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1. XP PROJECT MANAGEMENT

   (a) During Iteration 1 of the course project, your team could submit a "spike" as a deliverable.

   |2| i. Which of these correctly describe an XP spike? (Circle **ALL** that apply.)
   1. A spike may be used to try out a tough design.
   2. A spike is another name for a major milestone.
   3. A spike is a way to quickly try out an unfamiliar technology.
   4. A spike must be done at the beginning of every XP project.
   5. A first attempt at a solution which may be thrown away.

   > **Solution:**
   > 1,3,5 (Any 2 of these 3 will get full points)

   |2| ii. In terms of testing, how is working on a spike different from regular XP iterations?

   > **Solution:**
   > Spike is likely to involve no testing and no refactoring.

   (b) Circle **one** of **Planning Game** or **Refactoring** and answer the following.

   |2| i. Why is that practice advocated in XP?

   > **Solution:**
   > Planning Game: To have a better estimate of each task in the user stories. Refactorings: To make code easier to understand and extend.

   |2| ii. How did your team follow the practice during the course project?

   > **Solution:**

   |2| (c) In MP4, you learned that some development groups write their user stories on physical 3inch X 5inch index cards (called "bits of plain card" on the web site given for MP4). Why are user stories written on such small cards?

   > **Solution:**
   > This serves as a physical constraint which limits the possible length of the story. That's because user story should be concise, with short but clear goals.

2. Software Quality Assurance and XP

2 (a) In the lecture on Software Quality Assurance (SQA), we mentioned that one of the goals of measuring metrics is to be able to answer the question: *"How accurate are our estimates?"* In this context, **what does the term "velocity" mean** in an XP process?

> **Solution:**
> How many units or user stories can you implement in each unit of time?

(b) A crucial issue that arises in software development is how to know whether the code that the developers are writing will result in software that the customer actually needs.

2 i. In this context, briefly describe the **two** terms, **Verification** and **Validation**.

> **Solution:**
> Verification - Did we build the product right? Code is correct with respect to some requirements/spec. Building code the right way.
> Validation - Did we build the right product? Code results in software that customers want. Does the spec for the software match what the customer really wants?

2 ii. **Describe one** XP practice that can be used to improve the chances that the software being developed will meet customer needs.

> **Solution:**
> XP solution - Customer on site, Short iterations, Customer tests

3. Bug Advocacy

2 (a) The lecture and slides on Bug Advocacy talked about a process called **Bug Triage**. Why is this process needed during software development?

> **Solution:**
> Bug Triage helps developers to decide which bugs to fix, and which ones to leave in the software product.

4. TESTING MISTAKES

(a) In "Classic Testing Mistakes", Brian Marick writes about some common pitfalls in the way many organizations approach software testing. For each of the following, **describe one reason** why it is considered a "Testing Mistake", according to the reading and the lecture on this topic.

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   i. "Sticking stubbornly to the test plan". (Hint: We saw a related video during a lecture.)

> **Solution:**
> Selective Attention could make the testers miss important things outside of the scope of the test plan.

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   ii. "The testing team is the only team responsible for assuring software quality".

> **Solution:**
> Reason:
> The testers usually have no authority to prevent poor quality software from being shipped.
> The testers sometimes can't really improve quality, they can usually only measure it, especially when testing starts too late.
> Telling developers that software quality is someone Else job tends to make them sloppy about the code that they write.

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   iii. "Over-reliance on beta testing".

> **Solution:**
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> 1. The customers probably aren't that representative.
>
> 2. Even of those beta users who actually use the product, most will not use it seriously.
>
> 3. Beta users - just like customers in general - don't report usability problems unless prompted. They simply silently decide they won't buy the final version.
>
> 4. Beta users - just like customers in general - often won't report a bug, especially if they're not sure what they did to cause it, or if they think it is obvious enough that someone else must have already reported it.
>
> 5. When beta users report a bug, the bug report is often unusable. It costs much more time and effort to handle a user bug report than one generated internally.

