Intensional source-code Views and Relations

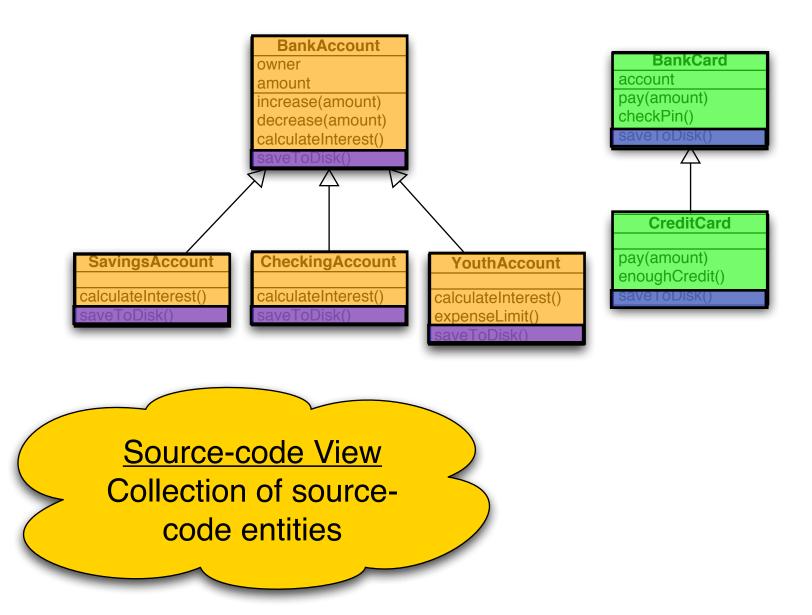
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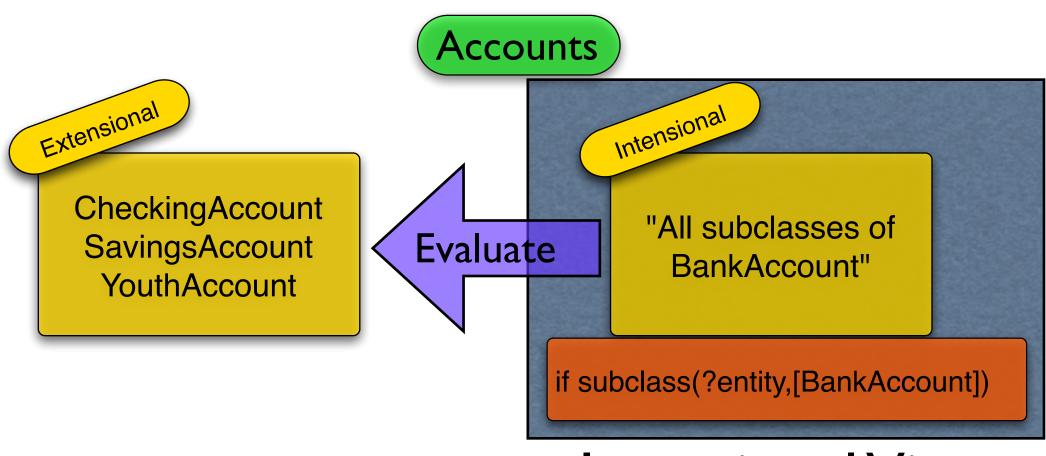
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Source-code Documentation

