Advanced Object-Oriented Design

Xtreme Test Driven Development

Getting a productivity boost

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Outline

- TDD on steroids"
- Live programming at its best
- Smart tools
- Absolutely gorgeous development flow



Principle

Do not break the flow

- Write a test
- When it breaks, define the method on the fly in the debugger
- Resume and continue until test is green

Studying an example

- A dead simple counter. Nothing simpler.
- Focus on essence of the process!
- You can do it.

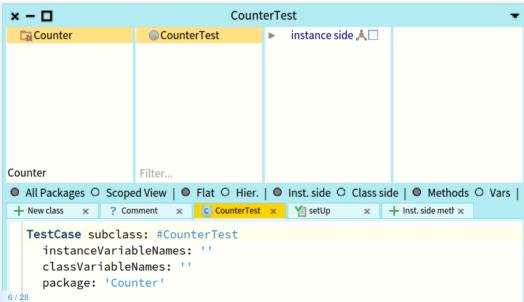


An empty package



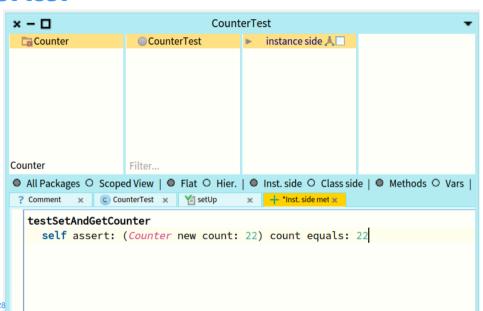


An empty test case class



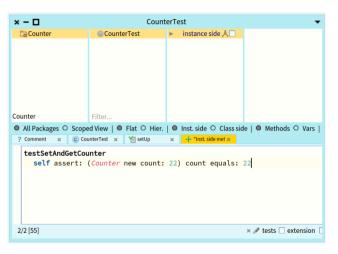


A first test





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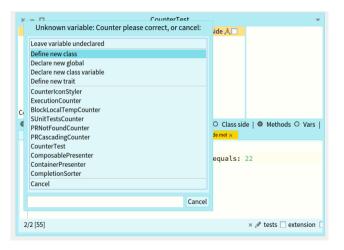


- Method is about to be compiled
- The system knows the class does not exist!

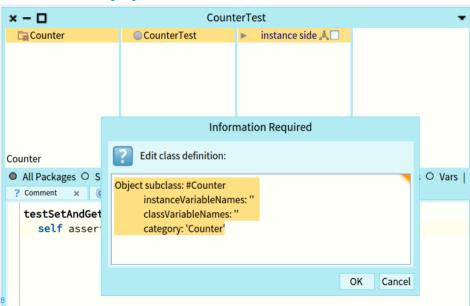


Define a class

At compile time...

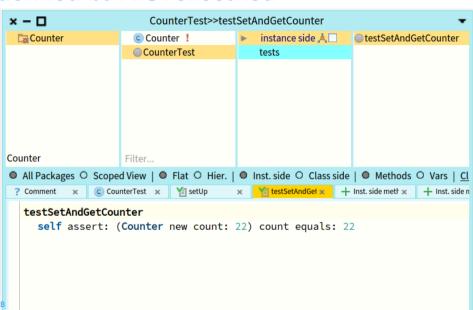


Define a class (II)



