9     "Save these elements of the parser's state in case we see a pragma..."
10    oldPos := source position.
11    oldToken := token.
12    oldTokenType := tokenType.
13    "If this turns out to be a pragma, try to back up and say there was no type <gulp>..."
14    (extendedLanguage and: [token == #<)])
15        ifTrue:
16            [self scanToken.
17             (tokenType == #keyword and: [self pragmaKeywords includes: token asSymbol])
18                 ifTrue:
19                     [source position: oldPos - 1.
20                      token := oldToken.
21                      tokenType := oldTokenType.
22                      argType := nil].
23                 ifFalse:
24                     [self typeExpression ifFalse: [self expected: 'Type
25 expression']].
26                     argType := parseNode.
27                     (self matchToken: #>)
28                         ifFalse: [self expected: '>']]]
29         ifFalse: [argType := nil].
30     ^builder newParameterVariable: arg type: argType!
```

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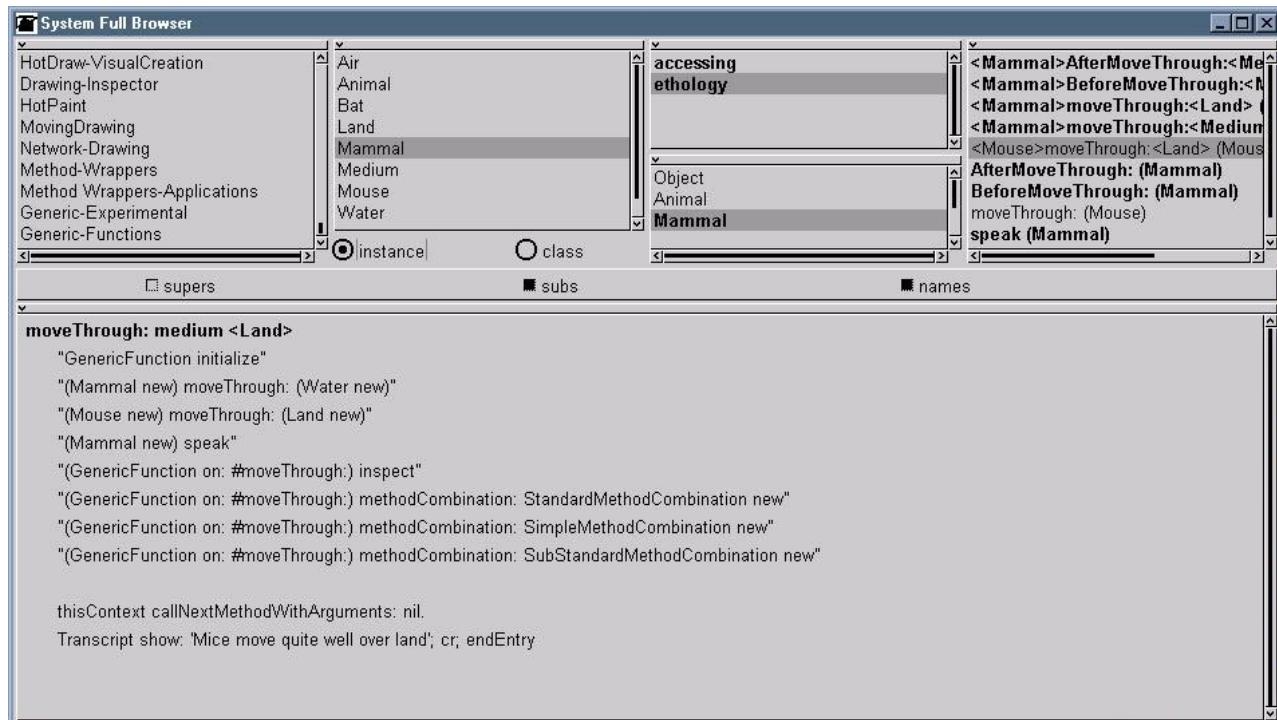
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1  ;;; animal -- A rather prosaic taxonomic example class hierarchy...
2  ;;;
3  (defclass animal ()
4    ;; Define the slots for generic beasts here...
