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Retrieving the block and store getBlock:andStore:

freeFromStore

getBlock:(unsigned int *)aHandle andStore:(IXStore **)aStore

Returns by reference the handle of the receiver's boot block, and its IXStore. Also returns self.

Since a store client needs to record its boot block handle and its IXStore to function properly, implementation is simply a matter of putting those values into aHandle and aStore.

initWithBlock:(unsigned int)aHandle inStore:(IXStore *)aStore

Initializes the receiver using existing data from the boot block identified by aHandle in aStore. This block has already been created by a previous invocation of the initWithStore: method on the original instance of the store client. The receiver isn't required to be of the same class as the original creator of the store data, but it must be able to read the data. Returns self if successful, or nil if the receiver can't be initialized (for example, if aHandle doesn't point to a valid block).

A block handle of zero should be interpreted as a request for the creation of a new store client. The receiver's class' implementation of the initWithStore: method to simply send initWithBlock:inStore: to self with aHandle of zero.

To implement this method, simply access the data in aHandle to set up a usable state for the client. This may involve opening other blocks whose handles are stored in the boot block. For example IXBTree implements this method to read the block at aHandle and to check that the contents of that block form the root node of a BTree.

initWithStore:

initWithStore:(IXStore *)aStore

Initializes the receiver, creating a new boot block in store. After initialization, the boot block can be accessed as the receiver's data. That block's handle can be retrieved with getBlock:andStore:. Returns self if successful, or nil if the receiver can't initialize itself.

To implement this method, simply create a block in aStore, record its handle as the boot block, and initialize it with the initialization values your client may need there. If your client needs to use several blocks within aStore, those, and store their handles in its boot block. This allows a later instance to retrieve those blocks with the initWithBlock:inStore: message. For example, IXBTree implements this method by creating a block for the root node of a BTree it creates more blocks only as it needs them.

This method is usually implemented to send initWithBlock:inStore: to self with a block handle of zero. A block handle of zero is interpreted as a request to create a new store client.

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