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This classic book is the definitive real-world style guide for better Smalltalk programming. This author presents a set of patterns that organize all the informal experience successful Smalltalk programmers have learned the hard way. When programmers understand these patterns, they can write much more effective code. The concept of Smalltalk patterns is introduced, and the book explains why they work. Next, the book introduces proven patterns for working with methods, messages, state, collections, classes and formatting. Finally, the book walks through a development example utilizing patterns. For programmers, project managers, teachers and students -- both new and experienced. This book presents a set of patterns that organize all the informal experience of successful Smalltalk programmers. This book will help you understand these patterns, and empower you to write more effective code.

## Smalltalk Best Practice Patterns Details

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## From Reader Review Smalltalk Best Practice Patterns for online ebook

### Michael says

Beck's book explains patterns for gaining fluency in language expression while the GoF book attempts gain features for underpowered languages.

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### Piers says

Hands down the best book I know on the nitty gritty of writing object oriented code. I learned so much from this about how to take advantage of dynamic languages like Perl and Ruby as well as Smalltalk.

It's also one of the very few decent patterns books in the computing literature. A genuine pattern language rather than a ragbag of patterns with no real coherence. Up there with Alexander's "A Pattern Language"

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### Marcin says

Another timeless classic and a great introduction to OO design in any language. SmallTalk is easy enough to read and understand. Fascinating to see how many original ideas from this book have surfaced many times over in Kent's later works.

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### Brandon Bayer says

I read this because it's one of DHH's top five programming books. Overall, it's full of truly great patterns (how to name a method, how to name a variable, etc), but the Smalltalk examples were a real challenge to wade through because this was my first exposure to Smalltalk. I'd definitely rate it 5 stars if the examples were in ruby or a similar "modern" language.

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### Alpha says

4.5/5 - Not many people use Smalltalk, but this is a pretty great read for Ruby and Objective-C, as both languages inherit much of Smalltalk's base concepts. A lot of the patterns are obvious (some in general, some in hindsight), but it's nice to have them actually explained and put down into words.

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### Joel says

Pretty useful.

### **Enrico says**

Instructive, as usual from Kent!

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### **Barry says**

DHH recommended: <http://37signals.com/svn/posts/3375-t...>

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### **Thomas says**

This book is a good look into where some of the names and constructs in Objective-C and Ruby come from.

Some of the patterns and recommendations are strictly a result of the idiosyncrasies of Smalltalk and working within the average Smalltalk browser.

Oddly most enlightening for me were the code formatting recommendations which assumed using line wrapping in a browser.

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### **Wangyiran says**

i want to look the reference about the question and the method first  
the language is out of date,i have to try learn the smalltalk,but after i read smalltalk introduce,i still not understand the book code well,so i give up read it.

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### **Kamil Chmielewski says**

This is a programming book written in 1997. It has a few ideas that are sound, but those ideas have been 'coined/named' and explained with better details since then. If you are looking to up your level as a programmer I recommend Clean Code or Refactoring over this book.

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### **Paulo Brito says**

#### **Still relevant for developers (a must read)**

Was not the easiest read, also because I never programmed in smalltalk. But this book is full of very insightful tips to organize your code. It really made me think :)

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### **Marc Johnson says**

Very well written, with insights and anecdotes relevant to programming and software development in general, not only Smalltalk.

Lack of familiarity with Smalltalk likely meant I missed parts of, or misinterpreted some patterns. Generated thoughts on how different languages might have different considerations. And how neat and ahead of it's time Smalltalk was.

Extending the example at the end is the only feedback I have for improvement.

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### **Nick says**

A highly practical book on Object Oriented patterns, despite being perhaps the most hipster of all programming books ("Oh, I'm reading about this language, you've probably never heard of it!").

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### **Ash Moran says**

The best introductory OOP book I've read. Lucid insights into low-level object design decisions that transcend language.

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