

Reproducible moldable interactions

Master Thesis

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Motivation

DEMO

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Sessions are lost on closing

Sessions cannot be replayed

Code has to be manually
extracted from a session

Demoing session requires
external tool support

Motivation

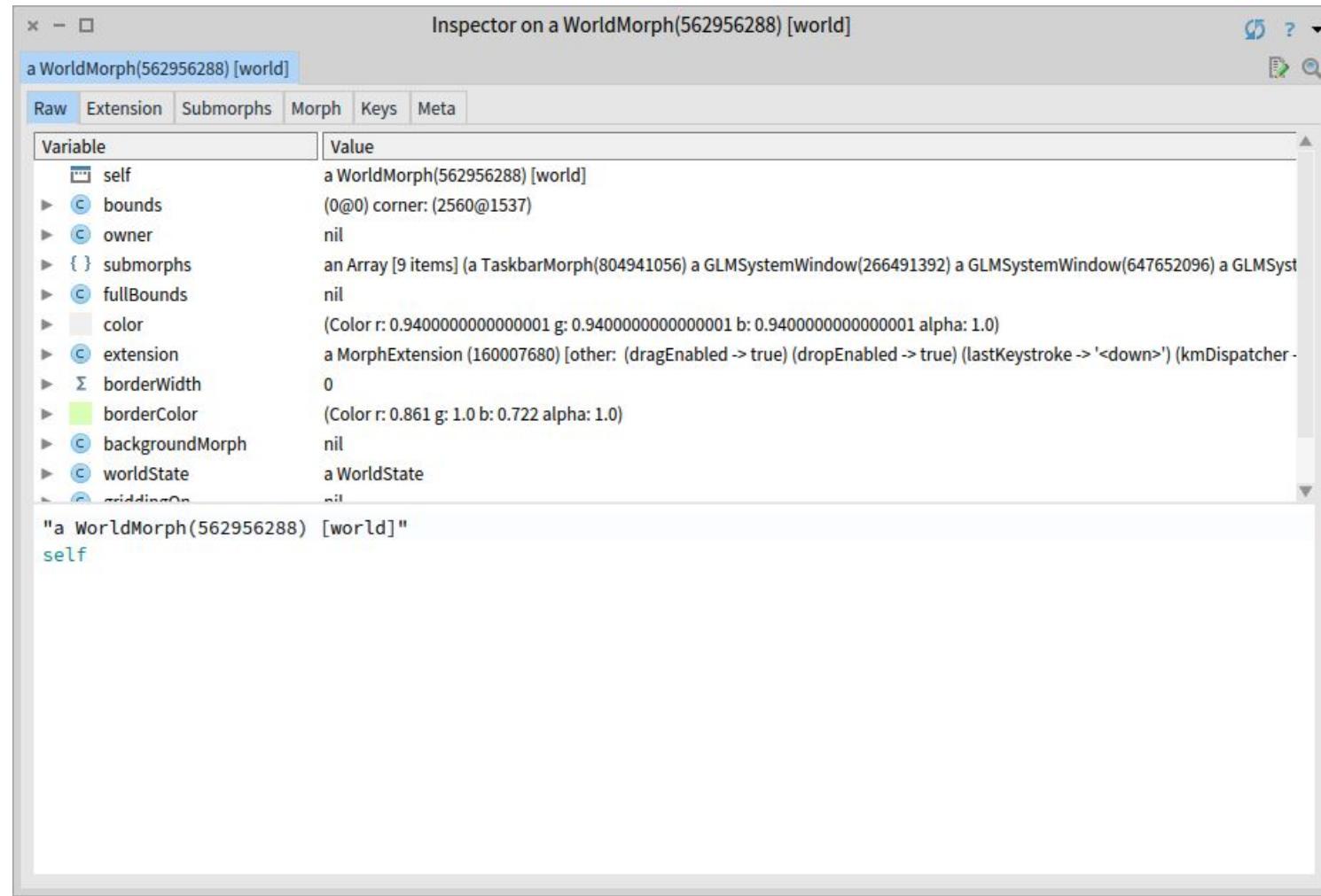
Persisting inspection sessions

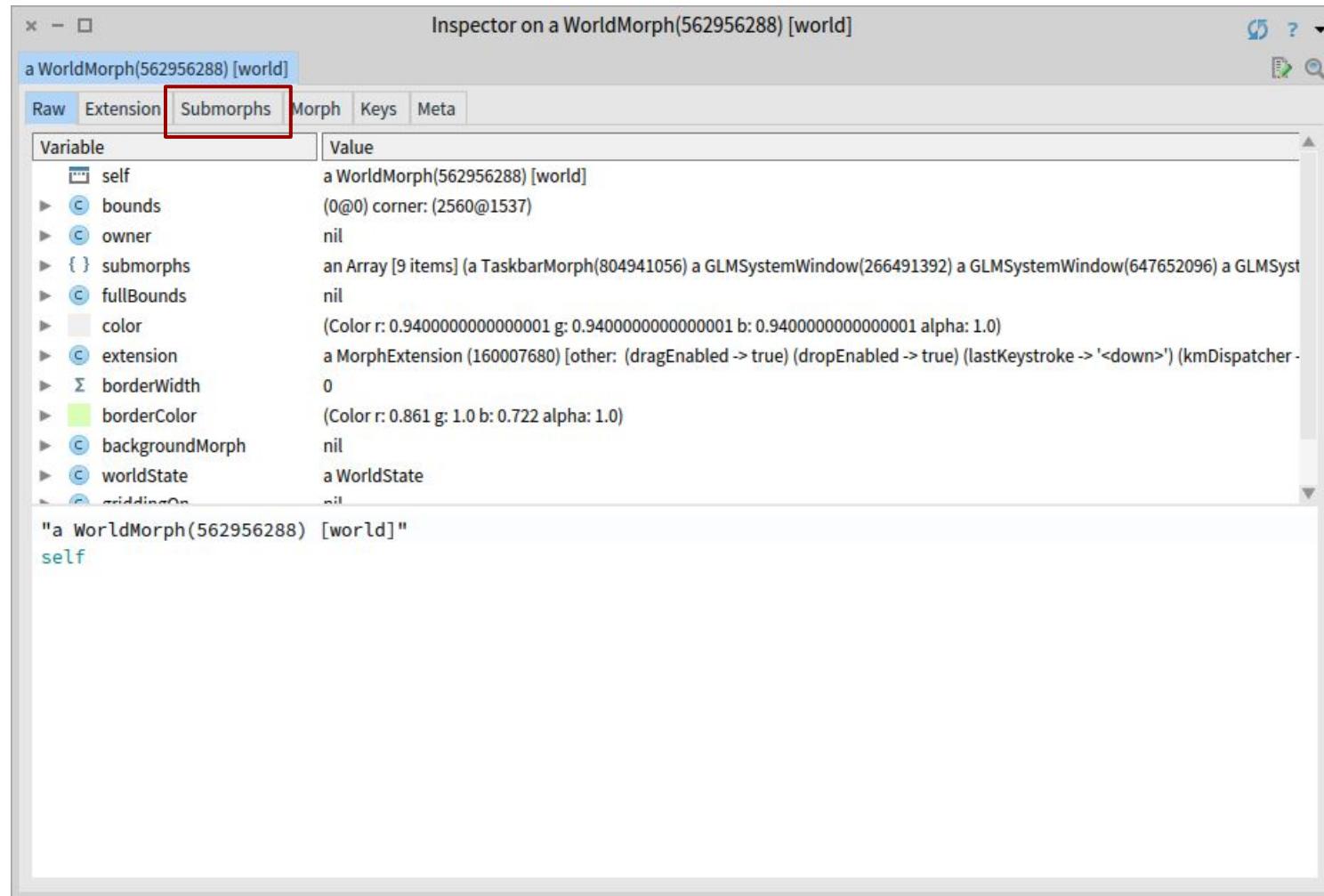
Replaying entire sessions

Generating code

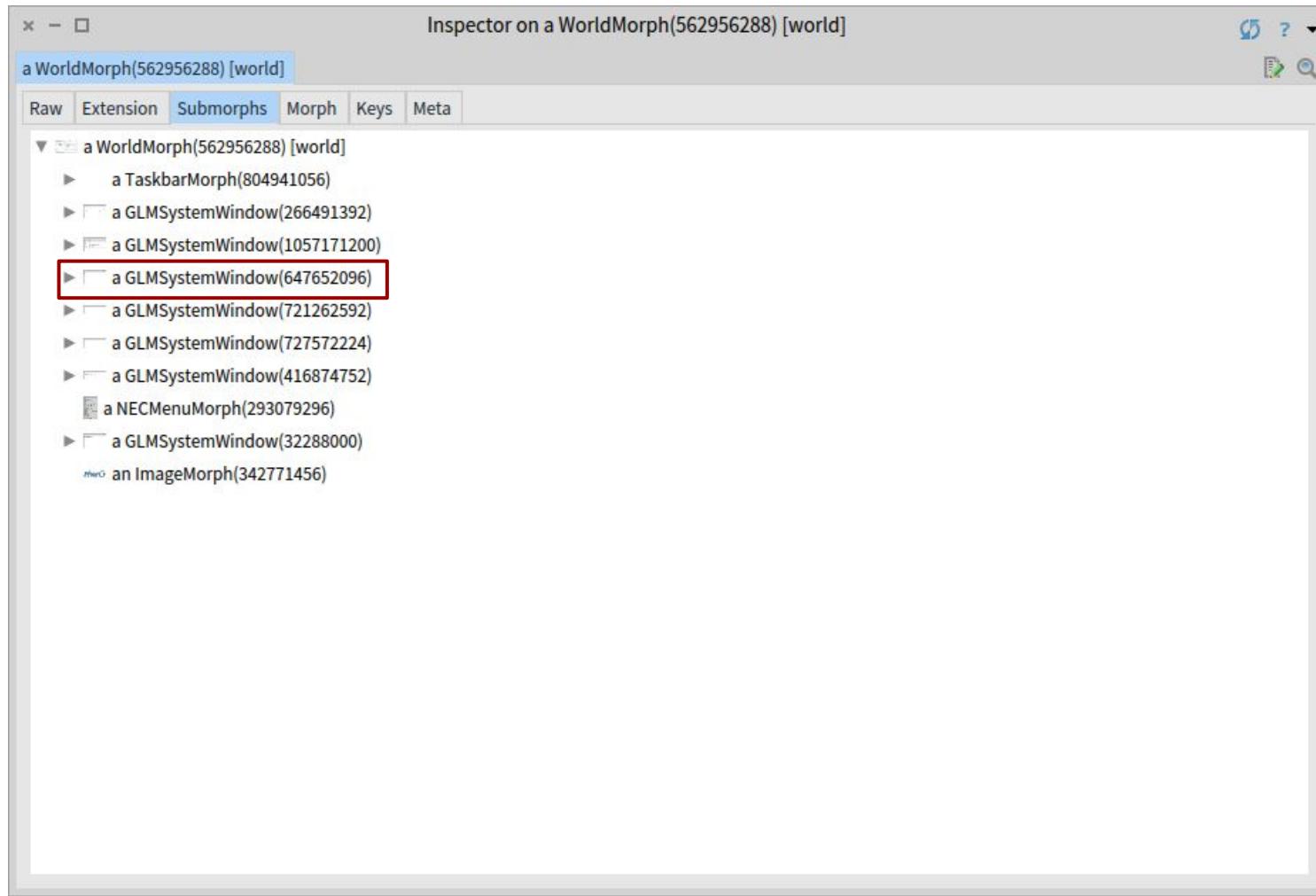
Creating movie-like tutorials

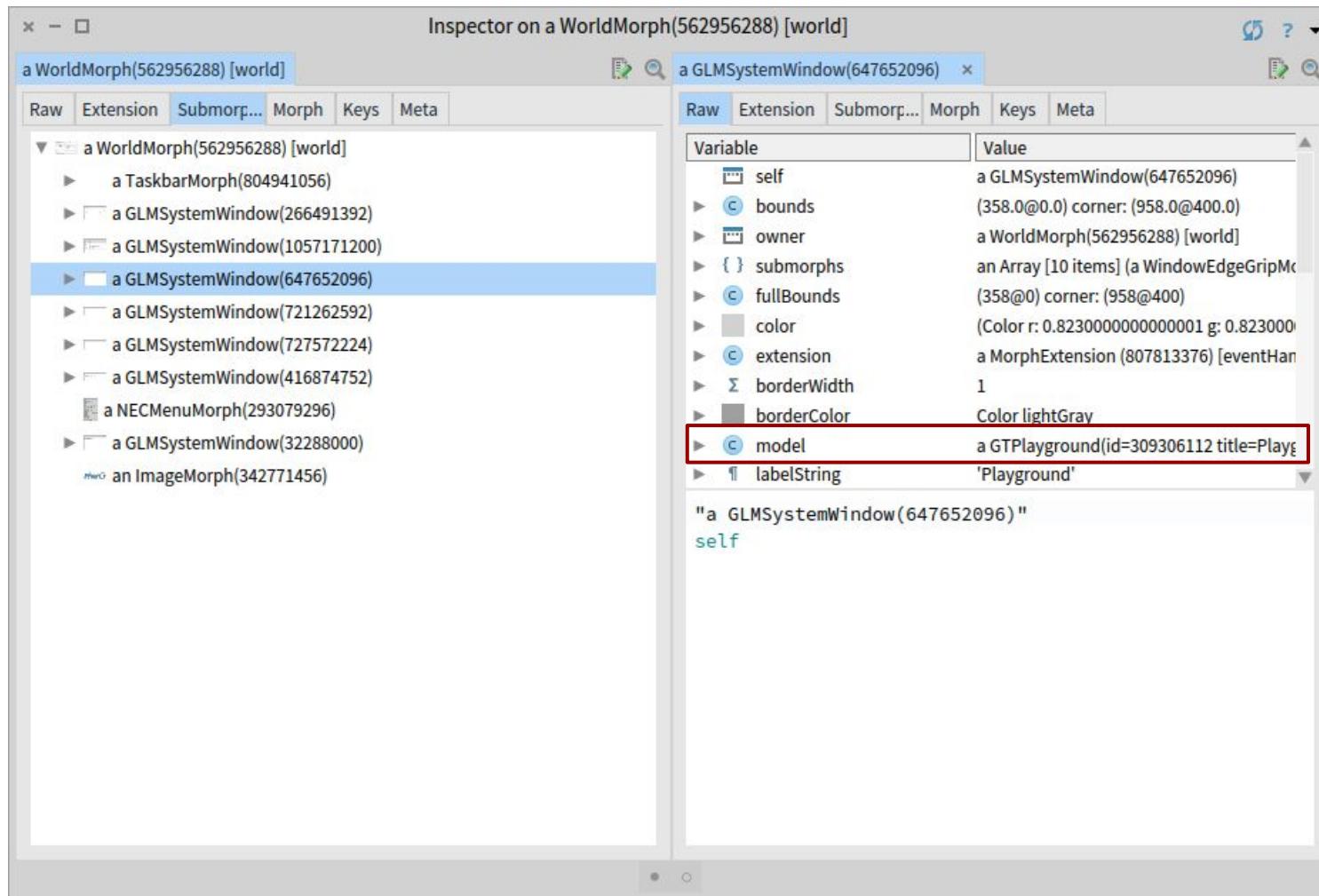
Approach 1: UI recording





Record click: 200@100

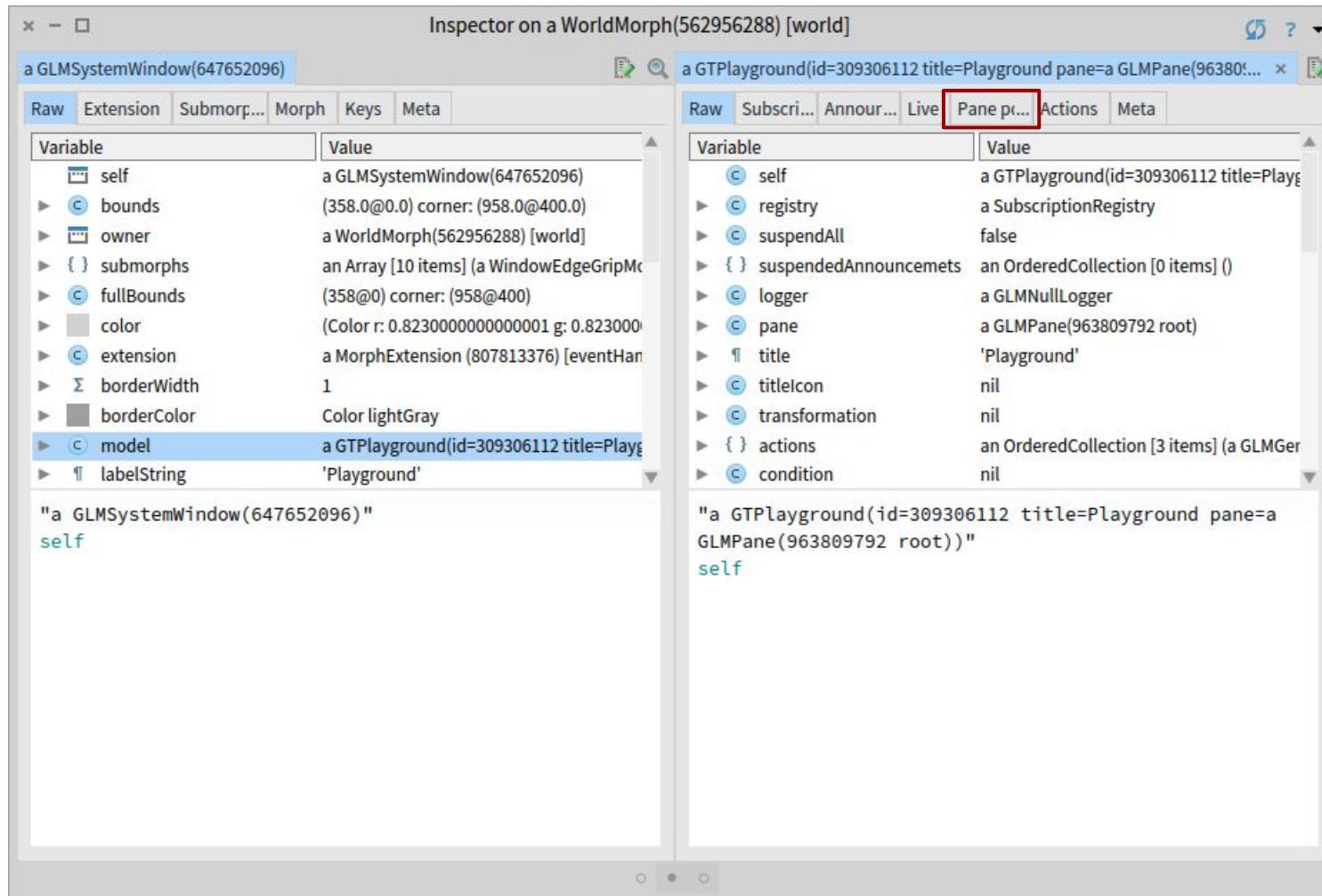




Record click: 200@100

Record click: 150@300

Record click: 400@400

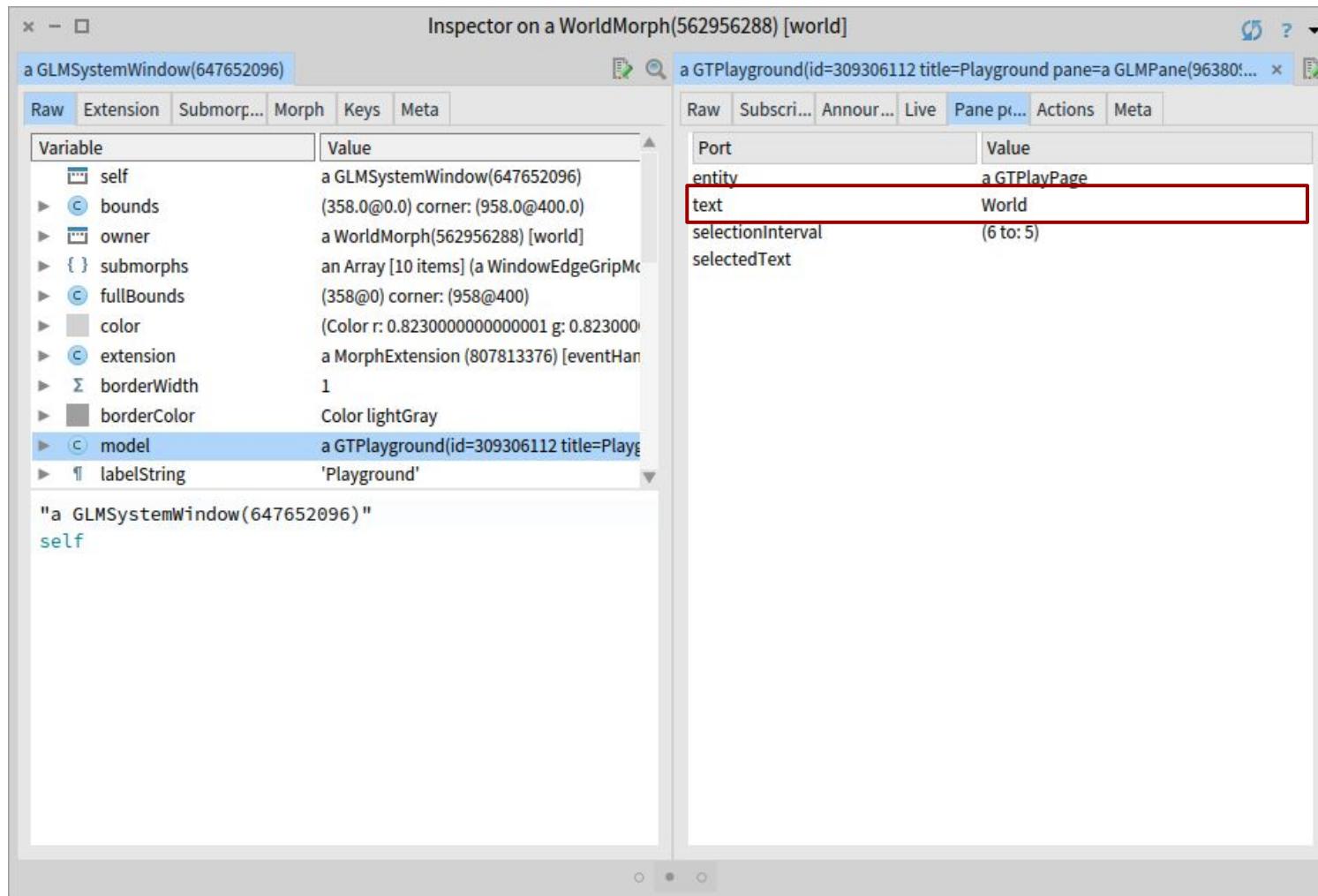


Record click: 200@100

Record click: 150@300

Record click: 400@400

