DirectJava®

Automated Smalltalk to Java Migration Solution

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Program

1. Why Migrate ?
2. Differences between Java & Smalltalk
3. DirectJava : a 4-Step Translation Process
4. Code Translation Examples
5. Case Study

Who is Object'ive ?

- Founded in January 1999, staff of 12, 1 M€ turnover.
- Main technical skills : Java, Smalltalk, customised solutions.
- Areas of expertise : Migration, B2B & B2C Solutions, Mobility, eLearning

- References: mostly large corporates e.g.,
  - CCR: Caisse Centrale de Réassurance (largest re-insurer in France)
  - EDF: Electricité De France: largest eletricity utility company in France, 4- million customers in 24 countries
  - Veolia Water: largest water supply company in the world, 13 b€ turnover

Factors Driving Migration

SMALLTALK

- Vendor support services (Fear – Uncertainty – Doubt)
- Standardization decisions
- Expert Staffing Shortages
- Run-Time / Maintenance Expenses

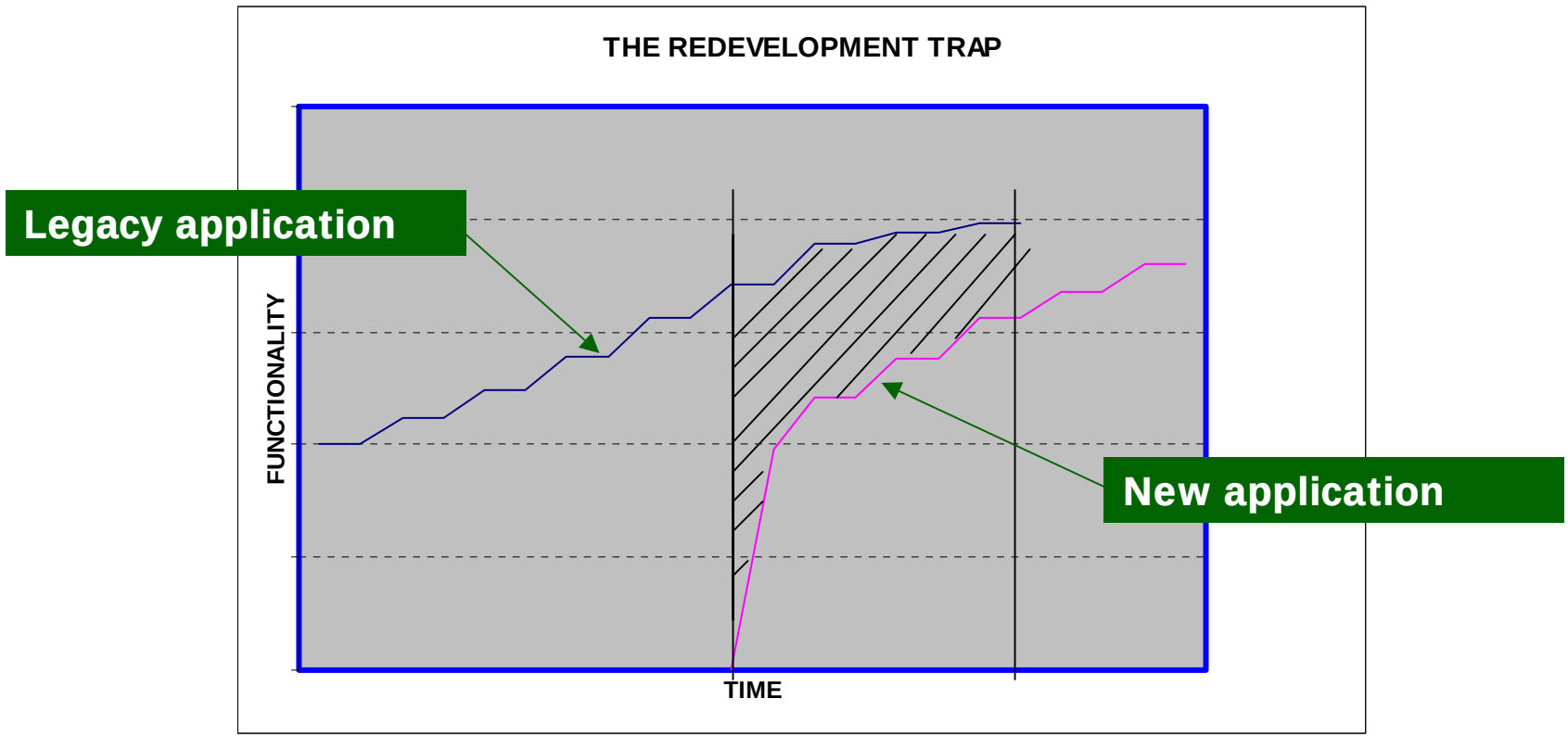
JAVA

- Vendor Independent
- Vibrant Developers' Community , available software components
- Connectivity, Web-enablement, Mobility
- Distributed applications
- Fast development time
- Cost

Migration Components

- A Migration Project includes several parts such as:
  - Framework Migration
  - Views Migration
  - Functionality Migration
  - Other parts (Communication protocols, security, ...etc)
- Focus today: functionality migration & automation of language translation.
- Architecture and design issues :we will concentrate on these when translation choices, and the use of DirectJava has an impact on them.

The Cost of Re-Development



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```
multiTypeSample

" Dynamic typing and multitype sample "

      | i oc |
      i := 'hello'.
      i := 1.
      oc := OrderedCollection new.
      oc add: i.
      oc add: true.
      oc add: 3.
      oc add: 'world'
```

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```
| dic |

dic := Dictionary new.
dic at: #key1 put: #val1.
dic at: #key2 put: #val2.
dic at: #key3 put: #val3.
dic keysAndValuesDo: [:k :v|
    | st |
    st := k printString , v printString
]

callToDefaultSelfReturnType

     | var |

       var := self testBlock.
       Transcript cr; show:
                    'var class = ' ,
                    var class printString,
                    ' even if testBlock does not return
anything'
```

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```
indicesSamples: aString

" Sample which shows the indices managing (starting at 0 in
Java and 1 in Smalltalk "

      | oc anIndice obj |

      oc := self sampleReturnCollectionMethodWithYourself.
      ((aString size > 10) and: [aString size < 20])
      ifFalse: [
                  ^'Error'
      ]
      ifTrue: [
                  aString copyFrom: 10 to: 20
      ].

      anIndice := self getIndice.
      obj := oc at: 4.
      ^oc at: anIndice
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      add: 'b';
      add: 'c';
      add: 'd';
      yourself
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                  ^ 'foo1'
      Class1>>#fooInst1
                  ^self class foo1

