

A Little Journey in the Pharo Object Model

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A pure and minimal object model

Less is more!

No constructors, no static methods, no operators

No type declaration, no primitive types,

No interfaces, no need for factory

No packages/private/protected modifiers

No parametrized types

No boxing/unboxing

Still powerful

Everything is an object

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Point

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```
> an IdentitySet(#eightNeighbors #+ #isZero  
#sortsBefore: #degrees #printOn: #sideOf:  
#fourNeighbors #hash #roundUpTo: #min: #min:max:  
#max #adaptToCollection:andSend: #quadrantOf:  
#crossProduct: #= #nearestPointOnLineFrom:to:  
#bitShiftPoint: #* #guarded #insideTriangle:with:with:  
#grid: #truncateTo: #y #setR:degrees: #normal
```

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```
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```

```
>#('x' 'y')
```

Methods are public

Methods are all late-bound

Instance variables are
protected

Single Inheritance

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Object subclass: **#Point**

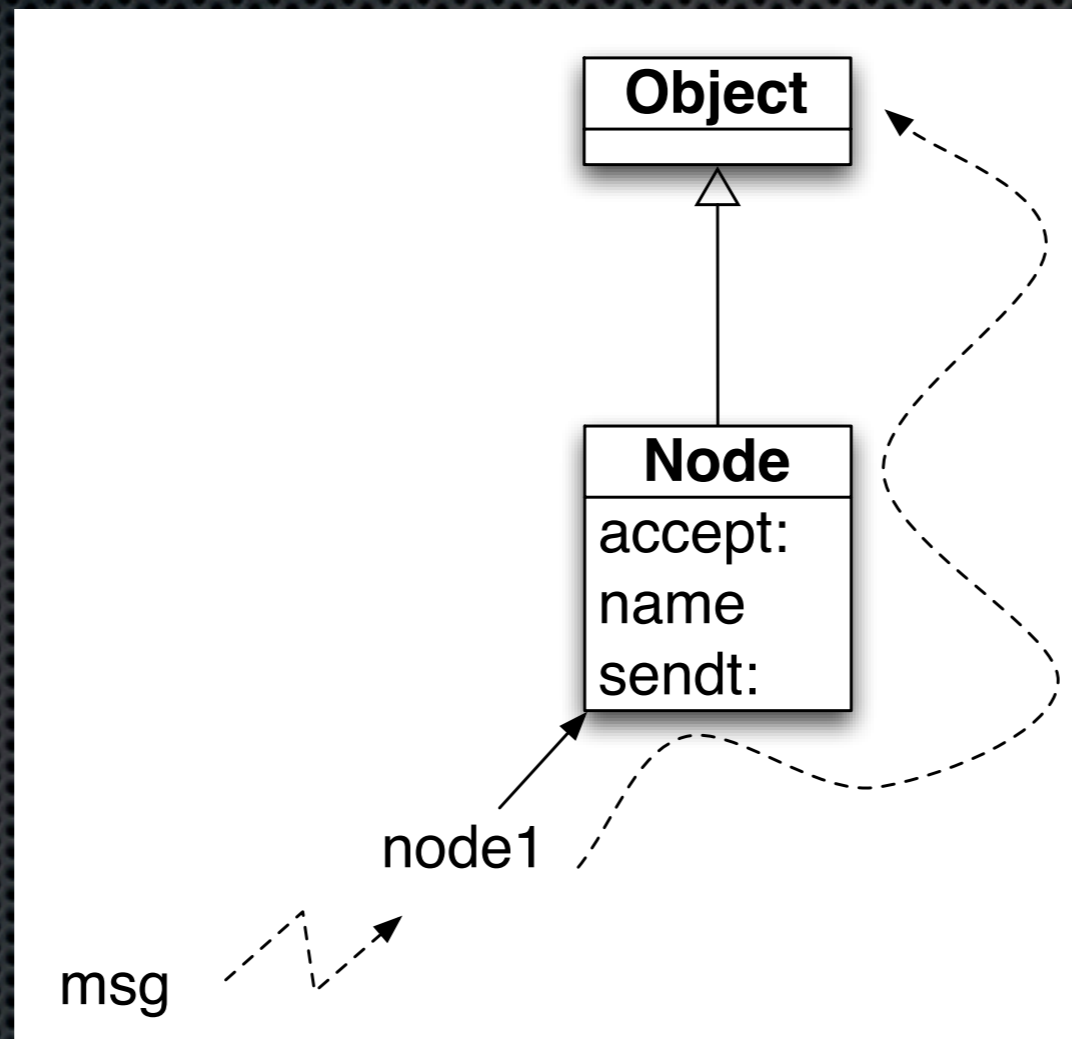