Record click: 450@100



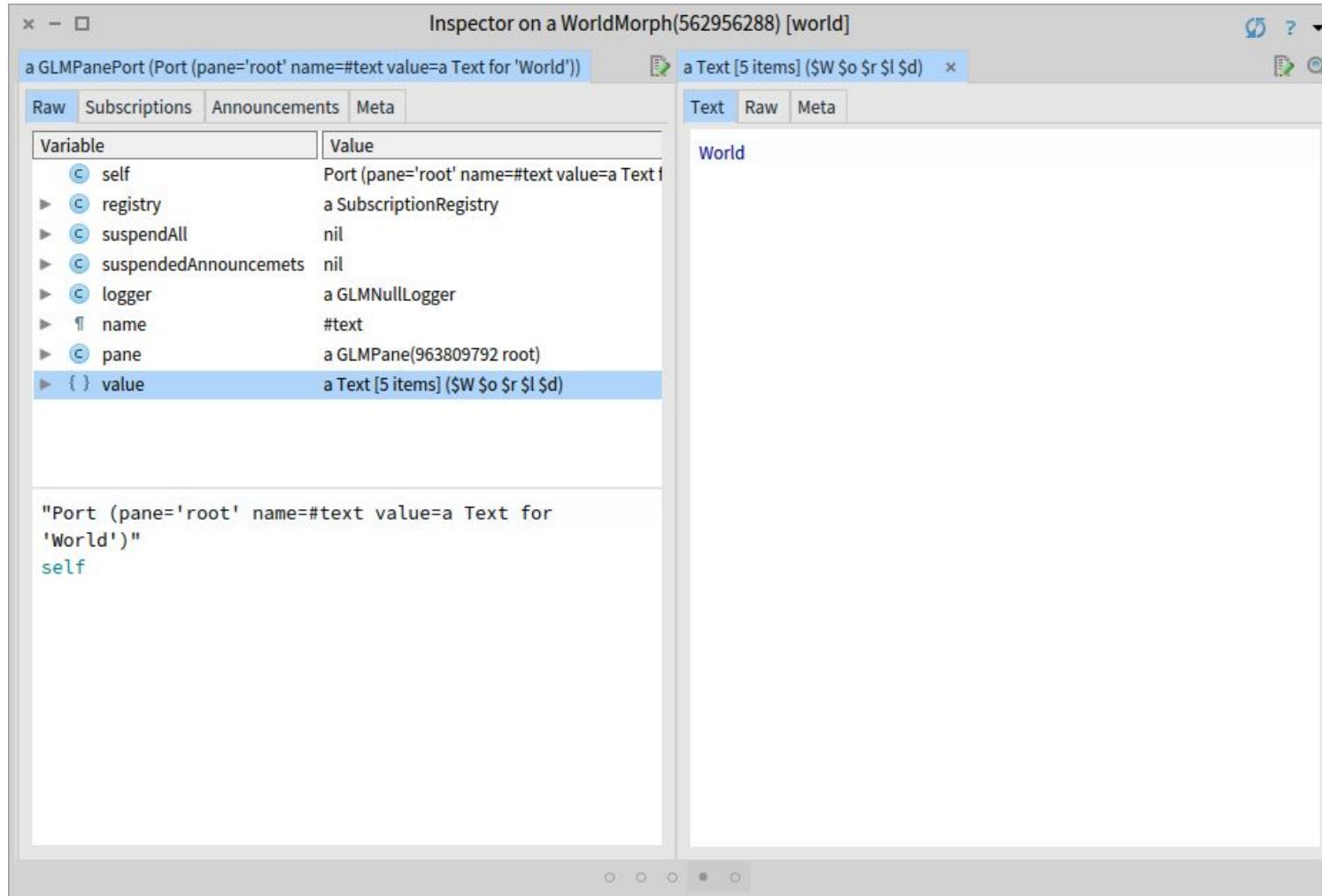
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Record click: 450@100

Record click: 500@200



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Record click: 150@300

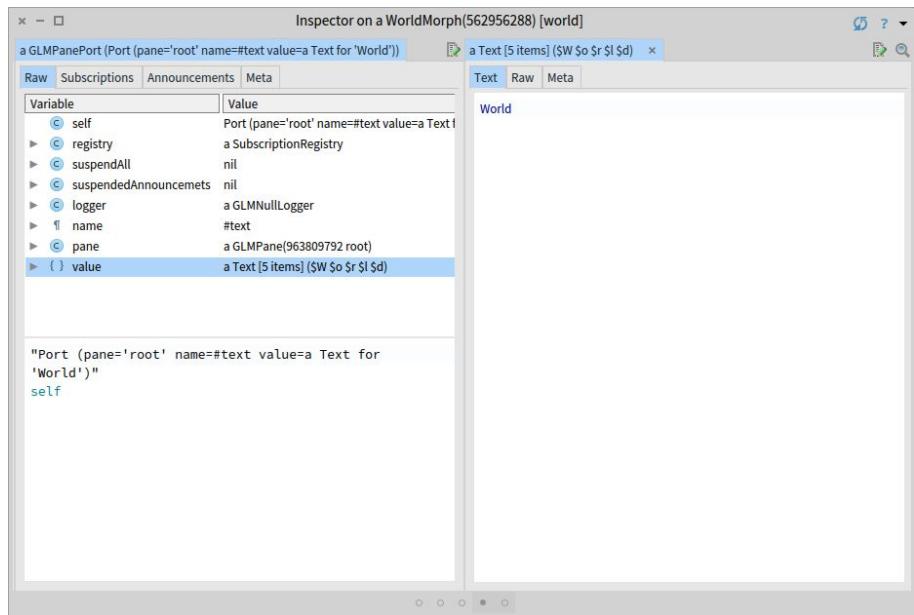
Record click: 400@400

Record click: 450@100

Record click: 500@200



Persist clicks



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Record click: 150@300

Record click: 400@400

Record click: 450@100

Record click: 500@200



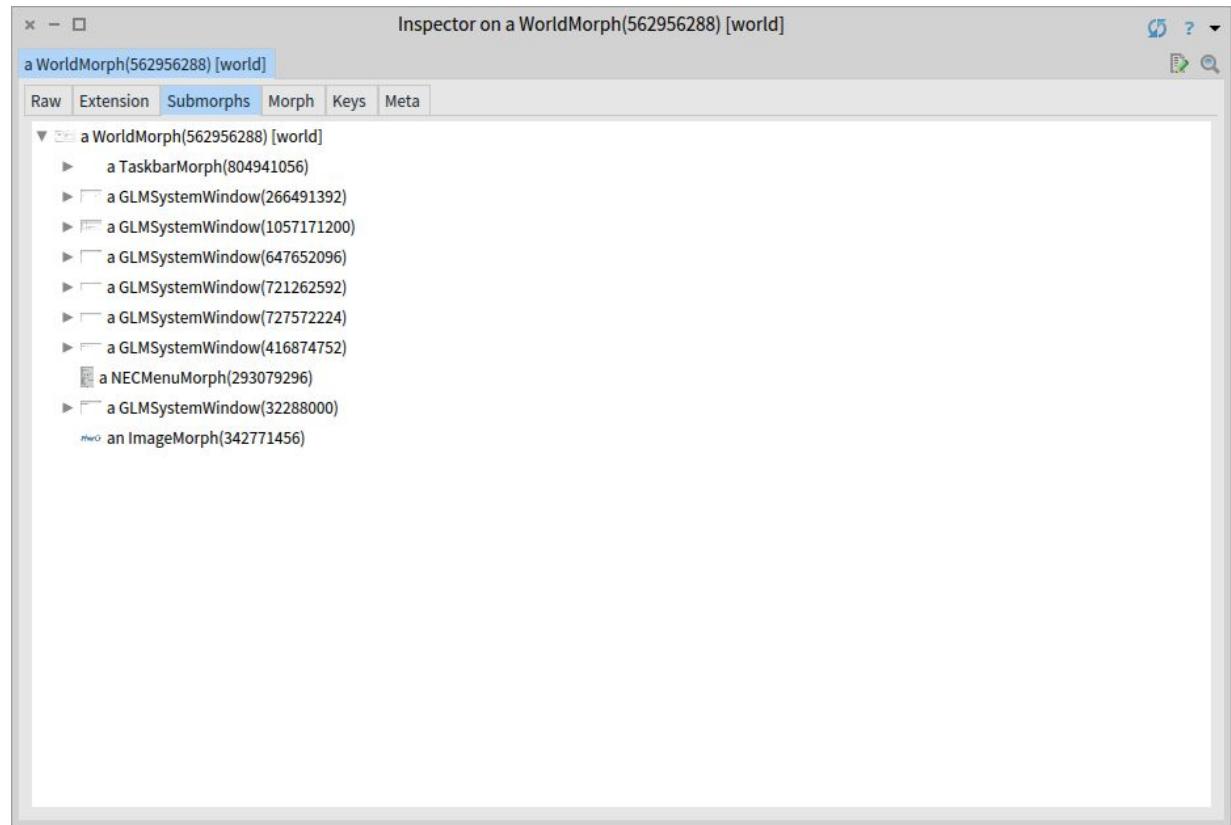
Persist clicks

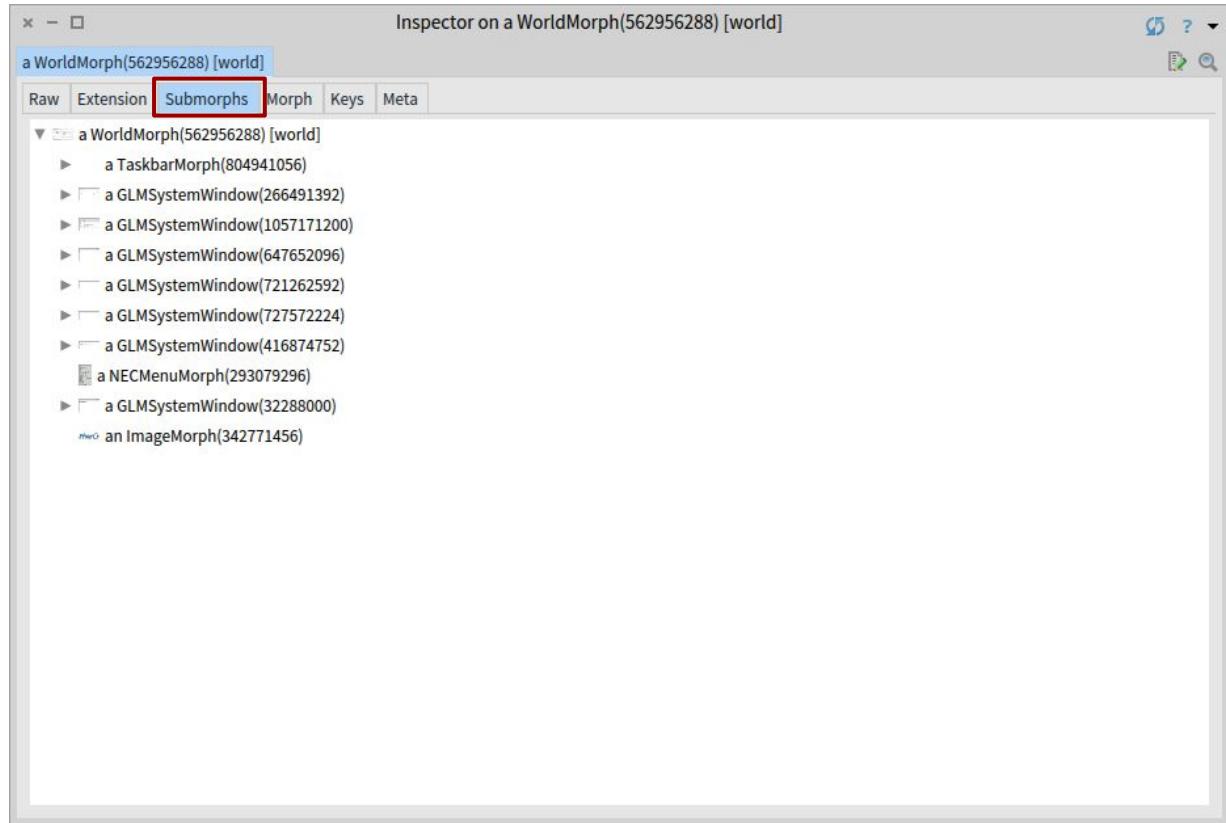
easy to record

easy to replay

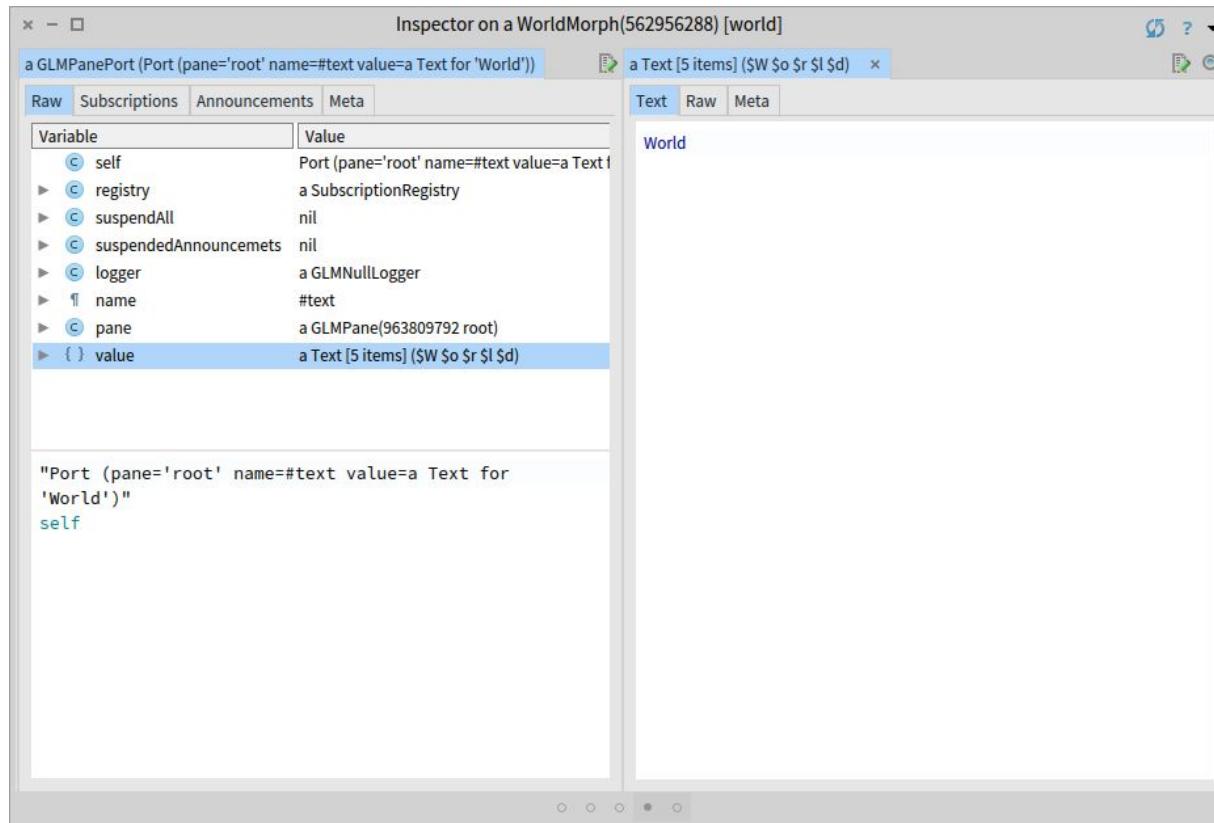
hardcodes position
not implementable in a generic way

Approach 2: Serialization





FLSerializer serializeToByteArray:anInspector.
inspector-{timestamp}.fuel



FLSerializer serializeToByteArray:anInspector.

