

# Refactoring

## Composing functions (1)



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When you try to choose  
a meaningful variable name.



By the end of today, you should be able to...

1. Describe refactoring and code smells
2. Compare and contrast different refactoring techniques for composing/extracting functions.
3. Identify code smells and apply refactoring techniques to improve code quality.

"Any fool can write code that a computer can understand.  
Good programmers write code that humans can understand."

Martin Fowler

What is Refactoring?

What are Code Smells?

# Code Smells

- How would you improve this snippet?
  - Name at least 3 improvements.
- What's good about it?

10 min

```
import math

def printStat():
    gradeList = []
    # Get the inputs from the user
    nStudent = 5
    for _ in range(0, nStudent):
        gradeList.append(int(input('Enter a number: ')))

    # Calculate the mean and standard deviation of the grades
    sum = 0
    for i in range(0, len(gradeList)):
        sum = sum + gradeList[i]
    mean = sum / len(gradeList)
    sd = 0 # standard deviation
    sum_of_Sqrs = 0
    for i in range(0, len(gradeList)):
        sum_of_Sqrs += (gradeList[i] - mean) ** 2
    sd = math.sqrt(sum_of_Sqrs / len(gradeList))

    # print out the mean and standard deviation in a nice format.
    print("The mean is:", mean)
    print('The standard deviation is: ', round(sd, 3))

printStat()
```

***Refactoring*** is the process of restructuring existing computer code without changing its external behavior.

Refactoring usually makes the code:

- Easier to understand
- More maintainable
- More extendable

When you code, you divide your time between two distinct activities:

1. Adding features
2. Refactoring.

When you wear your **feature hat**, you only add features. You shouldn't be refactoring .

When you wear your **refactoring hat**, you only refactor. You shouldn't be adding features.



**“If it stinks, change it.” Kent Beck**

Some Bad Code Smells:

- Duplicated code
- Long function
- Large class
- Long function parameter list
- Too many nested if/elif/else statement
- Confusing names for variables or functions

## Refactoring Technique: functions of Composing

# Extract function

How can we make the following code more modular?

```
# by Martin Fowler.  
# Code snippet. Not runnable.  
def print_owing():  
    outstanding = 0.0  
    # print banner  
    print("*****")  
    print("***Customer owes***")  
    print("*****")  
    # calculate outstanding  
    for order in orders:  
        outstanding += order.get_amount()  
    # print details  
    print("name: " + name)  
    print("amount: " + outstanding)
```

# Extract function - Refactored

```
# Adapted from a Java code in the "Refactoring" book by Martin Fowler.
# Code snippet. Not runnable.
# Refactored.
def print_banner():
    # print banner
    print("*****")
    print("***Customer owes***")
    print("*****")

def get_outstanding_order_amount():
    outstanding = 0.0
    for order in orders:
        outstanding += order.get_amount()
    return outstanding

def print_owing():
    print_banner()
    outstanding = get_outstanding_order_amount()
    print("amount: " + outstanding)
```

Extract function: ***You have a code fragment(s) that can be grouped together. Turn the fragment into a function whose name explains the purpose of the function.***

- 'Extract function' refactoring technique is so common and useful that most IDEs have the feature to do that automatically for you.

**What are situations in which you benefit from extracting a function?**

- Long functions
- A piece of code that is repeated several times.

**The Rule of Three:**

- The first time you do something, you just do it.
- The second time you do something similar, you wince at the duplication, but you do the duplicate thing anyway.
- The third time you do something similar, you refactor.

# Extract function

15 mins

Solve Exercise 1:  
'Extract function'  
Technique

# Break

Get up, stretch, get some water, and relax your mind. ☁

# Inline functions

How can we make the following code easier to understand?

```
# by Martin Fowler.  
# Code snippet. Not runnable.  
number_of_late_deliveries = 8
```

```
def get_rating():  
    if is_more_than_five_late_deliveries():  
        return "bad"  
    else:  
        return "good"
```

```
def is_more_than_five_late_deliveries():  
    return number_of_late_deliveries > 5
```

this function does  
not carry its own  
weight. Let's get rid  
of it!

```
print(get_rating())
```



# Inline functions - Refactored

```
# by Martin Fowler.  
# Code snippet. Not runnable.  
# Refactored.  
  
number_of_late_deliveries = 8  
  
def get_rating():  
    if number_of_late_deliveries > 5:  
        return "bad"  
    else:  
        return "good"  
  
print(get_rating())
```

Inline function: **A function's body is just as clear as its name. Put the function's body into the body of its caller and remove the function.**

- 'Inline function' refactoring is the opposite of the 'extracting function' technique.
- *Indirection* is helpful but needless indirection is irritating.

# Inline functions

7 mins

Solve Exercise 2:  
'Inline function'  
Technique

# When extracting functions is hard ...

- We learned how to extract a function. Sometimes we have code that makes it harder to extract a function (see the next slide).