Class1 subclass: #Class2
      Class2>>#fooInst2
                  ^self fooInst1
      Class2 class>>#foo1
                  ^ 'foo2'
What about
Class2 new fooInst1 returns 'foo2' in
Smalltalk
new Class2().fooInst1(); returns "foo1"
in Java ?
```

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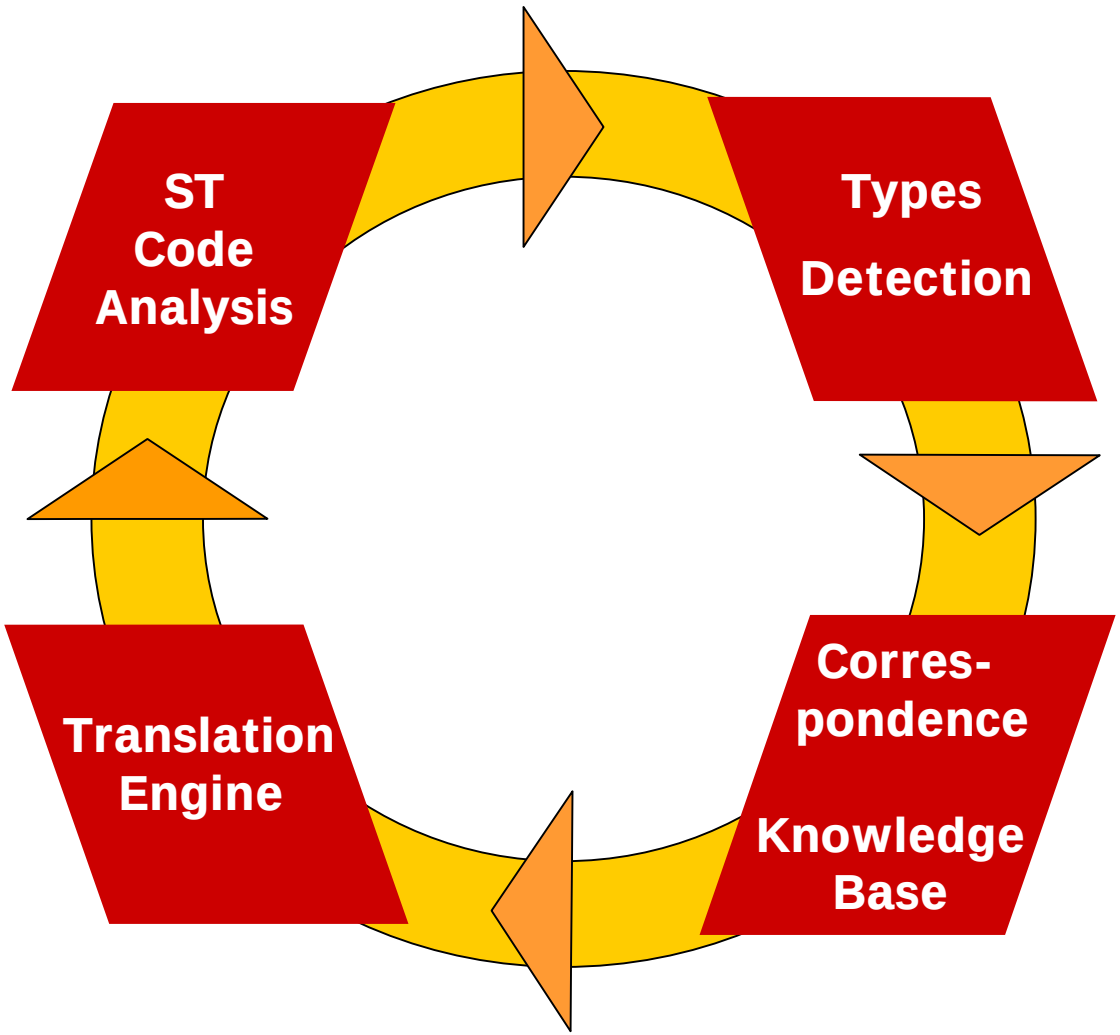
Java does not support become:

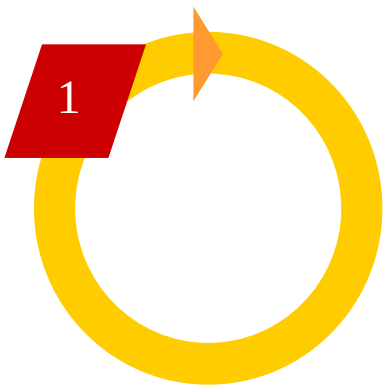
No package name concept in Smalltalk

No overloading in Smalltalk

DirectJava : 4-Step Iterative Process

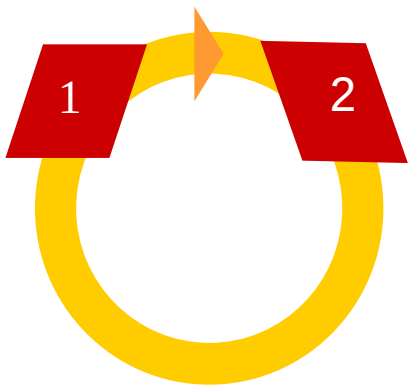


Automated Smalltalk Code Analysis



- Code volume analysis
- Class methods and instances methods with similar signatures.
- Quality Analysis
  - –Classes, Methods, Unlisted Variables
  - –Messages sent but not implemented
  - –Certain kinds of multityped Methods (return boolean and non boolean)
  - –Use of Methods without returns (SMT) but as if it was returning self by developpers (;yourself missing) etc...
  - –Variables read before written, written but never read
  - –Checking of temporary variables defined outside a block but affecting this particular block...
- Detection of class instances' variables.
- Detection of specific indices issues
- Duplicated code in subclasses

Types Detection



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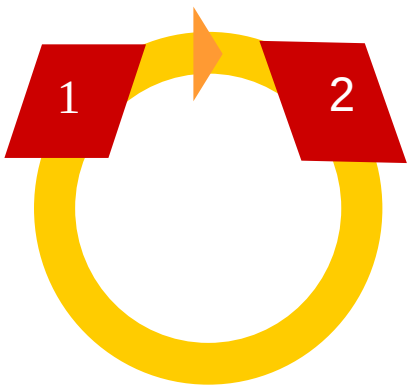

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At the end of this analysis, following types will have been identified :

- Instance variables
- Class variables
- Temporary variables
- Methods' arguments
- Methods' return types
- Statements types
- Reporting on unknown or multi-valued types.
