

Statement Code Smells and Refactorings



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Objectives



Learn various low-level code smells

Learn refactoring techniques to address them



Smell: Primitive Obsession

Overuse of primitives, instead of better abstractions or data structures, results in excess code required to enforce constraints.



Bloater

Example: Primitive Obsession

```
AddHoliday(7,4);
```



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```
Date independenceDay = new Date(7,4);
```

```
AddHoliday(independenceDay);
```



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Date independenceDay = new Date(7,4);
```

```
AddHoliday(independenceDay);
```

```
Date independenceDay = new Date(month: 7, day: 4);
```

```
AddHoliday(independenceDay);
```



Using Constant Values

```
AddHoliday(Constants.Month.JULY, Constants.Day.DAY_4);
```



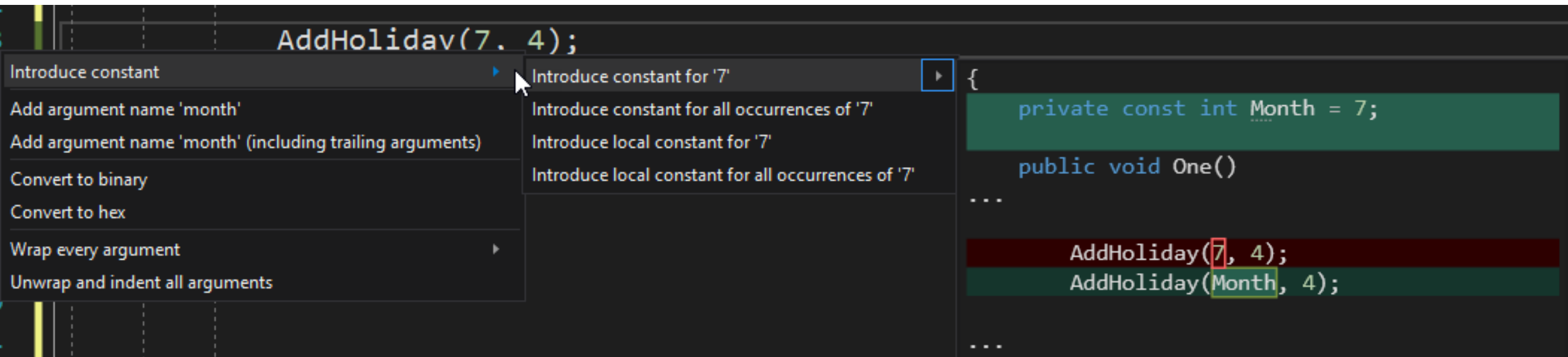
Using Constant Values

```
public static class Constants
{
    public static class Month
    {
        public const int JANUARY = 1;
        public const int FEBRUARY = 2;
        // etc.
    }
}
```

<https://ardalis.com/group-your-constants-and-enums>



Visual Studio Tooling Assistance



Using Enums

```
public enum Month  
{  
    January = 1,  
    // etc.  
}
```

```
public void AddHolidayEnum(Enums.Month month, Enums.Day  
day)  
{}
```



Client Code with Enums

```
// enums
```

```
AddHolidayEnum(Enums.Month.January, Enums.Day.Day_4);
```

```
// but also enums
```

```
AddHolidayEnum(0, 0);
```

```
AddHolidayEnum((Enums.Month)13, (Enums.Day)32);
```



SmartEnum

```
// install Ardalis.SmartEnum package

public sealed class MonthEnum : SmartEnum<MonthEnum>
{
    public static readonly MonthEnum January = new
MonthEnum(nameof(January), 1, "Jan");

    // other months

    public string ShortName { get; set; }
}

// usage

AddHolidaySmartEnum(MonthEnum.July, DayEnum.Day_4);
```



Refactoring Statement Primitive Obsession

Introduce Named Variable

Use Named Arguments

Replace Primitive with
Constant

Replace Primitive with
Enum/SmartEnum

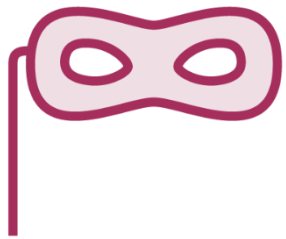


Smell: Vertical Separation

Define, assign, and use variables and functions near where they are used.

Define local variables where first used, ideally as they are assigned.