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(b) One of the "Classic Testing Mistakes" is **Attempting to automate every test**. Describe **two** cases when manual testing is better than automated testing. Similarly, describe **two** cases when automated testing is better than manual testing.

Solution:

Manual testing is appropriate when:

- tests need to be run once

- tester doesn't know how to program

- the test is expensive to automate

- When writing some kinds of GUI tests, for example

Automated testing is appropriate when:

- the tests need to be run over and over as the software evolves or is changed

- when we want to use them as documentation.

- The Main Advantage with Automated Testing is that you can do regression testing quickly. Developer can verify previous functionality, if it is working fine or not after adding new functionality into the System.

5. METRICS

1   (a) Does a large number of tests directly translate to a better quality software? Why or why not? **Give one reason** to support your answer.

> **Solution:**
>
> 1. coverage
>
> 2. quality of tests
>
> 3. tests do not prove the absence of bugs/correctness of the system

1   (b) When people talk about testing code, sometimes they refer to the static code size, e.g., "I tested a million-line software". What would be one better metric to use in this context?

> **Solution:**
> Use code coverage to measure how many lines the tests *dynamically* execute, not how many lines *statically* exist in the code.

(c) Circle **one** of **Cyclomatic Complexity** or **Code Coverage** and answer the following.

1   i. What does this code metric measure?

> **Solution:**
> Cyclomatic Complexity: Measures the number of independent paths through the procedure. Code Coverage: It is a measure used to describe the degree to which the source code of a program is tested by a particular test suite.

1   ii. How can this metric be used to improve software testing?

> **Solution:**
> Cyclomatic Complexity :Gives an upper bound on the number of tests necessary to execute every edge of a control graph. Code Coverage: A program with high code coverage has been more thoroughly tested and has a lower chance of containing software bugs than a program with low code coverage.

2   (d) Recall the reading and lecture on Chidamber & Kemerer object-oriented metrics. Circle **one** of **Coupling Between Object Classes (CBO)** or **Weighted Method per Class (WMC)** and answer the following. Why does a higher value of that metric lower the quality of a software system?

> **Solution:**
> Why does a higher value of **CBO** (Coupling Between Object Classes) lower the quality of a software system? CBO is the number of classes to which a class is coupled.
>
> high CBO: Excessive coupling between object classes is detrimental to modular design and prevents reuse. The more independent a class is, the easier it is to reuse it in another application. In order to improve modularity and promote encapsulation,

inter-object class couples should be kept to a minimum. The larger the number of couples, the higher the sensitivity to changes in other parts of the design, and therefore maintenance is more difficult. A high coupling has been found to indicate fault-proneness. Rigorous testing is thus needed.

Why does a higher value of **WMC** (Weighted Method per Class) lower the quality of a software system? WMC can be the number of methods defined in the class.

high WMC: A high WMC has been found to lead to more faults. Classes with many methods are likely to be more application specific, limiting the possibility of reuse. WMC is a predictor of how much time and effort is required to develop and maintain the class. A large number of methods also means a greater potential impact on derived classes, since the derived classes inherit (some of) the methods of the base class.

3 | 6. COMPONENTS AND REUSE

For your final projects, we highly recommended that you extend an existing Jenkins plug-in instead of creating one from scratch. The lecture on "Components and Reuse" mentioned that such reuse should only be done when the benefits of reuse outweigh the costs of reuse. Describe **two benefits** and **one drawback** of reusing an existing Jenkins plug-in for your course project instead of building one from scratch.

> **Solution:**
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> Benefits include saving time when the existing plug-in provides a lot of functionality needed, existing plug-ins usually have some tests, existing plug-ins help avoid duplicate work, existing plug-ins have support...
>
> Drawbacks include a potentially high learning curve for functionality that could have been implemented easily

7. TESTING & DEBUGGING TECHNIQUES

1 | (a) What is the difference between black-box and white-box testing?

