

CMPT Assignment 3: Code Review

Identifying code smells that require refactoring and where they are located

#	Code Smell	Classes that Need Refactoring
1	Bad / confusing variable names	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Reward and Bonuses Classes<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Inside the constructors- Parameter, that stores the score value of a reward, called "rs" can be confusing for others looking at the code- Enemy Class<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Some private variables do not really describe what they are doing (i.e. characterLeft - does this refer to characterLeft position, image, coordinates - hard to determine just by looking at it).
2	Unused / useless variable	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Enemy (Constructor):<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Notice that there is a variable that can be initialized outside the constructor and is not required inside the constructor itself as it does not change or update.
3	Dead code	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- ScreenPanel Class (Constructor)<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Setting enemies to null, then instantiating right after in the subsequent lines of code is redundant
4	Methods that are too long and that could benefit from being refactored	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Enemy Class (MoveToPlayer method):<ul style="list-style-type: none">- The moveToPlayer method is handling too much and can be split into smaller helper functions that are later called inside the method itself.
5	Unnecessary if / else	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- MoveToPlayer class (Enemy):<ul style="list-style-type: none">- There are too many nested if else statements that make it hard to understand and read the code- checkObjectCollision (Enemy):<ul style="list-style-type: none">- The if statement essentially repeats with only one variable being updated. Can create an array and iterate over.
6	Data Clumping	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- ScreenPanel Class<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Certain reward objects (water and bread) are clumped up due to their large quantities

How the Refactoring was accomplished

#	Code Smell	Changes Made
1	Bad / confusing variable names	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Reward and Bonus Classes<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Changed parameter name from "rs" to a more suitable and fitting name "score"- Enemy Class<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Changed private variables so they are more informative (i.e. characterLeft to characterLeftImage, imageDirection to imageFacingDirection).
2	Unused / useless variable	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Enemy (Constructor):<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Removed useless variables that do not have to be initialized inside the constructor
3	Dead code	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- ScreenPanel Class<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Removed the redundant code within the constructor- Set enemies to null as their default attribute values in the class
4	methods that are too long and that could benefit from being refactored	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Enemy Class (MoveToPlayer method):<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Created helper functions that are later called inside the MoveToPlayer method
5	Unnecessary if / else	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- MoveToPlayer class (Enemy):<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Made each if else case into a function that is later called in replace of the statements inside the method.- checkObjectCollision (Enemy):<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Created an array with all the id's and iterated over that instead of having many "or" operators in the if block.
6	Data Clumping	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- ScreenPanel Class<ul style="list-style-type: none">- To prevent clumping, we bundled all the water into an array and all the bread in another array- Within the constructor, loop through these arrays to instantiate the rewards onto the map