- Methods with source code not fully verified

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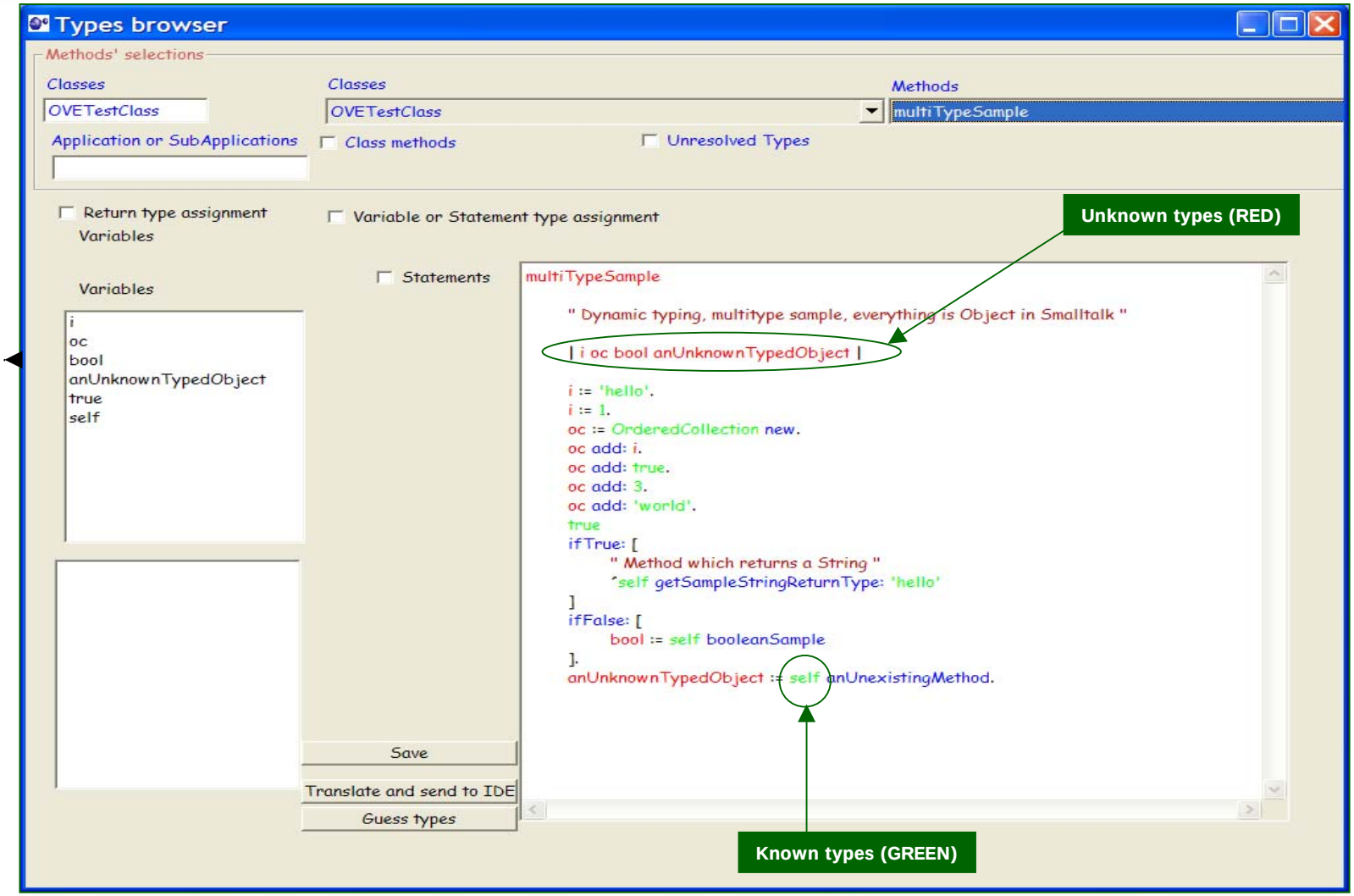

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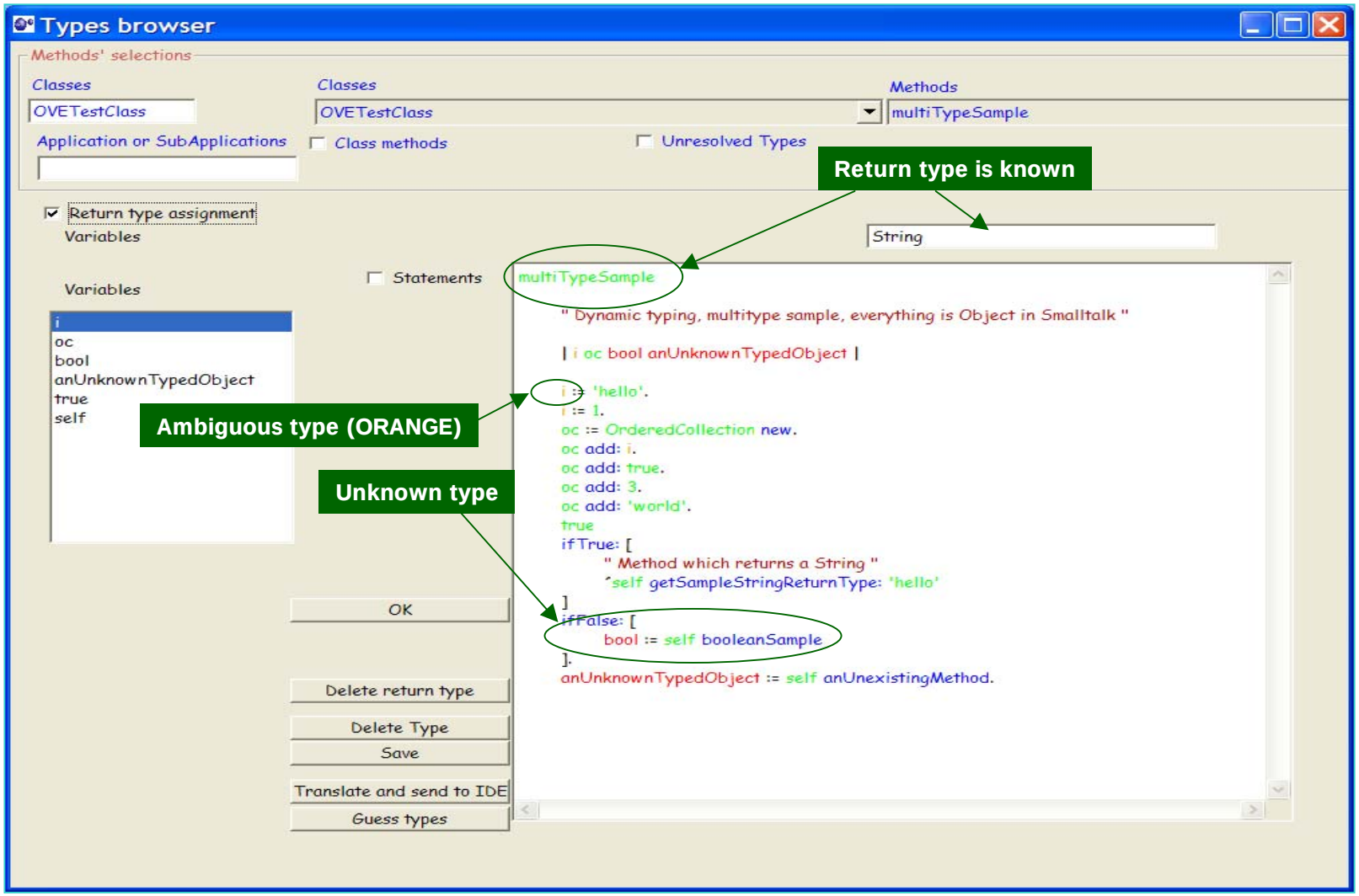

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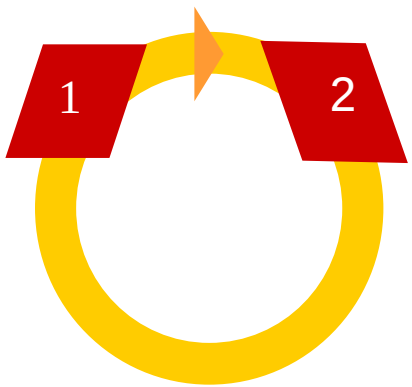

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DirectJava inference engine is based on several principles such as:

- The constructors concept.
- Knowledge of methods return types called
- The concept of « SMALLEST COMMON ROOT EXCEPT OBJECT» for a group of methods called for the same receiver.

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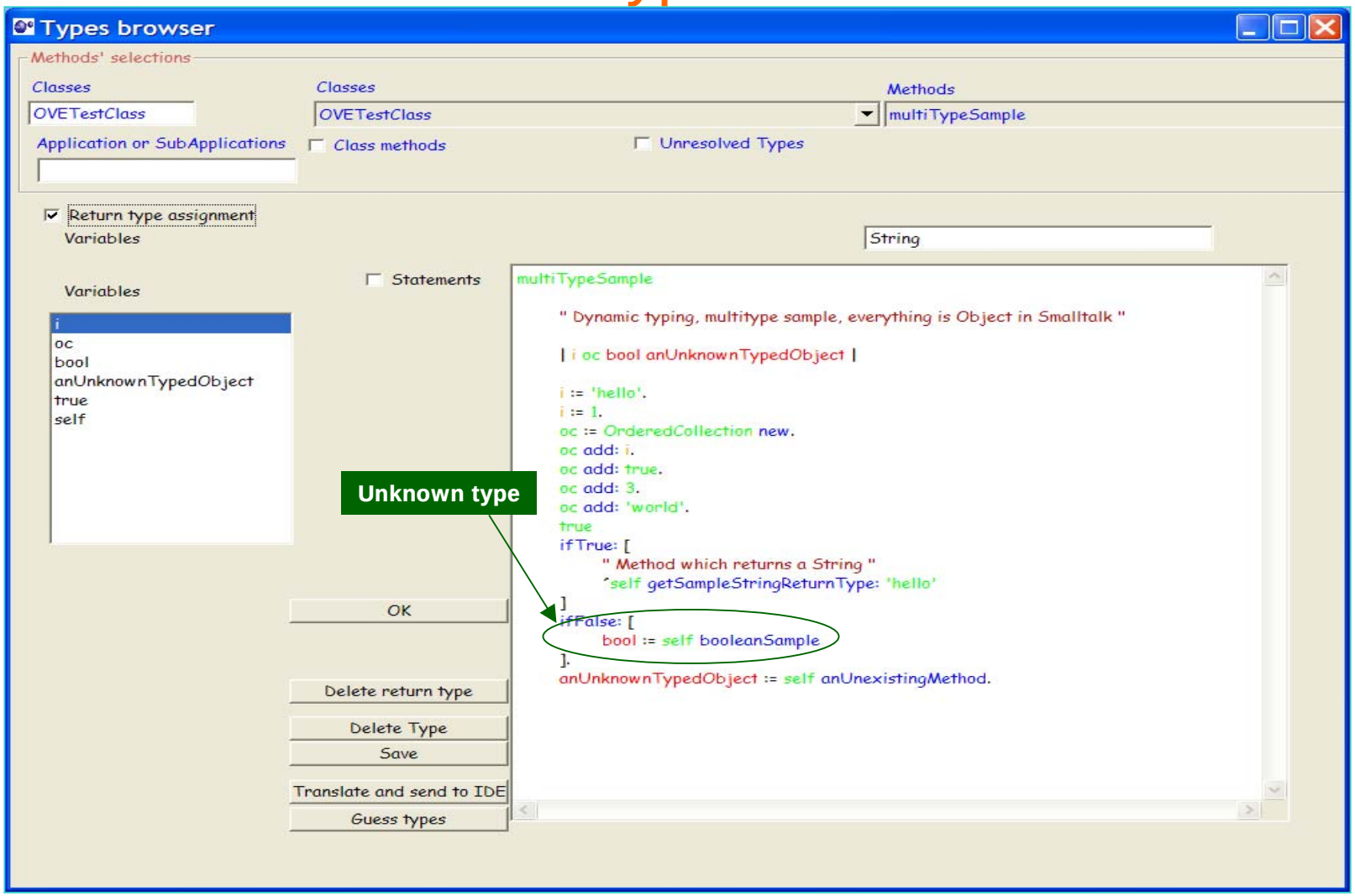

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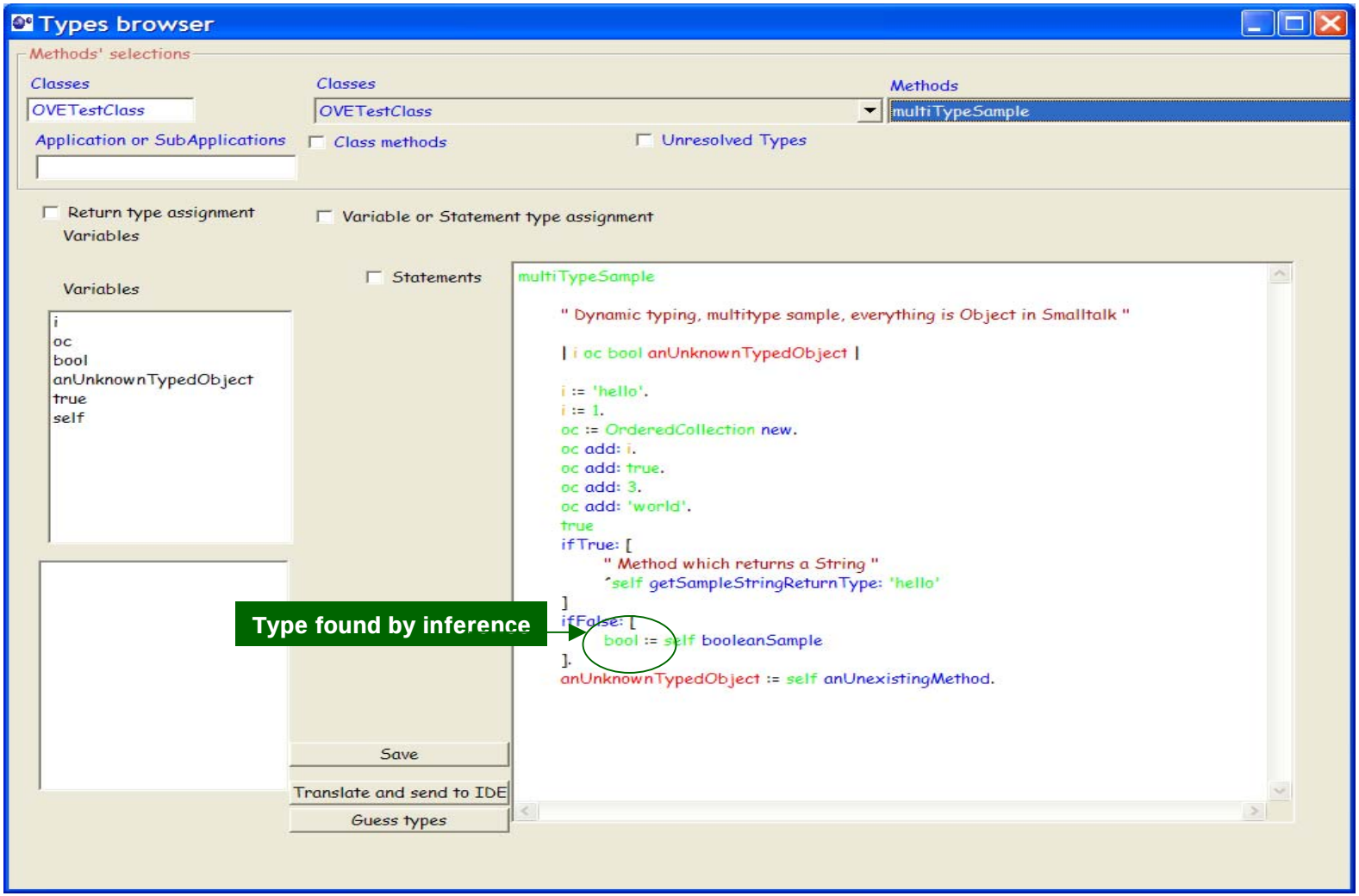

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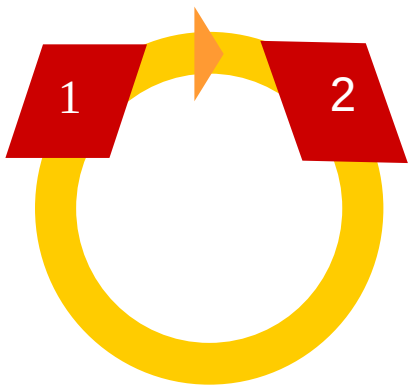

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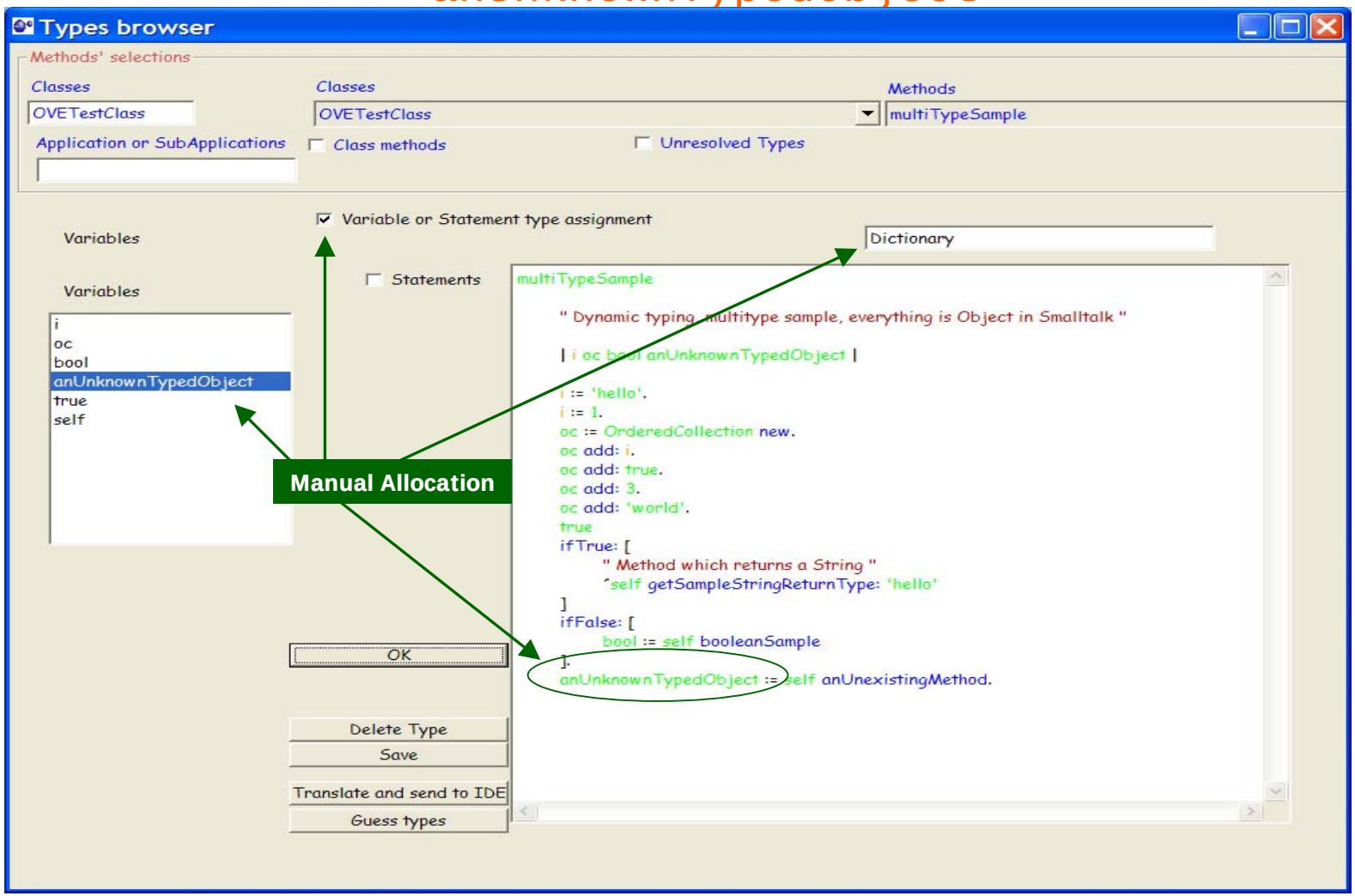
3. **Manual allocation of types**
   (Saved in Knowledge Base for use in Translation Engine)

After Manual Variable Allocation
anUnknownTypedObject



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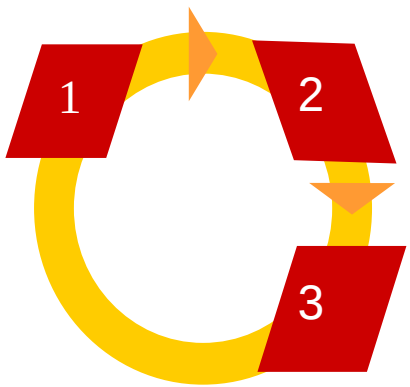

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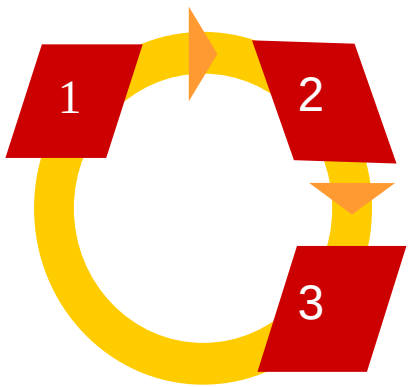

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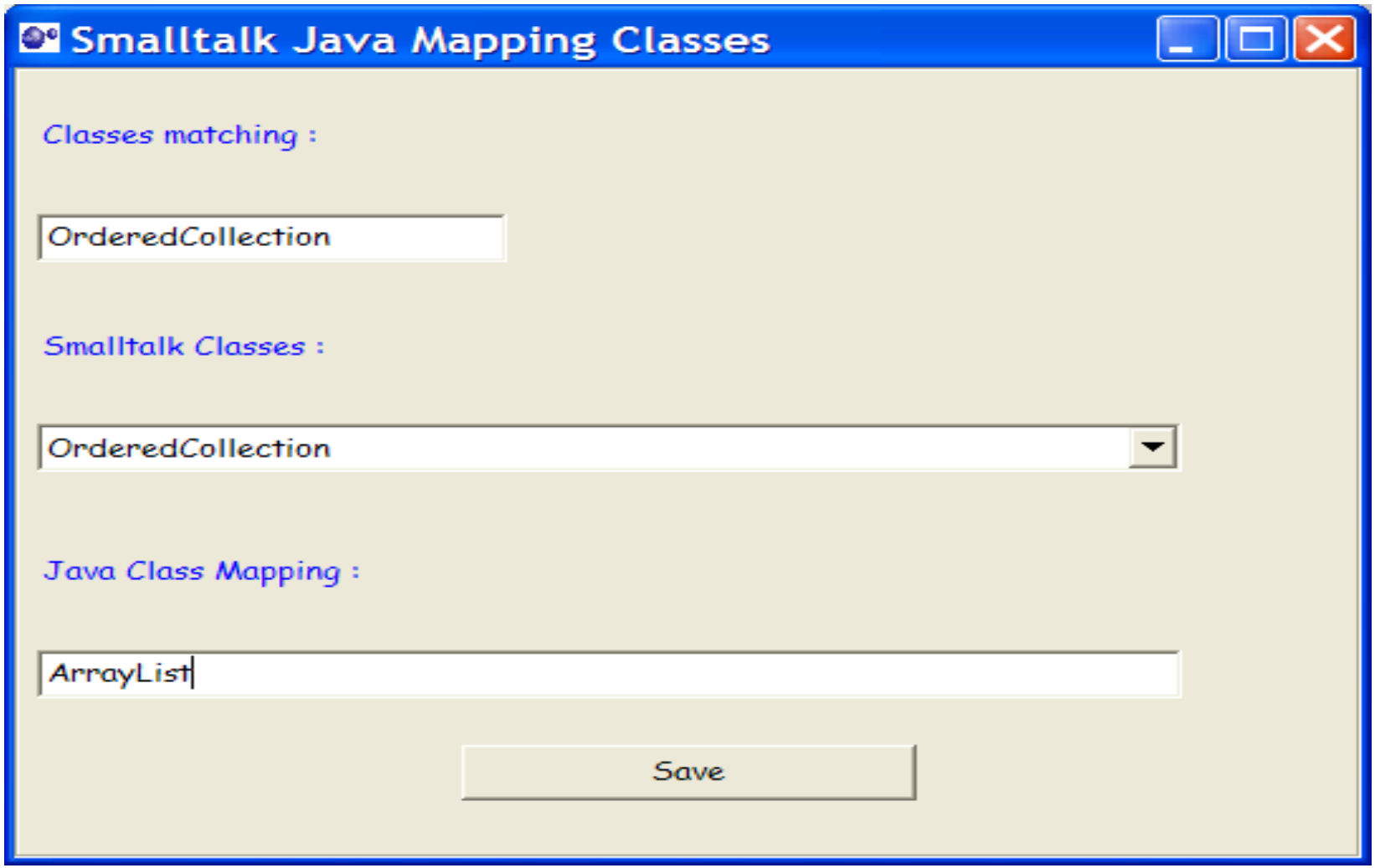
Specific packages names are defined either by:

- explicit names
- specific patterns

(for instance, the **OVETestApp** can correspond the the explicit package **com.ove.examples** or by specific pattern to **ove.test.app**)