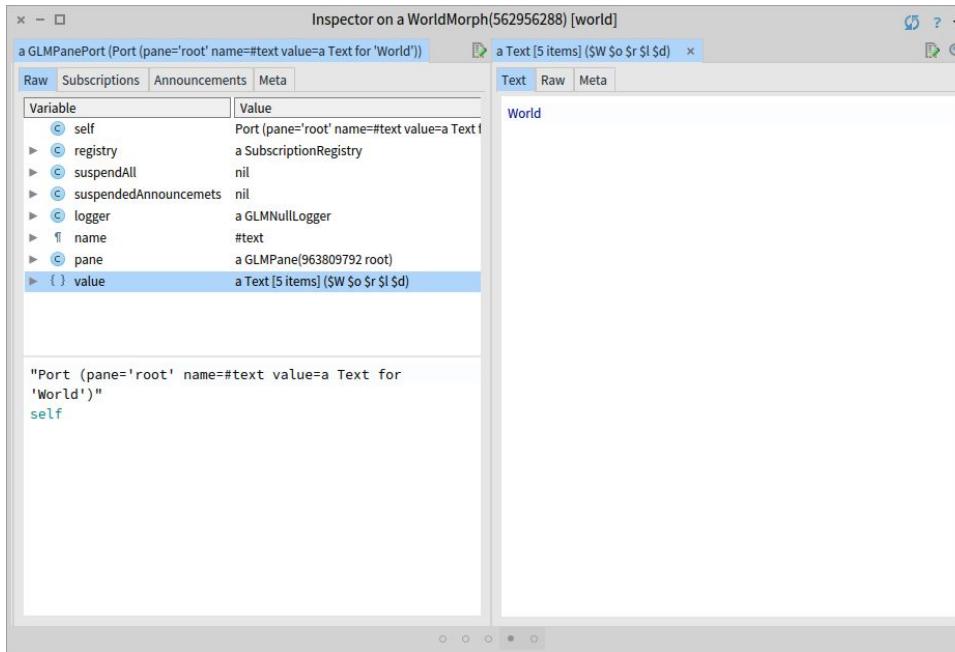
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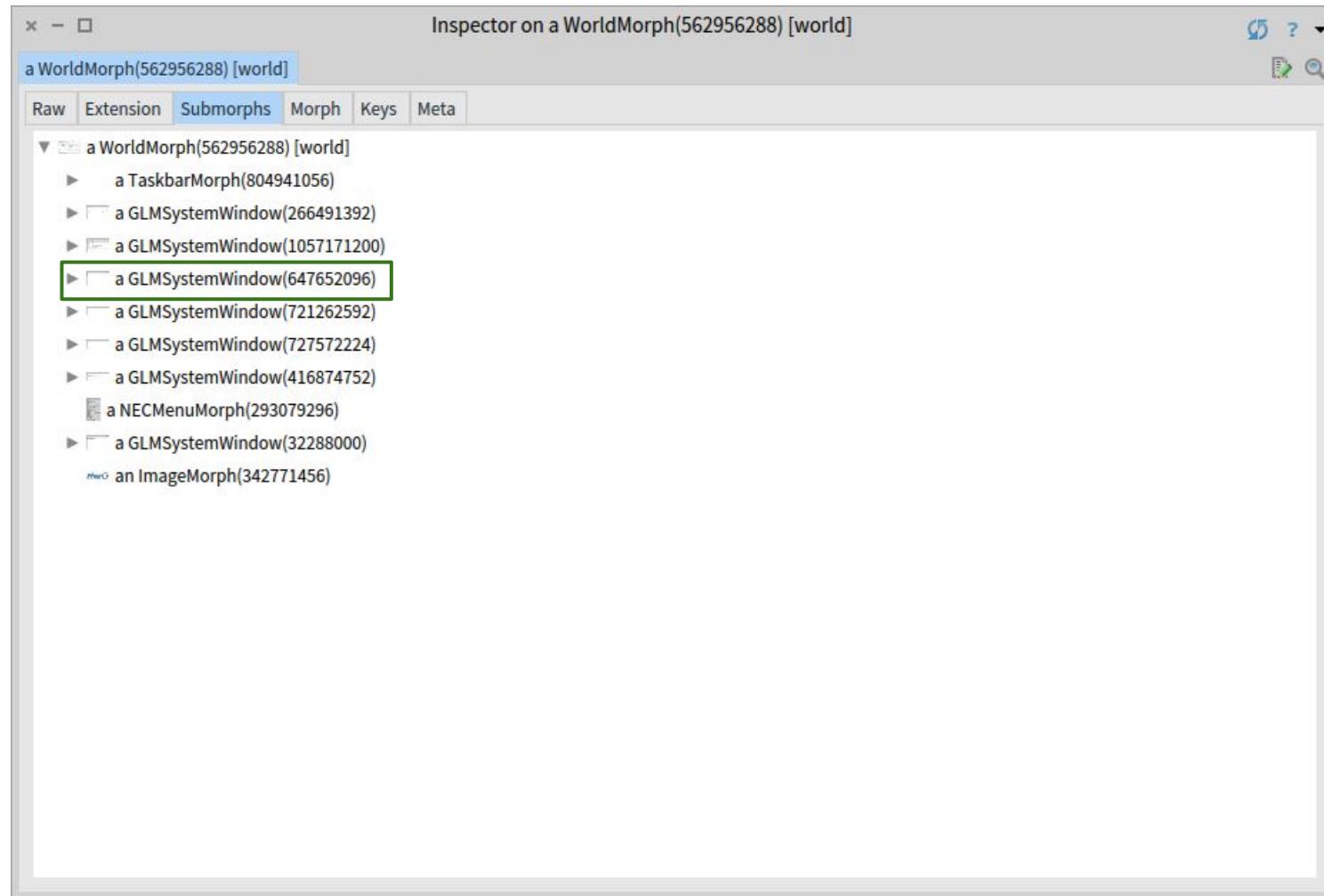


independent of UI
easy to implement

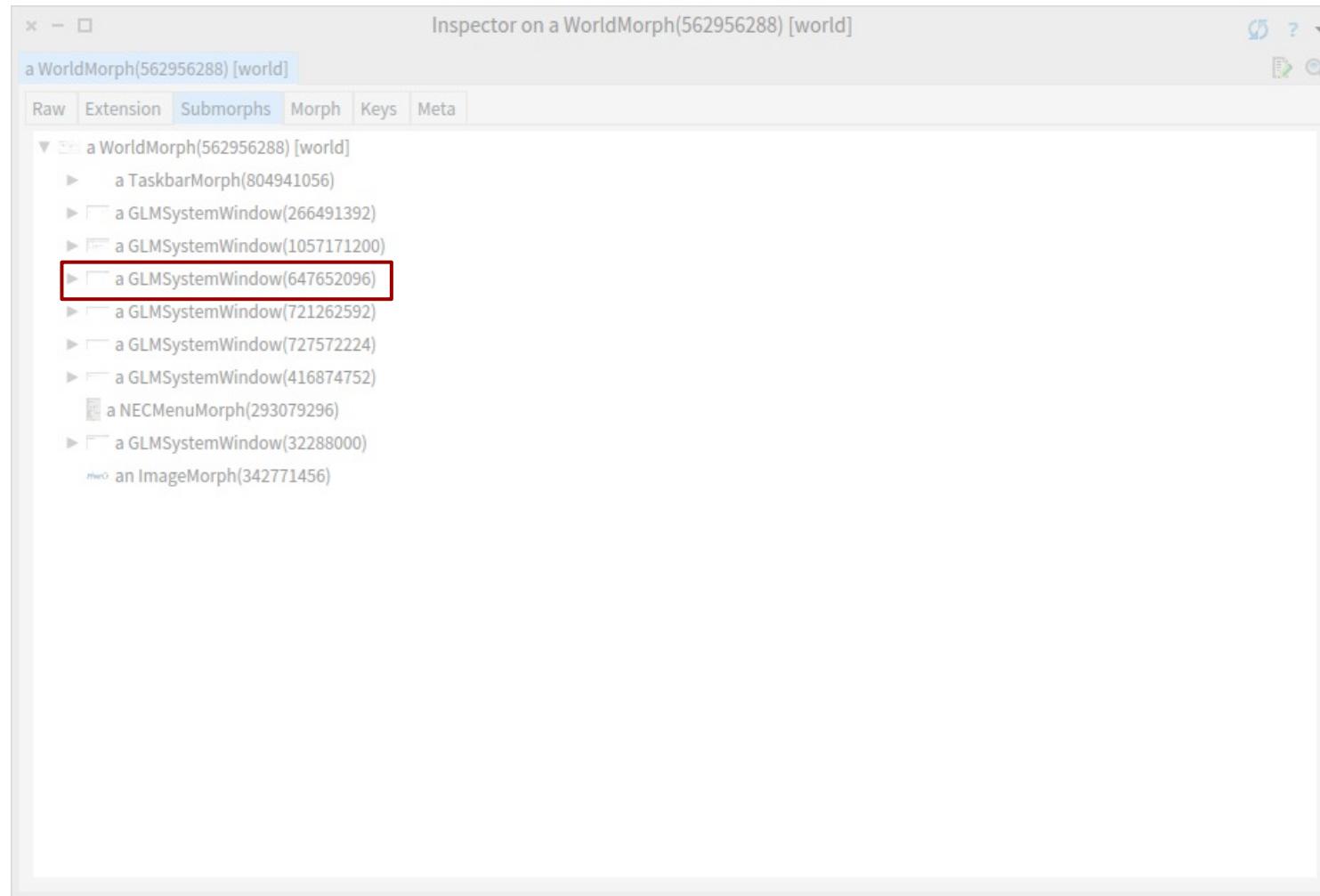
duplicated information
inflexible and brittle

