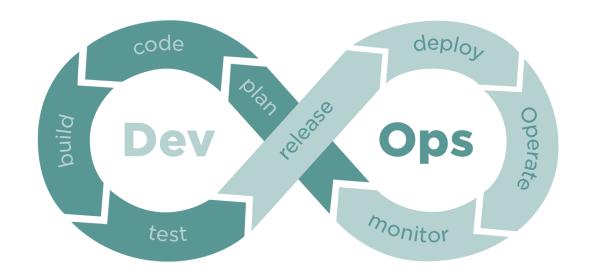




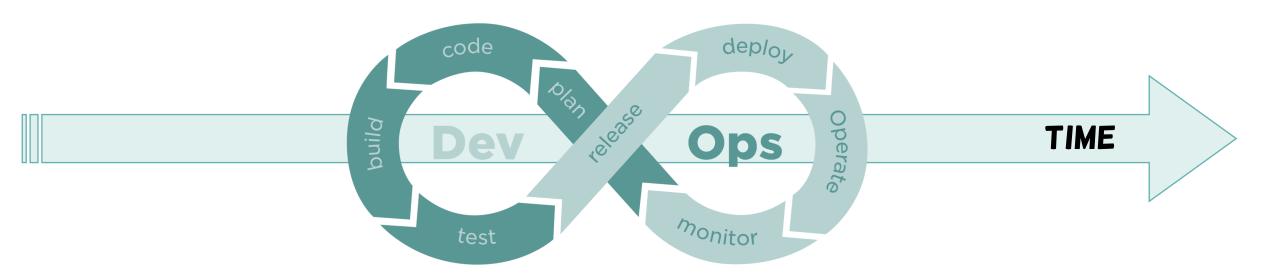
### WHERE ARE WE NOW?



What happens after deploying our software to production? How do we maintain the current release? How do we start the next release?

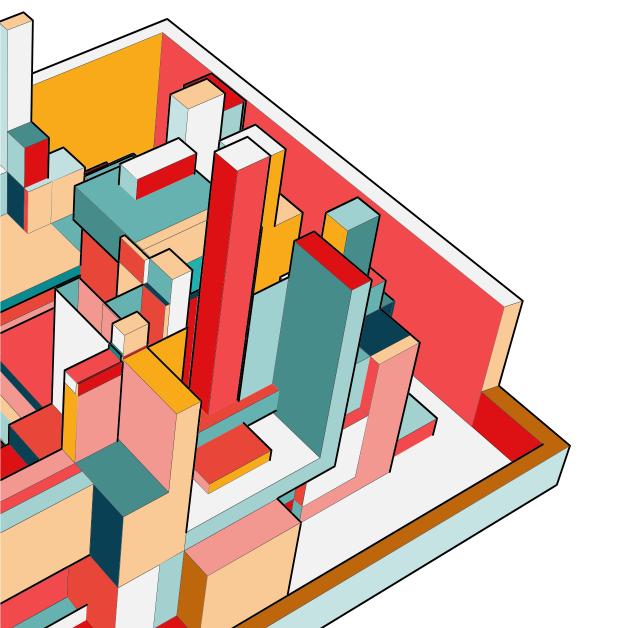


### WHERE ARE WE NOW?



Software begins a new phase of life: one where it needs to be monitored, updated, corrected, adapted, and improved — often for years.



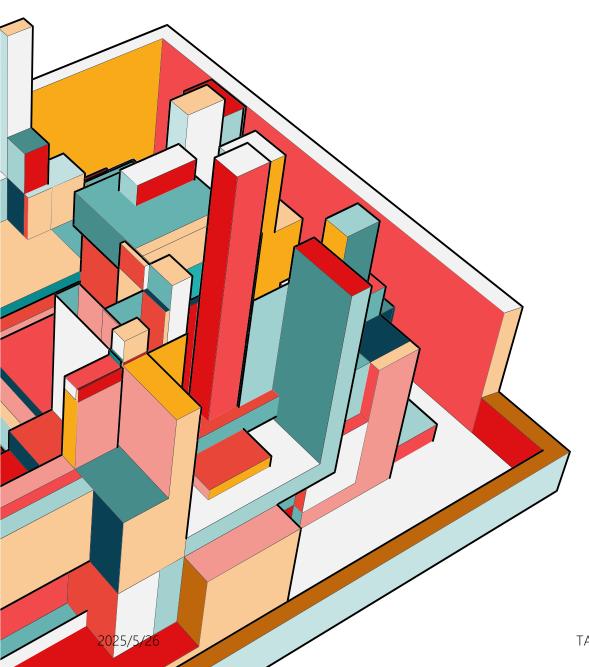


## LECTURE 13

- Software maintenance (软件维护)
  - Maintainability
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### SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE

Software maintenance is the general process of changing a system after it has been delivered.

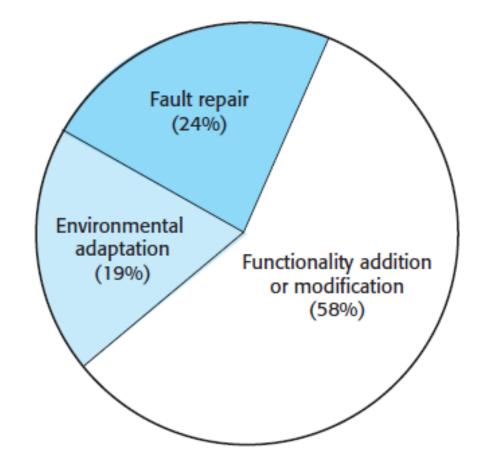
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### MAINTENANCE EFFORT DISTRIBUTION

### Fault repairs to fix bugs and vulnerabilities

- Coding errors are usually relatively cheap to correct;
- Design errors are more expensive because they may involve rewriting several program components.
- Requirements errors are the most expensive to repair because extensive system redesign may be necessary.

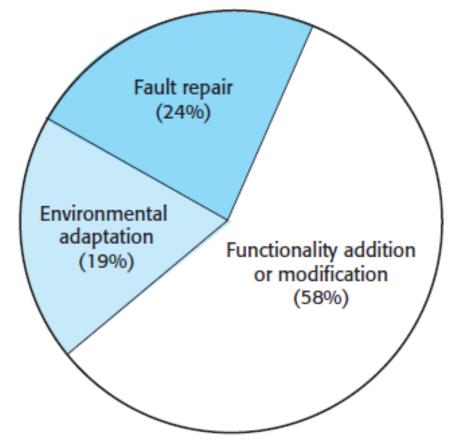




### MAINTENANCE EFFORT DISTRIBUTION

# Environmental adaptation to adapt the software to new platforms and environments.

- This type of maintenance is required when some aspect of a system's environment, such as the hardware, the platform operating system, or other support software, changes.
- Application systems may have to be modified to cope with these environmental changes.