5    ((species :accessor species :initarg :species :initform "An Animal")
6     (legs :accessor legs :initarg :legs :initform 0 :type fixnum)
7     ;; Define a slot with the :class allocation-type. This is
8     ;; similar to a Smalltalk class variable. For fun, try giving it
9     ;; a type. (Vishnu is the second member of the three member Hindu
10    ;; trinity...)
11    (creator :accessor creator :initform "Brahma" :type (string 255)
12      :allocation :class :documentation "Shiva is the destroyer..."))
13    ;; Use the usual metaclass. STANDARD-CLASS is the default, so
14    ;; the line below is, in effect, a no-op...
15    (:metaclass standard-class) ;An inline (single) comment (FRED does nothing)...
16    ;; Give no useful information here...
17    (:documentation "I am a generic beast..."))
18
19  ;;;
20  ;;; mammal -- Animals that give milk...
21  ;;;
22  (defclass mammal (animal)
23    ((breasts :accessor breasts :initform 2 :initarg :breasts))
24    (:documentation "I give milk..."))
25    ;; Try out the :default-initargs feature here...
26    (:default-initargs :species "Some sort of Mammal" :legs 2))
27
28  ;;;
29  ;;; mouse -- A rodent...
30  ;;;
31  (defclass mouse (mammal)
32    ((favorite-cheese :accessor favorite-cheese :initform "Swiss"
33      :initarg :favorite-cheese))
34    (:documentation "I'm a mouse..."))
35    ;;defaut-initargs are inherited. This is the only class option
36    ;;that is, says Keene...
37    (:default-initargs :species "Mouse" :legs 4)
38  )
39
40
41  ;;;
42  ;;; speak -- A generic speak function...
43  ;;;
44  (defgeneric speak (who) ;Takes just a dummy lambda list...
45    (:documentation "Will the animals talk back?"))
46    (:argument-precedence-order who))
47
48  (defmethod speak ((who animal))
49    (format t "I'm an animal: ~A~%" who))
50
51  (defmethod speak :before ((who animal))
52    (format t "Before specializing on animal: ~A~%" who))
53
54  (defmethod speak :after ((who animal))
55    (format t "After specializing on animal: ~A~%" who))
56
```

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```
1  ;;; speak mouse -- primary method (This returns the value)...
2  ;;;
3  ;(defmethod speak ((who mouse))
4  ;  (format t "I am but a mouse...~%")
5  ;  (format t "call-next-method: ~%")
6  ;;; This code illustrates the use of next-method-p. If call-next-method
7  ;;is called in a context where no next most specific method is
8  ;;applicable, CLOS will signal an array. (Contrast this with the
9  ;;treatment of usual-xxx in Object Lisp.) The next-method-p predicate
10 ;;can be used to avoid such mishaps. In the event that no next method
11 ;;is defined, we call the CL error function...
12 ;(if (next-method-p)
13 ;  (call-next-method)
14 ;  (error "No next method (Should never occur...), who: ~A~%" who))
15 ;;; Return an atypical, easy to identify result...
16 ;99)
17
18
19 ;;; Called for side effects, doesn't affect the value. In the core framework,
20 ;;any values of before- or after-methods are ignored, and the generic function
21 ;;returns the value of the primary method. If there is no applicable
22 ;;primary method, an error is signaled...
23 ;;
24 ;(defmethod speak :before ((who mouse))
25 ;  (format t "Before: Eek Eek...~%"))
26
27
28 ;;; Called for side effects, doesn't affect the value...
29 ;;
30 ;(defmethod speak :after ((who mouse))
31 ;  ;I can't directly modify the returned value, but I can cause side effects...
32 ;  (format t "After: Eek Eek...~%"))
33
34
35 ;;; :around methods use call-next-method to explicitly control
36 ;;the sequencing of methods. The :around methods are called
37 ;;from most to least specific, and then the entire "core framework"
38 ;;is called. Before-methods, primary-methods, and after-methods comprise
39 ;;CLOS's core framework. The call-next-method mechanism is also
40 ;;used in primary methods to invoke "shadowed" methods. Before-methods
41 ;;are called in most-specific to least-specific (most general) order.
42 ;;After-methods are called in least-specific to most-specific order.
43 ;;The core framework is said to employ a "declarative" approach.
44 ;;The call-next-method scheme is thought of as an "imperative" approach.