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A moldable approach

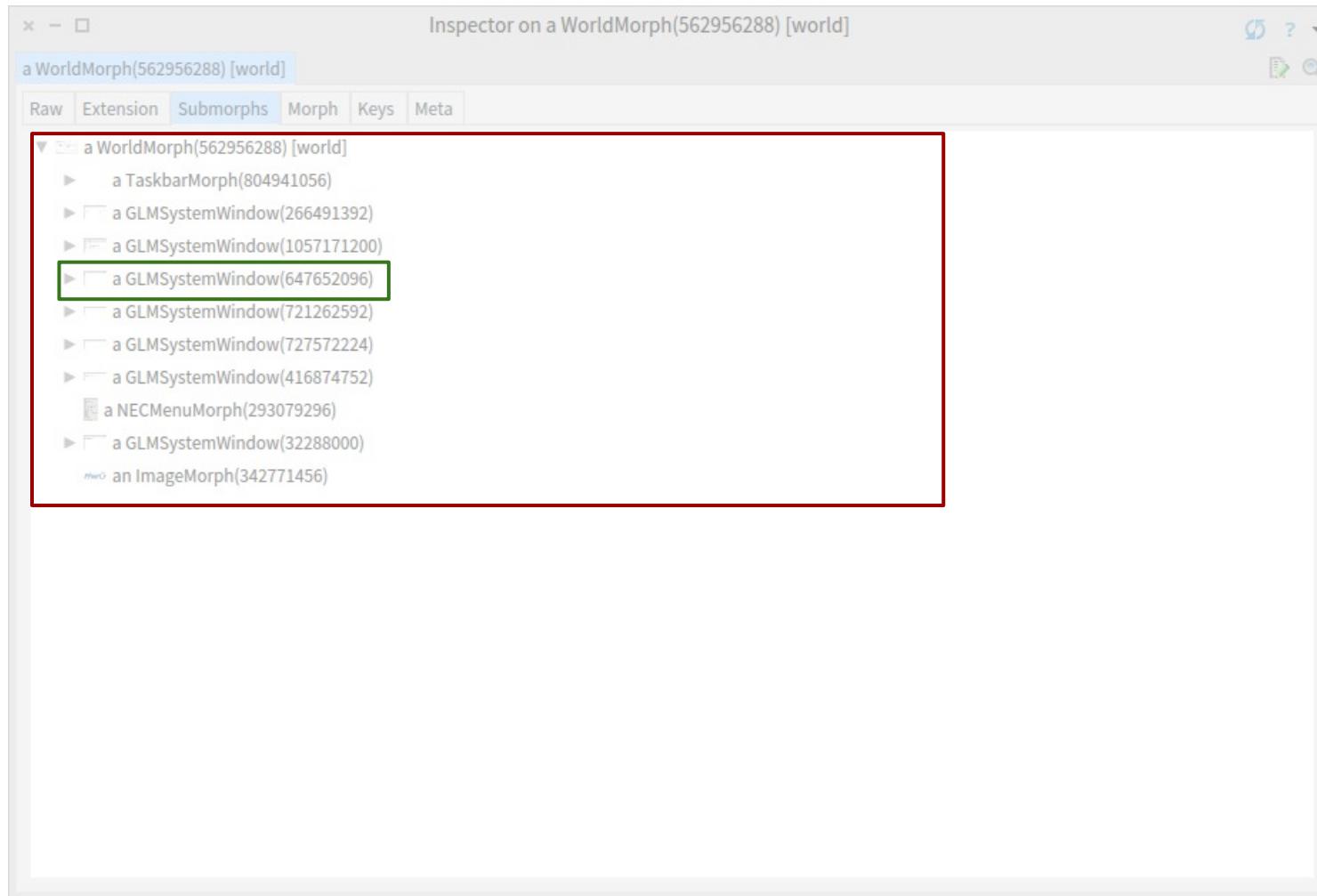


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Click events

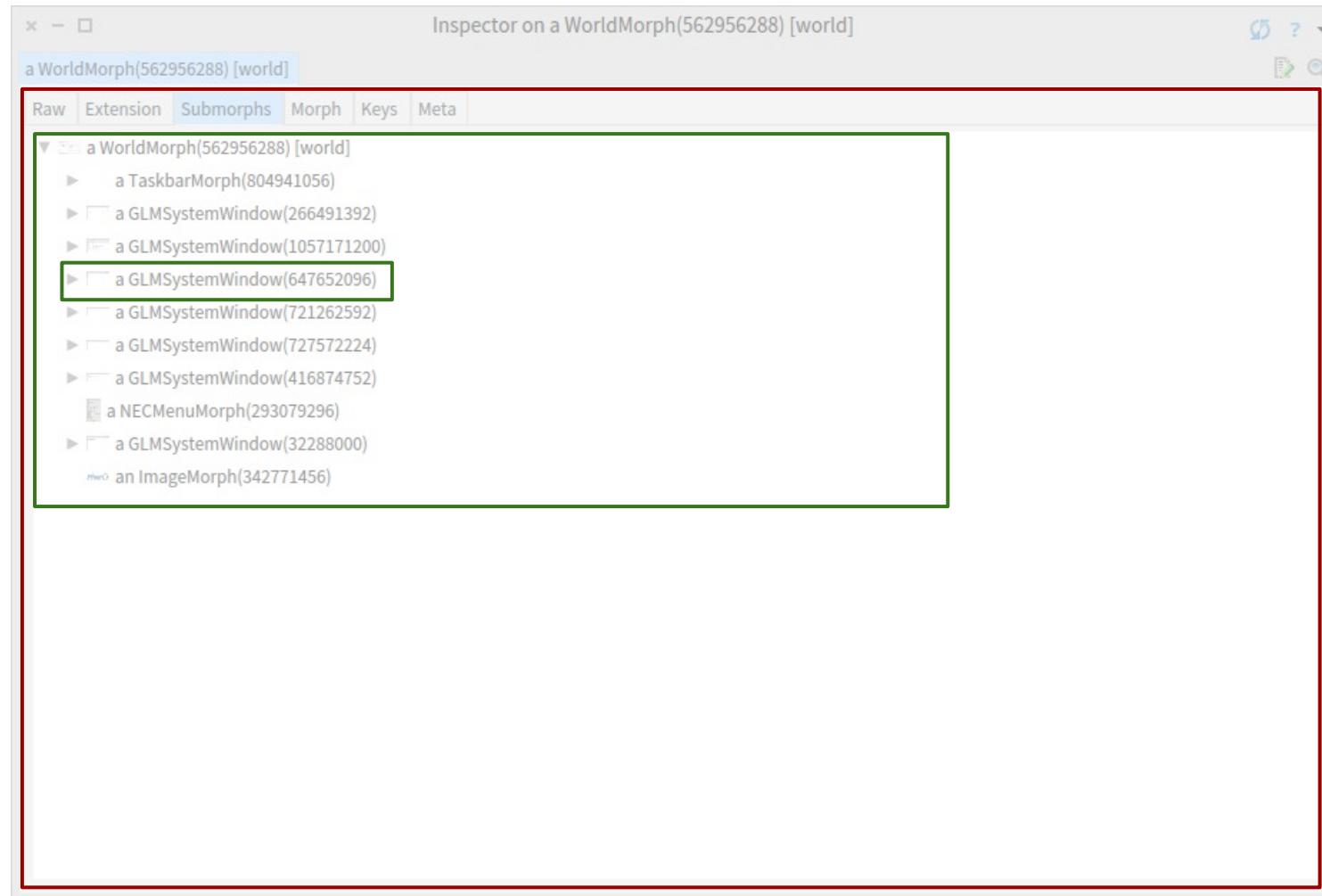
childAt: 4



Click events

childAt: 4

childAt: 1

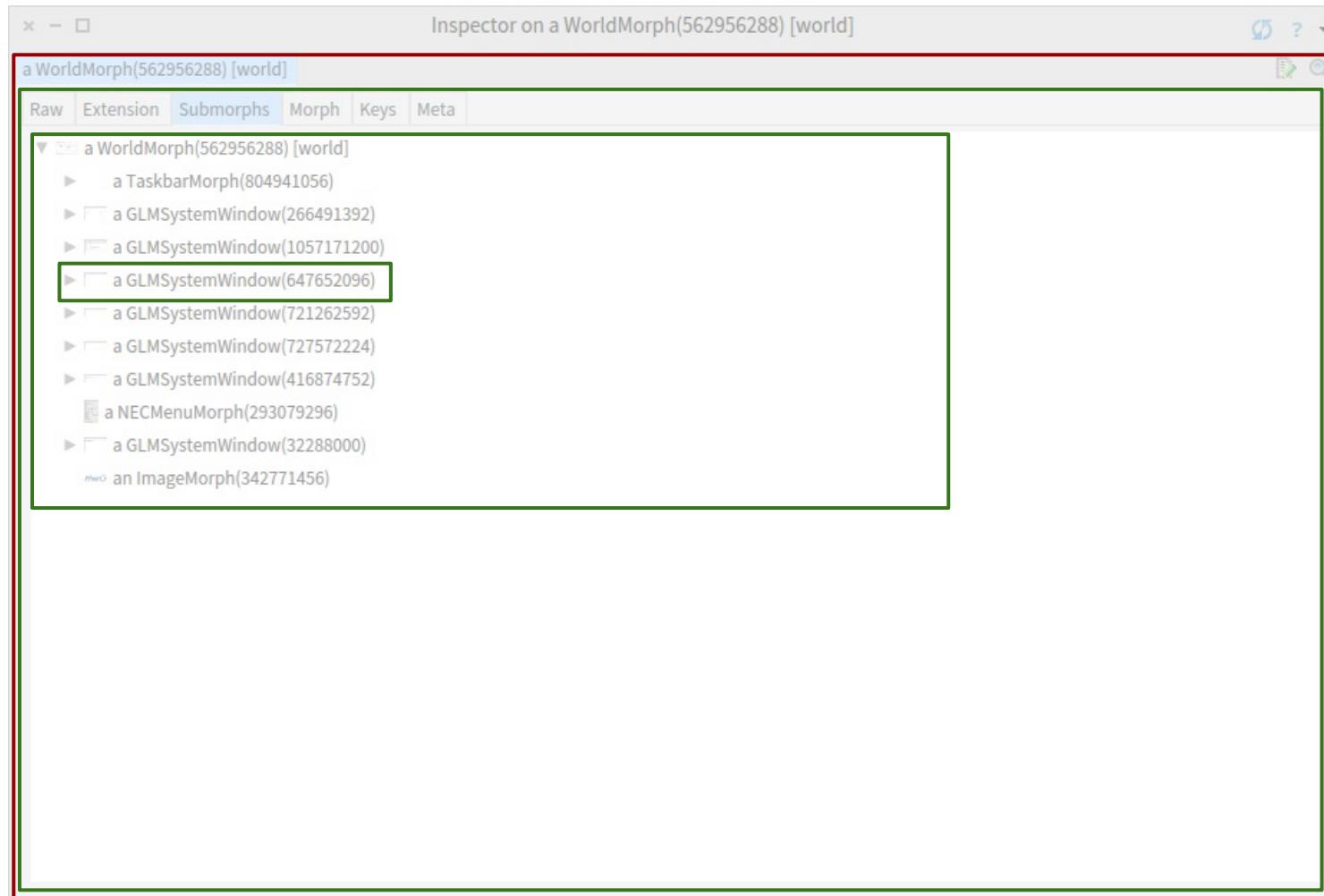


Click events

childAt: 4

childAt: 1

childAt: 3



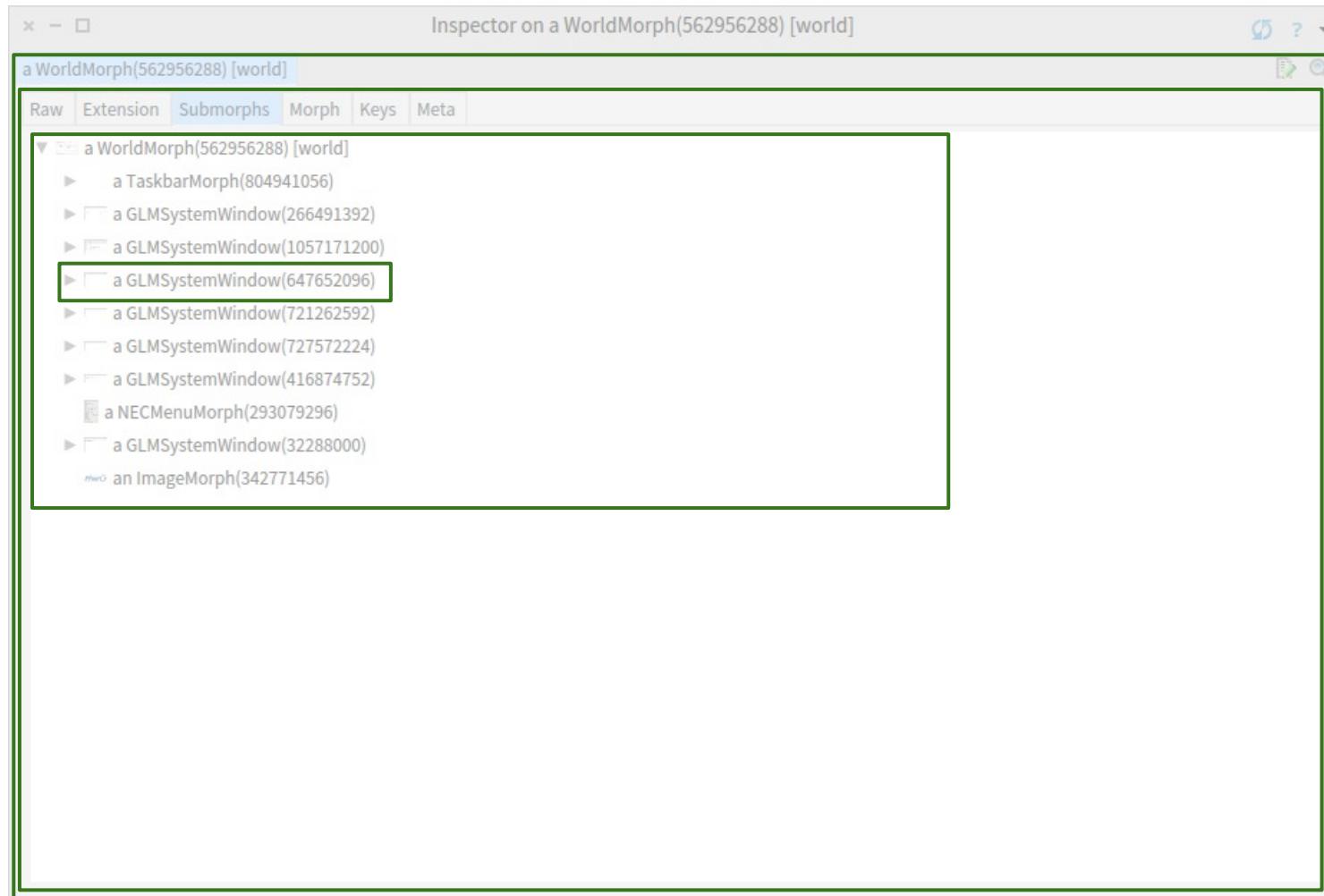
Click events

childAt: 4

childAt: 1

childAt: 3

childAt: 1



Click events

childAt: 4

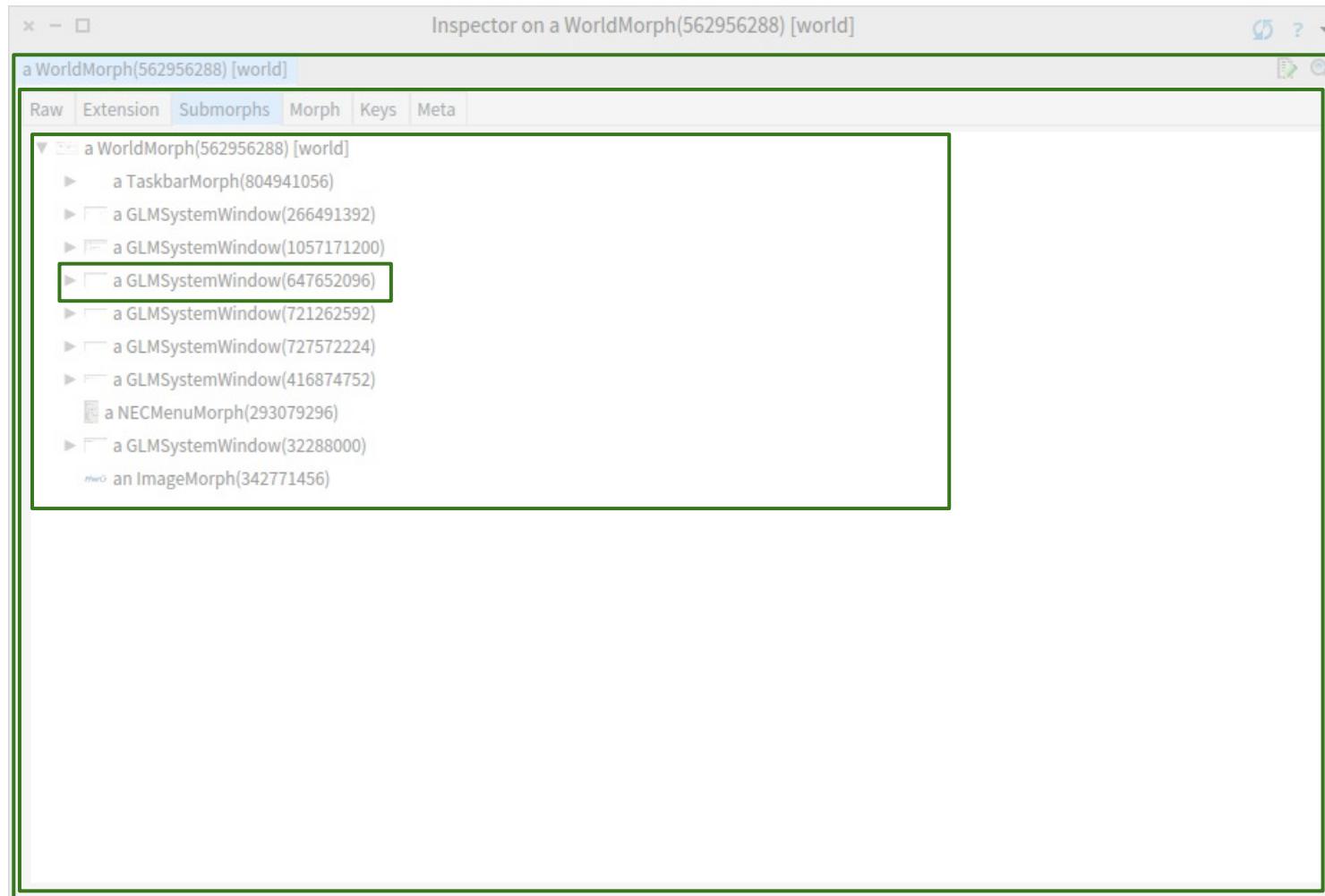
childAt: 1

childAt: 3

childAt: 1



Persist UI
element path



Click events

childAt: 4

childAt: 1

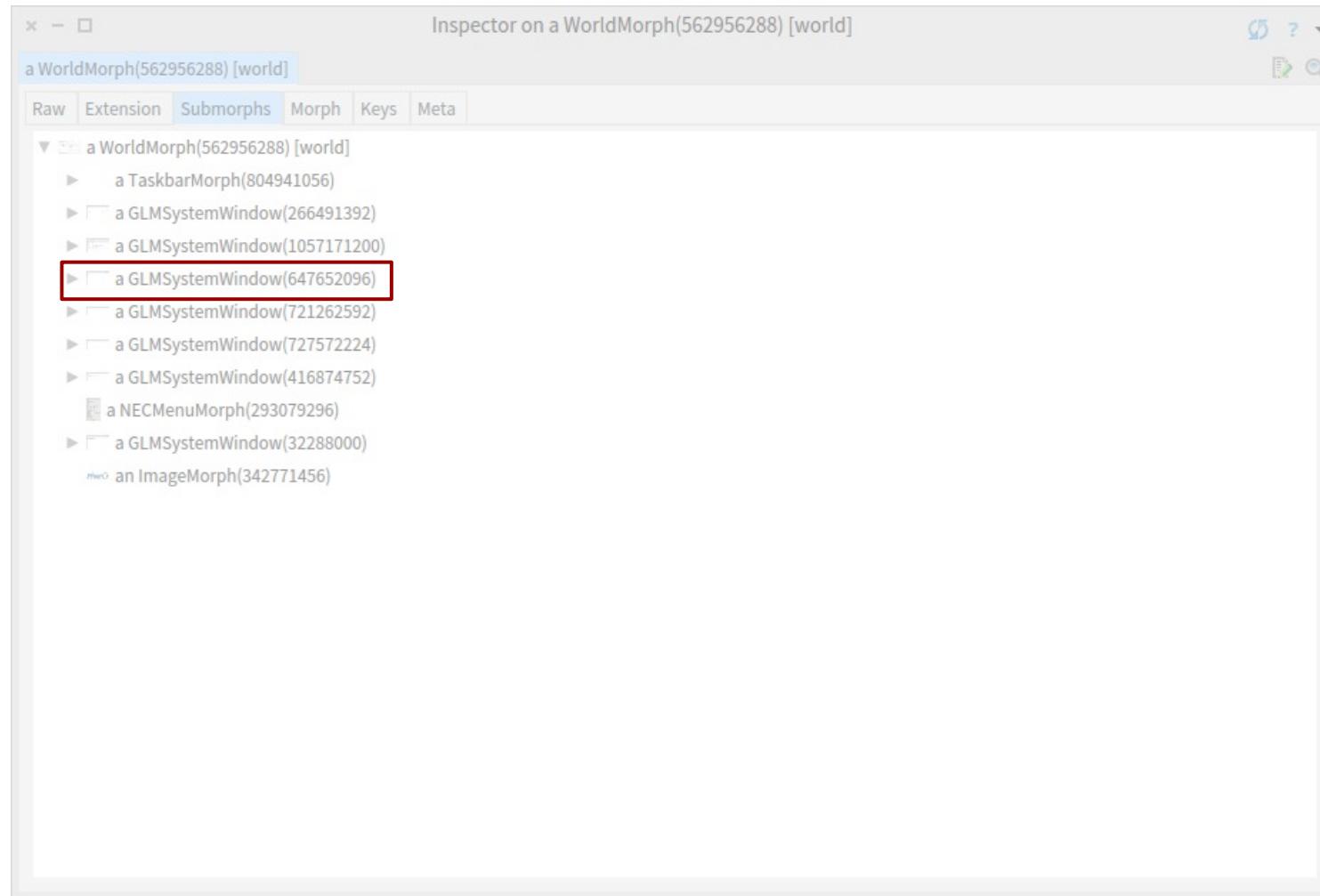
childAt: 3

childAt: 1



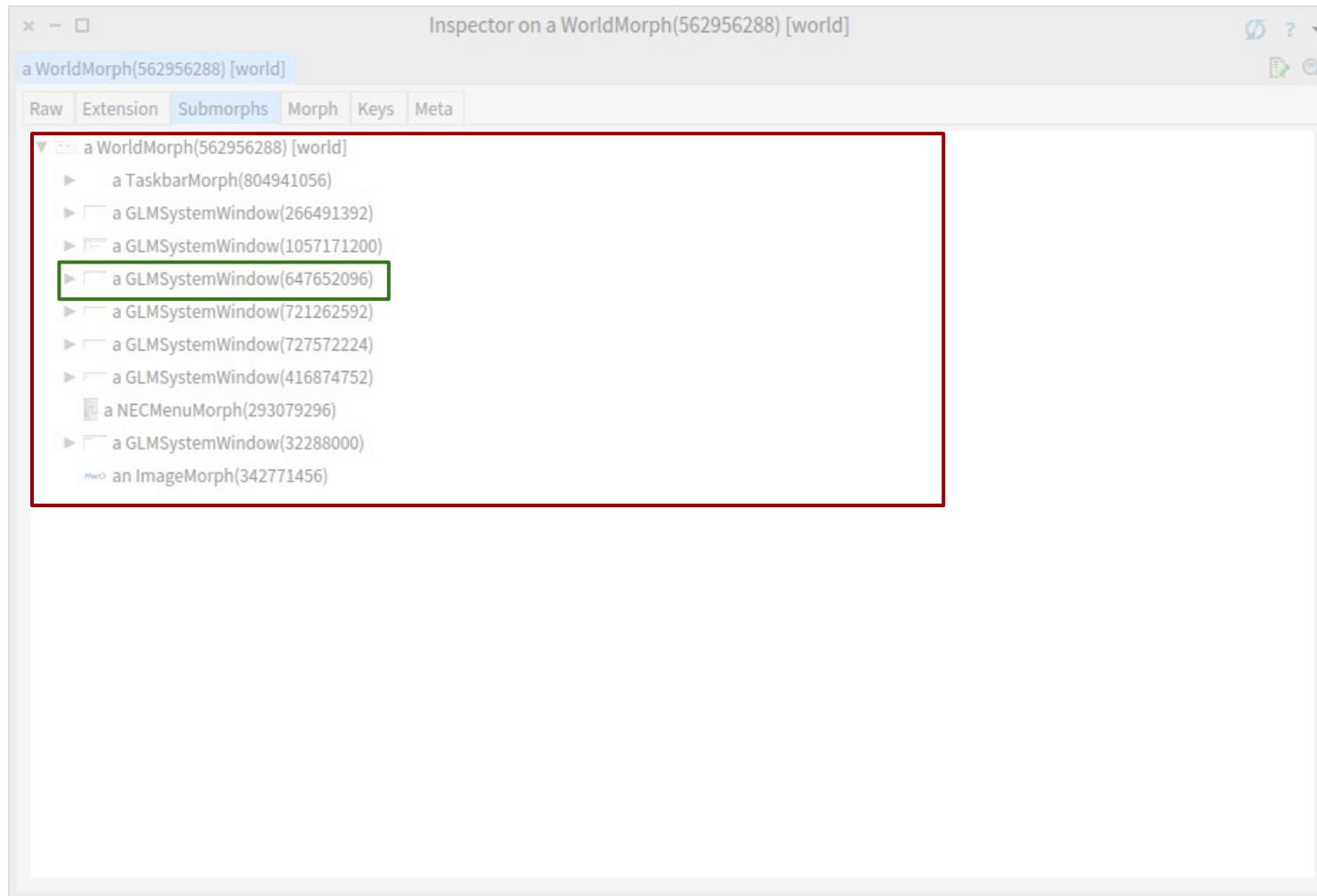