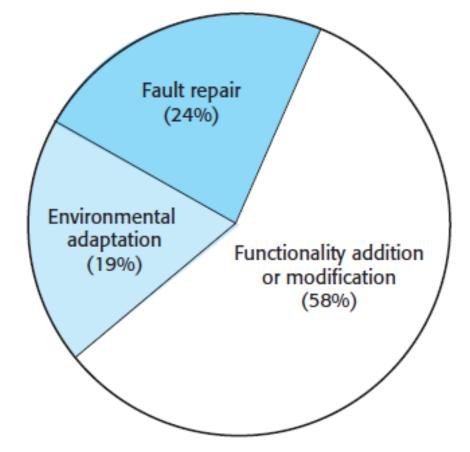


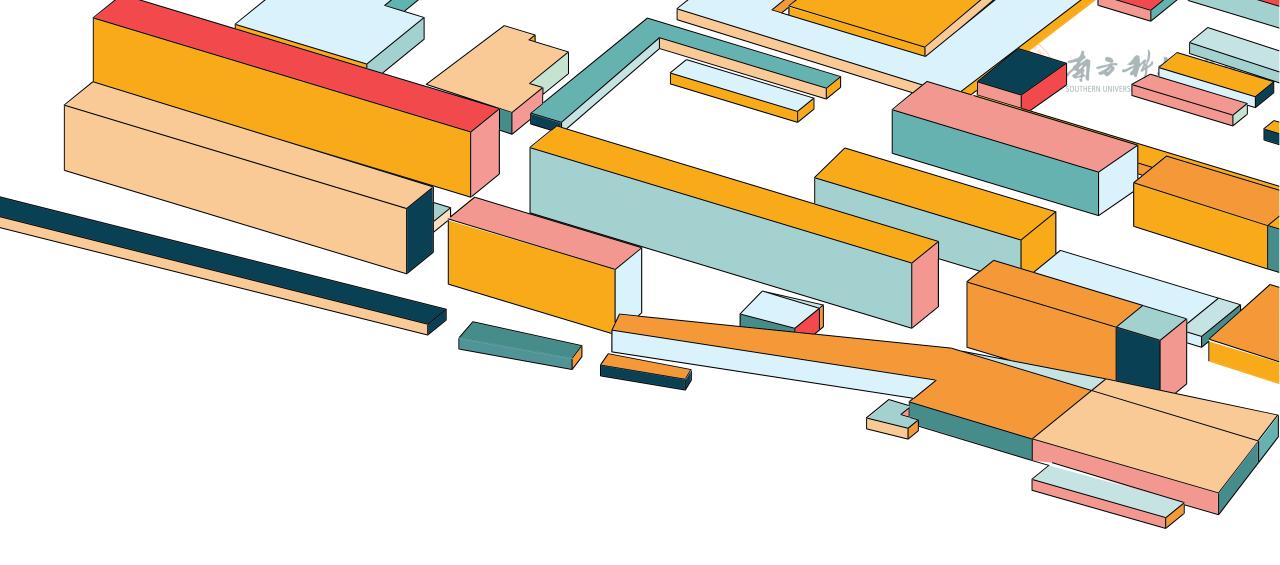


### MAINTENANCE EFFORT DISTRIBUTION

# Functionality addition to add new features and to support new requirements.

- This type of maintenance is necessary when system requirements change in response to organizational or business change.
- The scale of the changes required to the software is often much greater than for the other types of maintenance.





# HOW TO MEASURE MAINTAINABILITY?

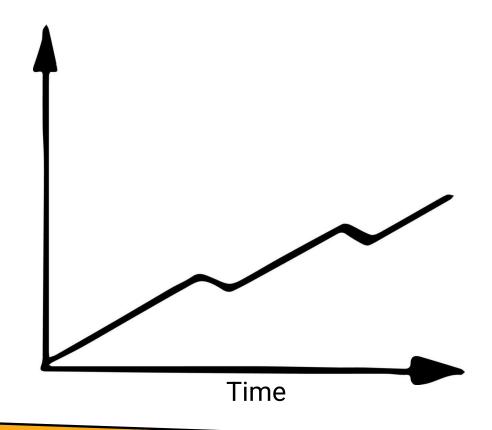


### **EXAMPLE METRICS FOR MAINTAINABILITY**

### Number of requests for corrective maintenance

An increase in the number of bug and failure reports may indicate that more errors are being introduced into the program than are being repaired during the maintenance process.

This may indicate a decline in maintainability.

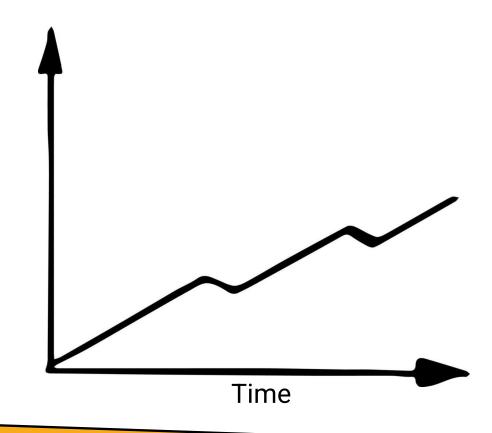




### **EXAMPLE METRICS FOR MAINTAINABILITY**

### Average time required for impact analysis

- This is related to the number of program components that are affected by the change request.
- If the time required for impact analysis increases, it implies that more components are affected, and maintainability is decreasing

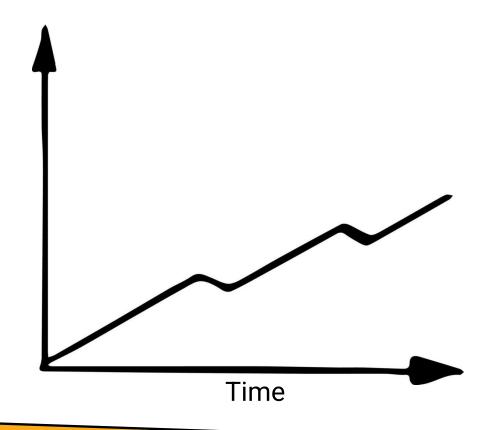




### **EXAMPLE METRICS FOR MAINTAINABILITY**

### Average time taken to implement a change request

- This is the amount of time that you need to modify the system and its documentation, after you have assessed which components are affected.
- An increase in the time needed to implement a change may indicate a decline in maintainability.



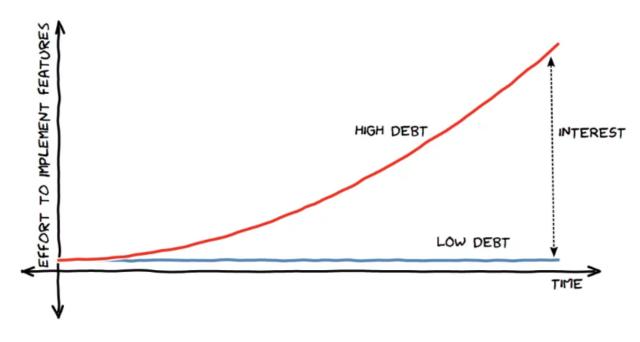


### TECHNICAL DEBT (技术债)

Technical debt refers to the long-term cost of making short-term or suboptimal decisions in software design, architecture, or code.

These decisions might make things faster in the short term, but they "borrow time" from the future, requiring extra work later to fix, refactor, or rework.

### INTEREST ON TECHNICAL DEBT



It's getting harder and harder to update the software



## TECHNICAL DEBT (技术债)

### **Quick and dirty fixes**

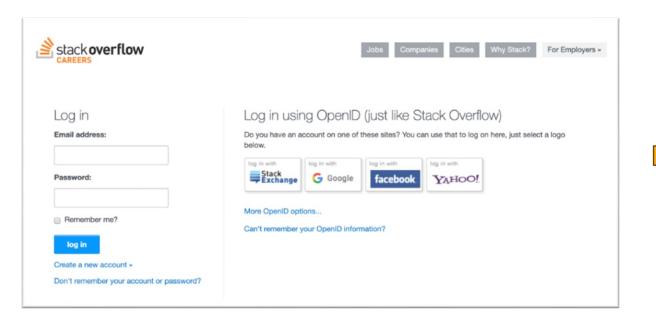
- Code is rushed to meet deadlines.
- Corners are cut: minimal testing, no documentation, poor design.
- Example: Hardcoding logic or skipping error handling.

# Well-intentioned past decisions that don't scale well anymore

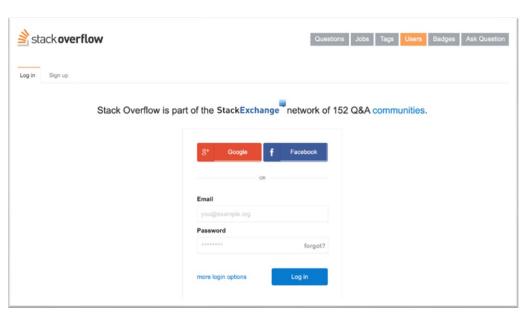
- The decision was right at the time, given context.
- But as the system or business evolves, it becomes a bottleneck or liability.