> **Solution:**
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> White-box tests internal structures or workings of a program, as opposed to the functionality exposed to the end-user. Black-box examining functionality without any knowledge of internal implementation.

2 | (b) According to Chapter 29 of Code Complete 2, which statements are true about **smoke testing**. (Circle **ALL** that apply.)

  1. Smoke tests should only test GUI
  2. Smoke tests should be automated
  3. Smoke tests are a kind of regression tests
  4. Smoke tests should run fast

> **Solution:**
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> 2,3,4
>
> Smoke testing is mentioned not only in book chapter 29 but also in SCM patterns and on the slides

2 | (c) What is the class invariant for the example class below? (Hint: Think of boundary values.)

```
class ValueRange {
  int lo = Math.minInt();
  int hi = Math.maxInt();
  // Write the class invariant relating lo to hi.
  // [TODO] WRITE YOUR CODE BELOW


  void setLo(int i) { if (i <= hi) lo = i; }
  void setHi(int i) { if (i >= lo) hi = i; }
}
```

> **Solution:**
> `lo <= hi`

|2| (d) Why is simplifying test cases important in debugging? (Circle **ALL** that apply.)

1. A simplified test case is easier to communicate.
2. A simplified test case *usually* means smaller fixes.
3. A simplified test case *usually* means smaller program states.
4. A simplified test case *usually* means fewer program steps.

> **Solution:**
> 1,3,4

4   8. JUNIT AND BRANCH COVERAGE

Consider the simple class `Student` with a method that gets a `result` based on the `score`.

```java
public class Student {
  private String name; private int score;
  public Student(String name, int score) {
    this.name = name; this.score = score;
  }
  public String result() {
    if (score > 100 || score < 0) { return "Not a valid input!"; }
    if (score >= 80) { return "Good"; }
    if (score < 80 && score >= 60) { return "Pass"; } else { return "Fail"; }
  }
}
```

Write a JUnit test class with several tests for `result`. All tests together should cover **all** branches for the `result` method, but each test should call `result` only once. Use boundary values as appropriate. Do **not** duplicate code among tests but use helper methods or `@Before`.

```java
public class ResultTest {
  // [TODO] WRITE YOUR CODE BELOW



































}
```

Solution:

```java
public class ResultTest {
  // TODO: WRITE A COVERAGE TEST HERE:
  @Test
  public void testBoundary(){
    //performing any of thes should do
    Student a=new Student("A", 101);
    assertEquals(a.getResult(),"Not a valid input!");

    a=new Student("A",-1);
    assertEquals(a.getResult(),"Not a valid input!");

    a=new Student("A",80);
    assertEquals(a.getResult(),"Good");

    a=new Student("A",60);
    assertEquals(a.getResult(),"Passed");

    a=new Student("A",50);
    assertEquals(a.getResult(),"Failed");
  }
}
```

9. REVERSE ENGINEERING

4 (a) During Iteration 1, you had to make sure you can build and install Jenkins code for your project. This is an instance of the reverse engineering pattern called DO A MOCK INSTALLATION from Chapter 2 of the book *Object-Oriented Reengineering Patterns (OORP)*. If you used another pattern from the book in your project, **describe that pattern and how you used it** in your project. If you did not use any other pattern in your project, then **name and describe any two patterns** that are **NOT** DO A MOCK INSTALLATION.

> **Solution:**

2 (b) In the lecture on "Reverse Engineering", we discussed potential tools for reverse engineering. (Chapter 30 of Code Complete 2 also discusses tools in general.) Sometimes tools can help, e.g., a tool that visualizes relations between classes. However, sometimes you would rather do things manually. **Describe one scenario** when you would **NOT** use tools for reverse engineering.

> **Solution:**
> You should not use the tool if: (1) the time it takes to learn, install, and use it takes more time than doing things manually (2) the tool costs money that is not worth the benefit (3) The tool is not compatible with the platform you are using.

10. CODE SMELLS AND REFACTORINGS

2   (a) Refactorings change the structure of a program without changing its behavior. This goes against the maxim "if it ain't broken, don't fix it." When you change the code, you risk introducing new faults into the program. What is the main goal of refactoring?