instanceVariableNames: '**x y**'

classVariableNames: ''

category: 'Graphics-Primitives'

Messages + Objects

The key to everything



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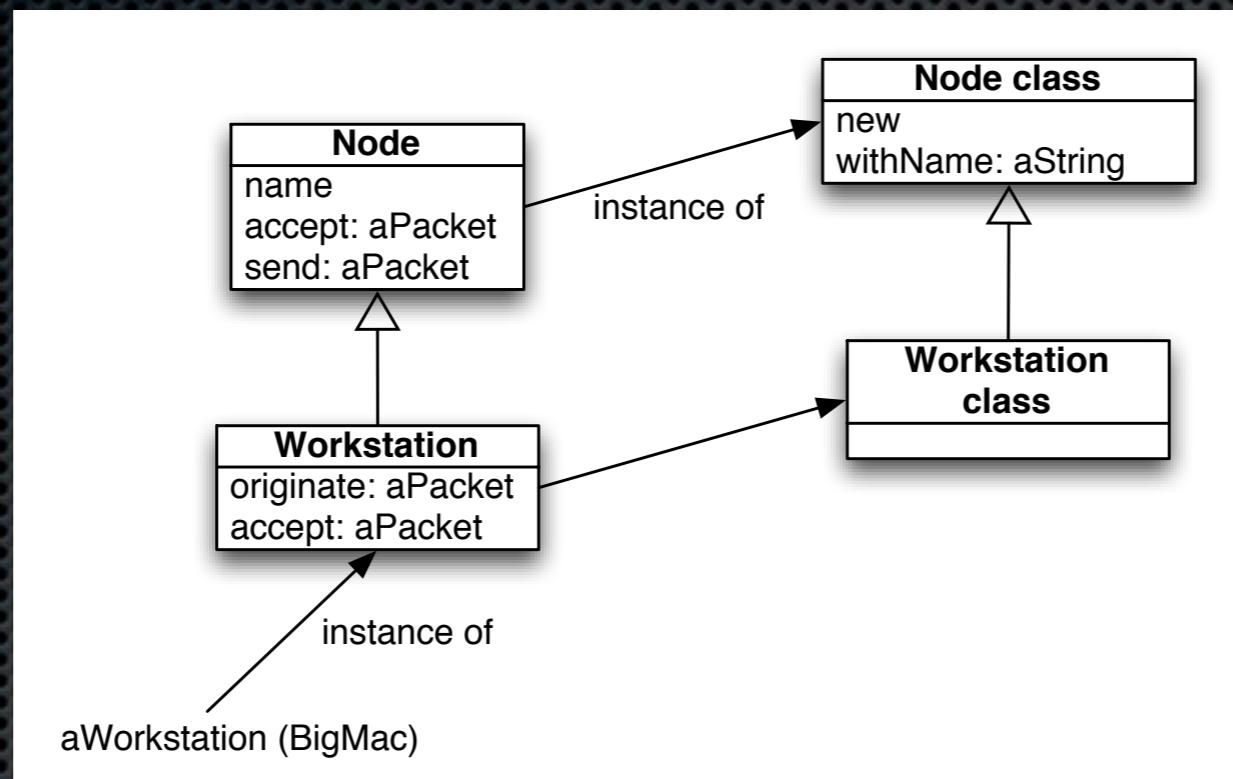
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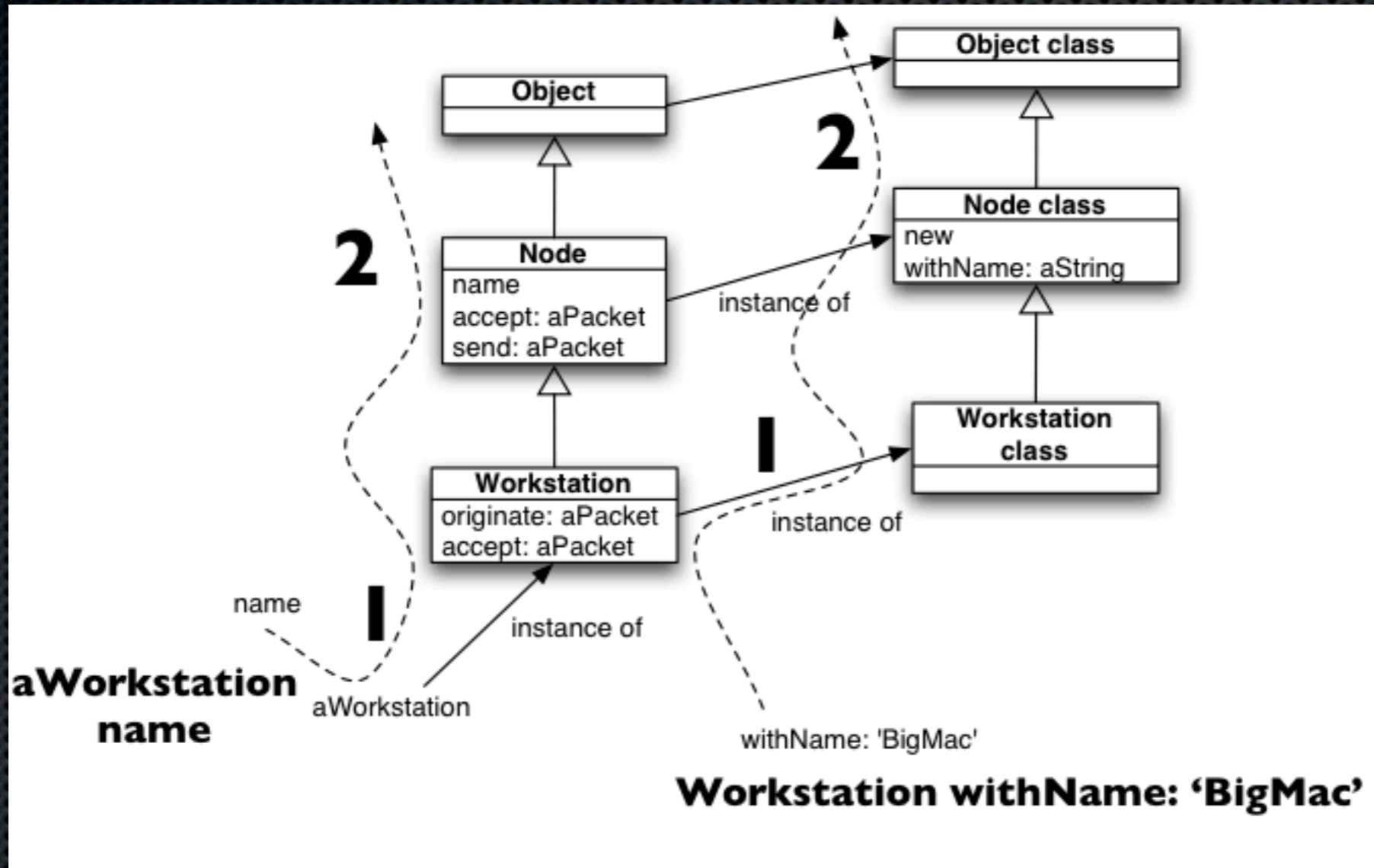
>Point class

“Point class” is an anonymous class with only one instance: Point

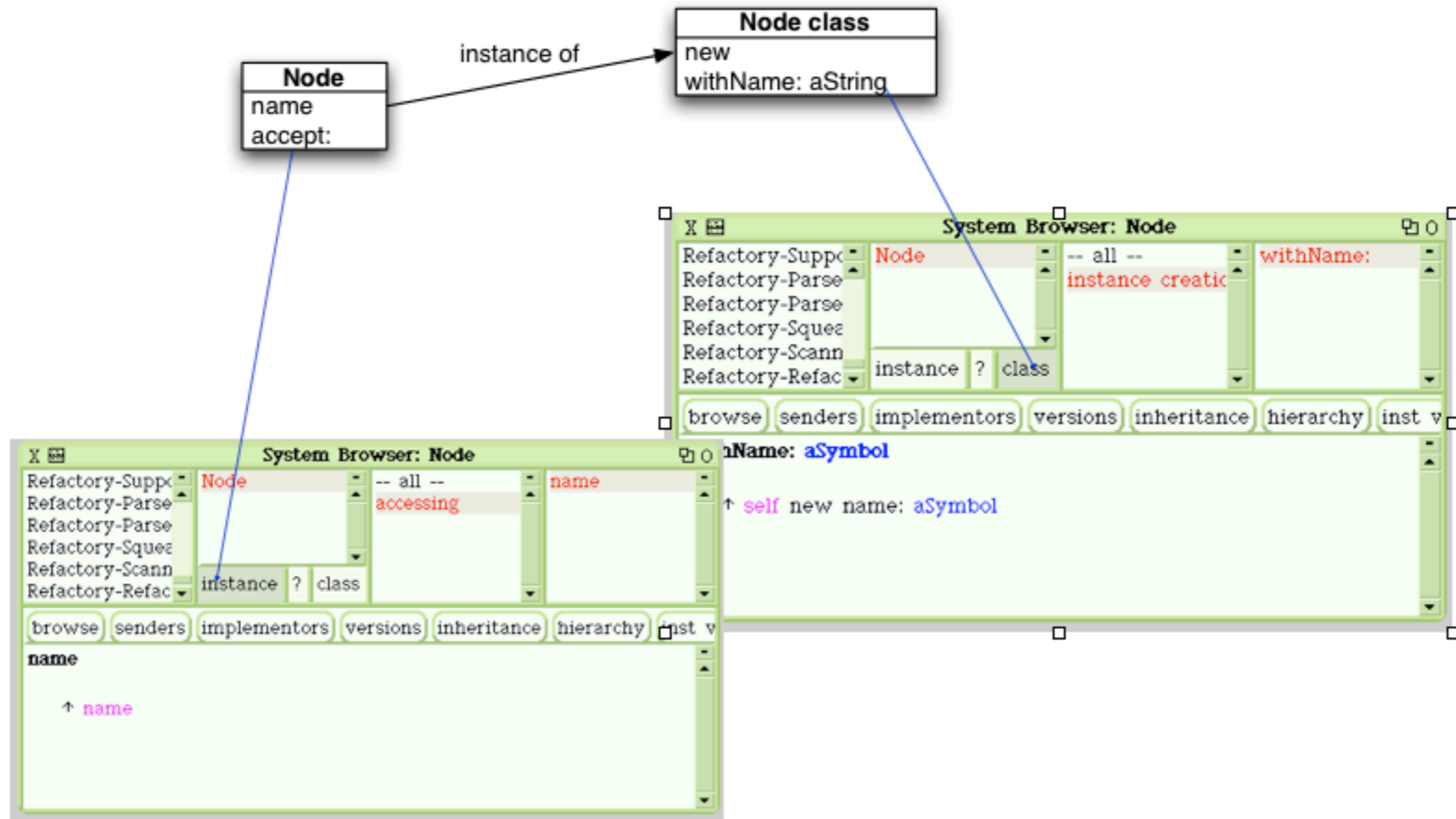
Class Parallel Inheritance



Lookup and Class Methods



About the Buttons



Class methods are plain late bound methods as any methods!

Package extensions

- ✦ A method can be defined in a class that is packaged in ***another*** package!
- ✦ Powerful to build layers

2 D20: two dice of 20 faces

Defined in the Dice package

```
Integer>>D20
```

```
  ^ self D: 20
```

```
Integer>>D: anInteger
```

```
  | h |
```

```
  h := DiceHandle new
```

```
  self timesRepeat:
```

```
    [h addDice: (Dice faces: anInteger)].
```

```
  ^ h
```

Summary

- ✦ Everything is an object
- ✦ Single inheritance, public methods, protected attributes
- ✦ One single model
 - ✦ Classes are simply objects too
 - ✦ A class is instance of another class
 - ✦ One unique method lookup, look in the class of the receiver