### CASE STUDY: TECHNICAL DEBT AT STACK OVERFLOW







Old login page

This update should be easy, but .....

New login page

It is more complex than expected, and takes much longer than expected.

Source: https://techdebtguide.com/case-study-stack-overflow



### CASE STUDY: TECHNICAL DEBT AT STACK OVERFLOW

- Split codebases: The code for handling user login and registration was split across two
  different codebases
- **Functional limitations**: Email addresses were stored in two separate databases; users couldn't reset the password with their new email addresses
- Outdated Dependencies: CareersAuth had not been updated for several years, necessitating time-consuming updates to various dependencies to make it operational on a local development environment

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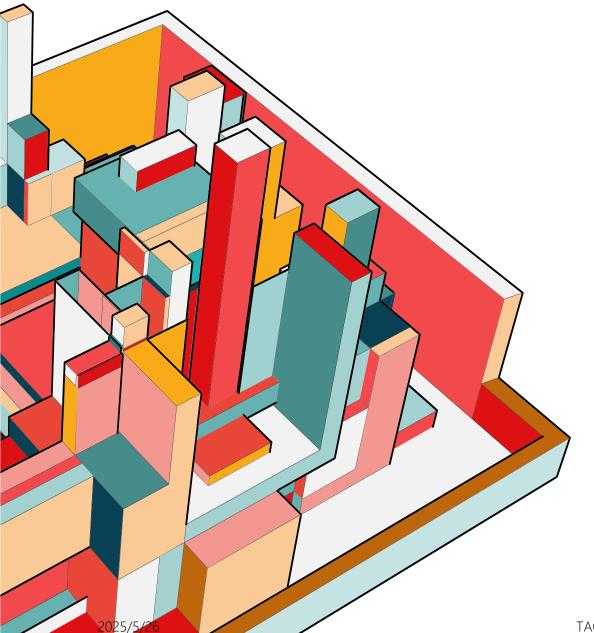
### CASE STUDY: TECHNICAL DEBT AT STACK OVERFLOW

#### **Historical reasons**

- A technical decision made in 2008: use OpenID for Stack Overflow authentication.
   This was a technical decision that made sense at the time.
- In 2009, Stack Overflow launched Careers, which forks from SO but uses CareersAuth to address problems with OpenID.
- In 2011, Stack Overflow implements a new authentication mechanism.
- In 2016, OpenID is dying.

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# LECTURE 13

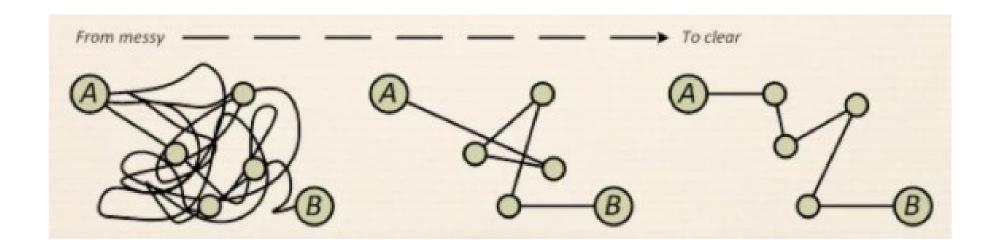
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### WHAT IS REFACTORING

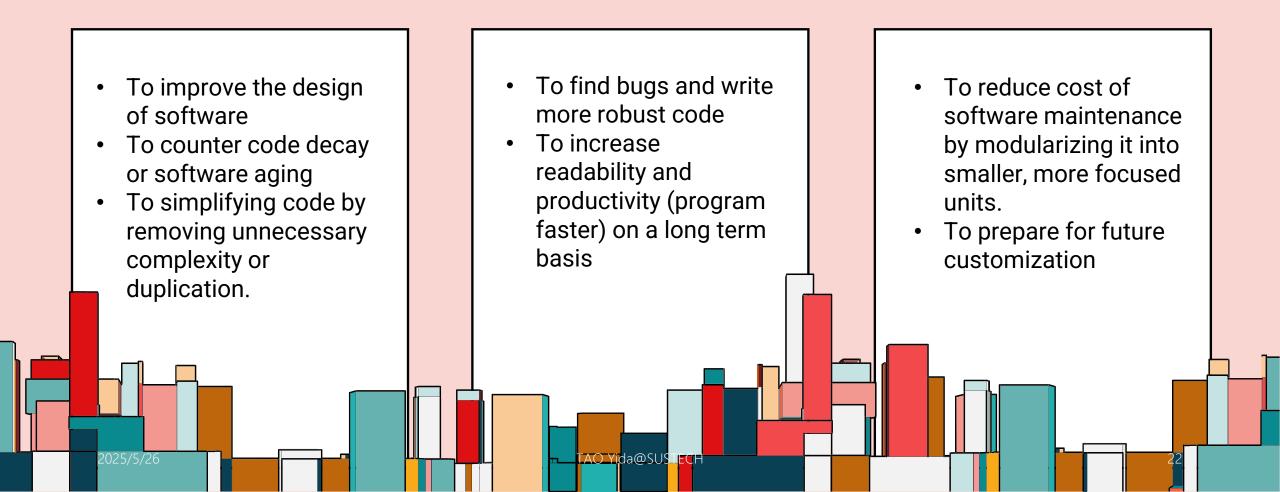
- A refactoring is a software transformation that
  - Preserves the external behavior of the software
  - Improves the internal structure of the software





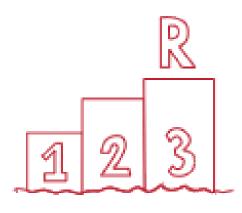
# WHY REFACTORING?

Refactoring is a disciplined way to clean up code so that it is easier to read and cheaper to maintain





- When you're doing something for the first time, just get it done.
- When you're doing something similar for the second time, cringe at having to repeat but do the same thing anyway.
- When you're doing something for the third time, start refactoring.



Rule of Three

https://refactoring.guru/refactoring/when



- Refactoring makes it easier to add new features, especially if the feature is difficult to integrate with the existing code
- If you have to deal with someone else's dirty code, try to refactor it first. Clean code is much easier to grasp.
- You will improve it not only for yourself but also for those who use it after you.

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When adding a feature



- If a bug is very hard to trace, refactor first to make the code more understandable,
- Clean your code and the errors will practically discover themselves.



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- Code review may be the last chance to tidy up the code before it becomes available to the public
- Best to perform code reviews in a pair with an author.



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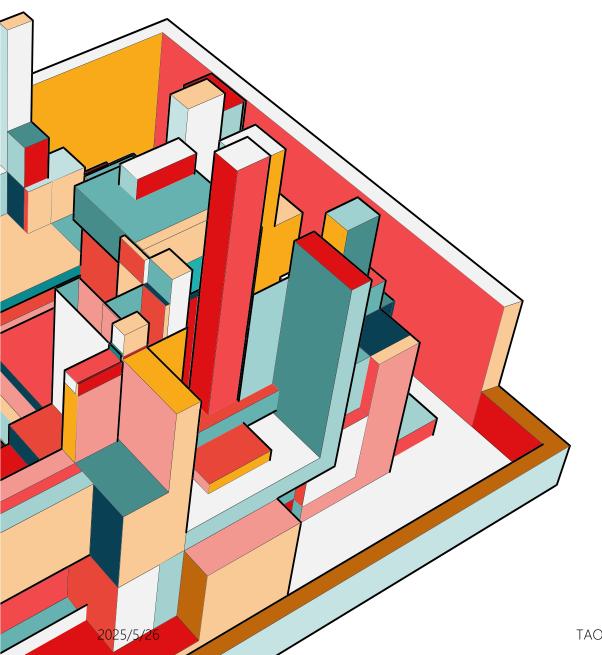