Correspondance of classes Interface



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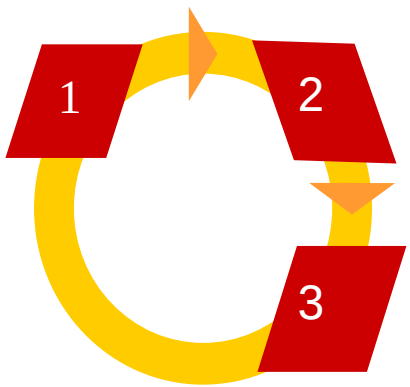

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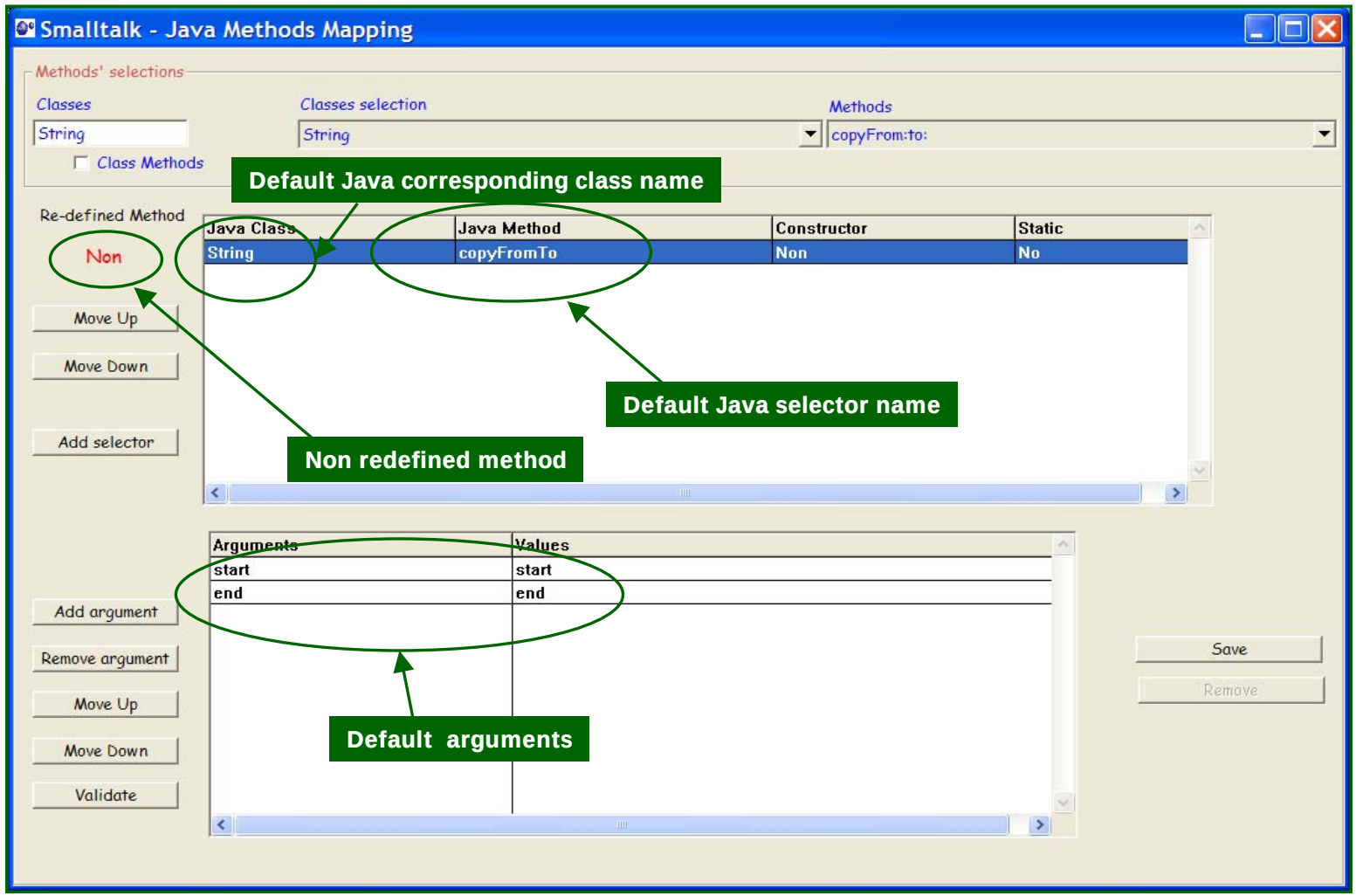
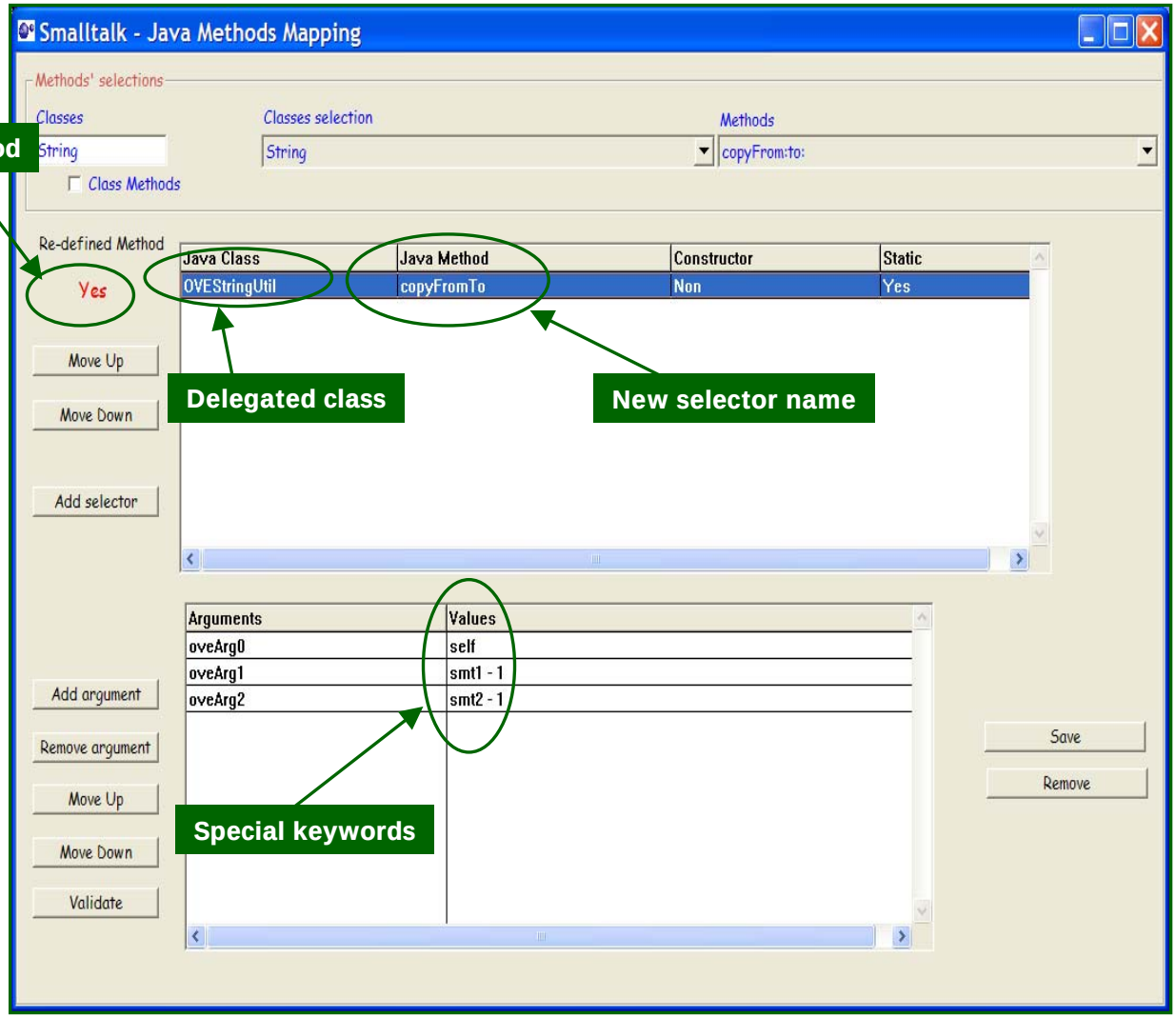
ISSUES :

- No correspondance of methods names
- Smalltalk method ⇔ successive calls of several Java methods
- Delegation concept ⇔ Services inexistant in Java
- Smalltalk Class method⇔Java Instance method
- Number of method's argument can vary
- The order of similar method's argument can vary

Default Correspondance of methods



Methods Correspondance Customisation



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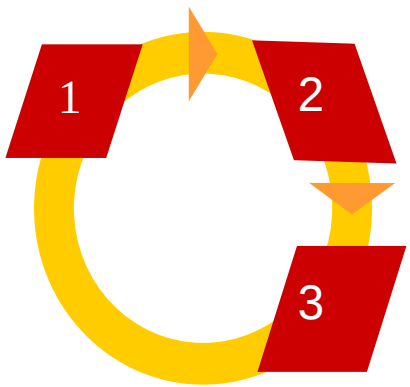

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DirectJava Classes Library

- Overview Package Class **Tree** Deprecated Index Help PREV NEXTFRAMES NO FRAMES**Hierarchy For All Packages**
- **Package Hierarchies:**
  - ove.components.base.collection, ove.components.base.date, ove.components.base.lang, ove.components.base.number, ove.tool
- **Class Hierarchy**
- class java.lang.Object
  - class ove.components.base.lang.**OVEBasicStringUtil**
    - **class ove.components.base.lang.**OVEStringUtil
  - class ove.components.base.lang.**OVEBeanPropertiesUtility**
  - class ove.components.base.lang.**OVEClassUtil**
  - class ove.components.base.lang.**OVECloneUtil**
  - class ove.components.base.collection.**OVECollectionUtil**
  - class ove.tool.**OVEComparatorUtil**
  - class ove.tool.**OVEComparatorUtilities**
  - class ove.components.base.date.**OVEDateUtil**