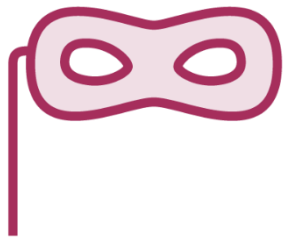
Define private functions just below their first use. Avoid forcing the reader to scroll.



Obfuscator

Smell: Inconsistency

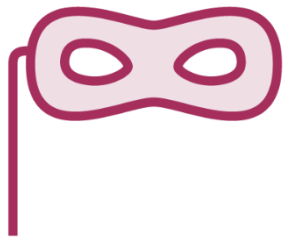
Be consistent in your naming, formatting, and usage patterns within your application.



Obfuscator

Smell: Poor Names

Naming things has often been cited as one of the hardest problems in computer science. Use descriptive names and avoid abbreviations and encodings where possible.



Obfuscator



Ideal Naming Characteristics

Descriptive

**Appropriate
Abstraction Level**

Follow Standards

Unambiguous

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Descriptive Names

```
public static List<int> Generate(int n)
{
    var x = new List<int>();
    for (int i = 2; n > 1; i++)
        for (; n % i == 0; n /= i)
            x.Add(i);
    return x;
}
```



Descriptive Names

```
public static List<int> GeneratePrimeFactorsOf(int input)
{
    var primeFactors = new List<int>();
    for (int candidateFactor = 2; input > 1;
        candidateFactor++)
        while (input % candidateFactor == 0)
        {
            primeFactors.Add(candidateFactor);
            input /= candidateFactor;
        }
    return primeFactors;
}
```



Abstraction Level

```
private IOrderSource _orderSource; // set by constructor  
public void ProcessOrder()  
{  
    var orderFromFile = _orderSource.GetOrder();  
}
```



Abstraction Level

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private IOrderSource _orderSource; // set by constructor  
public void ProcessOrder()  
{  
    var order = _orderSource.GetOrder();  
}
```



Follow Standards and Conventions

```
var customer = customerFactory.Create(123);  
var Order = orderBuilder.Make(234);  
var Orderitem = orderItemMaker.NewItem();  
  
order.addItem(orderItem);  
customer.AppendOrder(order);
```

**C# Coding
Conventions**

<https://bit.ly/2vNiniK>



Unambiguous

```
Account account1 = GetAccount(accountId);  
Account account2 = GetAccount(accountId2);  
Account account3 = GetAccount(accountId3);  
  
bool result = Transfer(amount, account1, account2,  
account3);
```



Unambiguous

```
Account sender = GetAccount(senderAccountId);  
Account recipient =  
GetAccount(recipientAccountId);  
Account commissionAccount =  
GetAccount(commissionAccountId);  
  
bool result = Transfer(amount, sender, recipient,  
commissionAccount);
```



Long Names for Long Scopes (And Vice Versa)

```
public string ListUsers()
{
    var sb = new StringBuilder();
    for (int i = 0; i < Application.CurrentUserCount; i++)
    {
        sb.Append("User " + i + Environment.NewLine);
    }
    return sb.ToString();
}
```



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}
```



Avoid Encodings

```
string strName;  
int iCount;  
DateTime dtStart;  
DateTime dtEnd;  
User usrOne;  
User usrTwo;  
SqlUserRepository surDataAccess;  
List<User> lstUsers;
```



Avoid Encodings

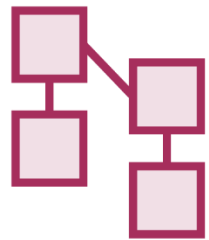
```
string name;  
int count;  
DateTime StartDate;  
DateTime EndDate;  
User user1;  
User user2;  
SqlUserRepository userRepository;  
List<User> users;
```

```
string userName = UserNameTextBox.Text;  
UserNameLabel1.Text = userName;
```



Smell: Switch Statements

Switch statements, and complex if-else chains, may indicate a lack of proper use of object-oriented design.



Object-Orientation
Abuser

```
MethodOne(Class class)
{
    switch (class.TypeId)
    {
        case 1:
        case 2:
        case n:
    }
}
```

```
AnotherMethod(Class class)
{
    switch (class.TypeId)
    {
        case 1:
        case 2:
        case n:
    }
}
```

◀ One switch in your codebase on a particular value is probably fine

◀ It's when you duplicate them that it's a code smell.

◀ Why does class have a type property? Could it use inheritance to be that type?