# WHAT TO REFACTOR - CODE SMELLS



- A warning sign of your code
- A surface indication that usually corresponds to a deeper problem in the code or system
- Code that doesn't smell good / doesn't feel right





# TYPES OF CODE SMELLS

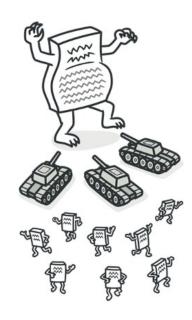
- Bloaters
- 00 Abusers
- Change Preventers
- Dispensables
- Couplers

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# **BLOATERS**

- Bloaters: 代码臃肿、膨胀剂、吸血者
- Bloaters are code, methods and classes that have increased to such giant proportions that they're hard to work with
- Usually these smells don't crop up right away, rather they accumulate over time as the program evolves, especially when nobody makes an effort to eradicate them



https://refactoring.guru/refactoring/smells/bloaters



### **BLOATERS - LONG METHOD**

- A method contains too many lines of code. The more lines found in a method, the harder it's to figure out what the method does.
- Refactorings: Extract Method, etc.

```
void printTaskAssignments() {
    printUser();

    System.out.println("task name:" + task);
    System.out.println("task desc" + description);
}
```

```
void printTaskAssignment() {
    printUser();
    printTask();
}

void printTask() {
    System.out.println("task name:" + task);
    System.out.println("task description" + description);
}
```



### **BLOATERS - LONG PARAMETER LIST**

- A method has more than 3 or 4 parameters, which are hard to understand and error-prone
- Refactorings: Replace parameter with method call, etc.

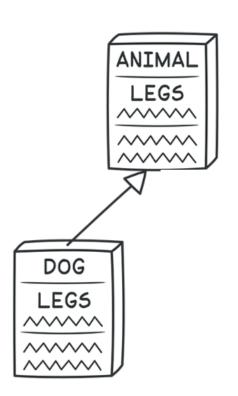
```
double basePrice = itemPrice * quantity;
double fees = this.getFee();
double discount = this.getDiscount();
double finalPrice = getPayment(basePrice, fees, discount);
```

double basePrice = itemPrice \* quantity; double finalPrice = getDiscountPrice(basePrice);



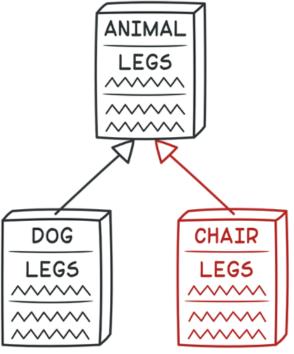
### **OO ABUSERS**

Object-orientation abusers are a type of code smells that refers to incorrect or incomplete implementation of Object Oriented Concepts





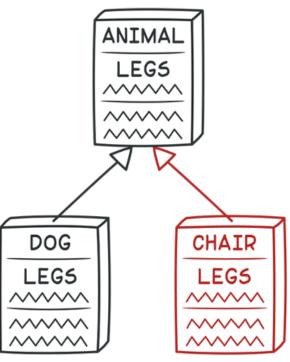
- A subclass inherits from a parent class, but the subclass does not need all behaviors provided by the parent class.
- Simply put, the subclass refuses some inherited behaviors (bequest 遗产) of the parent class.
- This code smell may indicate that the inheritance does not make sense, and the subclass is not an example of its parent.





### Violation of the Liskov Substitution Principle

- Objects of subclasses should behave in the same way as the objects of superclass.
- Objects of a superclass should be replaceable with objects of its subclasses without breaking the application.





Refactoring: Replace inheritance with delegation

```
public class Sanitation {
   public String washHands(){
     return "hands cleaned";
   }
}
class Child extends Sanitation{
}
```

```
public class Child {
    private Sanitation sanitation;

public Child{
    sanitation = new Sanitation();
  }

public String washHands(){
    return sanitation.washHands();
  }
}
```



Refactoring: pushdown methods/fields: move methods or properties from the superclass to subclasses where they fit

```
public class Vehicle
{
    protected void Drive() { }
}

public class Car : Vehicle
{
    void Drive() { }
}

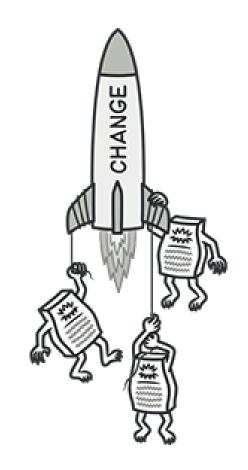
public class Plane : Vehicle
{
    void Drive() { }
}
```

https://prezi.com/p/vwdhx4yp\_l3z/code-smell-refused-bequest/



### **CHANGE PREVENTERS**

- These smells mean that if you need to change something in one place in your code, you have to make many changes in other places too.
- Program development becomes much more complicated and expensive as a result.



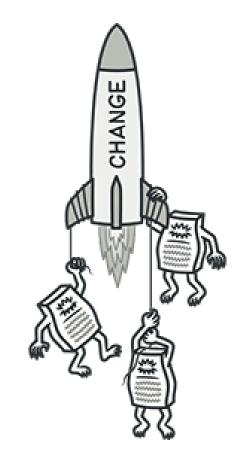
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### **CHANGE PREVENTERS**

### Violation of the Single Responsibility Principle

- Every class, module, or function in a program should have one responsibility/purpose in a program.
- Every class, module, or function should have only one reason to change



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## **CHANGE PREVENTERS - SHOTGUN SURGERY**

Making any modifications requires that you make many small changes to many different places.

```
public class Account {
  public void withdraw(double amount){
    if(this.balance < MIN BALANCE){</pre>
       notifyUser();
    // code for withdraw money
  public void deposit(double amount){
    // code for deposit
    if(this.balance < MIN BALANCE){
       notifyUser();
  public void transfer(Account to, double amount){
    if(this balance < MIN BALANCE){
       notifyUser();
    // code for transfer money
```

```
public class Account {
  public void checkBalance(){
    if(this.balance < MIN BALANCE){
       notifyUser();
  public void withdraw(double amount){
    checkBalance();
    // code for withdraw money
  public void deposit(double amount){
    // code for deposit
    checkBalance();
  public void transfer(Account to, double amount){
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```

Possible refactoring: extract method



## **COUPLERS**

Couplers are simply code smells that represent high coupling between classes or entire modules.

#### § Feature Envy

A method accesses the data of another object more than its own data.

#### § Inappropriate Intimacy

One class uses the internal fields and methods of another class.

#### § Message Chains

In code you see a series of calls resembling \$a->b()->c()->d()

#### § Middle Man

If a class performs only one action, delegating work to another class, why does it exist at all?

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#### **COUPLERS - FEATURE ENVY**

A method accesses the data of another object more than its own data.