> **Solution:**
>
> Refactoring makes code easier to understand and cheaper to modify.

2   (b) Which of these are code smells **NOT** based directly on code but rather on software development activities done with the code, such as changing code. (Circle **ALL** that apply.)

1. Non-localized plan
2. Empty commit messages
3. Refused bequest
4. Hard to understand code

> **Solution:**
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> Possible correct answers are non-localized plan, hard to change, hard to understand, too many bugs...
>
> Common incorrect answer was to mention a code smell that can be obtained from the code itself (long methods, magic numbers, too few/many comments...).

11. INTRODUCE PARAMETER OBJECT

Consider the following class `GradeCenter`.

```
class GradeCenter {
  void printAllGrades(String netid) {
    printGrades(netid, true, true, true, true);
  }
  void printGrades(String netid,
      boolean mp0, boolean mp1, boolean mp2, boolean mp3) {
    saveGrades(System.out, netid, mp0, mp1, mp2, mp3);
  }
  void saveGrades(PrintStream stream, String netid,
      boolean mp0, boolean mp1, boolean mp2, boolean mp3) {
    stream.println("Printing grades for " + netid);
    if (mp0) {
      // print mp0 grades
    }
    ... // similarly for mp1, mp2, and mp3; code omitted for brevity
  }
  ...
}
```

The method `printGrades` selectively prints MP grades for a student based on the parameters. In the lectures, we talked about a refactoring called INTRODUCE PARAMETER OBJECT which is useful in situations like this.

1   (a) **Name the code smell** that the INTRODUCE PARAMETER OBJECT refactoring fixes.

> **Solution:**
> Long Parameter List

4   (b) Write a new Java class `GradeSelection` that you could use as the parameter object. You should write **all fields and at least one constructor** for this class. You do not need to write getters, setters, or other methods. (Basically, write a simple Data Class.)

```
class GradeSelection {
  // [TODO] WRITE YOUR CODE BELOW
```

}

Solution:

```
class GradeSelection {
    // [TODO] WRITE IN ALL THE FIELDS AND TWO CONSTRUCTORS HERE
    private String netid;
    private boolean mp0;
    private boolean mp1;
    private boolean mp2;
    private boolean mp3;
    private boolean mp4;
    public GradeSelection(String netid) {
      this(netid, true, true, true, true, true);
    }
    public GradeSelection(String netid,
        boolean mp0, boolean mp1, boolean mp2, boolean mp3, boolean mp4) {
      this.netid = netid;
      this.mp0 = mp0;
      this.mp1 = mp1;
      this.mp2 = mp2;
      this.mp3 = mp3;
      this.mp4 = mp4;
    }
    // getters, setters, and other methods omitted
}
```

6   (c) Refactor all `GradeCenter` methods to use the new class `GradeSelection`. Make sure to
        update the method signatures and **modify the call sites** that use the parameter
        object. For `saveGrades`, rewrite **all the code** that was originally given. If you use some
        non-constructor methods from `GradeSelection`, comment on what those methods do.

```
class GradeCenter {
  // [TODO] WRITE YOUR CODE BELOW
  void printAllGrades




















   // [TODO] WRITE YOUR CODE BELOW
  void printGrades





















   // [TODO] WRITE YOUR CODE BELOW
  void saveGrades



























}
```

Solution:

```
class GradeCenter {
    public void saveGradesToStream(PrintStream stream, GradeSelection selection) {
        stream.println("Printing grades for " + selection.getNetid());
        if (selection.selectedMp0()) { // returns bool if mp0 is selected (has the value
            ... // print mp0 grades
        }
        ... // similarly for mp1, mp2, mp3, and mp4; code omitted for brevity
    }

    public void printGrades(GradeSelection selection) {
        saveGradesToStream(System.out, selection);
    }
}

class Report {
    public void processAllGradesForStudent(GradeCenter gradeCenter, String netid) {
        gradeCenter.printGrades(new GradeSelection(netid));
    }
}
```

1 12. JENKINS

When you graduate and join a software development organization, will you champion using (not necessarily extending) Jenkins or a similar continuous integration system? Describe why or why not.