Persist UI
element path

..... ➔ CSS: *n-th child*



Click events

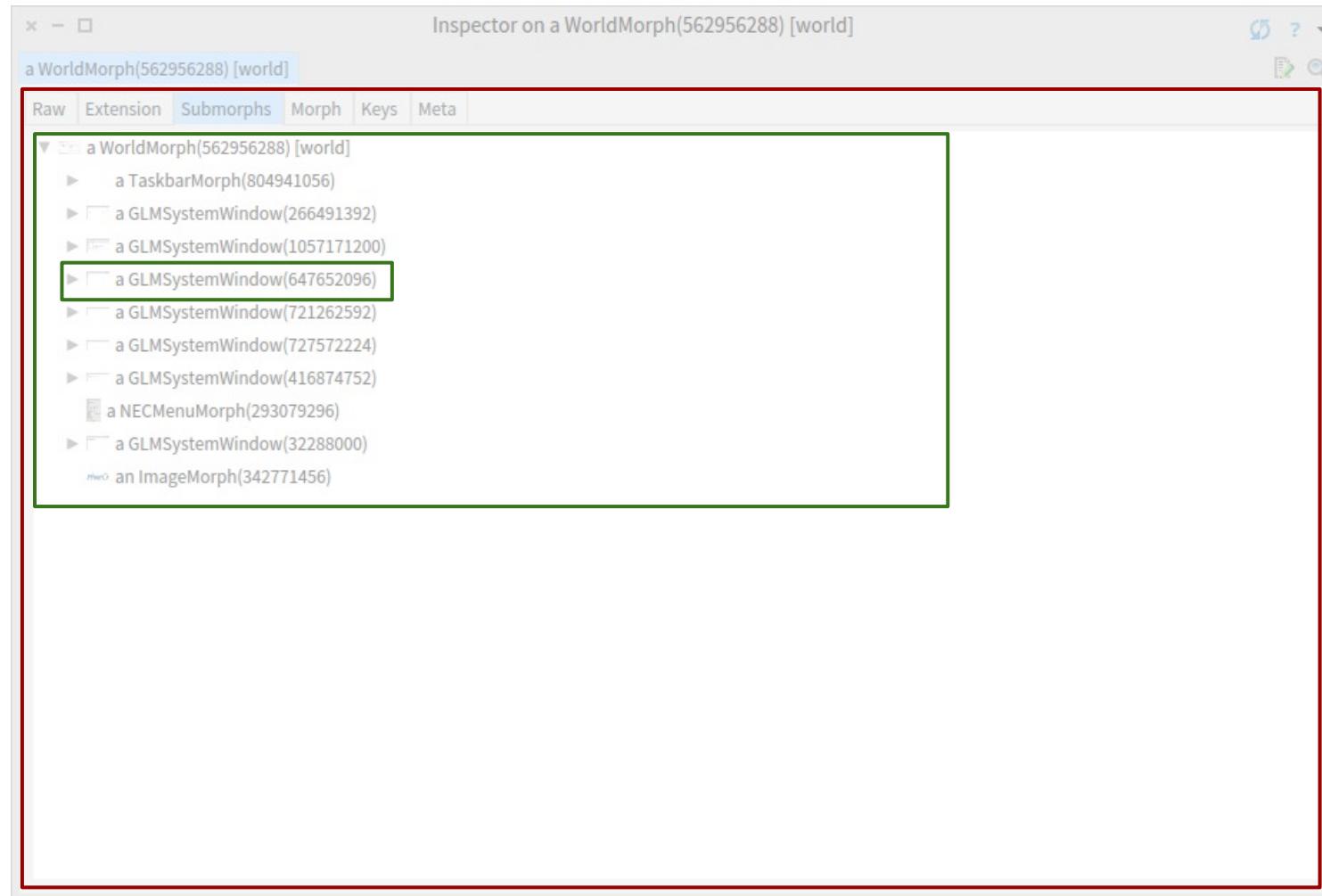
submorphAt: 4



Click events

submorphAt: 4

childAt: 1

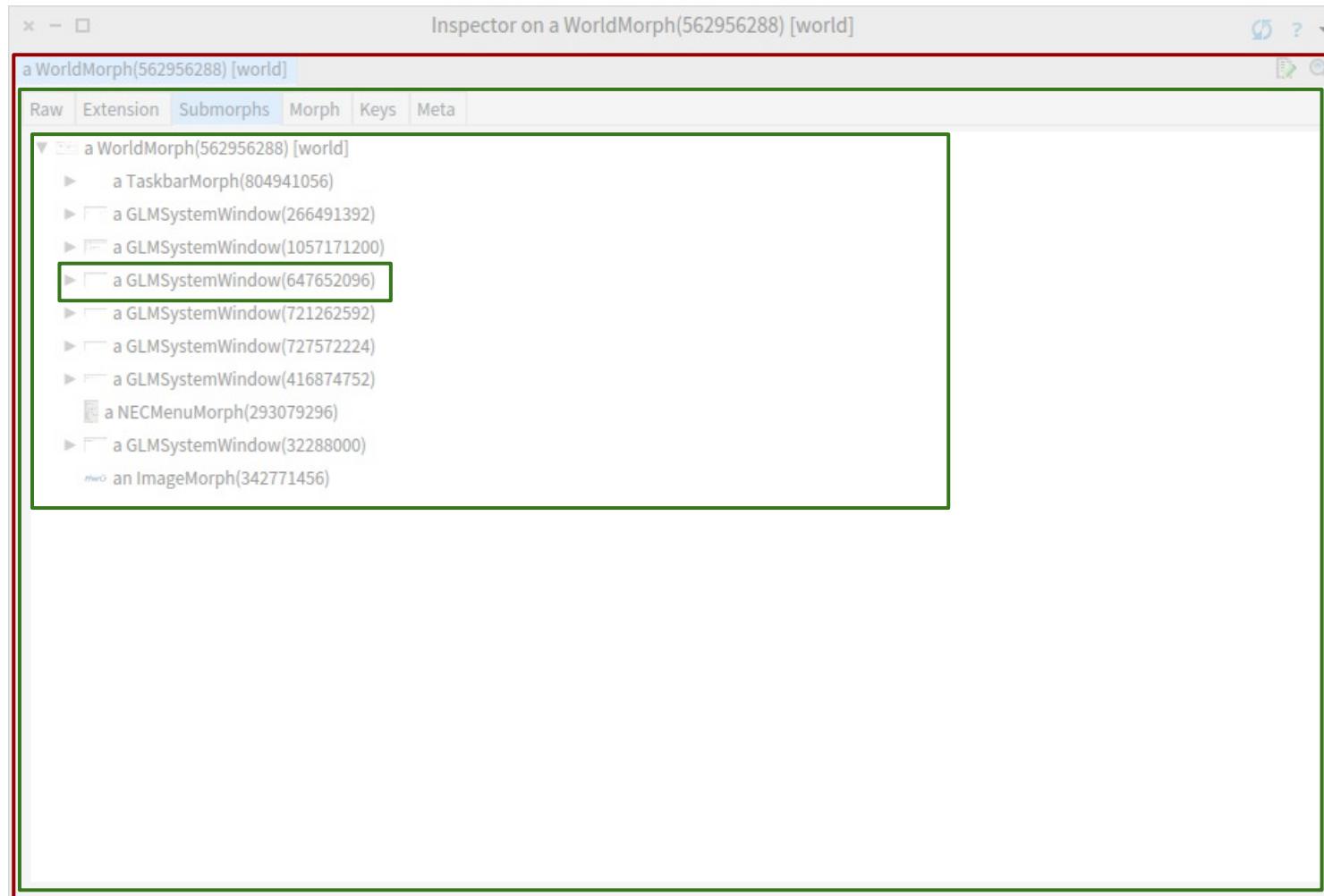


Click events

submorphAt: 4

childAt: 1

tabAt: 3



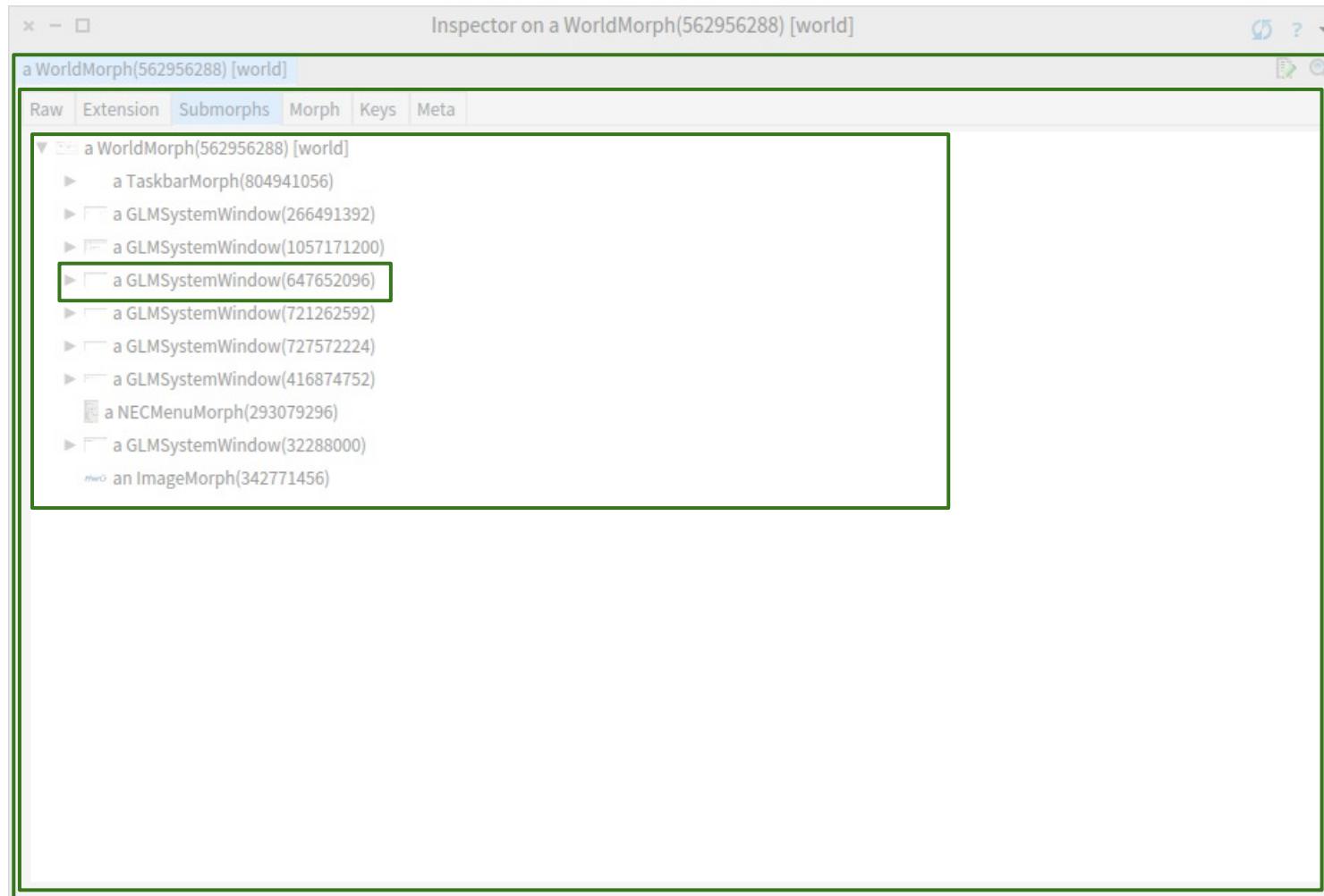
Click events

submorphAt: 4

childAt: 1

tabAt: 3

paneAt: 1



Click events

submorphAt: 4

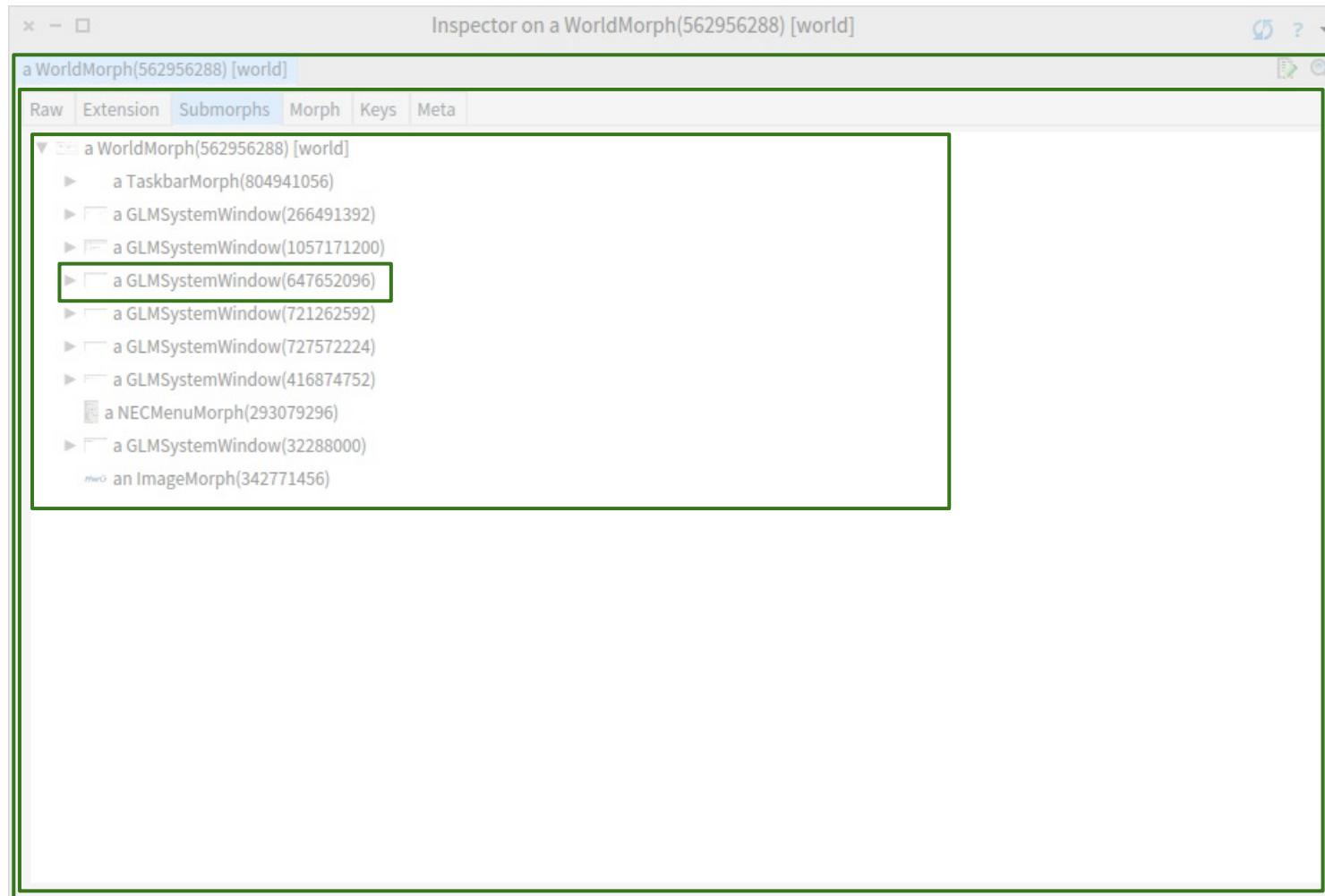
childAt: 1

tabAt: 3

paneAt: 1



Persist customized
UI element path



Click events

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childAt: 1

tabAt: 3

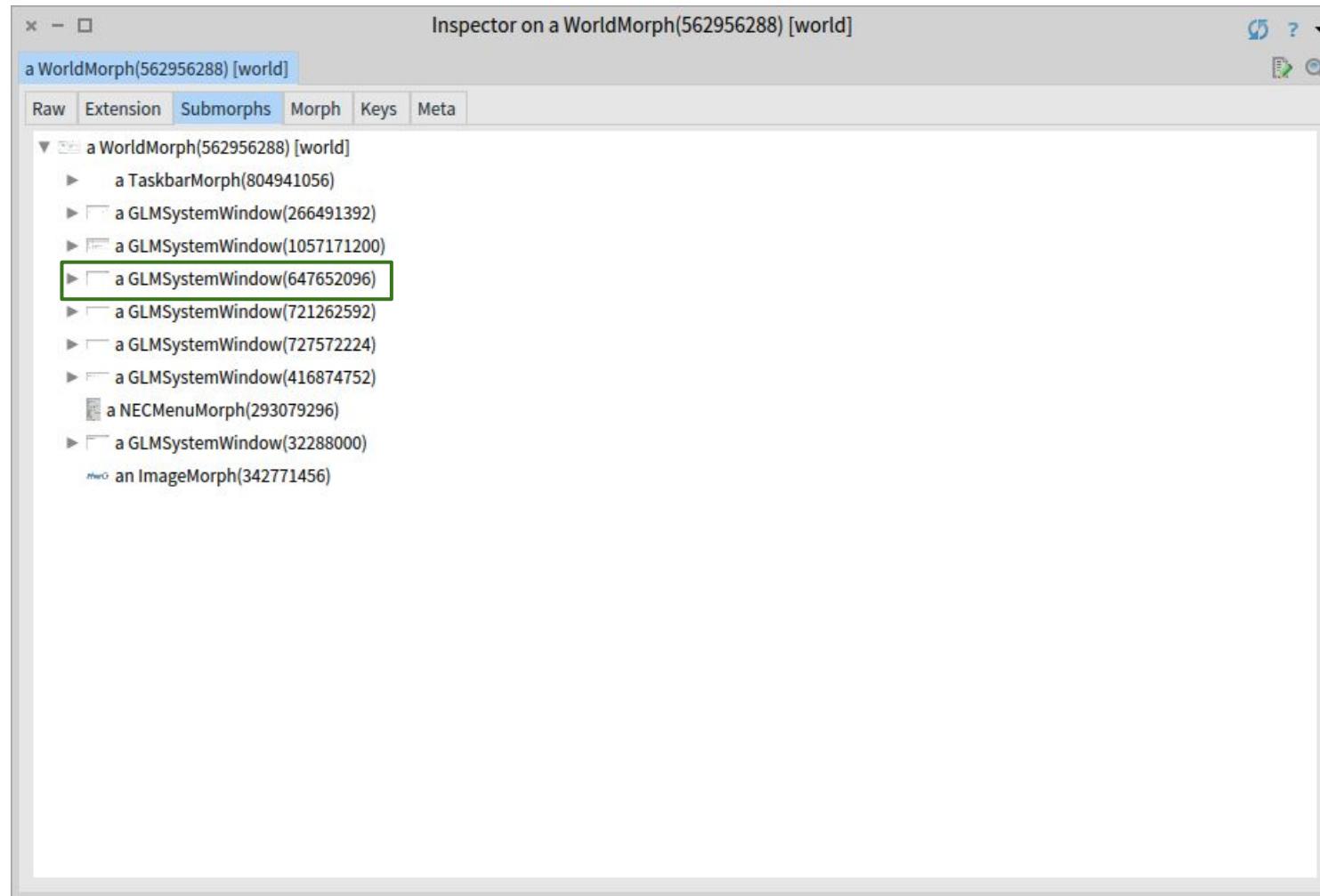
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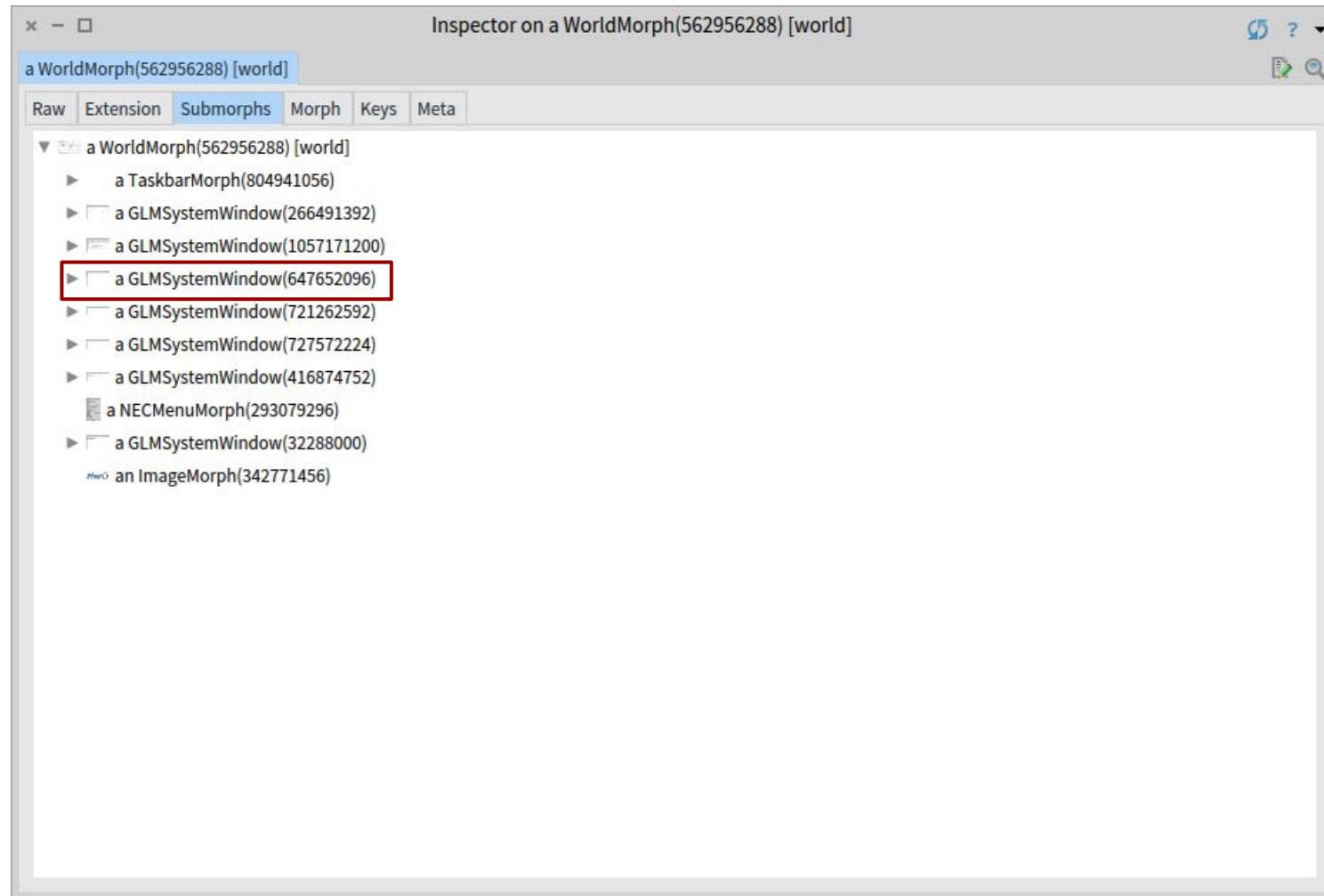