```
public class Contact {
  String name;
  String phone;
  String email;
  public Contact(String name, String phone, String email) {
     this.name = name;
     this.phone = phone;
     this.email = email;
  public String getName() {
     return name;
  // other getters.....
```

```
public class Phonebook {
  List<Contact> contactList;
  public Phonebook() {
    this.contactList = new ArrayList<Contact>();
  public String toString(){
    String result="";
    for(Contact contactList){
       result += contact.getName() + ": ";
       result += " " + contact.getPhone() + "\n";
       result += contact.getEmail() + "\n";
    return result;
```



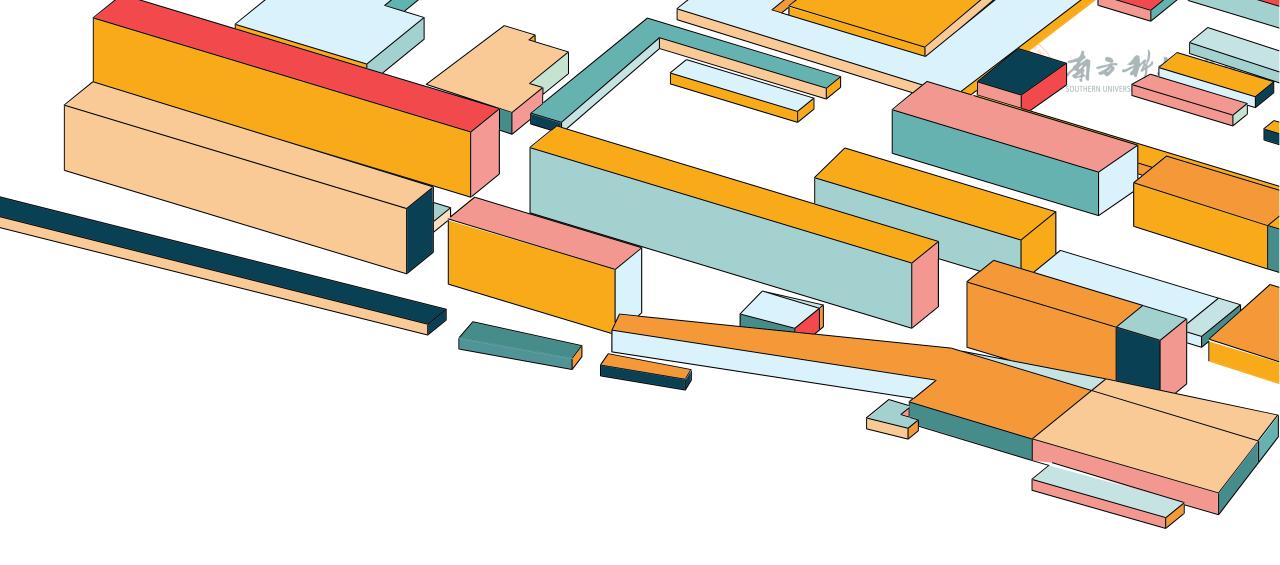
## **DISPENSIBLES**

- A dispensable is something pointless and unneeded whose absence would make the code cleaner, more efficient and easier to understand.
- Examples
  - Duplicate code
  - Dead code (unused and obsolete code)
  - Lazy class (classes that don't do enough to earn your attention)



## **FURTHER NOTES ON CODE SMELLS**

- Code smells are usually not bugs; they are not technically incorrect and do not prevent the program from functioning
  - Yet, they indicate weaknesses in design that may slow down development or increase the risk of bugs or failures in the future
- Code smells don't always indicate a problem. You must look deeper to see if there is an underlying problem there
  - For example, some long methods or large classes are just fine.



# **RE-ARCHITECTING**

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## WHEN TO RE-ARCHITECT MONOLITHICS?

- If monolithic architecture has the following problems:
  - Slow delivery
  - Buggy releases
  - Poor scalability
- ... and the same problems still persist if you've already tried the following:
  - Improved deficient software development process
  - Replaced manual testing by automated testing
  - Optimized other aspects without changing the architecture



#### **RE-ARCHITECT TO MICROSERVICES**

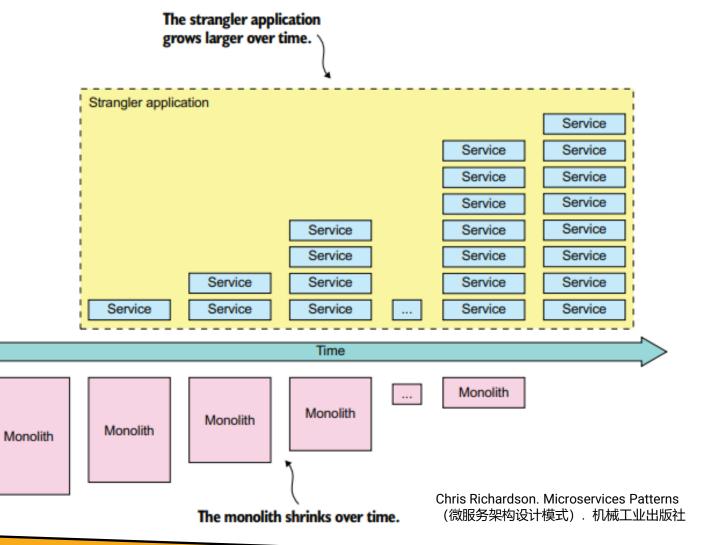
Strangler pattern: instead of developing a new microservice application from scratch, a better approach should be incrementally and gradually refactoring the monolithic application.





## **STRATEGIES**

- 1. Implement new features as services
- Separate the presentation tier and backend
- 3. Break up the monolithic by extracting functionality into services



#### REFACTORING STRATEGY I

Implement new features as services

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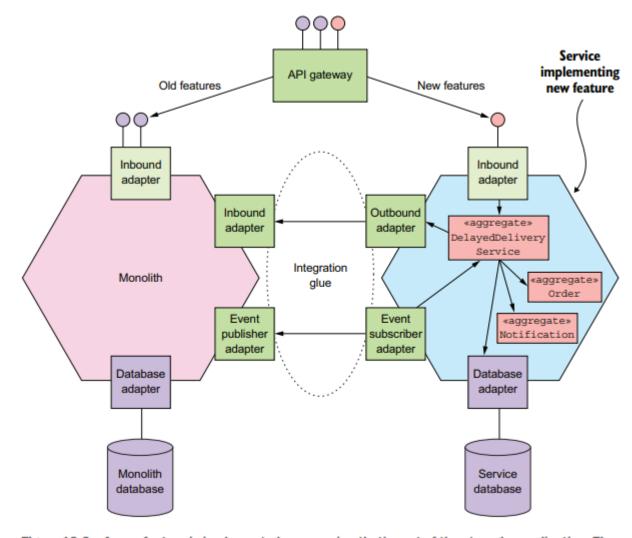


Figure 13.2 A new feature is implemented as a service that's part of the strangler application. The integration glue integrates the service with the monolith and consists of adapters that implement synchronous and asynchronous APIs. An API gateway routes requests that invoke new functionality to the service.

#### **REFACTORING STRATEGY 2**

Separate presentation tier from the backend

Monolith containing Smaller, independently Smaller, independently presentation logic and deployable presentation deployable backend backend business logic logic monolith monolith Browser Browser HTML pages HTML pages Web Web application REST REST Split client Business logic Business logic Database Database adapter adapter MySQL An API that is callable MySQL by any future services

Figure 13.3 Splitting the frontend from the backend enables each to be deployed independently. It also exposes an API for services to invoke.

Chris Richardson. Microservices Patterns (微服务架构设计模式). 机械工业出版社

#### **REFACTORING STRATEGY 3**

Extract business capabilities into services

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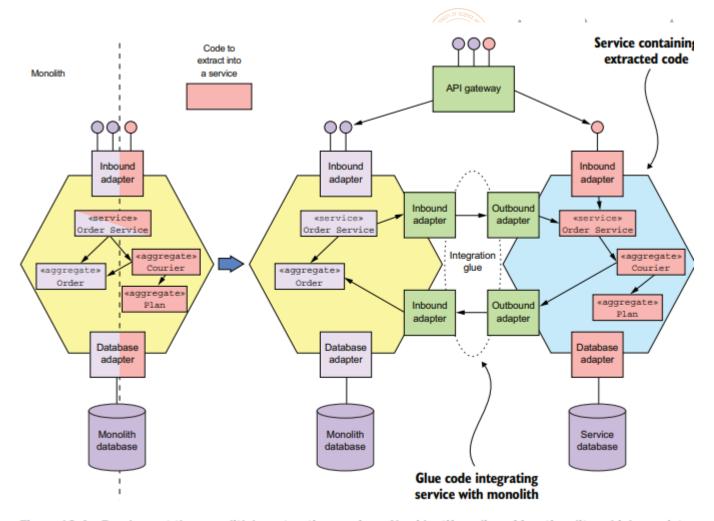
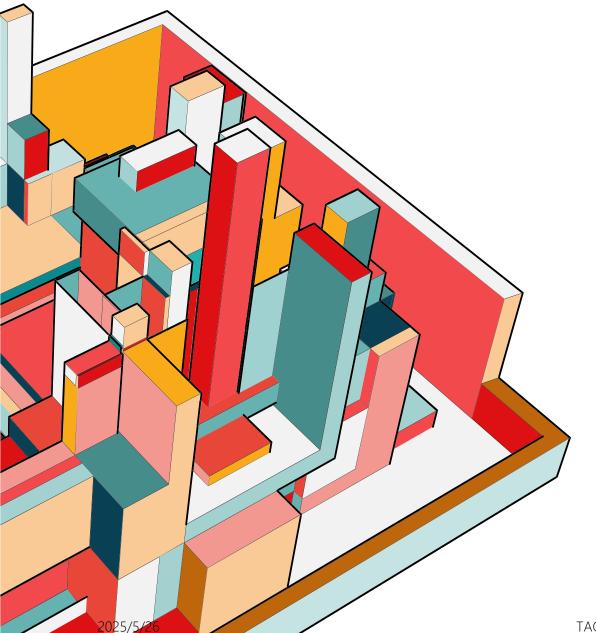


Figure 13.4 Break apart the monolith by extracting services. You identify a slice of functionality, which consists of business logic and adapters, to extract into a service. You move that code into the service. The newly extracted service and the monolith collaborate via the APIs provided by the integration glue.





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## THE EVOLUTION OF MICROSOFT WORD







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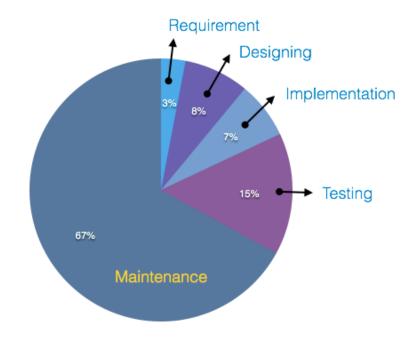
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#### **SOFTWARE EVOLUTION & MAINTENANCE COSTS**