Solution:

13. VERSION CONTROL

2 (a) Briefly describe **two reasons** why one should not commit compiled code (such as .class files) to a version-control repository.

> **Solution:**
>
> Merge conflicts cannot be resolved. Another way of saying the same thing is that binary files are not diffable (by the standard text-based diff algorithms). Binary files such as .o files are architecture-dependent and may not be useful to others. Binary files may contain information such as timestamps that is guaranteed to create a conflict even if generated from the same source code by others. If there is a check-in without compiling, then they can be inconsistent with the source code.

2 (b) While it is generally not recommended to commit automatically generated files into version control, there are situations when it is useful. If you encountered such a situation in your project, **describe the situation and give one reason** why it was useful to commit such files. If you did not encounter such a situation in your project, **describe two situations** when it could be useful to commit such files.

> **Solution:**
>
> There are some cases where the code automatically generates some libraries that will be needed for some other code. The libraries won't change during commits and in this case we should commit the library.
>
> Another case can be the automatically generated file of the code is actually text file, and can be diff to see the changes between different versions.
>
> Suppose there are two parts of code that one team worked on. The second part depends on the automatically generated output from the first part. If the first part of the code is complete, which means there should not be any changes to the output, the output can be committed to the SVN to avoid building the first part of code every time.

3 (c) In the MPs and course projects, we used SVN for version control. Typically, an SVN repository has three directories: trunk, tags, and branches. Answer the following questions according to the Software Configuration Management Patterns reference cards (from the assigned reading).

  i. Which directory should have the *active development line*? (Circle **One** that applies.)
    1. trunk   2. branches   3. tags

> **Solution:**
> 1

ii. Which directory should have the *task branch*? (Circle **One** that applies.)
   1. trunk   2. branches   3. tags

> **Solution:**
> 2

iii. Which directory should have the *release line*? (Circle **One** that applies.)
   1. trunk   2. branches   3. tags

> **Solution:**
> 3

14. SOFTWARE DOCUMENTATION

1 (a) One of the requirements for the Final Presentation was that your team document your project. Many other software systems also have some kind of documentation. Discuss when it is preferable to document an entire software system versus just the change from the previous system version.

> **Solution:**

2 (b) There are many types of system documentation. **Identify two types of documentation** and **describe both of them**.

> **Solution:**
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> Architecture documentation. High-level components of a system. What they do, and how they interact. User manual. The GUI. How users can achieve certain things with the software. Detailed design. The names, fields, methods of classes. How classes interact. Requirements. What the customer wants. What the system should do. Installation instructions. How to install the system.

2 15. DESIGN PATTERNS

In the lectures we discussed the following **eight design patterns**: Observer, Composite, Interpreter, Visitor, Iterator, Template Method, Command, and Strategy. The book *Design Patterns* has 15 more patterns: Abstract Factory, Adaptor, Bridge, Builder, Chain of Responsibility, Decorator, Façade, Factory Method, Flyweight, Mediator, Memento, Prototype, Proxy, Singleton, and State.

Choose **one** of the 15 design patterns that we **did NOT discuss** in the lecture. Briefly describe this pattern, including its "Intent" (i.e., the reason for using this pattern) and one real example.

> **Solution:**

3 16. ITERATOR DESIGN PATTERN

In the code shown below, the class `SongCollection` stores a list of `SongInfo` objects.