Persist customized
UI element path

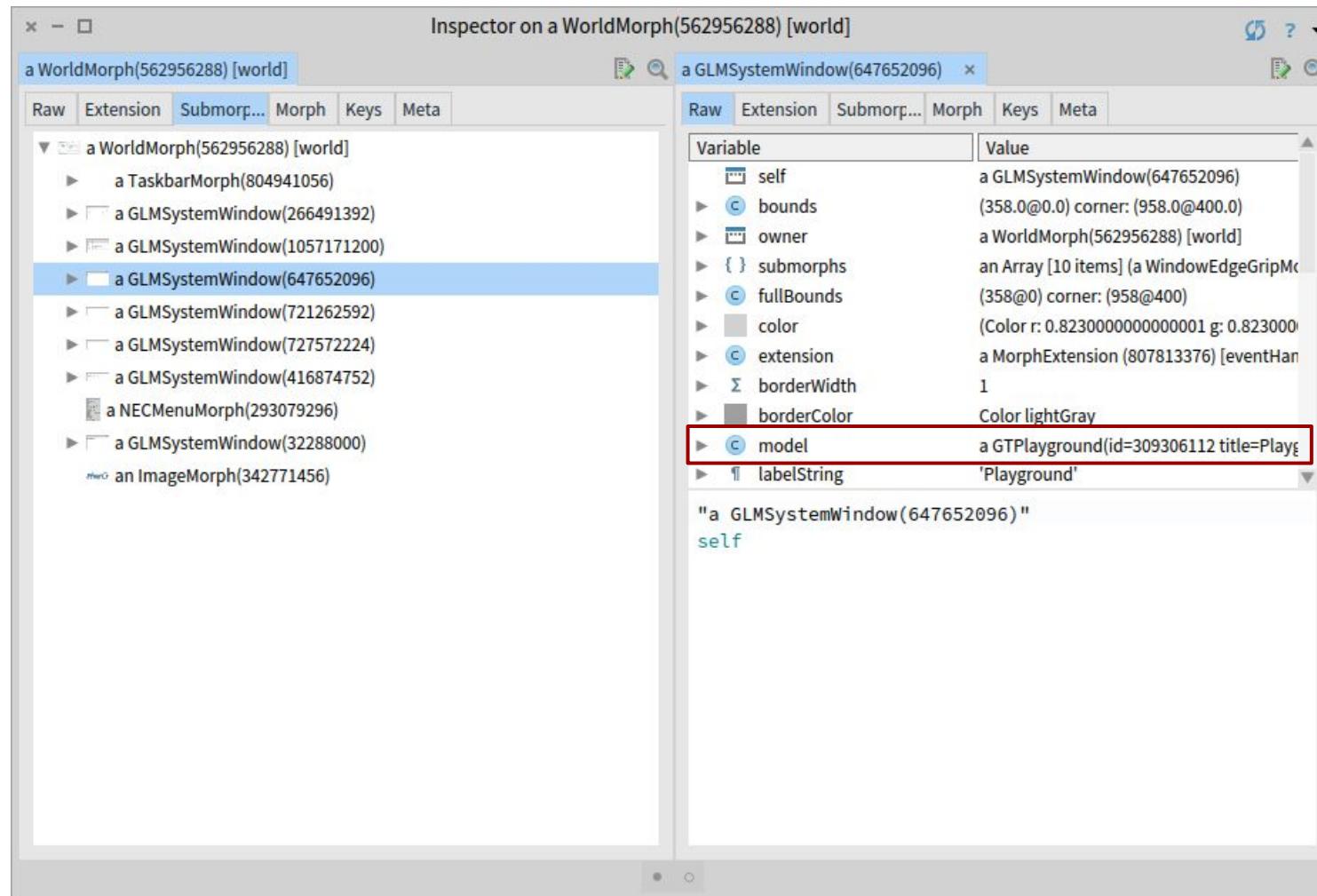


*fallback to childAt: if
no customization
available*



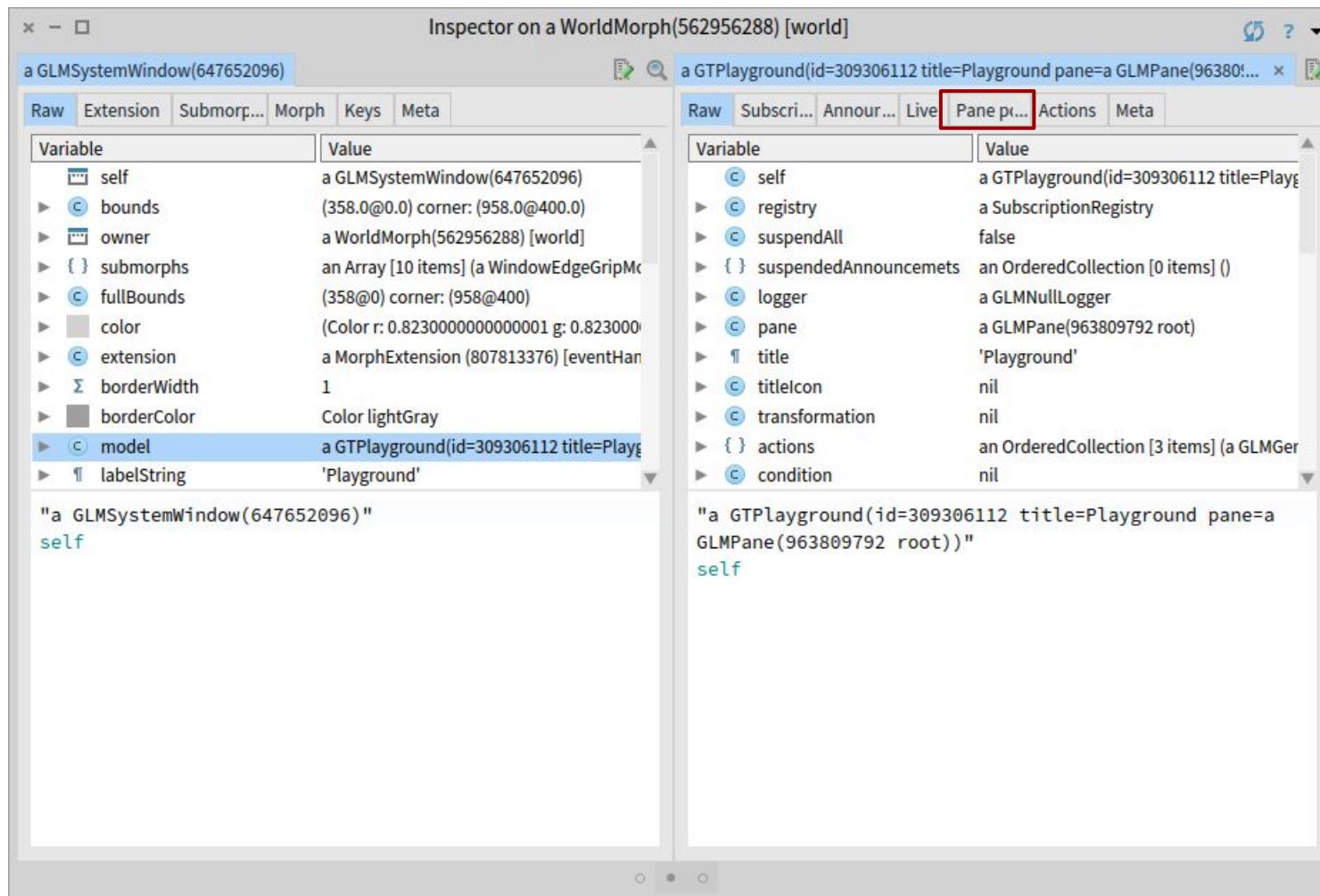


SubmorphSelection: 4



SubmorphSelection: 4

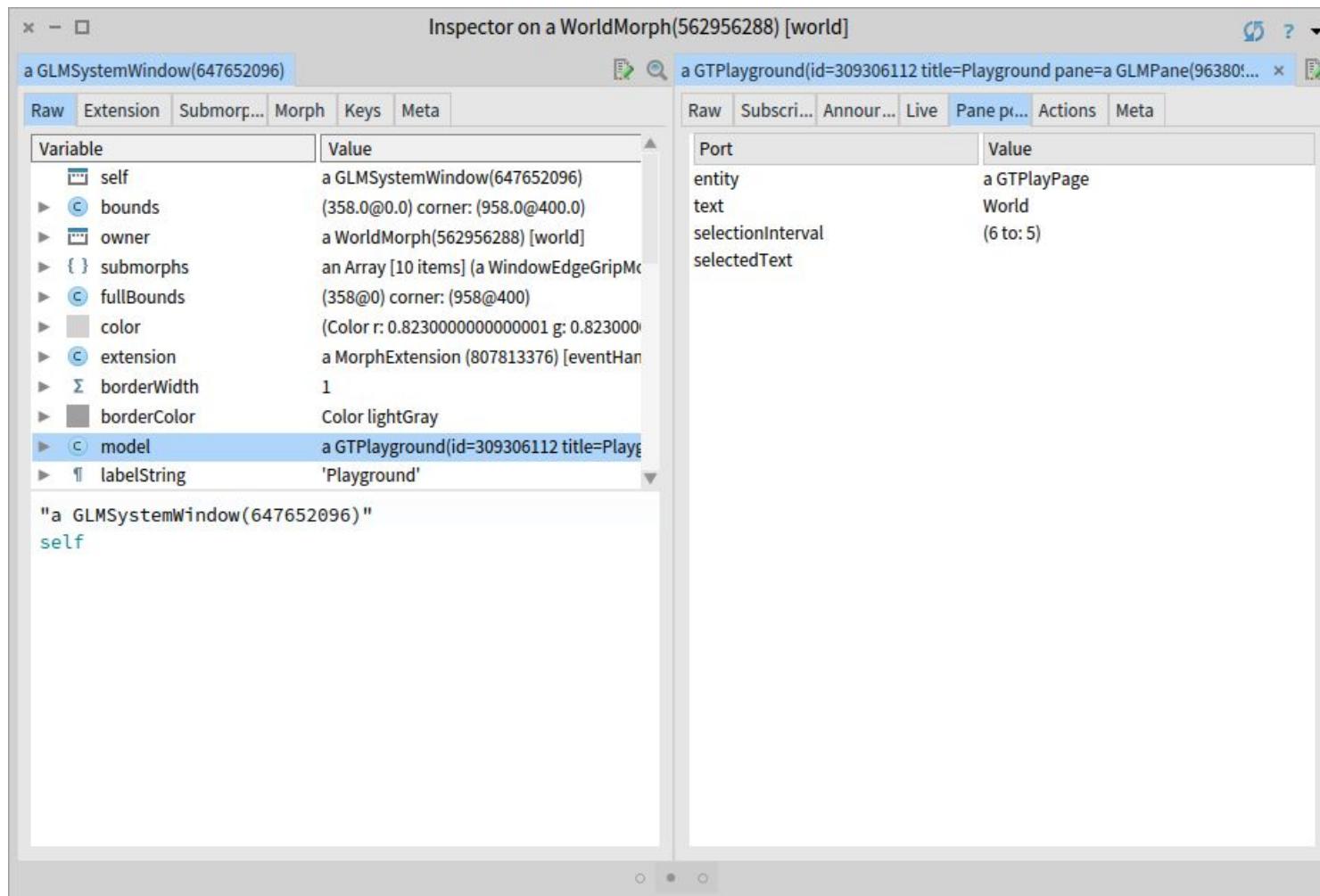
AttributeSelection: #model



SubmorphSelection: 4

AttributeSelection: #model

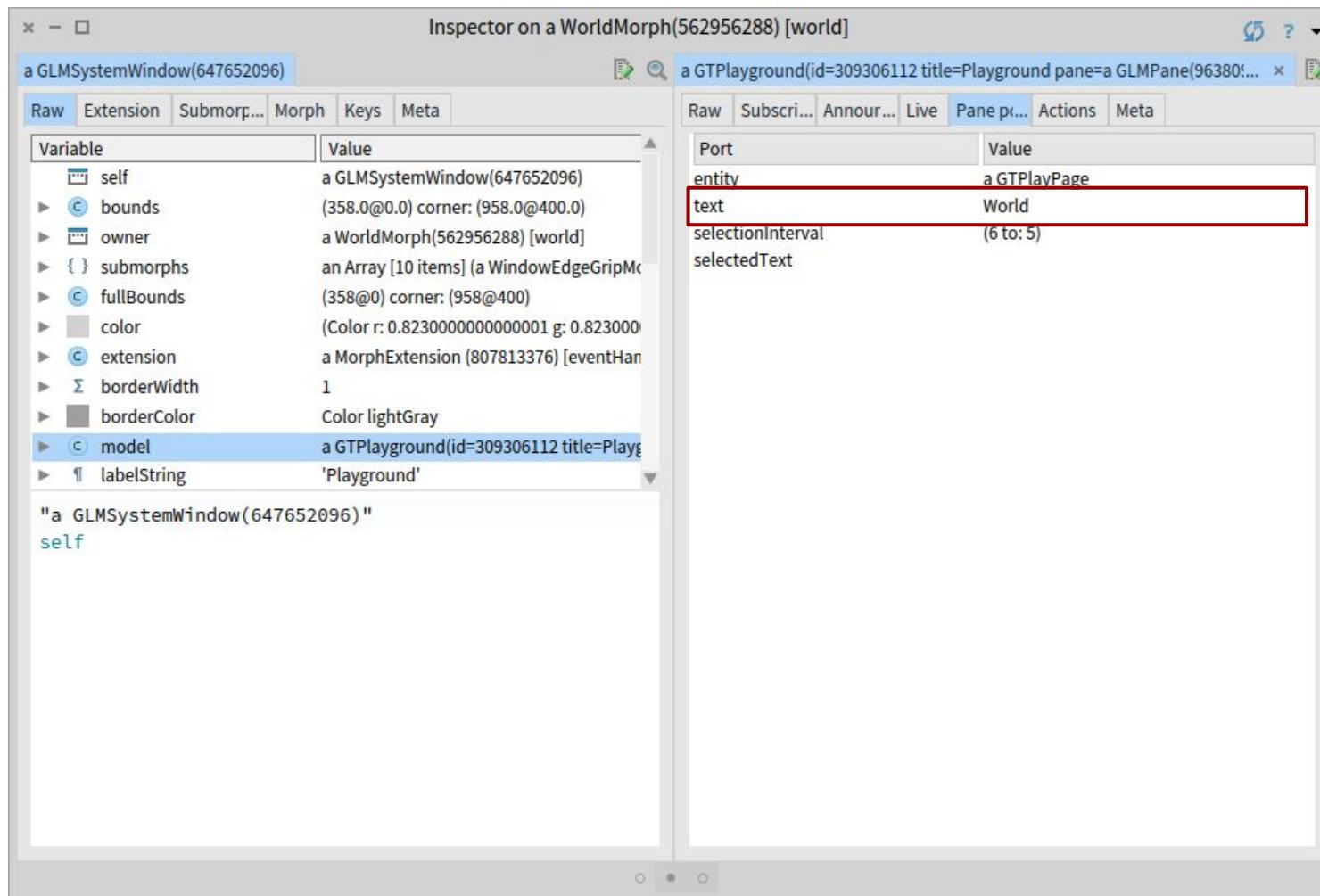
PresentationSelection: 'Ports'



SubmorphSelection: 4

AttributeSelection: #model

PresentationSelection: 'Ports'