- Research suggests that 85–90% of organizational software costs are evolution costs.
- Other surveys suggest that about two-thirds of software costs are evolution costs.



https://bcastudyguide.com/unit-5-software-maintenance/



## WHY COSTLY?

- Software needs to migrate to new platforms, adjust for different machines and OS, and meet new use requirements
- As software grows, complexity grows; more changes result in poor designed structures, poor coding logic, and poor documentations
- People come and go as software evolves; costly to get newcomers familiar with the software



## **LEGACY SYSTEM**

- Legacy systems (遗留系统) are outdated software or hardware that is still in use despite being replaced by newer technology
- Legacy software may depend on outdated hardware that is no longer produced or supported
- It is often difficult and expensive to maintain legacy system, which requires specialized skills that are no longer in demand



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## LEGACY SYSTEM

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Southwest Meltdown Shows Airlines Need Tighter Software Integration

The airline industry is long overdue for a tech overhaul that takes full advantage of the cloud and data integration, analysts say



## **LEGACY SYSTEM**

Southwest relies on crew-assignment software called SkySolver, an old application developed decades ago

"Southwest Airlines has imploded. Their antiquated software system has completely fried. Planes are parked. Crews are stranded in the airports with the passengers, volunteering to take the passengers in the parked planes but the software won't accept it."

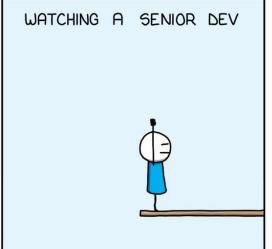
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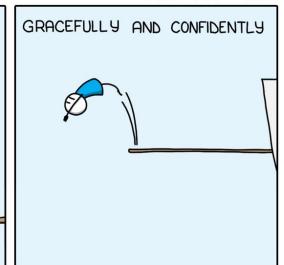
- Old code
- Someone else's code
- Code without tests
- Code without documentation
- Code that you're afraid to change

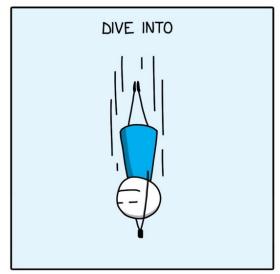
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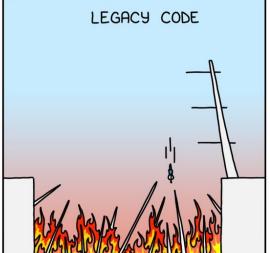














## LEGACY CODE (遗留代码)

- COBOL is a programming language designed for writing business systems
- It was the main business development language from the 1960s to the 1990s, particularly in the finance industry
- Industry has estimated that there are still more than 200 billion lines of COBOL code in current business systems.

Why not simply replace the legacy code?



## TOO EXPENSIVE, TOO RISKY

- Lack of specification or documentation (lost or doesn't even exist)
- Important business rules may be implicitly embedded in software without any documentation
- Many years of maintenance degrades/decays the system structure, making it increasingly difficult to understand or to extend
- Lack of tests; Integration with new systems is complex



# TOO EXPENSIVE, TOO RISKY

- System may be implemented using obsolete programming languages, old techniques, and adapted to older, slower hardware
- Hard to find people with required knowledge and expertise
- Data processed by the system may be out of date, inaccurate, incomplete, and depend on different database suppliers



## REMEMBER HYRUM'S LAW?

The more users of a system



The higher the probability that users are using it in unexpected and unforeseen ways



The harder it will be to change or remove such a system without affecting existing users

Every change breaks someone's workflow



## SOFTWARE MODERNIZATION (软件现代化)

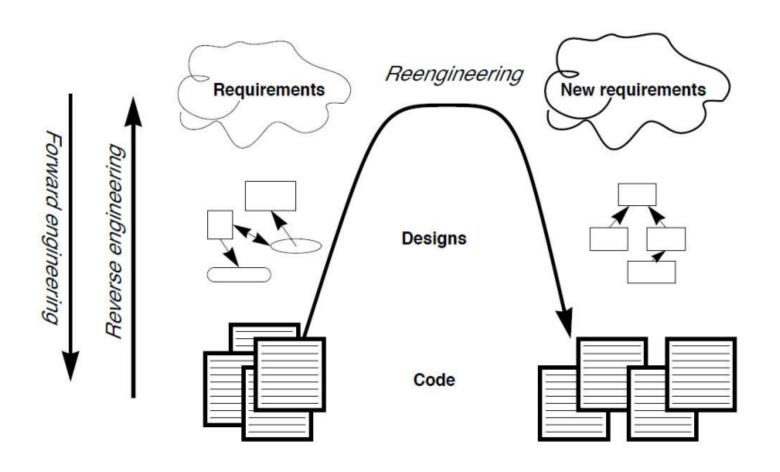
 The process of updating legacy software systems to improve efficiency, maintainability, and integration with modern technologies.

#### Strategies

- Rehost/Re-platform: migrate the application to a new platform or infrastructure with minimal code changes
- Refactor
- Re-architect
- Replace: replace part or all of the system with a newer, better alternative
- Re-engineer/Rebuild



#### SOFTWARE REENGINEERING PROCESS



#### **Input:**

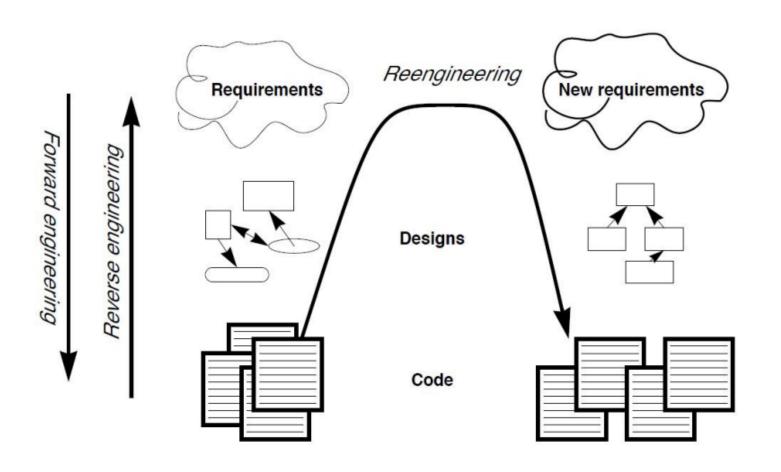
The original legacy system

#### **Output:**

- An improved and restructured version of the same program
- Program documentation
- Reengineered data



#### SOFTWARE REENGINEERING PROCESS



#### **Reverse engineering:**

Legacy code -> old design -> old requirements

#### **System transformation**

Old requirements -> new requirements

