Module 1 Day 16

Test-Driven Development

What makes an application?

- Program Data
 - ✓ Variables & .NET Data Types
 - ✓ Arrays
 - ✓ More Collections (list, dictionary, stack, queue)
 - √ Classes and objects (OOP)
- Program Logic
 - ✓ Statements and expressions
 - ✓ Conditional logic (if)
 - ✓ Repeating logic (for, foreach, do, while)
 - ✓ Methods (functions / procedures)
 - √ Classes and objects (OOP)
 - ☐ Frameworks (MVC)

Input / Output
User
✓ Console read / write
☐ HTML / CSS
☐ Front-end frameworks (HTML / CSS / JavaScript)
Storage
☐ File I/O
☐ Relational database

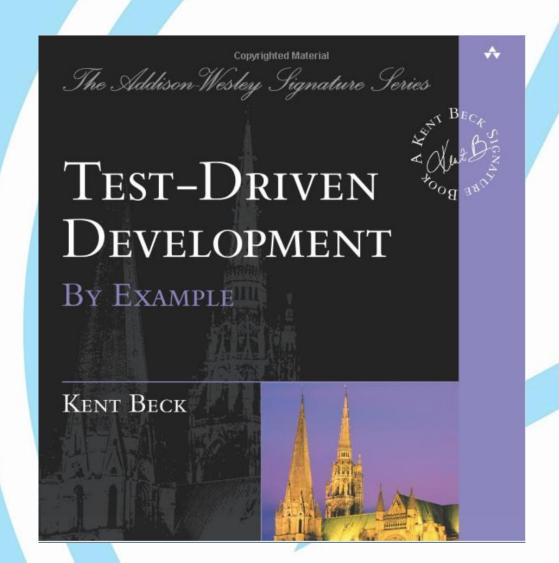
☐ APIs

What is Test-Driven Development?

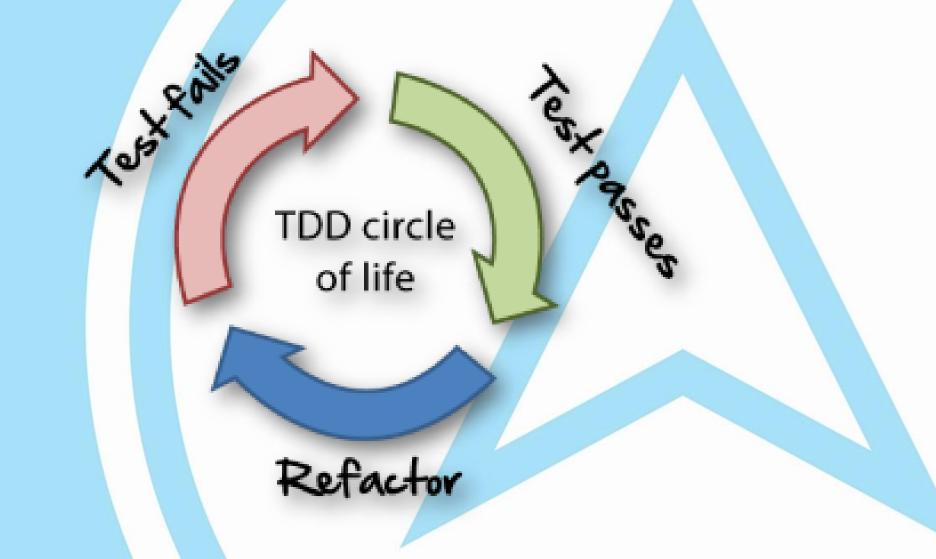
- A software development process
- Very short development cycle
- Tests are written before the code-under-test
- Code is then written to make the test pass
- Code is re-factored as needed, and re-tested
- Then more tests are added, and so on...highly iterative

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Test-driven development

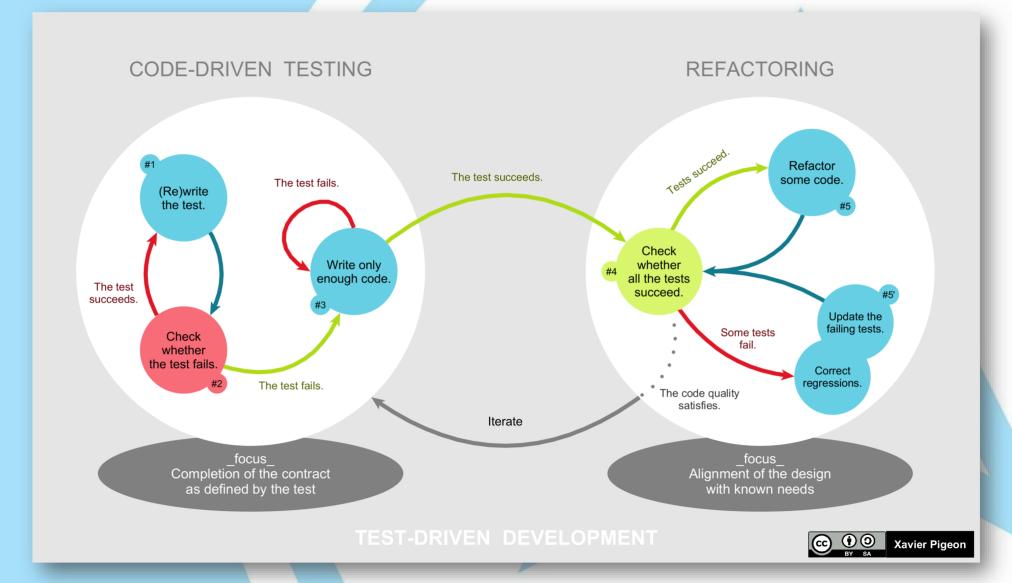
Test-Driven Development By Example Kent Beck



TDD Circle of Life: Red-Green-Refactor



TDD Lifecycle



TDD Benefits

- Forces programmer to focus on requirements
- More tests are written
 - Uh, that is, tests are written
- Higher code coverage
- No more code is written than is needed (YAGNI)
- In other ways it's the same as traditional unit testing
 - Code developer is test developer
 - Still must think of edge cases
 - Same tools can apply
 - Same best practices (A-A-A, independent, isolated, targeted)

Mike's slightly-informed opinion: It's all about re-factoring with confidence

A Strategy for TDD

- 1. Create a list of tests needed
- 2. Write a test (start with the simplest test)
- 3. Run the test to see it fail in the way you expect
- 4. Write enough code to make the test build
- 5. Write enough code to make that test pass (possibly by faking it)
- 6. Generalize the code if possible, by eliminating code duplication or reducing dependencies
- 7. Go back to step 2

Refactoring

- Eliminate duplicate code
- Extract a method by breaking down long difficult methods
- Extract complex operations to variables
- Introduce constants for magic numbers
- Simplify conditional expressions