

I think that in Smalltalk a  
Haskell Arrow  
is just a 1 input valuable plus some composition methods  
  
like

```
>>into: = return a function composition ,  
  ( f into: g ) = [ :x | g value: ( f value: x ) ]
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>>pair: = return a do both functions and return a size 2 Array ,  
  ( f pair: g ) = [ :x | Array with:( f value: x )with:( g value: x ) ]
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>>binOp: = return a binary op on Array ,  
  ( p binOp: b ) = [ :array | b value:( p value:( array first ) )  
                           value:( p value:( array second ) ) ]
```

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>>doAt1 = return a do function on p's Array at:1 and return Array ,  
  ( p doAt1 ) = [ :array | array at:1put:( p value: ( array first ) ) ; yourself ]
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>>doAt2 = return a do function on Array at:2 and return Array ,  
  ( p doAt2 ) = [ :array | array  
                           at:2put:( p value: ( array second ) ) ;  
                           yourself ]<-----[ is faster ]  
  ( p doAt2 ) = ( p swap into: doAt1 ) swap <-----[ it's shorter it's simpler ]
```

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>>swap = return a do p and return Array transposed  
  ( p swap ) = [ :x | ( p value: x ) reverse ]
```

etc ( a 1 input valuable is anything that responds to #value: )

Haskell seems to get a lot of mileage out of this  
kind of Category theoretical  
function composition

and no doubt the Haskell type system aids in this  
and practically Maybe demands it  
and makes it really convoluted

they rebelled against lispy simplicity

in order to make it simple in order to not to scare the newbies

they dumped all the parens overboard

replaced them all with a complicated set of precedent rules

so now you got to have a parser in your head

to read the stuff

and if you don't where you gonna get one

is that guy going to parse it for you i don't think so

which far from making it easier

for anybody but a rank newbie a ranking newbie got to impressem

this induced parserhead requirement on human

Haskell code readers

instead of making it any easier makes it really really hard out on the deep end  
of the pool there is a tremendous drop off a under water cliff

where newbies who reach puberty begin hanging themselves out to dry

which doesn't really work    cause they keep getting    all wet  
and this may well be a great resistance to  
Haskell uptake  
and seems to be an endless source of  
confusion contusion and discussion as meetup people's  
personal Haskell brain pan parsers shift in and out  
of true conformity to the standard  
as we speak    as we keep on speaking  
and

    No wait-  
s abound  
but the people who got a Haskell parser in they head  
    they say oh no I'm not going through That again  
    No you get a parser in your head  
    or you're out

but i regress -digress!

    The Smalltalk runtime type system makes it a lot  
simpler to see what is going on

so i wonder

    what effect this kind of function composition  
style could have on Smalltalk code

Where maybe you have a bunch of Methods

    that just return 1 input valuables

        ( [ :x | ... ] ,    SomeFunctionClass>>value: ,    etc )

    which then get turned into Arrows

    and get categorically indubitably functionally composed

who knows what could happen

the Objects themselves in this functional Smalltalk style could be

    mostly empty except for accessors

and then stateless Traits

    could be the functions

or there could be separate stateless functional Classes

    that have the stateless functions

    which could be pluggable

    on multiple different applicable Object Classes

        ( kind of a pluggable multiple inheritance thing going on )( ? )

because

    supposedly

    then

    you can make new functions

    by just using

    very simplified

        composition expressions

        as in the short example above    ( p doAt2 ) = ^ ( p swap into: doAt1 ) swap

as opposed to having to know a lot about

    all the inputs and all about how the sends are supposed to fit together

    involving lots of looking things up over and over

the composition combinators do all that

    for you

or so the combinator propaganda goes

but is it really true  
or do you have to know just as much  
or more to actually get the  
function combinators to work  
or do you have to finally wise up  
and get smart  
and stop fooling around with writing yet  
another monad  
tutorial(s) just like all the other ranking newbies and get serious  
and write a brain pan parser compiler  
and become a first class tenderfoot  
And now you're much worse off  
than before  
in the time spent column  
and you don't even know it  
that's the sad part  
because the Maybe she's elegance column is calling sirens calling  
clouding your mind with foggy fogged up window pain desires  
and you don't even know which end is up anymore  
and you want some of that categorical shit  
they're having at the big people's table

so is it worth it  
does it work as advertised  
or is it just to be deride  
i wonder

But i would like it if a  
Smalltalk Arrow  
could explain itself  
So an Arrow is just an Object that contains a 1 input valuable  
and a BinaryArrow isA Arrow and contains 2 Arrows  
so Arrow>>explainYourself  
returns  
an Array tree of oneInputValuable source code Strings  
which describe how  
the Arrow works because otherwise it's just a great big mystery  
Arrow  
hasA oneInputValuable <---[ a one input function ]  
BinaryArrow isA Arrow  
hasA firstArrow  
secondArrow

But the  
BlockClosure>>into: >>pair: >>binOp: >>at1Do >>at2Do >>swap etc  
and

the  
Object>>into: >>pair: >>binOp: >>at1Do >>at2Do >>swap etc  
work too  
maybe quicker  
or  
( anArrow asValuable ) <---[ which gets rid of all the explanation bits ]  
                    <---[ couldn't the Smalltalk compiler optimize this  
                        functional as it sits ]

## Haskell is very big on Immutability

But in Smalltalk especially in the GUI making everything immutable just doesn't seem right because you've got all these Objects which are sitting in this web and they are taking inputs from god knows everywhere and broadcasting them back out again so you have the idea of a web of important Objects with not so important contents which are coming and going and recording them all all that and saving them all for posterity just don't seem right dependent Objects that are interested can note the changes

In Smalltalk when i want an immutable copy of an  
( Object o ) where o might be changing i just get  
( o copy ) or ( o deepCopy ) to take a snapshot of o  
but then you have to keep track of when to take a snapshot  
it's true

But Smalltalk can have a

## Immutable Class

maybe a subclass of ProtoObject?

to make mixins Object Class complete?

where an ( Immutable m ) is on another ( Object o )

## Immutable

```
hasA object <---[ object = o ]
```

and m forwards all Messages to o after

making a copy of itself m and o and returning the copy of itself m unless

( ( o aMessage ) ~= o ) in which case

( ( o aMessage ) asImmutable ) is returned

then you don't have to keep track of when to copy m

but there could be any amount of copying

going on

so hopefully it's not too much

Maybe Object>>immutableCopy might be good which could be called if it is defined? Maybe not Probably not

so hopefully the programmer can tell when  
copy is Immutable enough and

when an Immutable wrapper is ok good