#### Forward engineering:

 New requirements -> new design -> new code



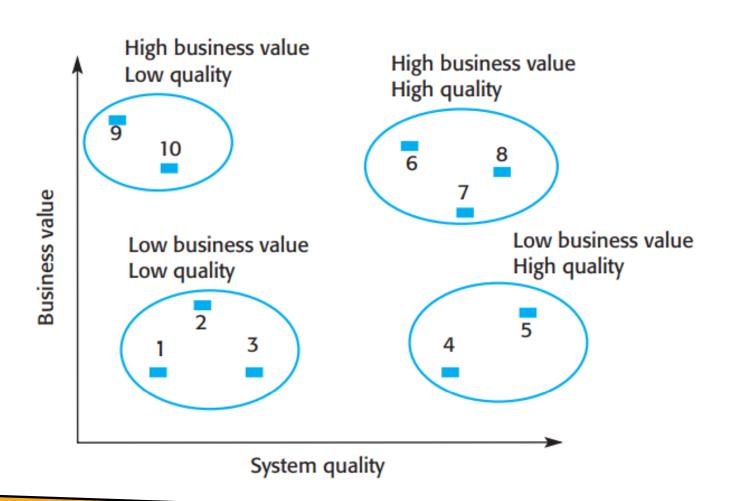
## **DECISIONS FOR LEGACY SYSTEM**

- 1. (彻底弃用) **Abandon** the system completely
- 2. (常规维护) Leave the system **unchanged** and continue with **regular maintenance**
- 3. (现代化) Modernize the system to improve its maintainability



Suppose we have 10 legacy systems. We'll evaluate them in terms of:

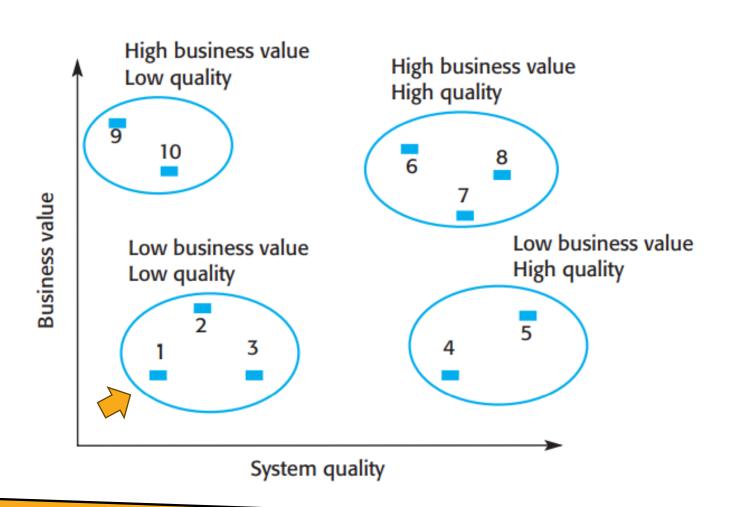
- System quality
- Business value





#### Low quality, low business value:

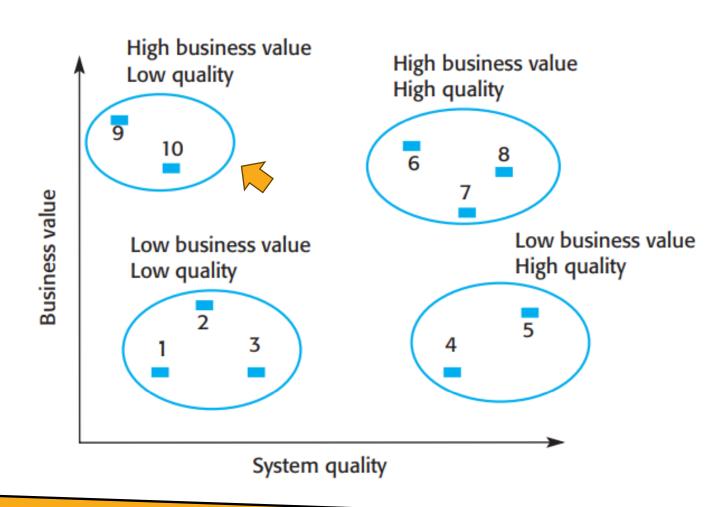
- Keeping these systems in operation will be expensive
- The rate of the return to the business will be fairly small.
- These systems should be abandoned





#### Low quality, high business value:

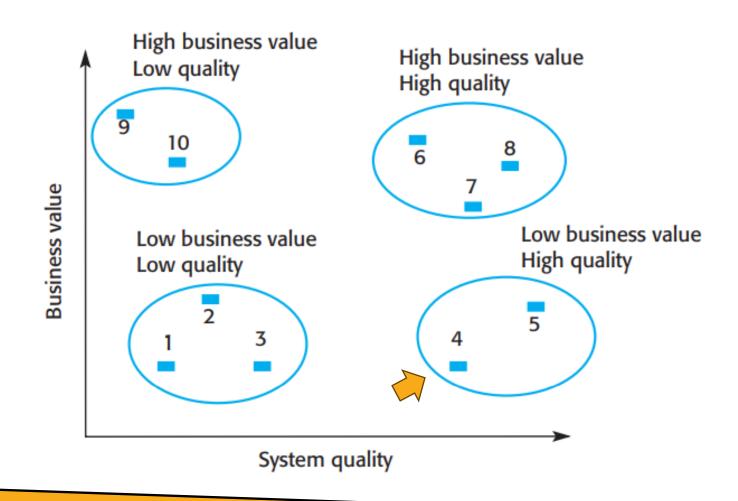
- These systems are making an important business contribution, so they cannot be abandoned.
- But their low quality means that they are expensive to maintain.
- These systems should be modernized to improve their quality.





#### High quality, low business value:

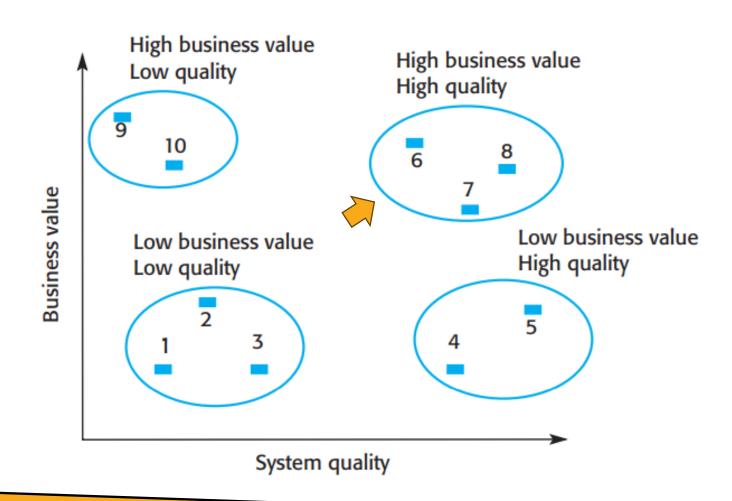
- These systems don't contribute much to the business but may not be very expensive to maintain.
- It's not worth replacing these systems, so regular maintenance may be continued if expensive changes are not required and the system hardware remains in use.
- If expensive changes become necessary, the software should be abandoned.





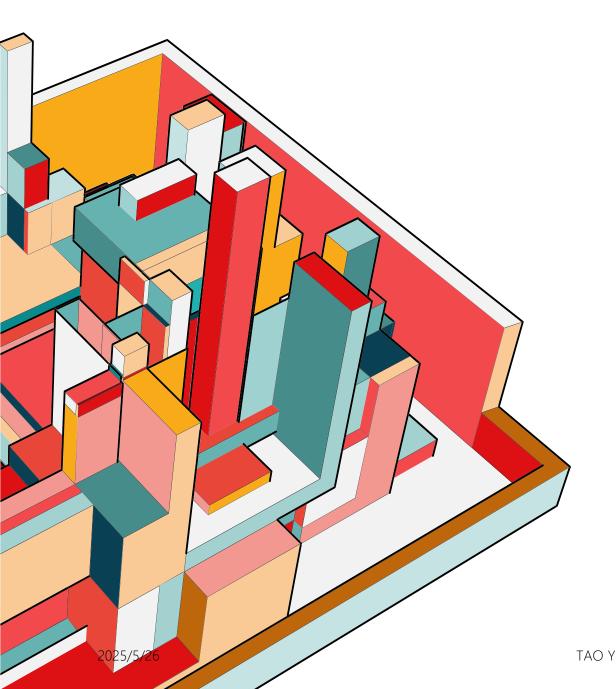
#### High quality, high business value:

- These systems have to be kept in operation.
- Their high quality means that you don't have to invest in transformation or system replacement. Regular maintenance should be continued





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## **DEPRECATION**

- Deprecation (弃用): the formal process of orderly migration away from and eventual removal of obsolete (过时) systems
- Deprecation is an important process in software evolution

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## WHAT SHOULD BE DEPRECATED?

- Age doesn't justify deprecation: some software systems are old, but still work fine
  - The LaTex typesetting system is old, but it has been finely improved over the course of decades and still functions well
- Old doesn't mean obsolete

#### LaTeX





## WHAT SHOULD BE DEPRECATED?

- Deprecation is best suited for systems/modules/code/APIs/features that are demonstrably obsolete and a replacement exists that provides comparable functionality.
- The new replacement might use resources more efficiently, have better security properties, be built in a more sustainable fashion, or just fix bugs.

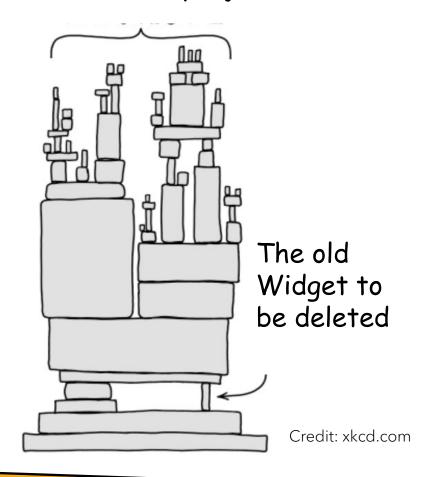


#### **CASE STUDY: DEPRECATION**

- A new Widget has been developed.
- The decision is made that everyone should use the new one and stop using the old one.

Possible deprecation strategies?

#### All the nice projects that are built

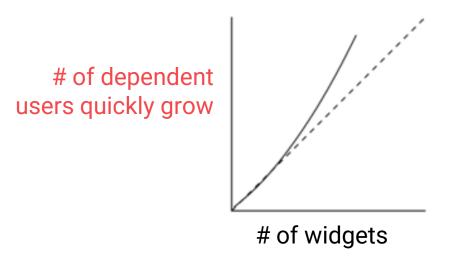




#### **CASE STUDY: DEPRECATION**

 Strategy 1: the project lead says "We'll delete the old Widget on August 15th; everyone make sure you've converted to the new Widget."

#### Not scalable



This strategy might work in a small software setting, but quickly fails as both the depth and breadth of the dependency graph increases.

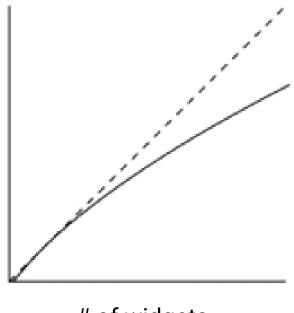
Teams depend on an ever-increasing number of Widgets, and a single build break can affect a growing percentage of the company.



#### **CASE STUDY: DEPRECATION**

- Strategy 2: A dedicated group of experts in the infrastructure team work on the updates
- Having a dedicated group of experts execute the change scales better than asking for more maintenance effort from every user

#### A small group of experts: scales better





#### **Dependency Discovery**

- To deprecate a system, it is useful to determine:
  - Who is using the old system
  - How the system is being used
- Tools helpful for dependency discovery
  - Static analysis (e.g., which method is calling the deprecated API)
  - Logging



#### **Warning flags**

- Owners of deprecated systems add compiler annotations to deprecated symbols (e.g., the @deprecated Java annotation)
- Tools check for new usages of these symbols at review time and alerting authors to shy away from the deprecated components