Smell: Duplicate Code

Duplication is the root of all software evil. Follow the Don't Repeat Yourself principle and avoid repetition in your code when possible.



Disposable



Duplicate Code

```
public void Method(Customer customer, Order order, Logger logger)
{
    if(customer == null)
    {
        throw new ArgumentNullException("Customer cannot be null");
    }
    if(order == null)
    {
        throw new ArgumentNullException("Order cannot be null");
    }
    if(logger == null)
    {
        throw new ArgumentNullException("Logger cannot be null");
    }
    // do actual work
}
```



Duplicate Code

```
using Ardalis.GuardClauses;

public void Method(Customer customer, Order order, Logger logger)
{
    Guard.Against.Null(customer, nameof(customer));
    Guard.Against.Null(order, nameof(order));
    Guard.Against.Null(logger, nameof(logger));
    // do actual work
}
```



Duplicate Code

```
public class BasketAddItem
{
    [Fact]
    public void AddsBasketItemIfNotPresent()
    {
        var basket = new Basket();
        // test logic
    }

    [Fact]
    public void IncrementsItemQuantityIfPresent()
    {
        var basket = new Basket();
        // test logic
    }
    // a bunch more tests
}
```



Duplicate Code

```
public class BasketAddItem
{
    private Basket _basket = new Basket();

    [Fact]
    public void AddsBasketItemIfNotPresent()
    {
        // test logic using _basket
    }
    [Fact]
    public void IncrementsItemQuantityIfPresent()
    {
        // test logic using _basket
    }
    // a bunch more tests
}
```



Smell: Dead Code

Get rid of useless code that is never executed. It's not adding value; it's only adding weight to the codebase. It's a distraction. Bury it.



Disposable



```
using System;
using System.Collections.Generic;
using System.Linq;
using System.Threading.Tasks;
```

0 references

```
public class DeadCodeTellsNoTales
```

```
{
```

0 references

```
public void DoStuff()
```

```
{
```

```
    int upper = 100;
```

```
    int lower = 0;
```

```
    if (upper > 50)
```

```
    {
```

```
        throw new ArgumentOutOfRangeException();
```

```
    }
```

```
    var fibNumberSequence = new List<int>();
```

```
    if (fibNumberSequence.Count == 0)
```

```
    {
```

```
        fibNumberSequence.Add(1);
```

```
        fibNumberSequence.Add(2);
```

```
    }
```

```
    int index = 2;
```

```
    int term = 0;
```

```
    int next = 0;
```

```
    while (term <= upper)
```

```
    {
```

```
        term = fibNumberSequence[index - 2] + fibNumberSequence[index - 1];
```

```
        fibNumberSequence.Add(term);
```

```
        index++;
```

```
    }
```

```
}
```

0 references

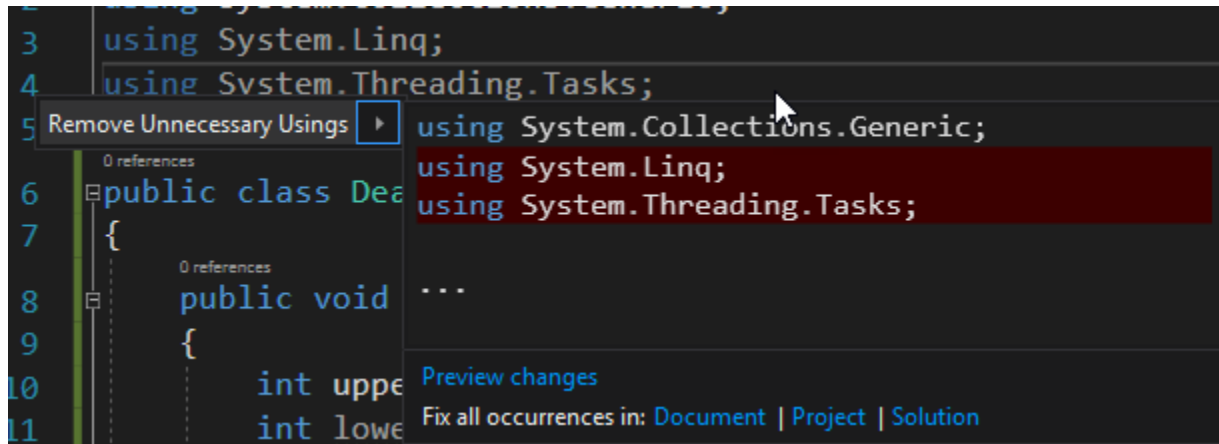
```
private void DoOtherStuff()
```

```
{
```

```
}
```

