

Roman DSL

1. Goals

- Support roman numbers within the host-language:
`III + IV = VII`
- Keep syntax of host-language.
- Avoid boilerplate of any kind.

2. Implementation

- Show method `RomanDSL class>>#romanToArabic:.`
- Implement the transformation on the class side:

```
RomanDSL class>>transformRoman
  <transform>
```

```
  ^ DSLTreePattern new
    expression: '`var' do: [ :context |
      | arabic |
      arabic := self romanToArabic: context node name.
      arabic notNil
      ifTrue: [ context node swapWith: arabic lift ] ]
```

- `<transform>` tells the compiler that this is a transformation rule.
- `DSLTreePattern` defines the scope ``var` of an action to be performed on the parse tree.
- The action block calls `#romanToArabic:` to transform the roman number to an `Integer` object.

- If the node is actually a roman number (`#notNil`), replace the it (`#swapWith:`) with the arabic number.
- `#lift` turns the `Integer` into a `LiteralNode`.

3. Test it

- Implement a test-case on the instance side:

```
RomanDSL>>testAdd
  self assert: III + IV = VII
```

- The test passes (⌘T).
- Show decompiled code ([View](#) | [Decompile](#)).

4. Debug it

- Put a `#halt` at the beginning of `RomanDSL>>testAdd`.
- Run the test and step through it.

5. Other Examples

- `CUBrainfuckExample`
Completely new language within the host-language.
Evaluate `CUBrainfuckExample debug` to show debugger.
- `CUSwapExample` / `CUControlExample`
Add new features to host-language.