```
Date date = new Date( year: 2024, Calendar.JANUARY, date: 30);

'Date(int, int, int)' is deprecated

@Deprecated
    @Contract(pure = true)
    public Date(
        int year,
        @MagicConstant(intValues = {Calendar.JANUARY int date
    )
```



## End of support for Windows 10, Windows 8.1, and Windows 7

This page has the information, tools, and tips you need to easily transition from Windows 10, Windows 8.1, and Windows 7, to Windows 11.

Windows 10

Windows 8.1

Windows 7

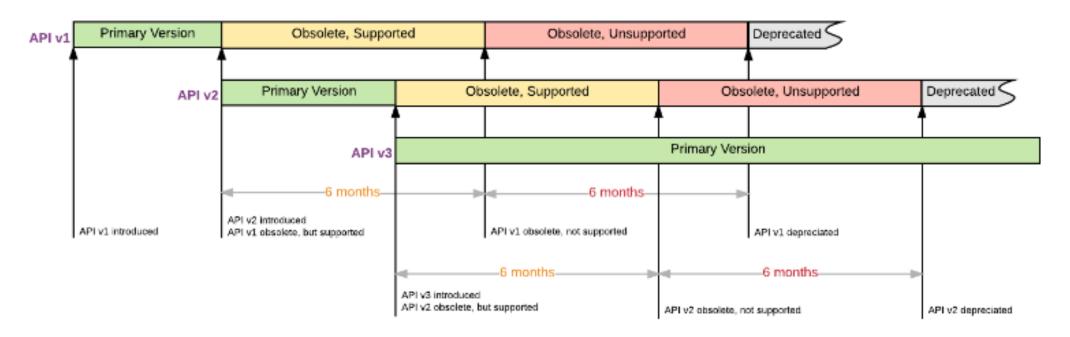
# Support for Windows 10 will end in October 2025 After October 14, 2025, Microsoft will no longer provide free software updates from Windows Update, technical assistance, or security fixes for Windows 10. Your PC will still work, but we recommend moving to Windows 11. Windows 11 offers a modern and efficient experience designed to meet current demands for heightened security.

#### **Sunset period (sunsetting)**

Sunset period provides API or system consumers with an adequate time to upgrade to a newer version or retire the functionality before the API or system stops working.



To provide a smooth transition for customers and internal developers, some providers defines sunset period as a combination of 6 months of fully functional and supported API and another 6 months of functional API with no additional support.



https://connect.ultipro.com/api-deprecation



#### **Migration & Testing**

- Using tools to automatically update the codebase to refer to new libraries or runtime services
- Using test suite to automatically determine whether all references to deprecated symbols have been removed without breaking existing functionalities

## READINGS

- Chapter 9. Software Evolution.
   Software Engineering by Ian
   Sommerville, 10<sup>th</sup> edition
- Chapter 15. Deprecation. Software Engineering at Google by Titus Winters et al.
- Chris Richardson. Microservices Patterns