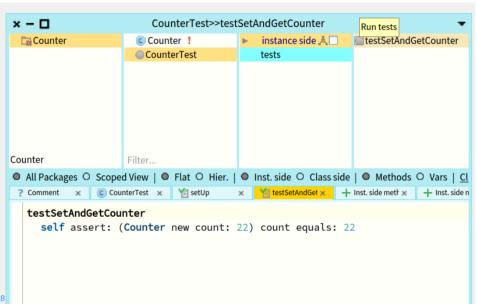


Test defined but not executed



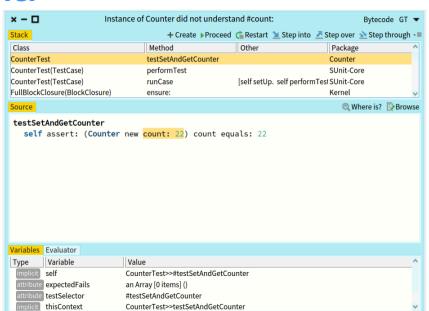


Running the test



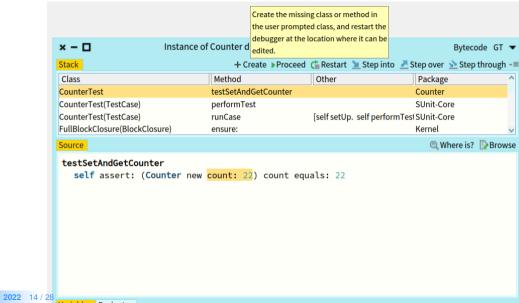


First Error



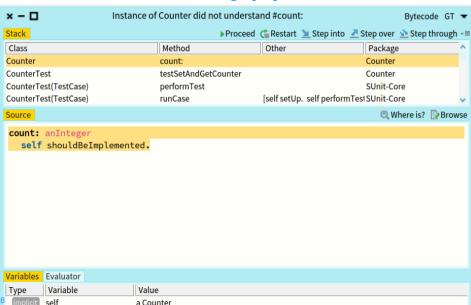


Create a method on the fly





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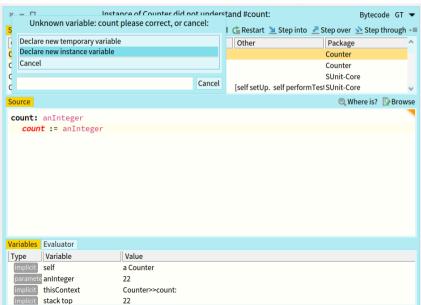


Edit the method in the debugger (III)



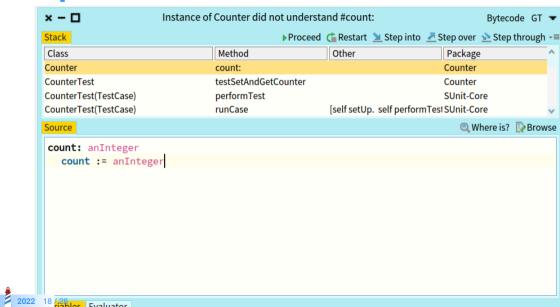


Add an instance variable on the fly



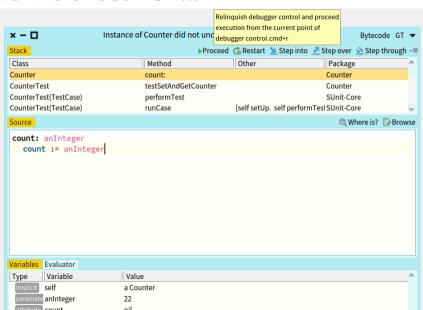


Compile....





Continue the execution...





Supporting the programmer flow

- The system created a new method for us
- Removed the stack element with Error
- Replaced it with a call to the new method
- Relaunched execution
- We edited it and recompiled the method
- Continued execution

New method

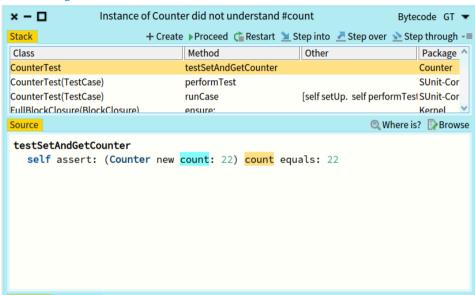
The system created a new method

- Removed the stack element with Error
- Replace it with a call to the new method

count: anInteger self shouldBeImplemented

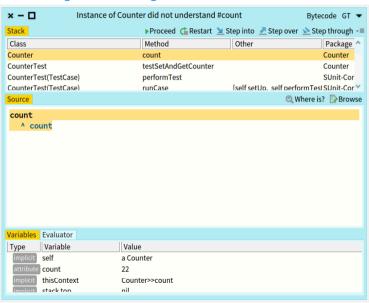
• shouldBeImplemented is just an exception so that the debugger stops again

Same story....

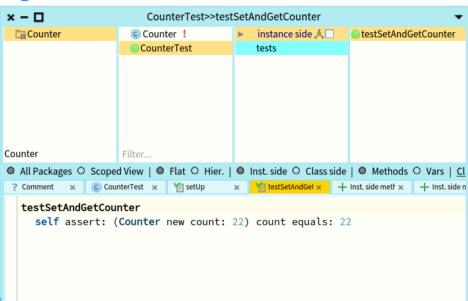




Debugger also precompiles methods



Test is green





One Cycle

- Run all the tests
- Ready to commit
- New test

Why XTDD is powerful

- Avoid guessing context when coding
- Much much better context
 - inspect that **specific** instance state
 - talk to that specific object
- Inspectable / interactable context
- Tests are not a side effect artefact but the driving force

Protip from expert Pharo developers

- Grab as fast as possible one object
- Cristalize your scenario with a test
- Xtreme TDD
- Loop

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