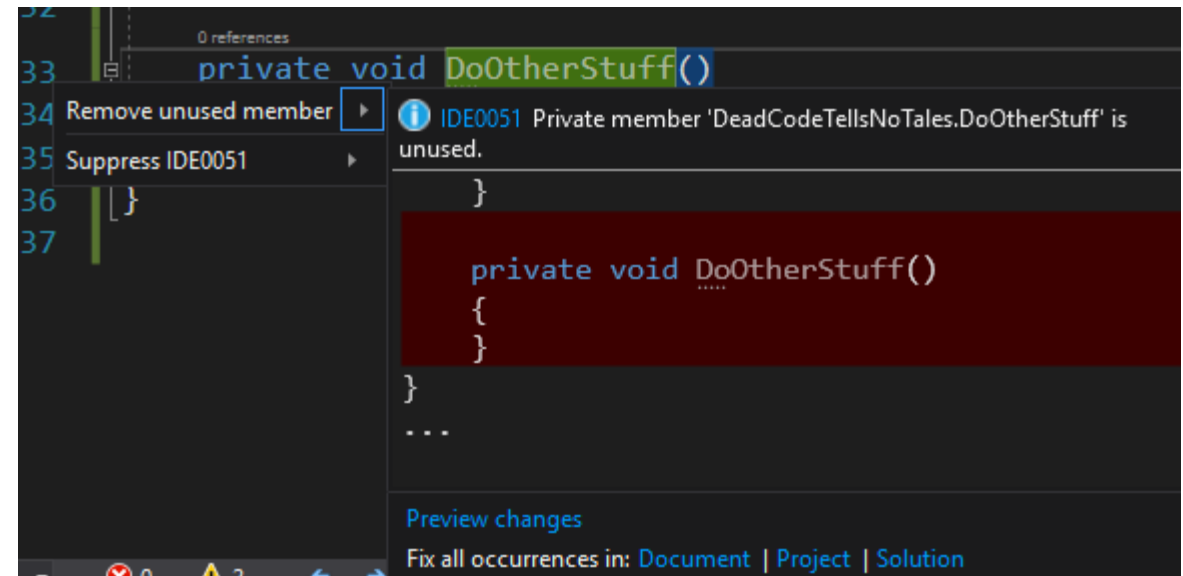
```
}
```

Visual Studio Dead Code Refactorings



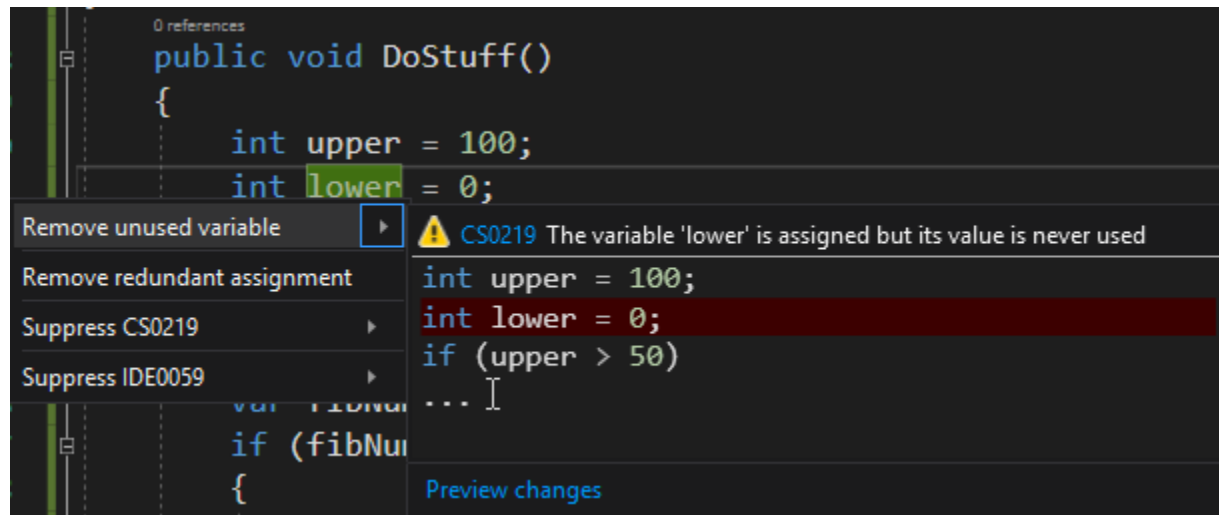
This screenshot shows the 'Remove Unnecessary Usings' refactoring menu in Visual Studio. The menu is open, displaying a list of using statements. The first two, 'using System.Linq;' and 'using System.Threading.Tasks;', are highlighted in red, indicating they are unnecessary. The third, 'using System.Collections.Generic;', is not highlighted. The menu also shows '0 references' for the selected items and options to 'Preview changes' or 'Fix all occurrences in: Document | Project | Solution'.

```
3 using System.Linq;
4 using System.Threading.Tasks;
5 Remove Unnecessary Usings
6 public class DeadCodeTellsNoTales
7 {
8     public void DoStuff()
9     {
10         int upper = 100;
11         int lower = 0;
```