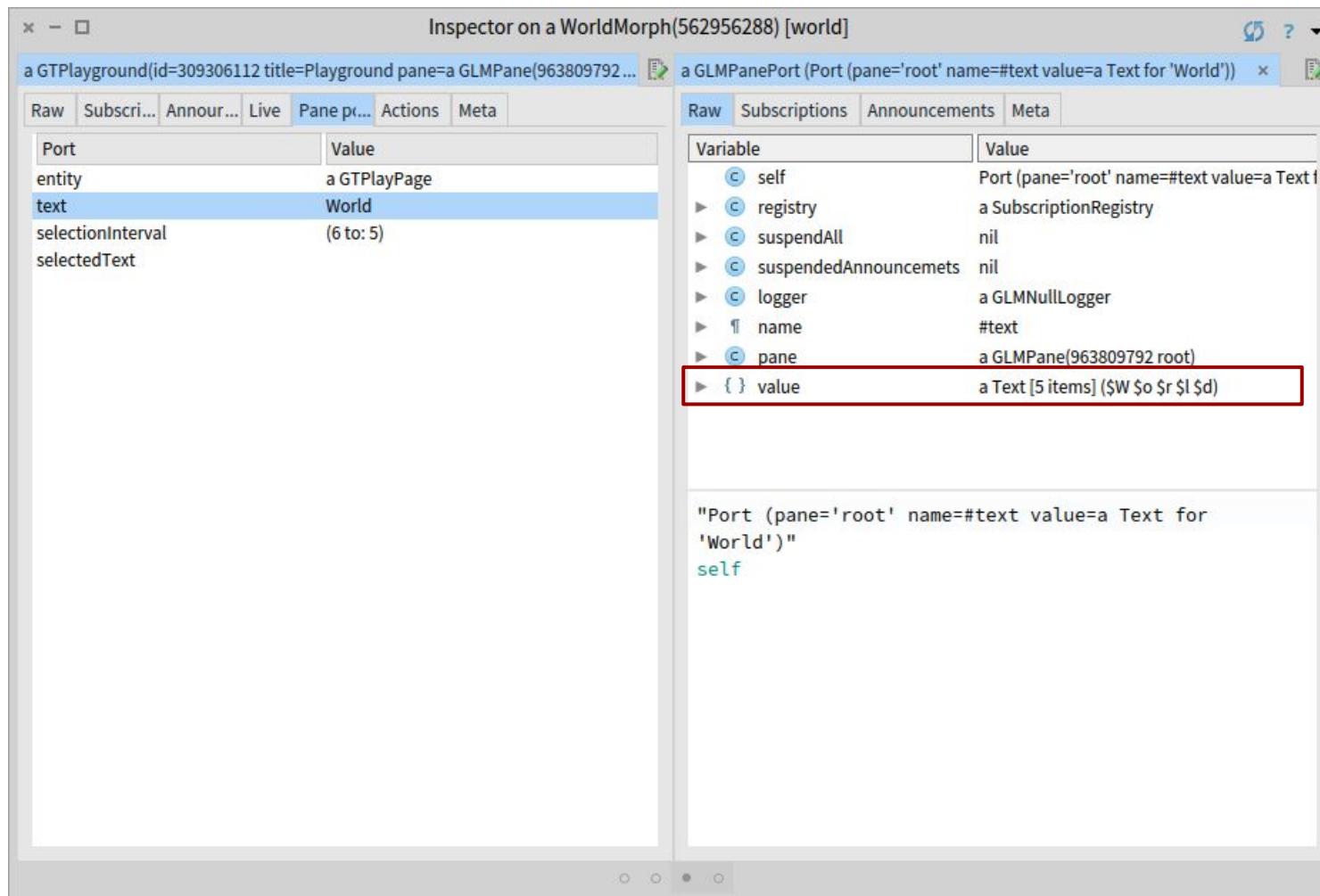


SubmorphSelection: 4

AttributeSelection: #model

PresentationSelection: 'Ports'

PortSelection: #text



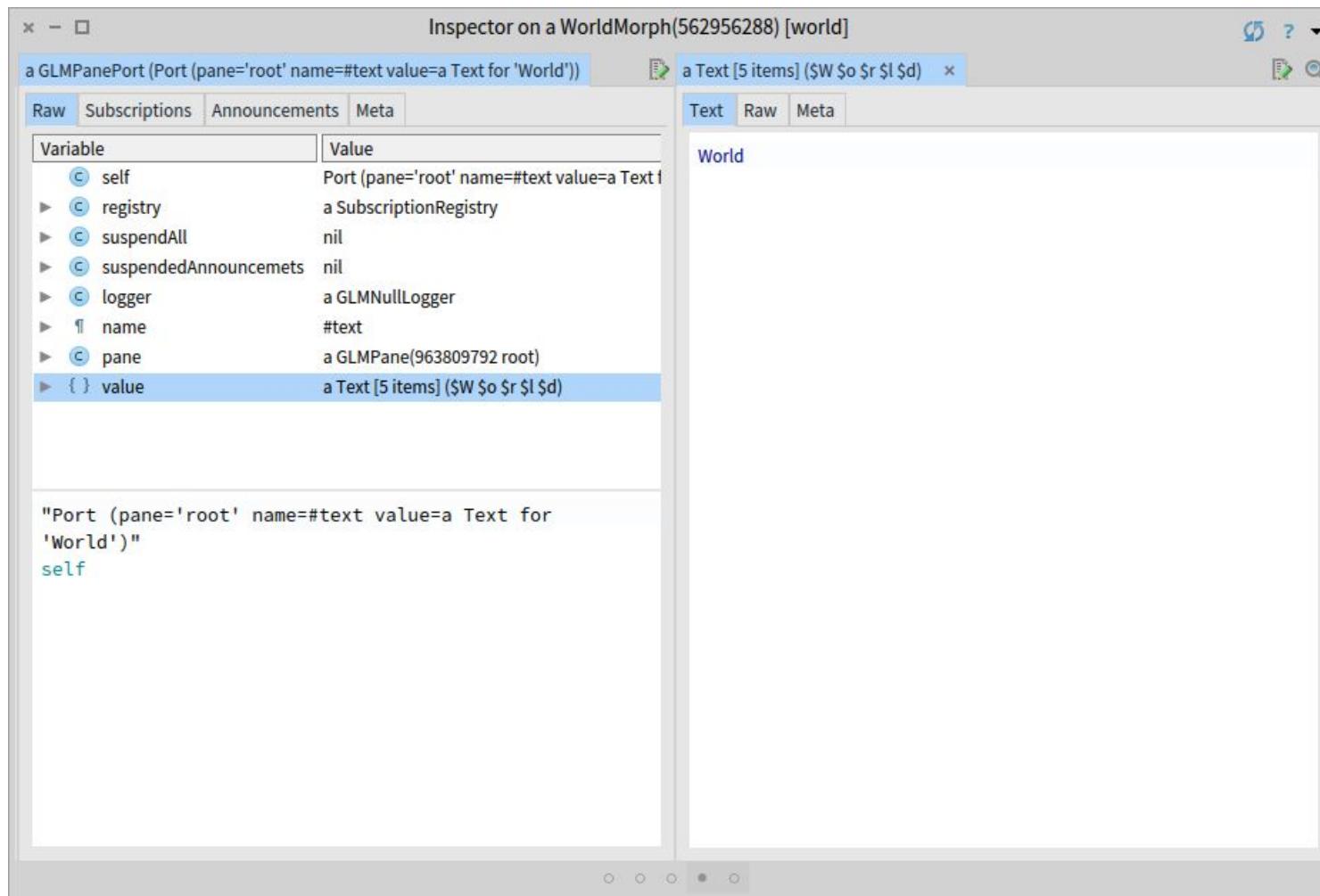
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PresentationSelection: 'Ports'

PortSelection: #text

AttributeSelection: #value



SubmorphSelection: 4

AttributeSelection: #model

PresentationSelection: 'Ports'

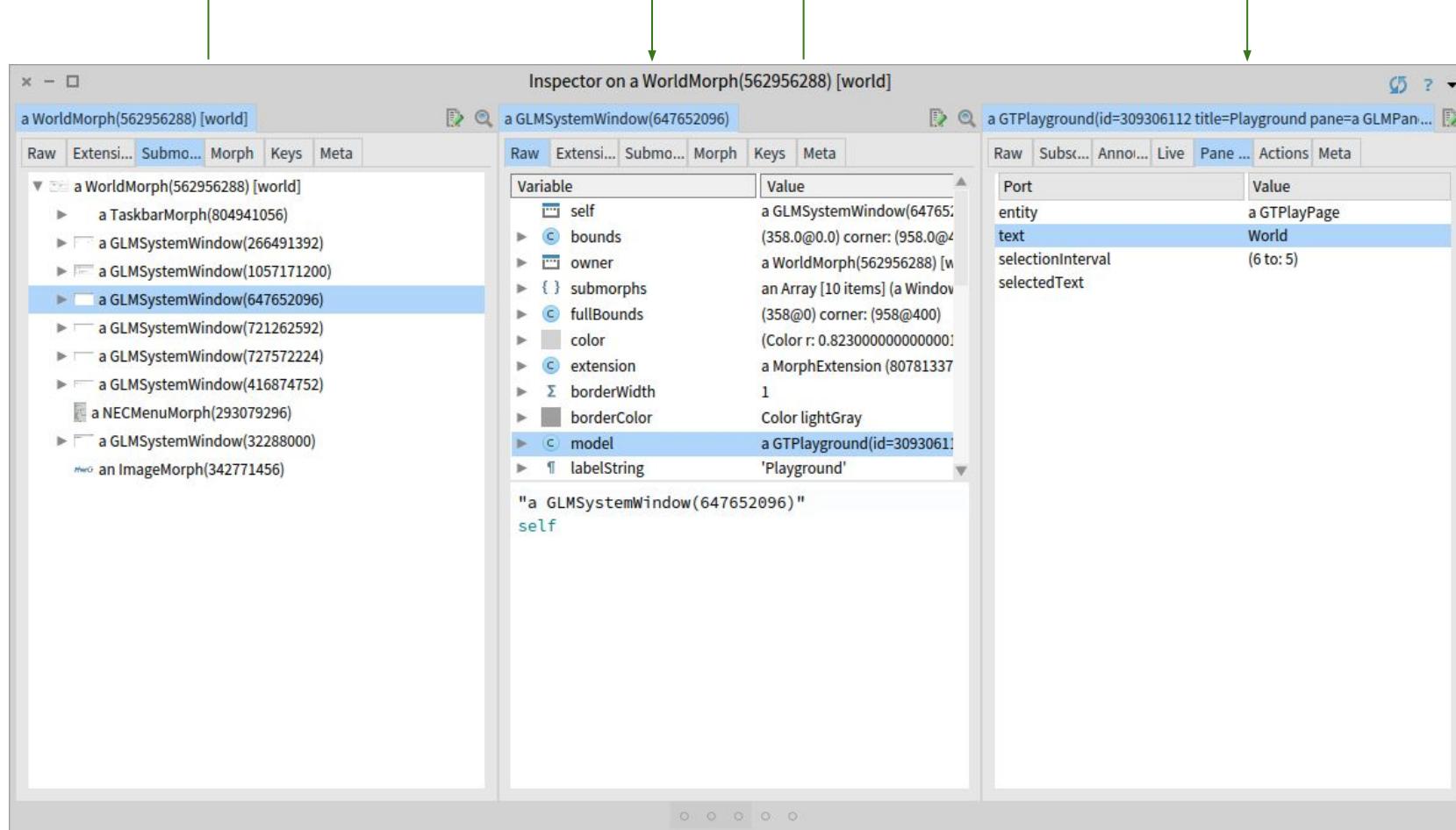
PortSelection: #text

AttributeSelection: #value

We need here a plus/minuses slide

SubmorphSelection: 4

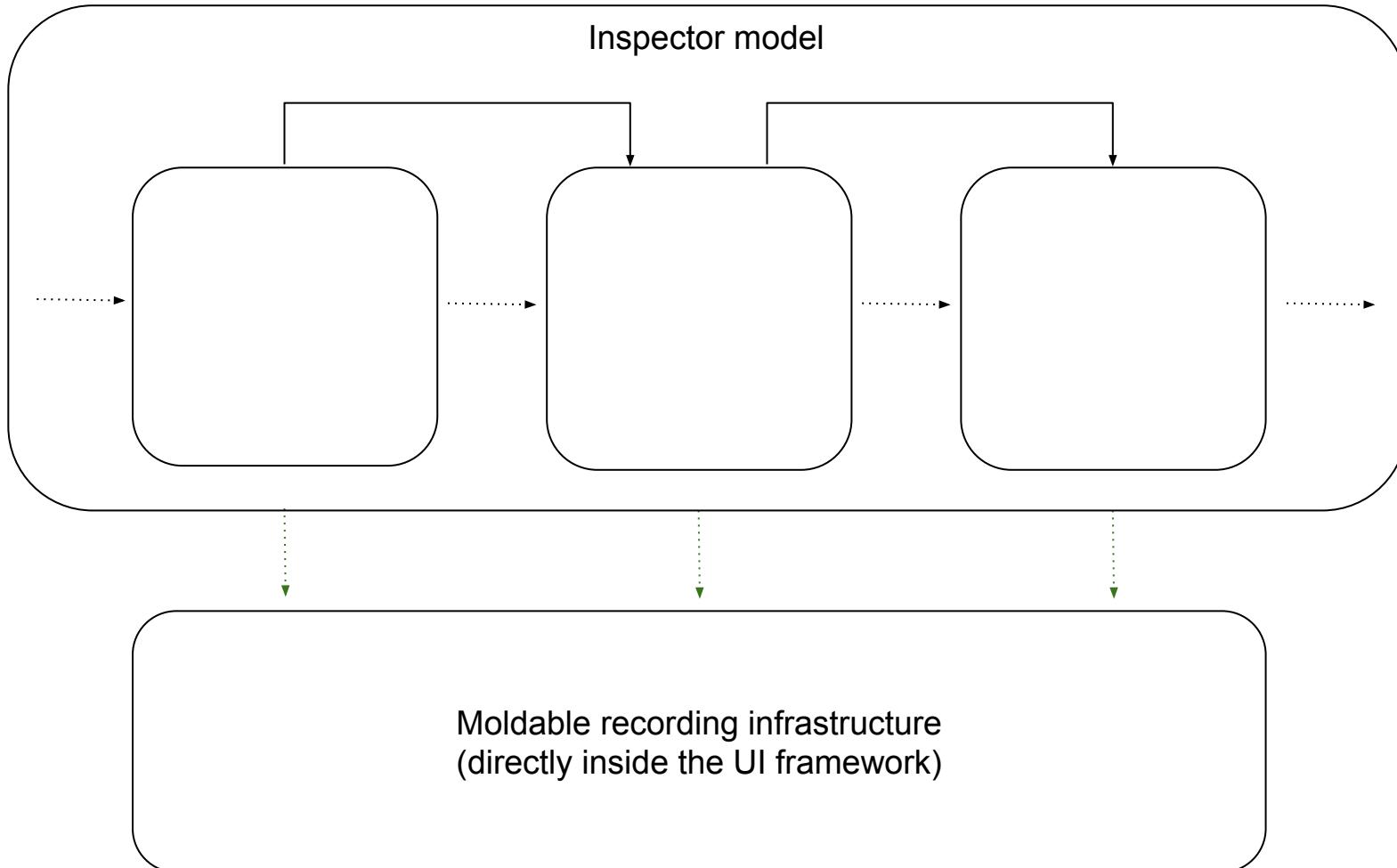
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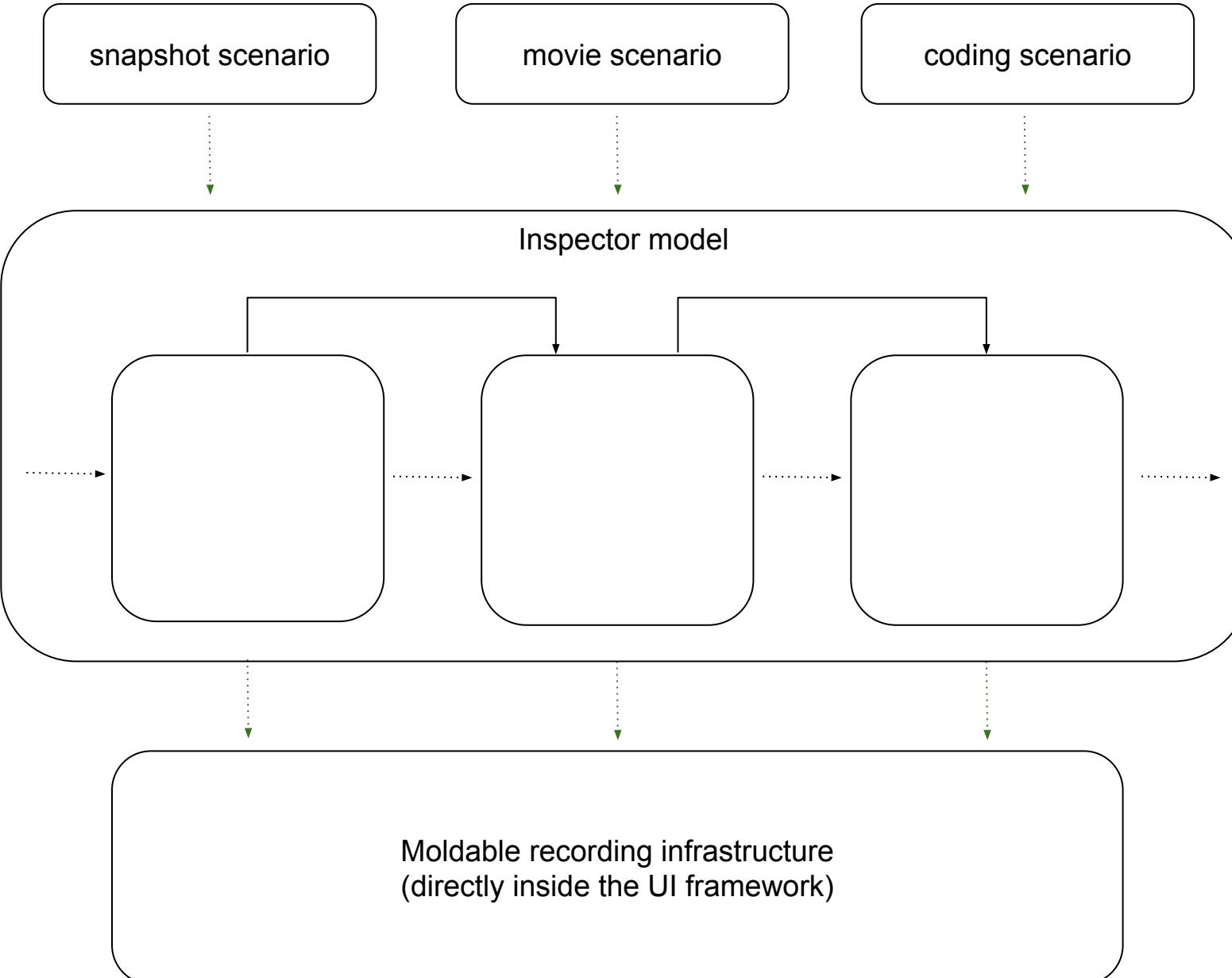


PresentationSelectionAction
CollapseAction

HideAction

PresentationSelectionAction





FolderSelection: main

ArchiveSelection: archive.zip

FileInArchiveSelection:
pharo-city.png

Inspector on a FileReference (/data)

a FileReference (/data)

a FileReference (/data/main)

a FileReference (/data/main/archive.zip)

a FileReference (/pharo-city.png)

Items	Raw	Group...	Nesting	Meta
Name	Size			
archive	224 B			
web	64 B			
image	160 B			
current	288 B			
stash	64 B			
scripts	128 B			
main	288 B			
images.zip	577 B			
pharo-ui	371 B			
photos.zip	157.78 kB			
.DS_Store	12.29 kB			
web.zip	569 B			
script.st	56 B			
pharo-city.png	136.55 kB			
Workspace.st	73 B			
pharo	382 B			
graph.png	18.62 kB			
files.st	358 B			
vizualization.png	5.88 kB			
img2.png	8.62 kB			
Debug.log	1.41 MB			
flower.png	11.09 kB			

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cache	64 B			
current	288 B			
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archive.zip	160.44 kB			

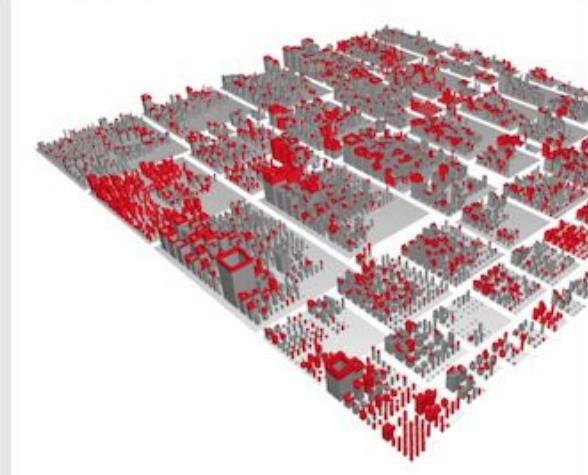
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flower.png	0 B		
pharo-city.png	0 B		
pharo-graph.png	0 B		
sample-xml.xml	0 B		

Picture

Contents

Raw

Meta



CategorySelection:
Mondrian

ExampleSelection:
InnerAndPopup

MethodSelection:
RTArc>>#initialize

Roassal examples browser

Dynamic stack grapher
Experimental
Explora
Geographical maps
Gradient and multi colored lines
Grapher - Bar charts
Grapher - Decoration
Grapher - Overall
Grapher - Scatterplots
Interaction
Kiviat (Radar)
Layout
Legend
Line decoration
Map location
Mondrian
Name cloud
OpenStreetMap Integration
Pie chart
Plain Roassal
SVG
Selection Elements
Sparkline
Spectrograph

a RTMondrianExample
Examples Raw Meta

a RTEExampleSelection (RTMondrianExamp...
Canvas Playground Raw

a CompiledMethod (RTArc>>#initialize)
Raw Byte... Source Ir AST Head... Meta

```
initialize
super initialize.
self alphaAngle: 0.
self betaAngle: 35.
self innerRadius: 30.
self externalRadius: 50.
```

ModelSelection:
Glamour

Query::
#allClasses

ClassSelection:
GLMAction

CodeQuery

Moose Panel

The screenshot shows the Moose IDE interface with four main panels:

- Models**: Shows the selected model is "GlamourModel".
- GlamourModel**: A tree view of the model structure, with "All model classes - All model classes (473)" selected.
- All model classes (473) (FAMIXClassGroup)**: A table view listing 473 model classes, with "Smalltalk::GLMAction" selected.
- Smalltalk::GLMAction (FAMIXClass)**: A code editor displaying a Smalltalk selection statement:

```
self methods select: [ :m |  
  m outgoingInvocations size > 0]
```
- an OrderedCollection [24 items] (GLMAction>>ci...)**: A table view showing 24 items related to GLMAction.

