Pharo 10 and beyond S. Ducasse

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Remember Pharo 90!

- Full redesign of the Spec UI framework (new logic, application, style, GTK back-end)
- NewTools: new playground, new inspector, new debugger (new error infrastructure and emergency debugger)
- New composable completion framework
- General speed up
- Compiler optimisations



Remember Pharo 90!

- Better Refactorings
- Better parser for error recognition
- Comments in Microdown format (Markdown compatible)
- Fast universal FFI (Foreign Function Interface)
- Idle VM + SDL20 and back-end (extended event handling, including trackpad support)
- ARM 64 bits
- Full block closures



Many Bugs Fixed & Improvements

- + 1560 Pull requests
- + 1100 Issues closed
- 85 Different contributors

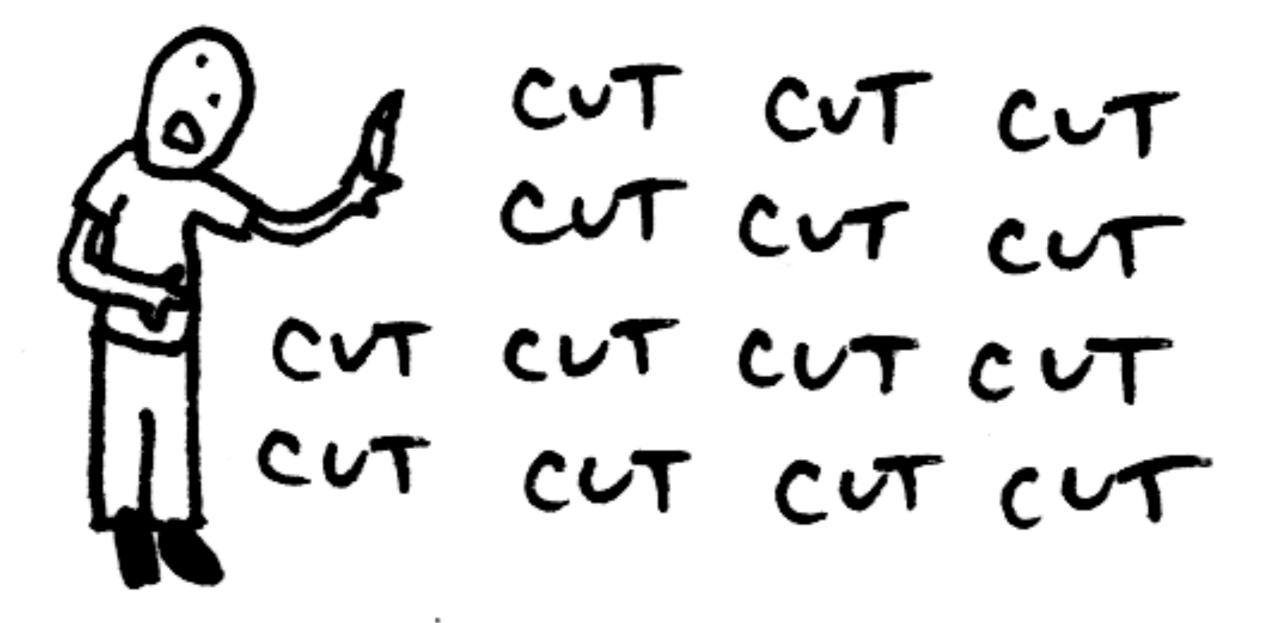
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We wanted a SMALLER Iteration (After a large introspection...)

- Improving the development process
- Shorter iteration to release
- Reduced set of objectives
- Better "Ready" definition
- Cut the fat





A side joke

"it is better, it has less classes" said the lame OOP developer



Just smaller is trivial

- Removing code by removing functionalities is easy
- But we want **same** behavior and less code!



The real challenges

Cleaning and consolidating existing functionalities

Supporting users (deprecation)

are more challenging and interesting!