Your aim is to execute some operation, e.g., `findOnYouTube(SongInfo s)`, on each song info in the song collection. One way to do that is using an **internal** iterator on `SongCollection`. We are providing you some classes that implement the operation and call the internal iterator method `SongCollection.apply(Command cmd)`. Write the body of that method.

```java
public interface Command {
  public void execute(SongInfo s);
}

public class MyCommand implements Command {
  public void execute(SongInfo s) {
    findOnYouTube(s);
  }
}

public class Client {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    SongCollection sc = new SongCollection();
    sc.addSong("Imagine", "John Lennon", 1971);
    sc.addSong("American Pie", "Don McLean", 1971);
    sc.addSong("I Will Survive", "Gloria Gaynor", 1979);
    Command cmd = new MyCommand();
    sc.apply(cmd);
  }
}
```

```java
import java.util.LinkedList;
import java.util.List;
public class SongCollection {
  List<SongInfo> bestSongs;
  public SongCollection() {
    bestSongs = new LinkedList<SongInfo>();
  }
  public void addSong(String songName, String bandName, int yearReleased) {
    SongInfo songInfo = new SongInfo(songName, bandName, yearReleased);
    bestSongs.add(songInfo);
  }
  private Iterator<SongInfo> createIterator() {
    return bestSongs.iterator();
  }
  public void apply(Command cmd) {
     // [TODO] WRITE YOUR CODE BELOW




  }
}
```

Solution:

```java
public void apply(Command cmd) {
  for (SongInfo songInfo: bestSongs.createIterator()) {
    cmd.execute(songInfo);
  }
}
```

5   17.   VISITOR DESIGN PATTERN

Suppose you start from this hierarchy for `Car` parts:

```java
interface ICarElement {};
class Wheel implements ICarElement {};
class Body implements ICarElement {};
class Car implements ICarElement {};
```

If you want to add operations to this hierarchy, e.g., to print car parts, you would need to change all the classes for each new operation if you use straight polymorphism.

Using the Visitor design pattern, we need to change the hierarchy once and can then add new operations without modifying the car classes. Our goal is to add methods that print all parts of a given car using a visitor. We are providing you some changes to the original classes and a working visitor class `CarElementPrintVisitor` that prints the parts.

```java
// this is changed to accept the visitor
interface ICarElement {
  void accept(ICarElementVisitor visitor);
}

interface ICarElementVisitor {
  void visit(Wheel wheel);
  void visit(Body body);
  void visit(Car car);
}

class CarElementPrintVisitor implements ICarElementVisitor {
  public void visit(Wheel wheel) {
    System.out.println("Printing " + wheel.getName() + " wheel");
  }

  public void visit(Body body) {
    System.out.println("Printing body");
  }

  public void visit(Car car) {
    System.out.println("Printing car");
  }
}

public class VisitorDemo {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    ICarElement car = new Car();
    car.accept(new CarElementPrintVisitor());
```

```
    }
}
```

You should write the bodies of the `accept` methods.

```java
class Wheel implements ICarElement {
  private String name;

  public Wheel(String name) { this.name = name; }
  public String getName() { return this.name; }

  @Override
  void accept(ICarElementVisitor visitor) {
    // [TODO] WRITE YOUR CODE BELOW




    }
}

class Body implements ICarElement {
  @Override
  void accept(ICarElementVisitor visitor) {
    // [TODO] WRITE YOUR CODE BELOW





  }
}

class Car implements ICarElement {
  ICarElement[] elmnts;

  public Car() {
    this.elmnts = new ICarElement[] {new Body(),
      new Wheel("front left"), new Wheel("front right"),
      new Wheel("back left") , new Wheel("back right")};
  }

  @Override
  void accept(ICarElementVisitor visitor) {
    // [TODO] WRITE YOUR CODE BELOW
    // VISIT "elmnts" BEFORE "this"









  }
}
```

Solution:

```java
class Wheel implements ICarElement {
  public void accept(ICarElementVisitor visitor) {
    visitor.visit(this);
  }
}

class Body implements ICarElement {
  public void accept(ICarElementVisitor visitor) {
    visitor.visit(this);
  }
}

class Car implements ICarElement {
  public void accept(ICarElementVisitor visitor) {
    for (ICarElement elem: elmnts) {
      elem.accept(visitor);
    }
    visitor.visit(this);
  }
}
```