Annotations above the panels indicate the flow of data from ModelSelection (Glamour) through Query (#allClasses) to ClassSelection (GLMAction), finally resulting in the generated CodeQuery.

Moose Panel

Models GlamourModel x

GlamourModel (MooseModel) All model classes (473) (FAMIXClassGroup) Smalltalk:GLMAction (FAMIXClass) an OrderedCollection [24 items] (GLMAction>>cl...)

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glamourModel := MooseModel root allModels detect: [ :each |
  each name = 'GlamourModel'].
actionClass := glamourModel allModelClasses detect: [ :each |
  each name = 'GLMAction'].
methods := actionClass methods select: [ :m |
  m outgoingInvocations size > 0]

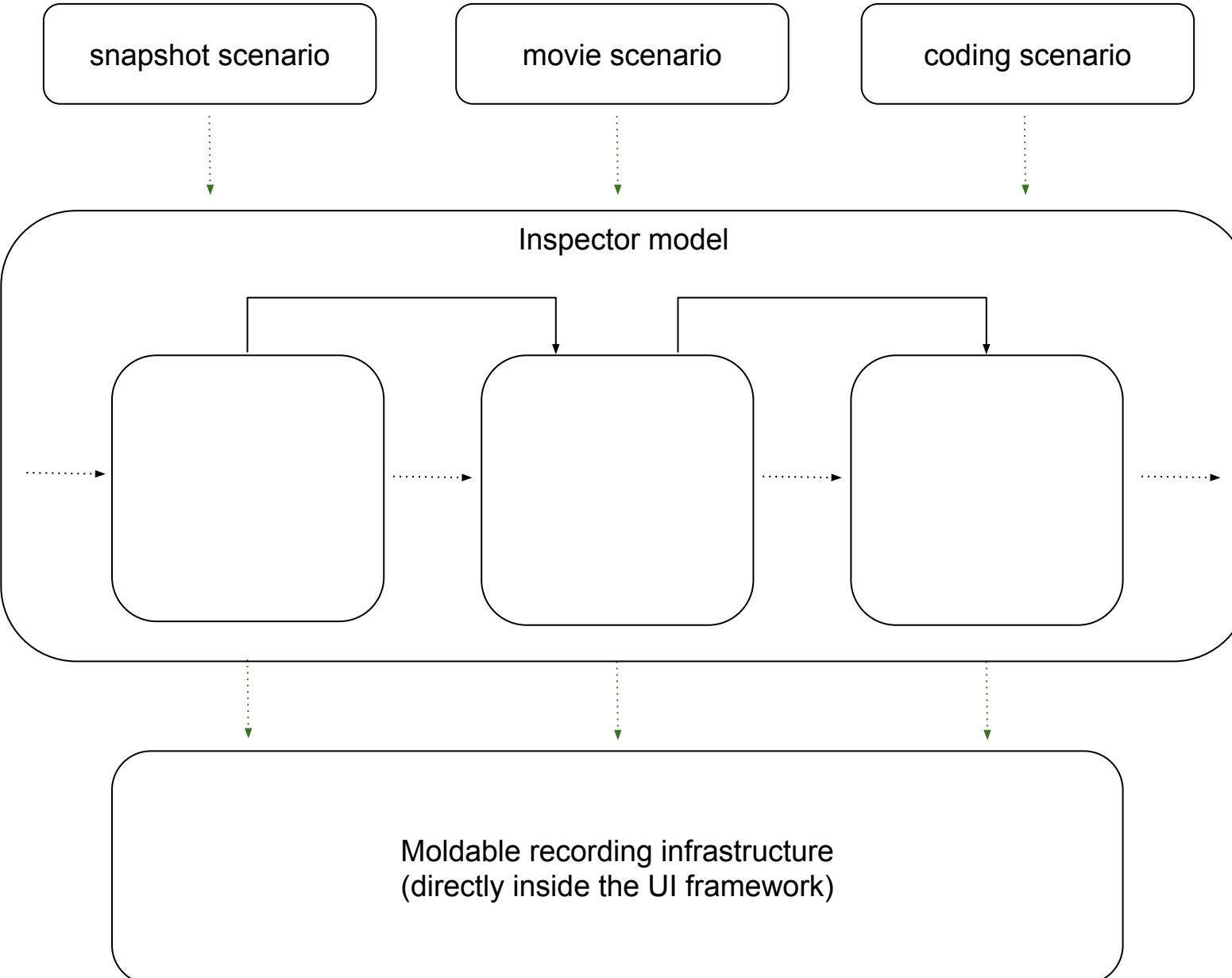
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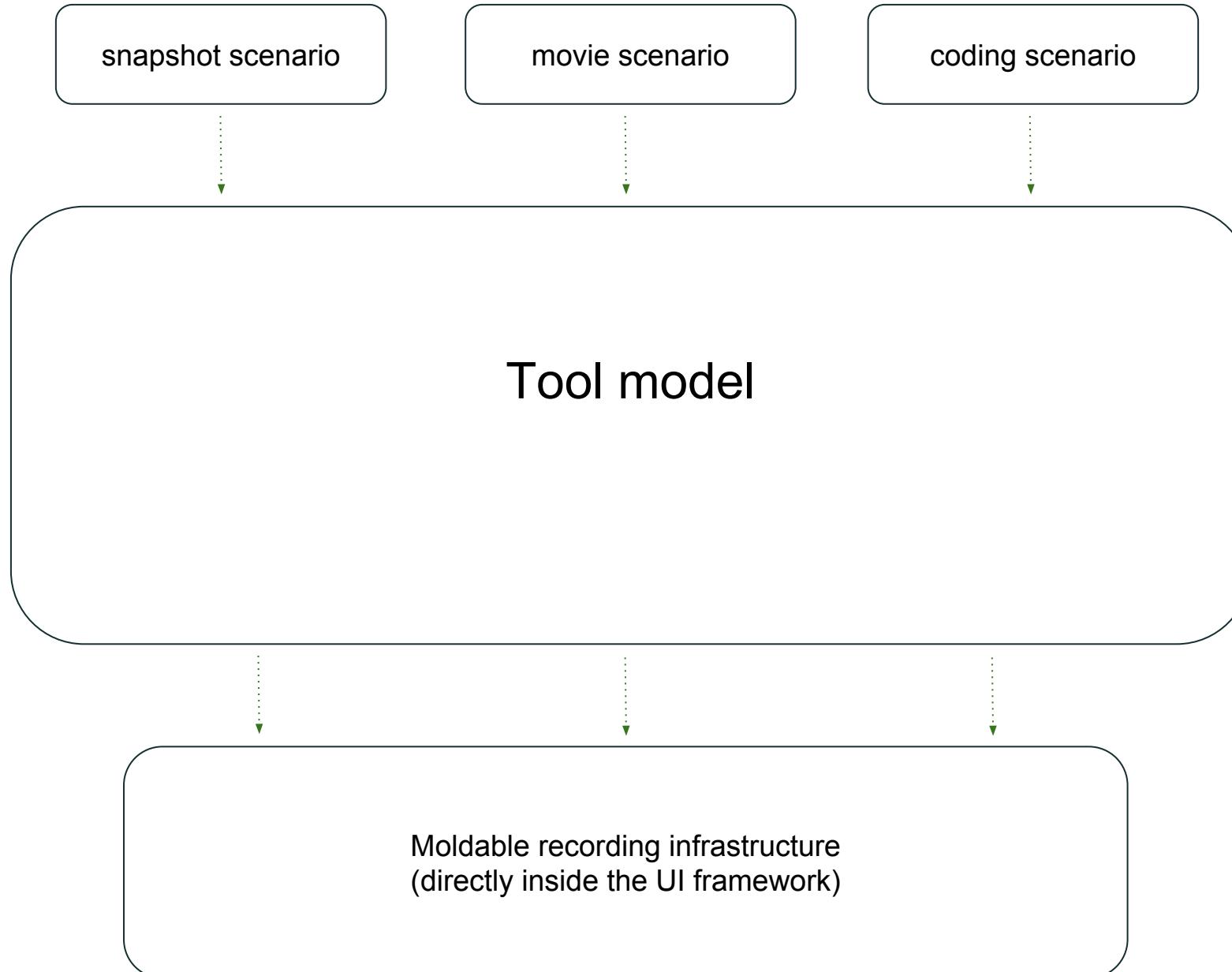
All methods - All famixmethods (5333)
 All model classes - All model classes (473)
 All model methods - Group (5249)
 All model namespaces - Smalltalk
 All model packages - All model packages (2)
 All model types - All model types (488)
 All namespaces - All famixnamespaces (2)
 All packages - All famixpackages (109)
 All parameters - All famixparameters (3066)
 All references - All famixreferences (2972)

Smalltalk:GLMAbstractWizardStep
 Smalltalk:GLMAccordionArrangement
 Smalltalk:GLMAccumulator
 Smalltalk:GLMAccumulatorMorphicTest
 Smalltalk:GLMAccumulatorTest
 Smalltalk:GLMAction
 Smalltalk:GLMActionAnnouncement
 Smalltalk:GLMActionBrickDarkThemer
 Smalltalk:GLMActionBrickPopupThemer
 Smalltalk:GLMActionBrickThemer
 Smalltalk:GLMActionButtonBrick
 Smalltalk:GLMActionListPresentation

LMAAction.condition()
 LMAAction.installKeyCombinatic
 LMAAction.separatorBefore()
 LMAAction.hasTitle()
 LMAAction.shortcutAsString()
 LMAAction.gtDisplayOn:(Object)
 LMAAction.separatorAfter()
 LMAAction.hasShortcut()
 Smalltalk:GLMAction.shortcut()
 Smalltalk:GLMAction.shortcut:(Object)
 Smalltalk:GLMAction.iconName:(Object)
 Smalltalk:GLMAction.isMenu()
 Smalltalk:GLMAction.isCategorized()
 Smalltalk:GLMAction.actOn:(Object)
 Smalltalk:GLMAction.isAvailableOn:(Object)
 Smalltalk:GLMAction.withSeparatorBefore
 Smalltalk:GLMAction.enabledCondition()
 Smalltalk:GLMAction.isEnabledOn:(Object)

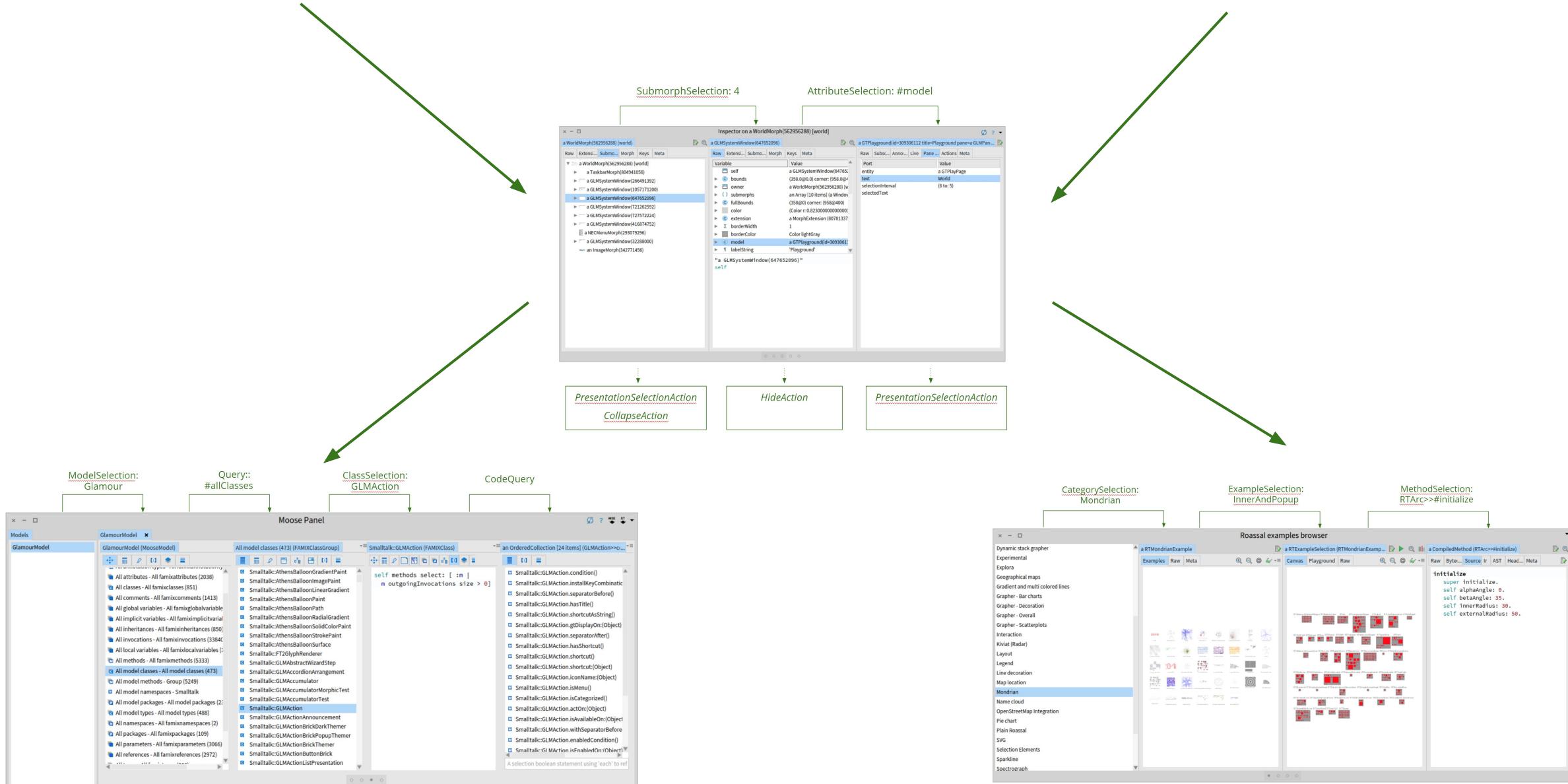
A selection boolean statement using 'each' to ref





UI Recording

Serialization



Current state

DEMO

Future work

Custom recording steps

Integration in the inspector

Experimental scenarios
(snapshot, movie,
code generation)

Thesis writing

Challenges

Pharo/Bloc

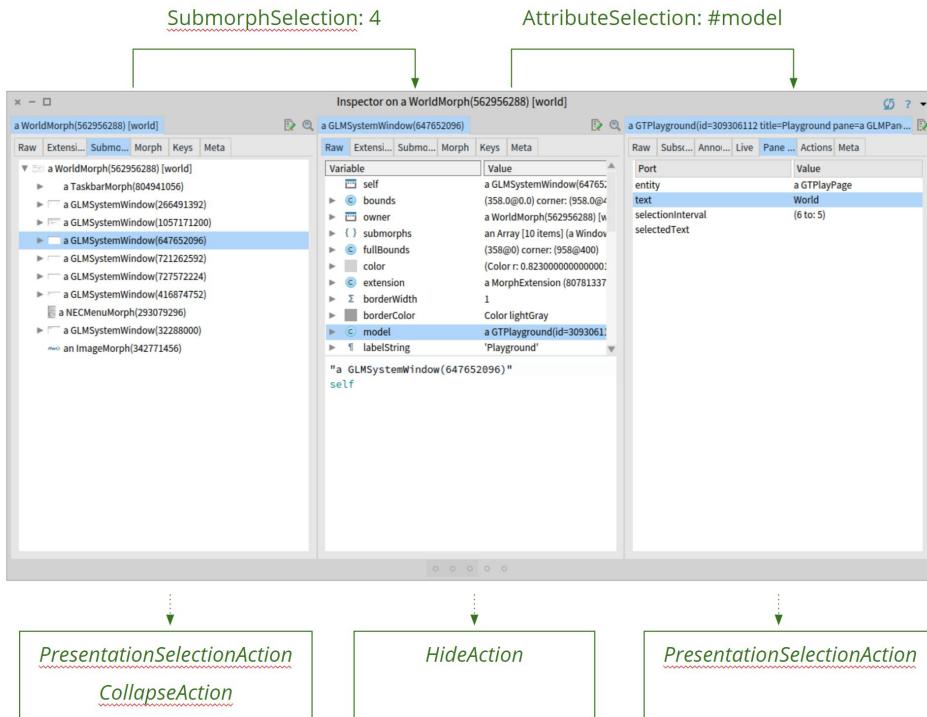
Complete redesign
of the Inspector

Usability

Thesis writing

Summary

Manually redoing inspection sessions makes developers waste time during development



Allow graphical objects to decide how interactions will be recorded (fall back to #childAt:)