  - class ove.components.base.lang.**OVEFilterName** (implements java.io.FilenameFilter, java.io.Serializable)
  - class ove.components.base.lang.**OVEInstanceUtil**
  - class ove.components.base.number.**OVEInterval** (implements java.util.Iterator)
  - class ove.components.base.number.**OVEMathUtil**
  - class ove.components.base.lang.**OVEMessage**
  - class ove.components.base.lang.**OVESerializationUtility**
  - class ove.components.base.collection.**OVESortedList** (implements java.util.List)
  - class ove.components.base.date.**OVETimeUtil**
  - class java.lang.Throwable (implements java.io.Serializable)
    - **class java.lang.Exception**
      - class java.lang.RuntimeException
        - » class ove.components.base.collection.**OVEBlockReturnException**
- **Interface Hierarchy**
- interface ove.components.base.collection.**OVEClosure**
- interface ove.components.base.collection.**OVEOneArgClosure**
- interface ove.components.base.collection.**OVEOneArgPredicate**
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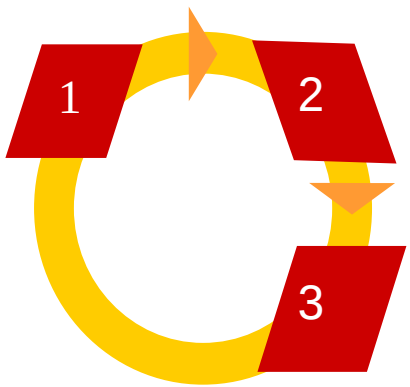

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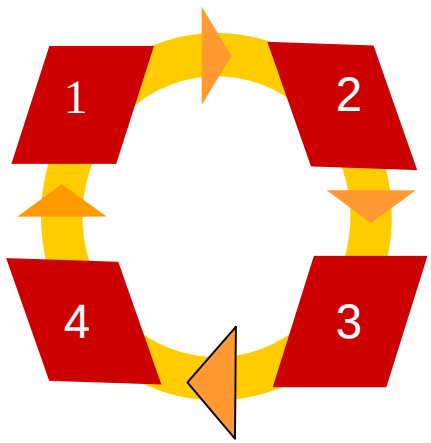


- Translation by Batches, Classes, Methods
- Direct integration in target environment (VA for Java)
- Translation by Deltas (translating only differences between 2 versions of sub-application, of class, etc...)
- GUI
- Java Overriding

Technical issues

- Static Methods (Java) vs Class Methods (ST)
- Most common cases

Static Methods (Java) vs Class Methods (ST)

- Smalltalk

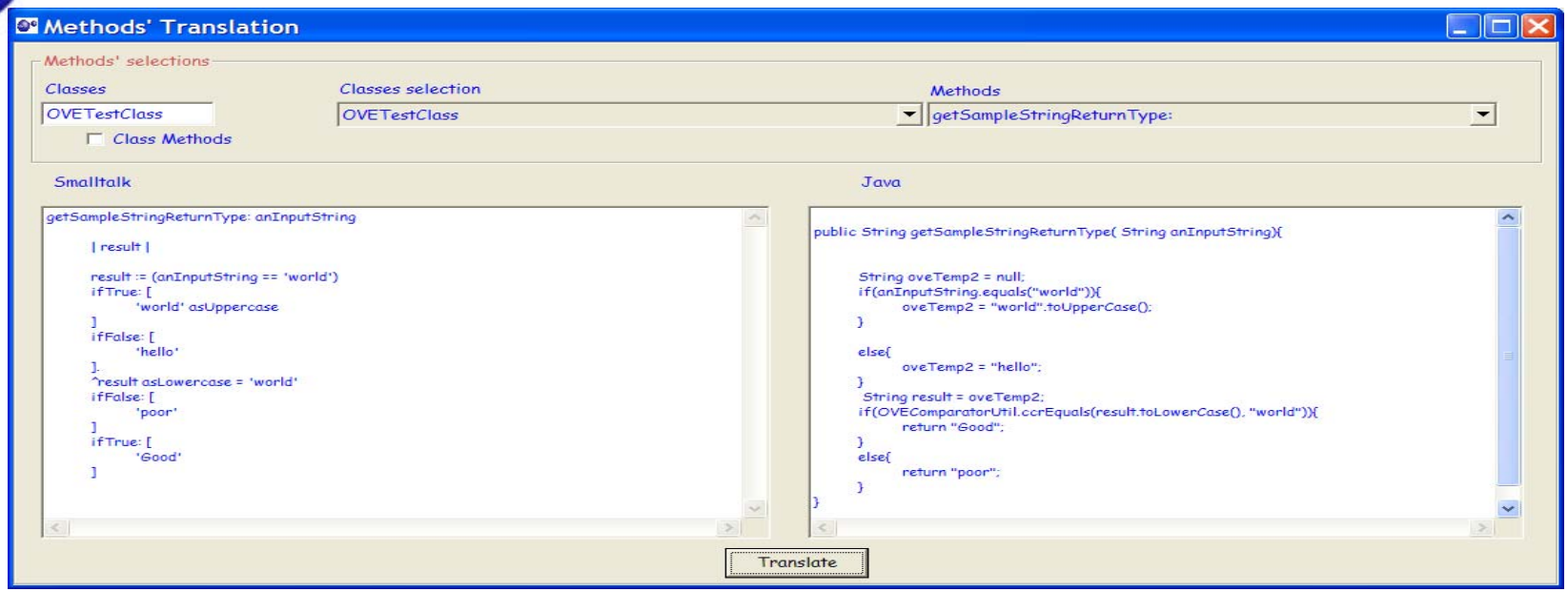
```
Object subclass: #Class1
    Class1 class>>#foo1
      ^ 'foo1'
    Class1>>#fooInst1
      ^self class foo1