45 ;;If call-next-method is invoked with no arguments, the original arguments
46 ;;are used...
47 ;;
48 ;;; (An additional novelty: The &aux variable...)
49 ;;
50 ;(defmethod speak :around ((who mouse) &aux result)
51 ;  (format t "In mouse :around method, before call-next-method...~%")
52 ;  (setf result (call-next-method))
53 ;  (format t "In mouse :around method, after call-next-method: ~A~%" result)
54 ;  result)
55
56
57
```

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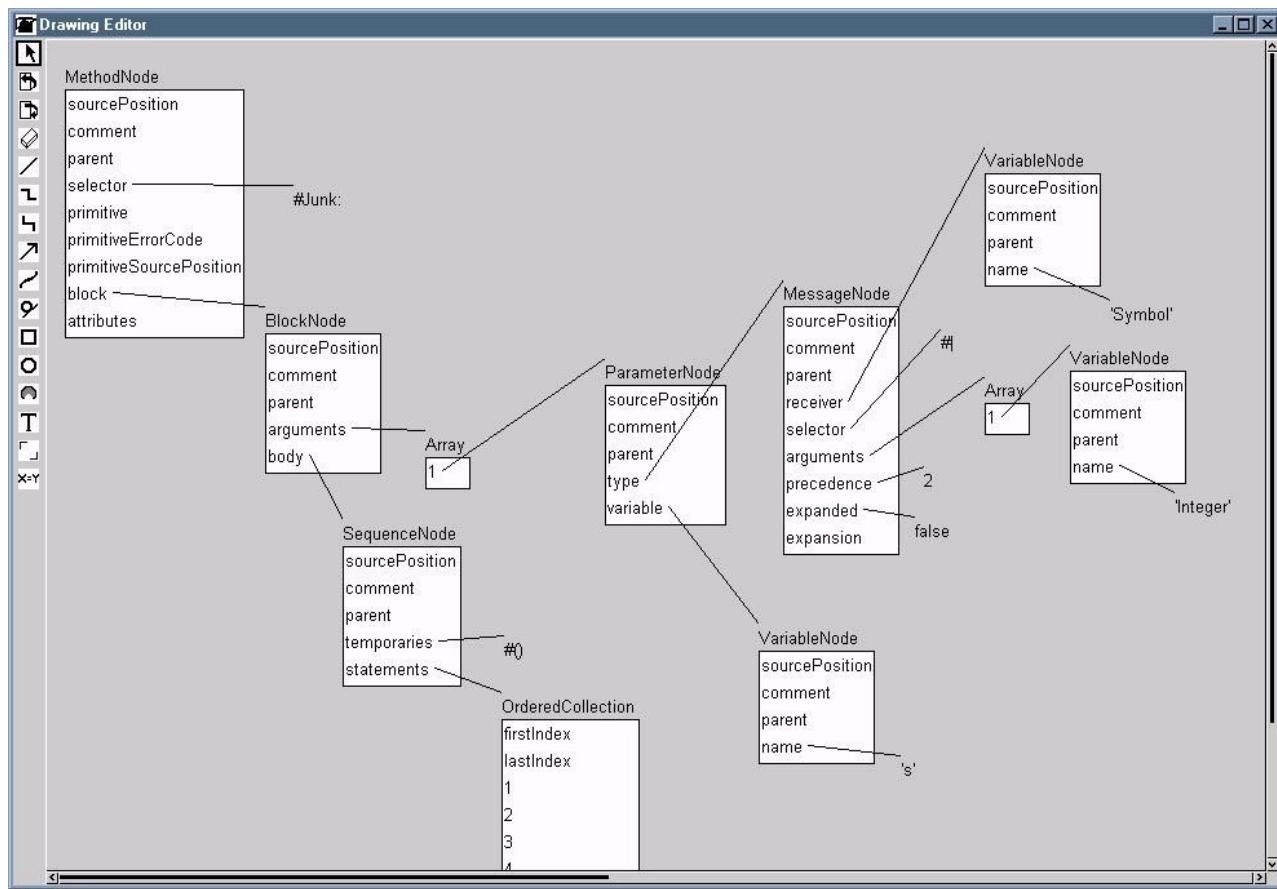
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