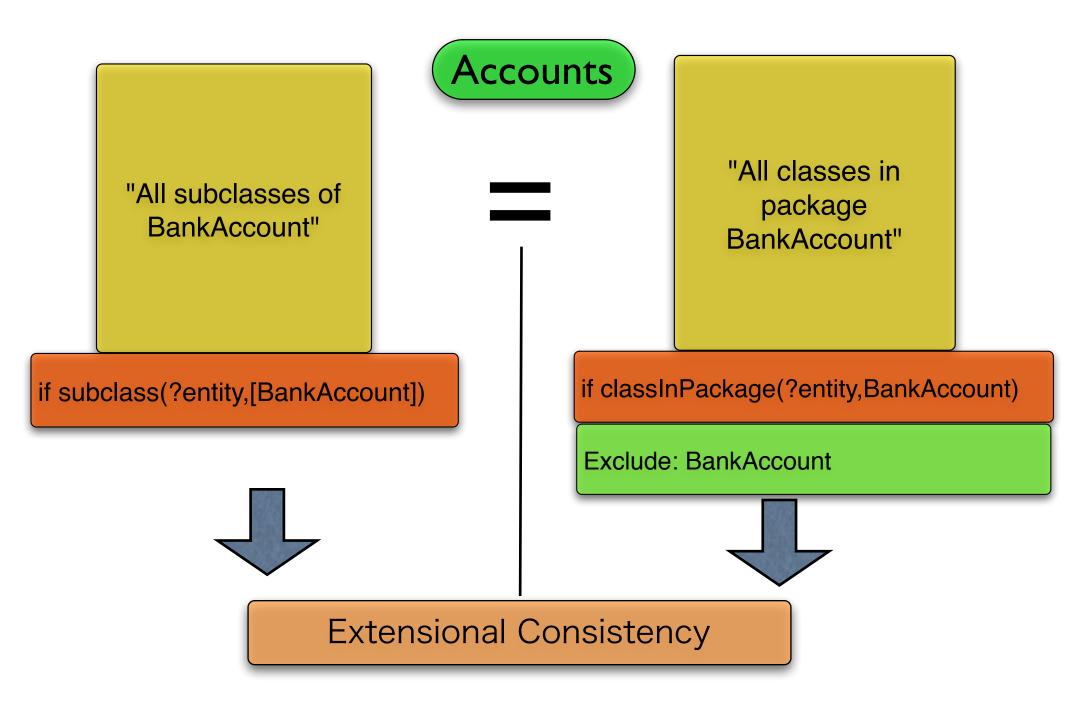


Extensional vs Intensional

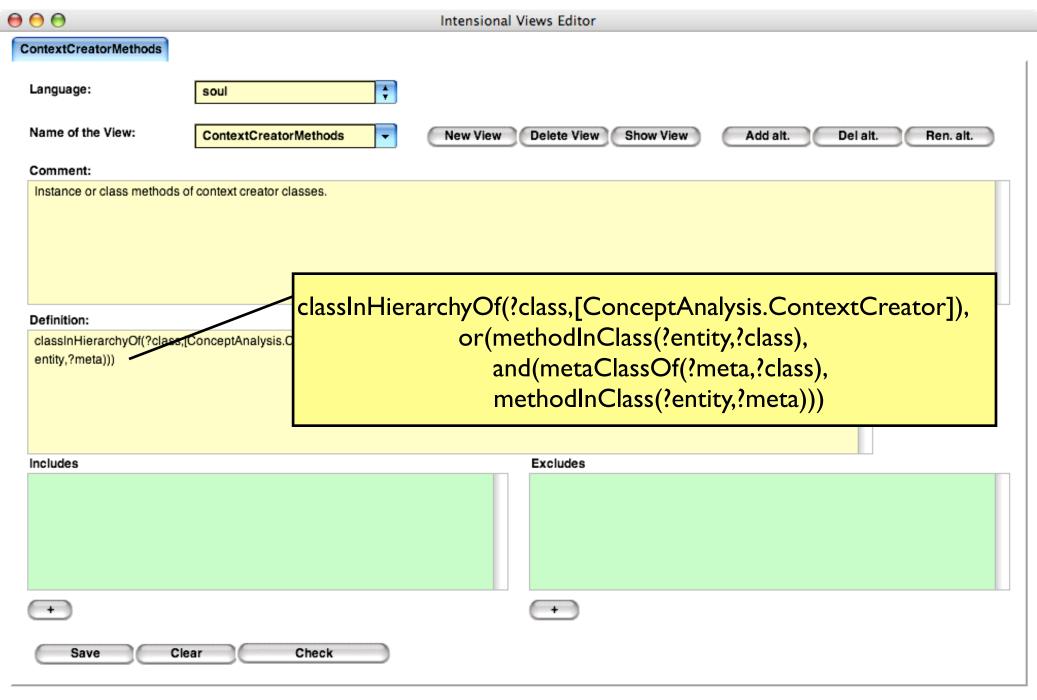


Intensional View

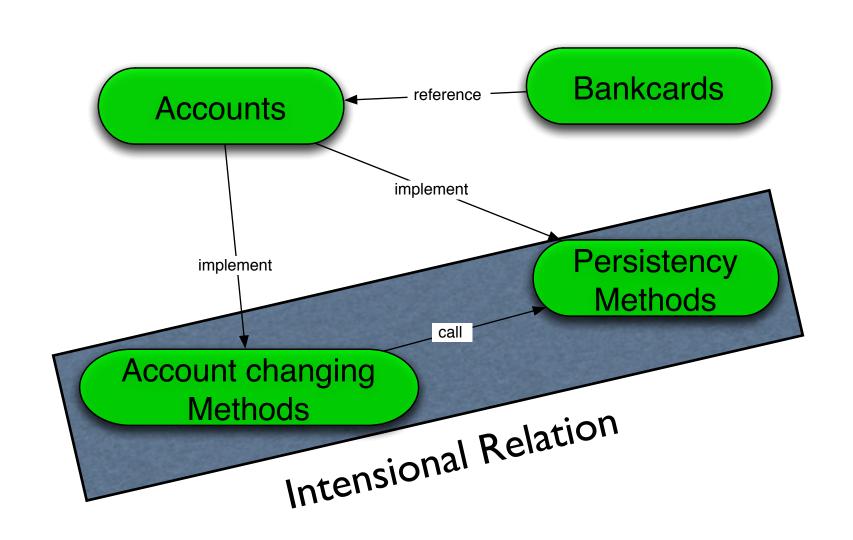
Intensional Views: alternatives



Intensional View Browser



Intensional Relations



Intensional Relations

Account changing Methods

Persistence Methods

All account changing methods must call a persistence method

call