Class1 subclass: #Class2
    Class2>>#fooInst2
      ^self fooInst1
    Class2 class>>#foo1
      ^ 'foo2'
```

- Java

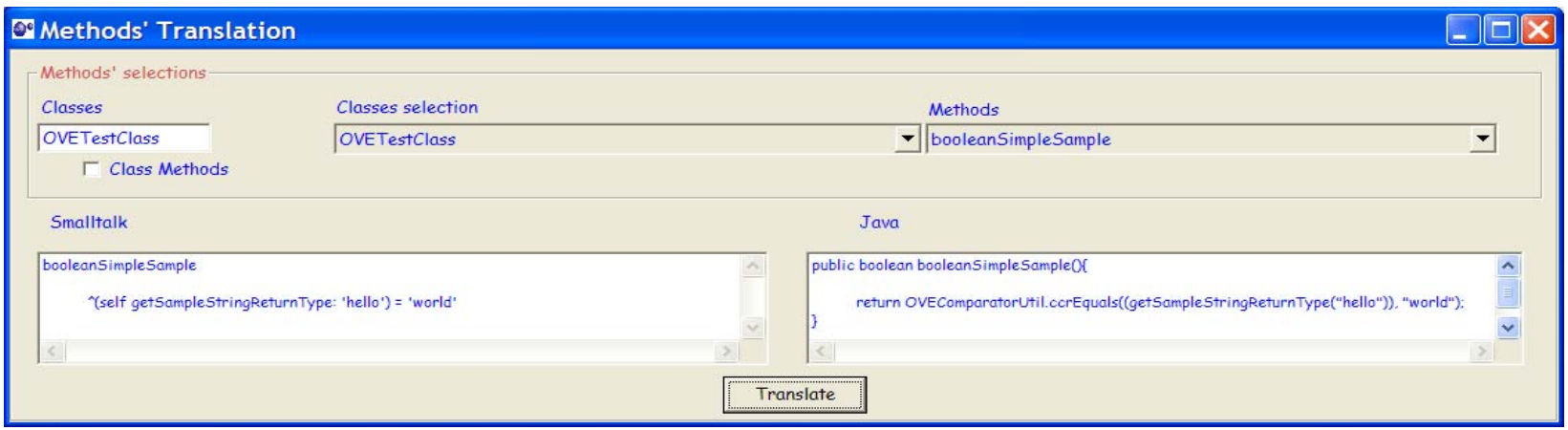
```
Class1
public static String foo1(Class aClass) {
       return (String)new OVEMessage().perform(aClass,"foo1",new Object[]{});
}
public String fooInst1(){
     return foo1(getClass());
}
Class2
public String fooInst2() {
     return fooInst1();
}