This screenshot shows the 'Remove unused member' refactoring menu in Visual Studio. The menu is open, displaying a list of private members. The first, 'private void DoOtherStuff()', is highlighted in red, indicating it is unused. The menu also shows '0 references' for the selected item and options to 'Preview changes' or 'Fix all occurrences in: Document | Project | Solution'.

```
33 private void DoOtherStuff()
34 Remove unused member
35 Suppress IDE0051
36 }
37
```



This screenshot shows the 'Remove unused variable' refactoring menu in Visual Studio. The menu is open, displaying a list of variables. The first, 'int lower = 0;', is highlighted in red, indicating it is unused. The menu also shows '0 references' for the selected variable and options to 'Preview changes' or 'Fix all occurrences in: Document | Project | Solution'.

```
public void DoStuff()
{
    int upper = 100;
    int lower = 0;
    if (upper > 50)
    {
        ...
    }
}
```



```
using System;
using System.Collections.Generic;
```

0 references

```
public class DeadCodeTellsNoTales
```

```
{
```

0 references

```
    public void DoStuff(int upperBound)
```

```
    {
```

```
        if (upperBound > 50)
```

```
        {
```

```
            throw new ArgumentOutOfRangeException(nameof(upperBound));
```

```
        }
```

```
        var fibNumberSequence = new List<int>();
```

```
        if (fibNumberSequence.Count == 0)
```

```
        {
```

```
            fibNumberSequence.Add(1);
```

```
            fibNumberSequence.Add(2);
```

```
        }
```

```
        int index = 2;
```

```
        int term = 0;
```

```
        while (term <= upperBound)
```

```
        {
```

```
            term = fibNumberSequence[index - 2] + fibNumberSequence[index - 1];
```

```
            fibNumberSequence.Add(term);
```

```
            index++;
```

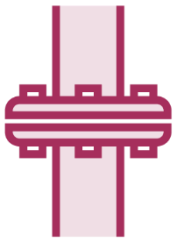
```
        }
```

```
    }
```

```
}
```


Smell: Hidden Temporal Coupling

Certain operations must be called in a certain sequence, or they won't work. Nothing in the design forces this behavior – developers just have to figure it out from context or tribal knowledge.



Coupler

Temporal Coupling

PrepareCrust();

AddToppings();

Bake();

CutIntoSlices();



Temporal Coupling

```
public abstract class BakedGoodBase
{
    public void MakeBakedGood()
    {
        PrepareCrust();
        AddToppings();
        Bake();
        CutIntoSlices();
    }
    protected abstract void PrepareCrust();
    protected abstract void AddToppings();
    protected abstract void Bake();
    protected abstract void CutIntoSlices();
}
```



Temporal Coupling

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        Bake();
        CutIntoSlices();
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    protected abstract void AddToppings();
    protected abstract void Bake();
    protected abstract void CutIntoSlices();
}
```



Temporal Coupling

```
Crust crust = PrepareCrust();  
ToppedCrust toppedCrust = AddToppings(crust);  
BakedItem bakedItem = Bake(toppedCrust);  
SlicedItem slicedItem = CutIntoSlices(bakedItem);
```



Key Takeaways



Primitive Obsession

Vertical Separation

Inconsistency

Poor Names

Switch Statements

Duplicate Code

Dead Code

Hidden Temporal Coupling