# Replace Temp with query

Try to extract 'area' and 'perimeter' logic. How would you deal with the 'height' and 'width' variables?

```
# By Kami Bigdely Nov. 2020
# We have two points of a rectangle. We want to calculate the area and perimeter of the rectangle.
import numpy
class Rectangle:
    def __init__(self, left_bottom_point, right_top_point):
        self.left_bottom_point = left_bottom_point
        self.right_top_point = right_top_point
    def get_rect_properties(self):
        """Return area and perimeter of the rectangle."""
        height = self.right_top_point[1] - self.left_bottom_point[1]
        width = self.right_top_point[0] - self.left_bottom_point[0]
        area = height * width
        perimeter = 2 * (height + width)
        return area, perimeter

# define p1 and p2 points [x,y]
point1 = numpy.array([1,1]) # x = 1, y = 1
point2 = numpy.array([3,3]) # x = 3, y = 3
rect = Rectangle(point1, point2)
area, perimeter = rect.get_rect_properties()
print("Rectangle's area is:", area)
print("Rectangle's perimeter is:", perimeter)
```

When trying to extract 'area' and 'perimeter', the temporary variables 'height' and 'width' are getting in the way. You are forced to pass them as arguments to those extracted functions:  
`get_area(height, width)`  
`get_perimeter(height, width)`

If we replace them with a queries (function calls), we can refactor the rest of the code without passing them around.

# Replace Temp with query (interim)

```
# By Kami Bigdely
# We have two points of a rectangle. We want to calculate the area and perimeter of the rectangle.
# Refactored 1.
import numpy
```

```
class Rectangle:
```

```
    def __init__(self, left_bottom_point, right_top_point):
        self.left_bottom_point = left_bottom_point
        self.right_top_point = right_top_point
```

```
    def get_rect_properties(self):
        """Return area and perimeter of the rectangle."""
        area = self.get_height() * self.get_width()
        perimeter = 2 * (self.get_height() + self.get_width())
        return area, perimeter
```

Now that 'area' and 'perimeter' are not based on temp variables, we can extract functions for them.

```
    def get_width(self):
        return self.right_top_point[0] - self.left_bottom_point[0]

    def get_height(self):
        return self.right_top_point[1] - self.left_bottom_point[1]
```

These two functions are queries.

```
# define p1 and p2 points [x,y]
point1 = numpy.array([1,1]) # x = 1, y = 1
point2 = numpy.array([3,3]) # x = 3, y = 3
rect = Rectangle(point1, point2)
area, perimeter = rect.get_rect_properties()
print("Rectangle's area is:", area)
print("Rectangle's perimeter is:", perimeter)
```

# Replace Temp with query (Refactored)

```
# By Kami Bigdely
# We have two points of a rectangle. We want to calculate the area and perimeter of the rectangle.
# Refactored 2.
import numpy

class Rectangle:
    def __init__(self, left_bottom_point, right_top_point):
        self.left_bottom_point = left_bottom_point
        self.right_top_point = right_top_point

    def get_rect_properties(self):
        """Return area and perimeter of the rectangle."""
        return self.get_area(), self.get_perimeter()

    def get_area(self):
        return self.get_height() * self.get_width()

    def get_perimeter(self):
        return 2 * (self.get_height() + self.get_width())

    def get_width(self):
        return self.right_top_point[0] - self.left_bottom_point[0]

    def get_height(self):
        return self.right_top_point[1] - self.left_bottom_point[1]

# define p1 and p2 points [x,y]
point1 = numpy.array([1,1]) # x = 1, y = 1
point2 = numpy.array([3,3]) # x = 3, y = 3
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area, perimeter = rect.get_rect_properties()
print("Rectangle's area is:", area)
print("Rectangle's perimeter is:", perimeter)
```

You are using a temporary variable to hold the result of an expression.

*Extract the expression into a function. Replace all references to the temp with the new function.* The new function can then be used in other functions.

- Temps tend to encourage longer functions. Replace them with queries. Then shorten the long function by extracting functions out of it.
- From the performance point of view, what's wrong with this refactoring technique? How would you address that?
  - [memoization](#)



# Replace Temp with query

7 mins

Solve Exercise 3: 'Replace  
Temp with Query' Technique

# Introduce Explaining Variable (aka extract variable)

How can we make the following code easier to understand?

```
# by Martin Fowler.  
# Introduce Explaining variable (aka extract variable)  
platform = "mac pro 2018"  
browser = 'safari 8.0'  
resize = True  
def is_initialized():  
    return True  
def render_banner():  
    if ('MAC' in platform.upper() and  
        "SAFARI" in browser.upper() and  
        is_initialized()):  
        print("Yes!")  
        # do something  
render_banner()
```

# Introduce Explaining Variable (Refactored)

```
# by Martin Fowler.  
# Refactored.  
platform = "mac pro 2018"  
browser = 'safari 8.0'  
resize = True  
def is_initialized():  
    return True  
def render_banner():  
    is_mac_os = 'MAC' in platform.upper()  
    is_safari = "SAFARI" in browser.upper()  
    if is_mac_os and is_safari and is_initialized():  
        print("Yes!")  
    # do something  
render_banner()
```

You have a complicated expression.

Put the result of the expression, or parts of the expression, in a temporary variable with a name that explains the purpose.

**What are situations in which you benefit using ‘introduce explaining variable’ technique?**

- With long conditional logic
- Long algorithms in which each step in the computation can be explained with a temp.

# Introduce Explaining variable

10 min

Solve Exercise 4:  
Introduce  
Explaining  
Variable'  
Technique

1. Extract function
2. Inline function
3. Replace temporary variables with query
4. Introduce explaining variable

1. "Refactoring: Improving the Design of Existing Code" (1st edition) by Martin Fowler
2. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Code\\_refactoring](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Code_refactoring)