public static String foo1() {
     return "foo2";
}
```

Simple String Sample

Simple Samples (1)



Simple boolean sample



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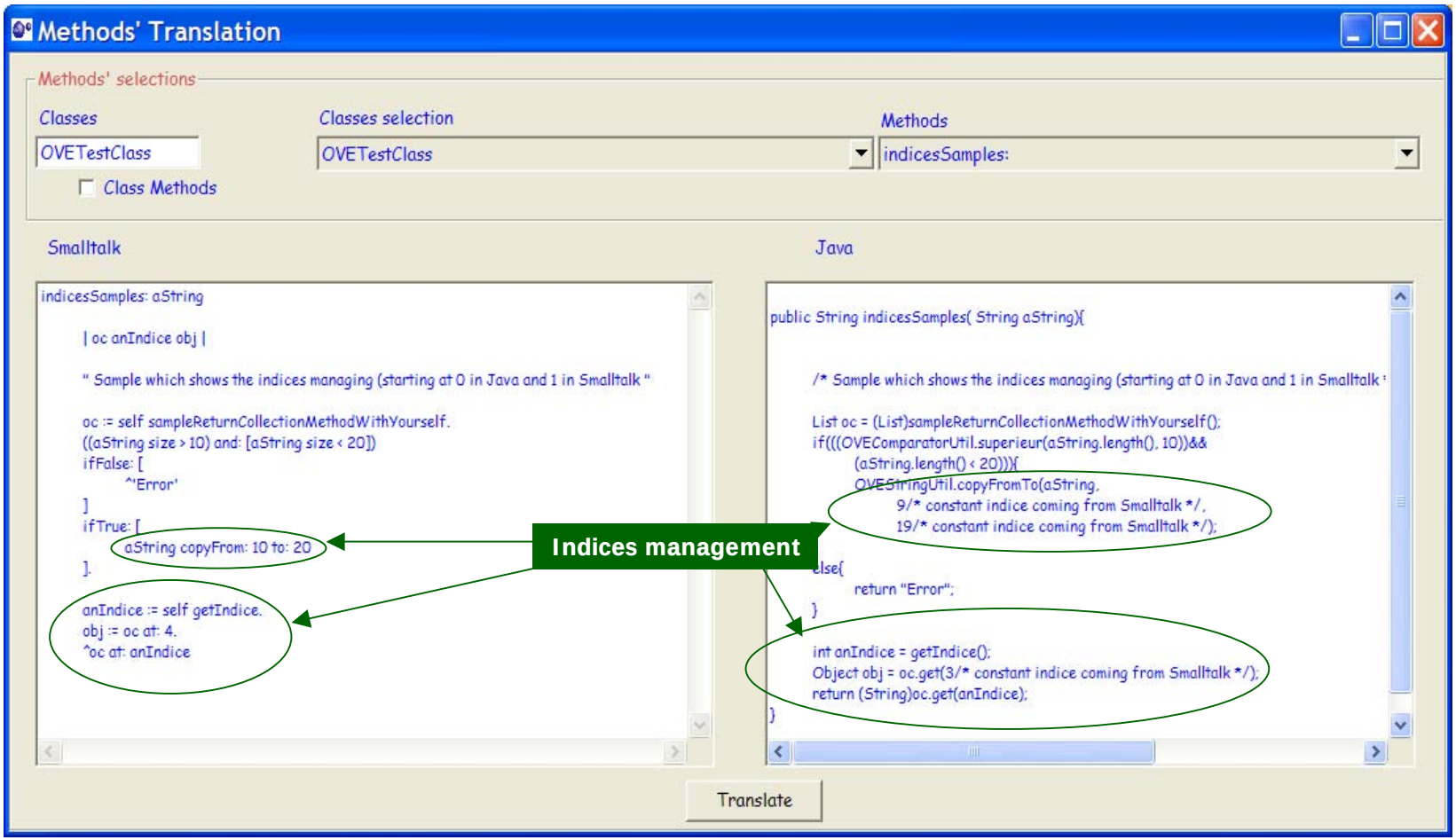
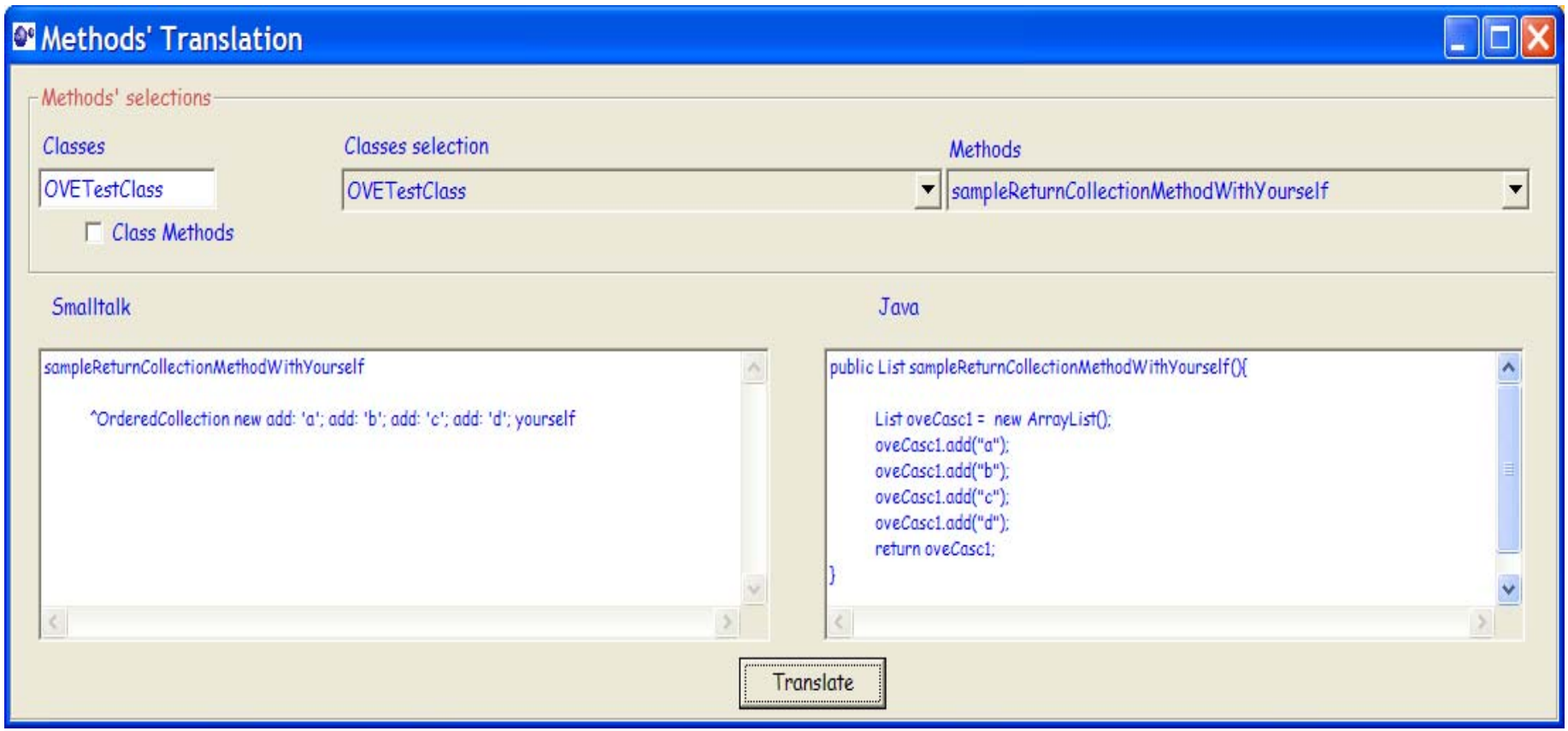
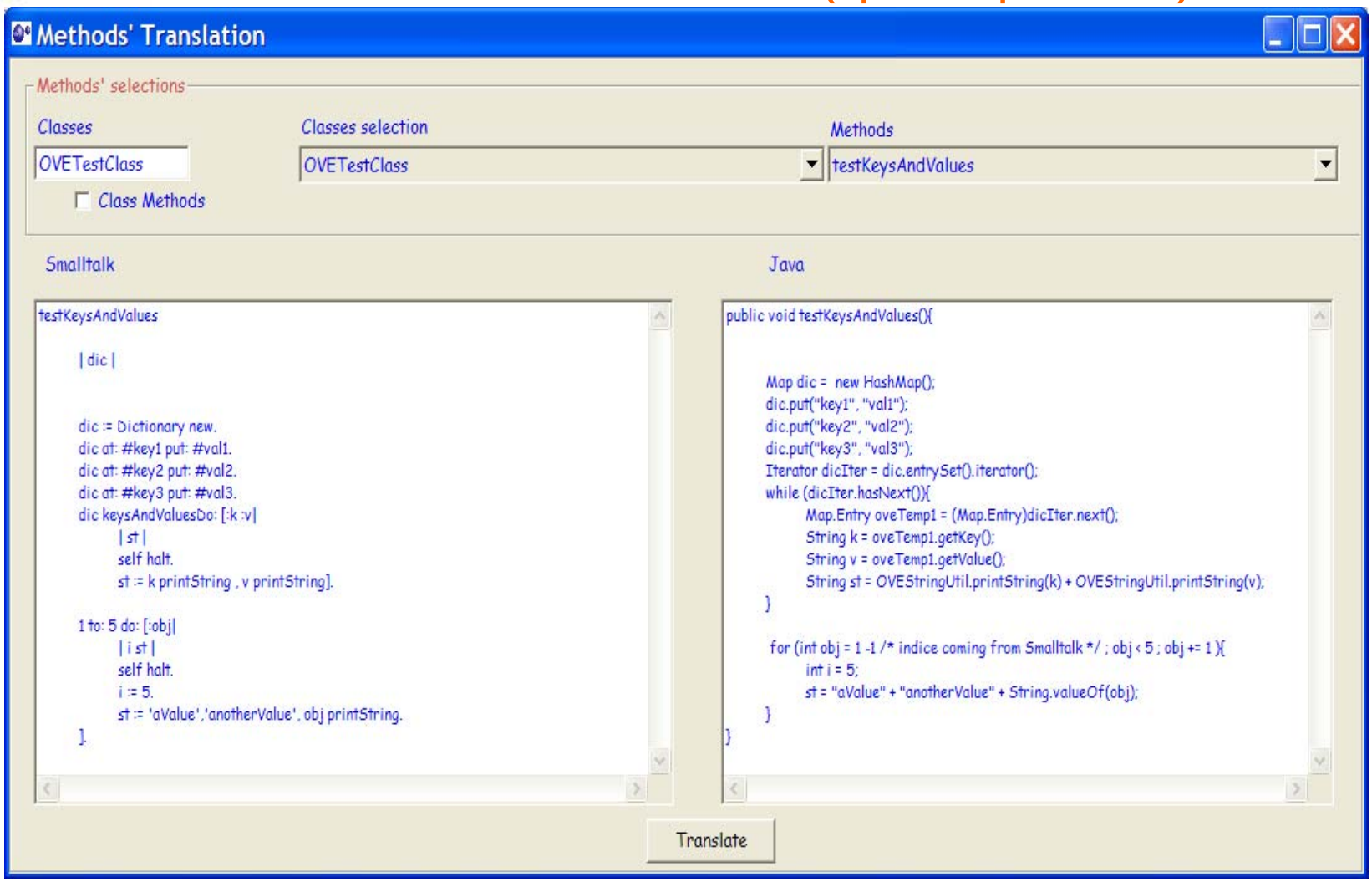
Indice sample



Cascading messages with yourself



Block without inner class (special patterns)



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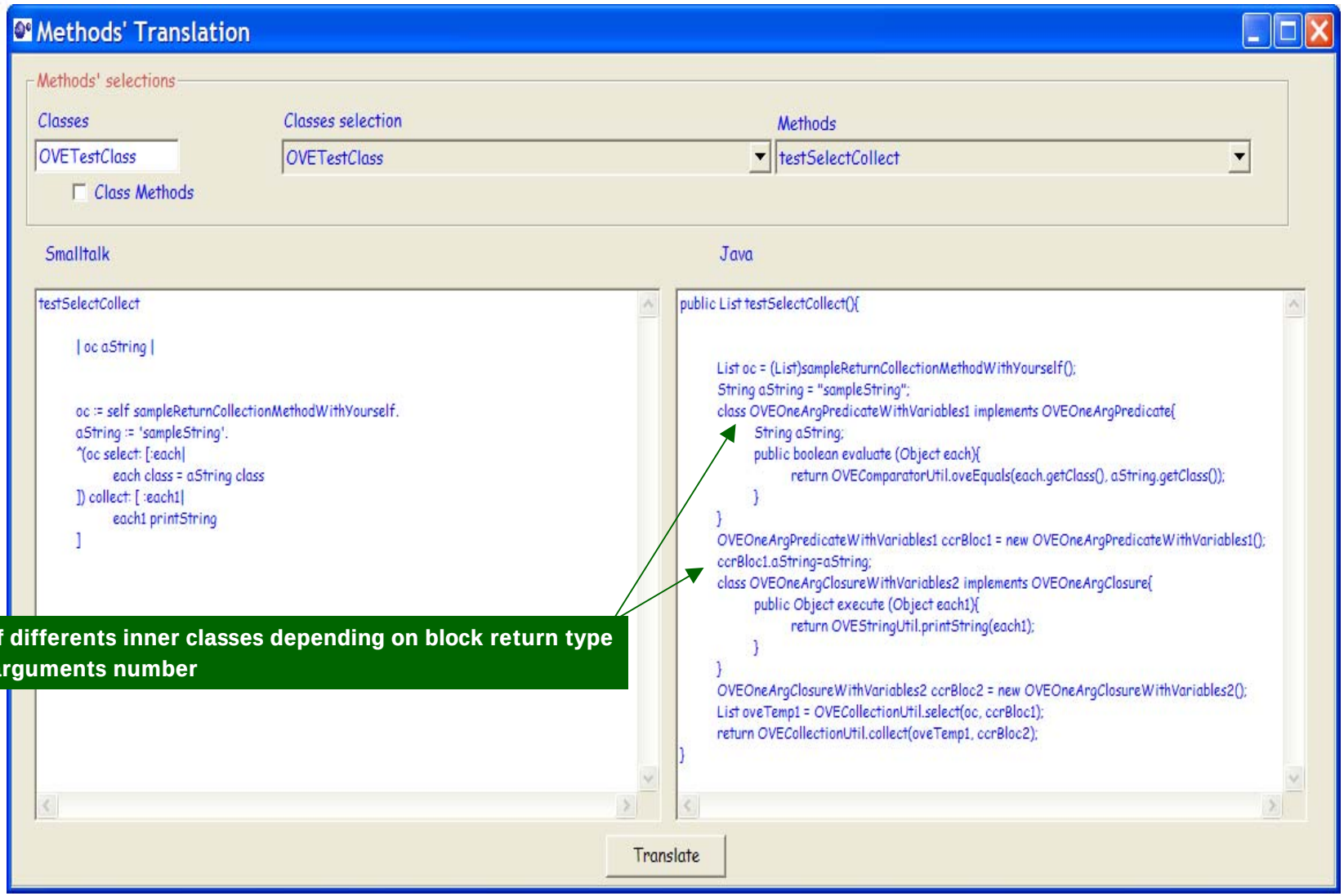
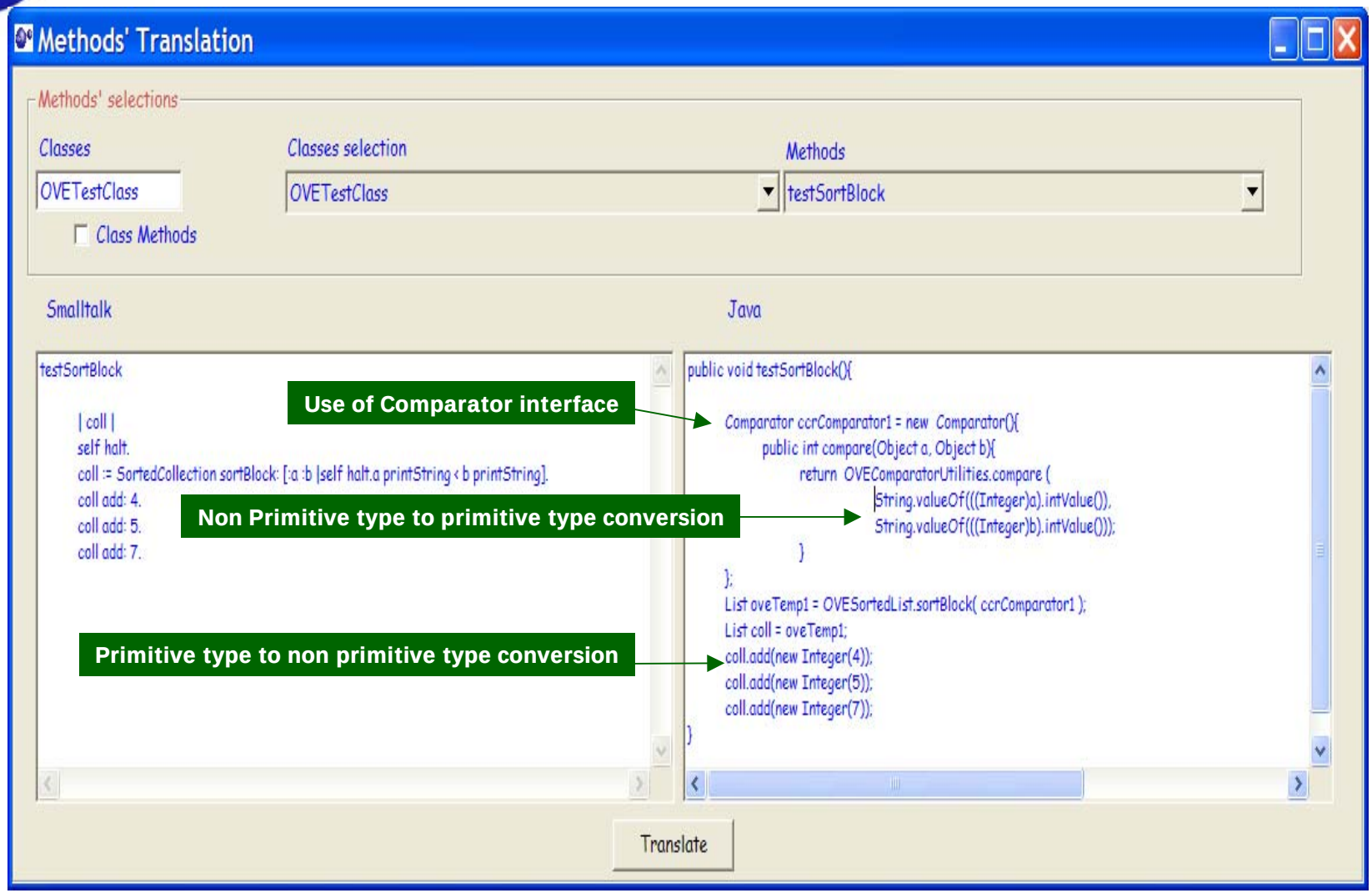


Use of differents inner classes depending on block return type and arguments number

SortedCollection with a sort block



Case Study: CCR (Caisse Centrale de Réassurance)

- Migration of core mission critical applications (over 1 million lines of code, ERP, Sales Management, Portfolio Management) i.e. 4,449 Classes ; 78,624 Methods
- Reasons for Migration: maintaining an team of Smalltalk experts, Connectivity

- DirectJava benefits : originally estimated as a 100 men/year project, migration will turn out to be a 3 men/year project. (now 30 months into it)
- Between 80 and 95% of code has been translated automatically.
  Automatic translation has also helped testing and architecture choices
  Example: persistance framework re-organized in order to use EJBs
  Massive increase in volume of code reviewed helped by automated translation

- Business Benefits: New market developments (esp Online Brokerage) thanks to Java
- Better integration with existing tools in the environment (Domino/Notes, Excell, Word)

Thank You