Pharo10 a.k.a. Cut the FAT

- 10% code reduction!
- Having one good instead of three average versions

• - 48 K LOC



Removed old/duplicated code

- Old Tools
- V3 Compiler Support
- Old Blocks & Bytecode
- VM based event handling
- Glamour / GTTools
- Spec1

Spec 2: Main Elements

- Now core is stable!
 - Core & Basic Layouts
 - Basic Presenters
 - Application Support
 - Styles / Themes
- Code Presenter

Spec 2: Extended Features

- Different layouts and composition
- Extended support for *dynamic layouts*
- New dialog building
- Transmissions
- Direct support for Roassal & Cairo
- Multiple backends (GTK / Morphic)
- Spec Tests and Testing Support

Tooling

- Migrating final tools from Spec1 to Spec2
- Improving existing ones
- Fixing issues and glitches
- Improving Refactorings, Deprecator & Rewriting tools.
- Improving Profilers

Fluid Class Syntax

- Was sketched and presented in 2017 at ESUG
- Took longer than we wanted but
 - Nice design
 - Scale well with multiple and optional parameters
 - Extensible
 - Clean and *nice* implementation
- Is the default Pharo syntax!

Fluid Class Syntax

TestCase << #AIGraphReducerTest
slots: { #graphReducer };
tag: 'Tests';
package: 'AI-Algorithms-Graph-Tests'</pre>

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TestCase << #AIGraphReducerTest
 layout: FixedLayout;
 traits: {};
 slots: { #graphReducer };
 sharedVariables: {};
 sharedPools: {};
 tag: 'Tests';
 package: 'AI-Algorithms-Graph-Tests'</pre>
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Trait << #TSetArithmetic
traits: {};
slots: {};
tag: 'Traits';
package: 'Collections-Abstract-Tests'</pre>

Compiler Improvements

- Unifying objects variables into a single hierarchy
- Improved semantic analysis
 - Use Class and the Environment to lookup the variables
 - Use Variable hierarchy to model variables for name analysis
 - Improved AST Visitor
- Pragma lookup speed-up
- Compiler speed improvements

Refactorings

- New Refactorings
 - Extract setUp method
 - Remove senders of method refactoring
 - Copy package as refactoring
 - Rename package (rename manifest)
 - Merge instance var x in y
 - · Move to class side method
 - Create accessors with lazy initialization

Improved Refactorings

- Deprecate method (simple version)
- Deprecate class
- Extract method refactoring
- Replace senders by another
- Rename vars in Traits, Convert temporary to instance variable
- Push up method refactoring
- Add access to pushUp and pushDown refactorings from source code
- Permute parameters when add an argument
- Abstract instance variable



Other Improvements

- Sista Bytecodes w/ Full Block Closures
- Memory management configuration
- Integration with Windows
- Zinc

Pharo 10: VM Improvements (2)

- 3 Operating Systems (OSX / Linux / Windows)
- 3 Architectures (ARM64 / ARM 32 / x86_64)
- Full Linux Packages through OBS
- Better FFI



Pharo 10: VM Improvements

- Sockets
- Clean up old code
- GC Improvements
- Logging
- Stability, Speed
- Updated Dependencies



Pharo 10

• Questions?

Pharo 11's possible points



P11 possible points [Language]

- Ephemerons
 - Using them in the image
 - Replacing Weak / Finalization mechanisms
- Concurrency
 - Cleaning up the concurrency mechanisms we have.
 - Make the image to use higher level mechanisms.

P11 possible points [Compiler]

- Clean Blocks
 - Sharing them
 - Full tool support
- Compiler Improvements
 - New Optimizations
 - Better Plugin support
 - ...

P11 possible points [UI]

- Multi Windows
- HDPI
- Bloc in preview
 - Spec Backend
 - Performance

P11 possible points [Modularity]

- Pakbot
 - Dependency management
 - Projects
- Modularization
 - Minimal Images
 - External Projects
 - Better Baselines

Not optional P11 VM points :)

- VM
 - Memory Management
 - PermSpace
- New Image format
 - Meta-data
- RISC-V