 $\forall x \in \text{"Account changing methods"}$ $\exists y \in \text{"Persistence Methods"}$ x calls y

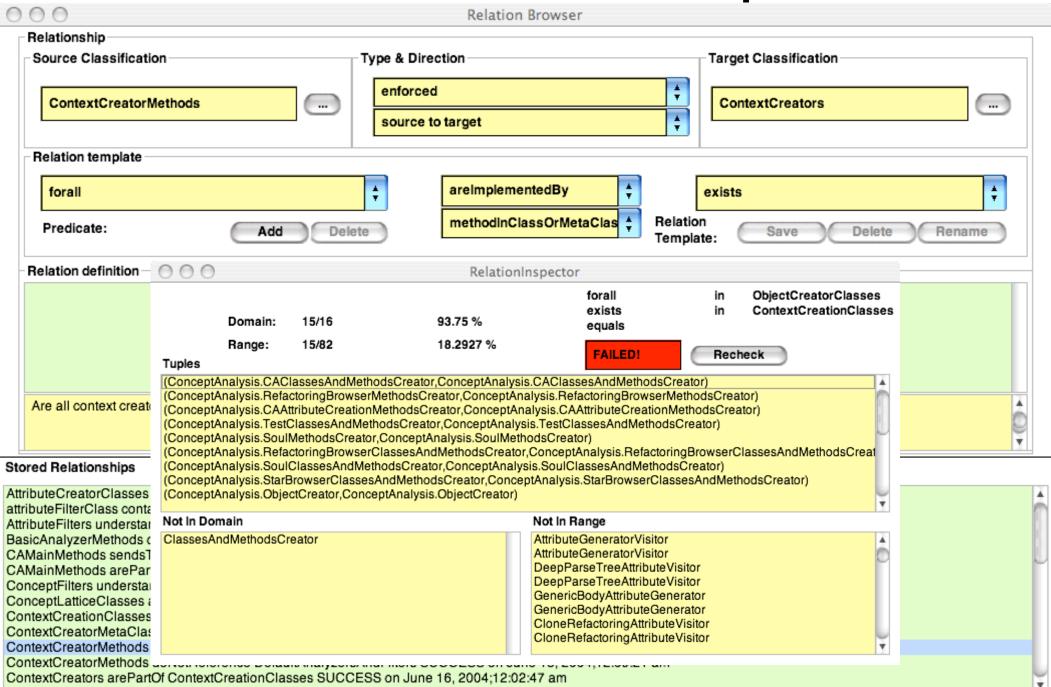
 $Q_1 x \in V_1$; $Q_2 y \in V2$: x r y

 $Q_1,Q_2 \in \{\forall,\exists,\exists !,\ldots\}$

V₁,V₂ ∈ Views

r = predicate over sourcecode entities

Relation Browser & Inspector



Deducing Relations

INPUT

OUTPUT

Collection of source views

Collection of target views

Set of predicates

∀ and ∃

Set of relations

Approach:

All combinations of views, predicates and quantors

Redundancy
Subset relations

Prune 3 - 3 by threshold on min. number of tuples

Subsumed Relations

"Weak" Relations

Deducing Tool

000 Deduce Targets **Predicates** Sources Filters equals Root Licor Views GenericParseTreeAttributeGenerators dirtvOverridden AttributeCreatorClasses HelperClasses classHasInstvarOfType ✓ attributeFilterClass MethodsOfContextCreator ✓ classUnderstands ObjectCreationMethods methodReferencesClass AttributeFilters methodInClass BasicAnalyzerMethods ObjectCreatorClasses CAFramework ParseTreeAttributeCreators classReturnsClass CAMainMethods PredefinedAnalyzers classChainReturnsClass ClassifierConcepts classChainReturnsInstanceOfClass PredefinedContextCreators PrivateConceptAnalysisMethods ConceptClasses classReturnsInstanceOfClass ConceptCombiners SimpleConcepts subclassOf ConceptFilters methodSendsTransToMethod test1to5 ConceptLatticeClasses ✓ ToBeUnderstoodByAnalyzers classReferencesClass ✓ ToBeUnderstoodByAttributeFilters ContextCreationClasses methodinClassOrMetaClass ToBeUnderstoodByConceptFilters ContextCreatorMetaClasses methodSendsToMethod ContextCreatorMethods ToBeUnderstoodByContextCreatorMetaCla methodSendsToClass Relations Deduce <relation name> : forall x in attributeFilterClass : exists y in ToBeUnderstoodByAttributeFilters : x classUnderstands y

Experiment: framework documentation

Case study: DelfStoF framework

Initial Understanding

Verification and refinement

Deducing new relations

Co-evolution

Encode assumptions using views and relations

Verify assumptions with code; refine where necessary

Deduce new relations

Apply documentation to newer versions

Initial Understanding

Encode assumptions using views and relations

- Manually try to understand the framework
- Encode initial assumptions
 - 34 Views
 - 30 Relations

Framework Interface

All classes in view A must implement all selectors in view B

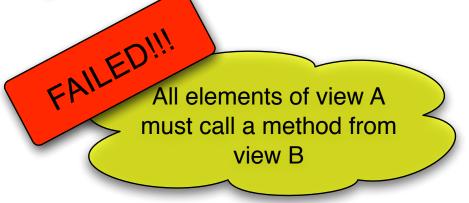
Restrictions

No element of View A may refer an element of View B

Verification and refinement

Verify assumptions with code; refine where necessary

- Inconsistencies: code documentation
- Fix inconsistencies:
 - Assumptions were wrong
 - Refine documentation
 - Assumptions right; code inconsistent
 - Update/refactor code



Deducing new relations

Deduce new relations

- Given:
 - 30 views
 - I5 predicates
- Deduced: 2335 relations
 - 90% automatic pruned
 - +/- 200 relations remained
 - ≥ 17 non-trivial

Need for optimization

Co-evolution

Apply documentation to newer versions

- Use documentation with newer versions
- Find and fix inconsistencies
 - Update documentation
 - Update implementation

Extensions done by master student

Relations concerning coding conventions broken

Bigger cases needed!

IVs as Active Documentation

- Active Documentation
- Co-evolution between design and implementation
- Non-intrusive
- Explicit Formal Documentation
- Feedback on inconsistencies
- Manual declaration of Views
- Efficiency
- Need for more automation

Ongoing Work

- Formalism: Description Logics
- Mining of views
 - Formal Concept Analysis
 - Inductive Logic Programming
- Improving deducing of relations
- More and larger case studies

Questions

