




your CODE SMELLS*

or how to avoid issues with OOP

*Main part of a talk will be about Java code, but we will also discuss some basic principles



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What is a code smell?

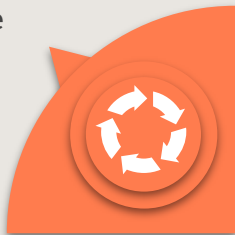
In [computer programming](#), a **code smell** is **any characteristic** in the [source code](#) of a [program](#) that **possibly indicates a deeper problem**. (c) Wikipedia



Application with a good code quality

Reusable and maintainable

- Addition of new features takes little time
- Developer can easily deploy and support application in production



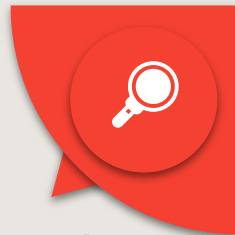
Stable and has less bugs

- Developer can identify problems in production
- App can survive in emergency situations
- Code works as planned, if not - you can workaround it



Readable

- Business functionality can be understood from code. Code becomes better than documentation **for developers**
- Easy for a review process



Sustainable

- Can survive over time with minimal changes (written once – functions for a long time)



How to achieve quality



Obvious things (industry standard)

- Use design patterns (start from reading Gang Of Four book)
- Always setup a review process
- **Avoid code smells**
- Use CI/CD and automate as much as possible
- Test your code (at least with unit tests)



Antipattern typical general causes



Obvious things

- Lack of an object-oriented architecture
- Lack of (**any**) architecture
- Lack of architecture enforcement
- Too limited intervention (**fear-driven development**)
- Specified disaster



Anti-pattern #1: **Comments** – two extremes and balance



Anti-pattern #1: No comments at all

```
public class SomePerfectClassName {  
    private static final int PERFECTLY_NAMED_COEFFICIENT = 31;  
    private String somePerfectVar1;  
    private String somePerfectVar2;  
    private boolean flag;  
    private int numberOfBlaBlaBla = 0;  
  
    <... constructors and other stuff ...>  
  
    void doSomeStrangeThingWithYourObject() {  
        if (this.flag && somePerfectVar1.equals(somePerfectVar2)) {  
            numberOfBlaBlaBla *= PERFECTLY_NAMED_COEFFICIENT;  
        }  
    }  
}
```



Anti-pattern #1: Each line commented

```
public class SomePerfectClassName {  
    // The value 31 was chosen because it is an odd prime.  
    // A nice property of 31 is that the multiplication can be replaced by a shift and  
    // a subtraction for better performance: 31 * i == (i << 5) - i.  
    // Modern VMs do this sort of optimization automatically.  
    private static final int PERFECTLY_NAMED_COEFFICIENT = 31;  
    // some perfectly named string variable  
    private String somePerfectVar1;  
    // some perfectly named string variable  
    private String somePerfectVar2;  
    // some perfectly named boolean variable  
    private boolean flag;  
    // some integer adder  
    private int numberOfBlaBlaBla = 1;  
  
    // <... constructors and other stuff ...>  
  
    /**  
     * this method does some strange thing with your object  
     *  
     * @return void  
     * @see A  
     */  
    void doSomeStrangeThingWithYourObject() {  
        // if flag is true and somePerfectVar1 is equal to somePerfectVar1 then  
        // multiply numberOfBlaBlaBla on PERFECTLY_NAMED_COEFFICIENT  
        if (this.flag && somePerfectVar1.equals(somePerfectVar1)) {  
            // multiplying numberOfBlaBlaBla on PERFECTLY_NAMED_COEFFICIENT  
            numberOfBlaBlaBla *= PERFECTLY_NAMED_COEFFICIENT;  
        }  
    }  
}
```



Easter egg for juniors



Anti-pattern #1: Recommendations


- **Don't use Russian/Hindi/Chinese/e.t.c.** for comments.
Use same language that your code is using for keywords.
- Don't use comments as **an obvious translation for your code.**
- Try to comment **all magic constants** and **all workarounds** you are adding.
- Try to add comments for API you are creating, sometimes it is appropriate to add examples of usage.



Anti-pattern #1: Recommendations

- Don't forget about **javadoc** comments – it should describe **API and functionality** of a method, **pitfalls** and **other code** that you should **@see also**
- No need to put this information inside a method code block

```
/**
 * Returns an Image object that can then be painted on the screen.
 *
 * @param url an absolute URL giving the base location of the image
 * @param name the location of the image, relative to the url argument
 * @return the image at the specified URL
 * @see Image
 */
public Image getImage(URL url, String name) {
    try {
        // Returns an Image object that can then be painted on the screen
        return getImage(new URL(url, name));
    } catch (MalformedURLException e) {
        return null;
    }
}
```



Anti-pattern #1: Recommendations

Comments are not a source control:

- avoid commenting of code lines.
Delete unused code and use version control history if you will need to restore this code in future

```
public class SomePerfectClassName {
    private static final Logger log = LoggerFactory.getLogger("SomePerfectClassName");
    private int numberOfBlaBlaBla;

    SomePerfectClassName(int some) {
        this.numberOfBlaBlaBla = some;
    }

    public int getAndLogBlaBlaBla() {
        nonSenceMethod();
        return numberOfBlaBlaBla;
    }

    private void nonSenceMethod() {
        // StringBuilder stringBuilder = new StringBuilder();
        // for (int i = 0; i < numberOfBlaBlaBla; ++i) {
        //     stringBuilder.append(numberOfBlaBlaBla).append(" + ");
        // }
        // log.info("Dummy info {}", stringBuilder.toString());
    }
}
```



Anti-pattern #1: **Recommendations**

Comments are not a source control:

- Do not add history to comments – you are a developer, not a source control system.

```
// Function: does something
// Copyright Information: Some Company Limited 2015-2018
// Change History: 2015-03-17 12:00 XXX XXXXXXXX Created
//                2017-03-17 12:00 XXX XXXXXXXX Modified XXX
```



Anti-pattern #2: D.R.Y. and W.E.T. principles

- **Don't Repeat Yourself** principle – your program should be able to perform its task and should have small readable code.
- **Write Everything Twice/(We enjoy typing)** principle – duplicating the logic (**Cut-and-Paste Programming**)
- **Duplicated code** - the worst and most common industrial code smell (you have that in your code)
- Happens because of:
 - **lazy programmers** that do not know what **inheritance/design patterns/function** is needed for
- **DRY** in rare cases can be harmful (client/server interaction)



Anti-pattern #3: Long Method/Large Class

Long method:

- Determining “**how long should method be**” is not a straightforward process.
- Try to split your method that becomes not visible once (~70 lines) on the screen on smaller methods if possible.

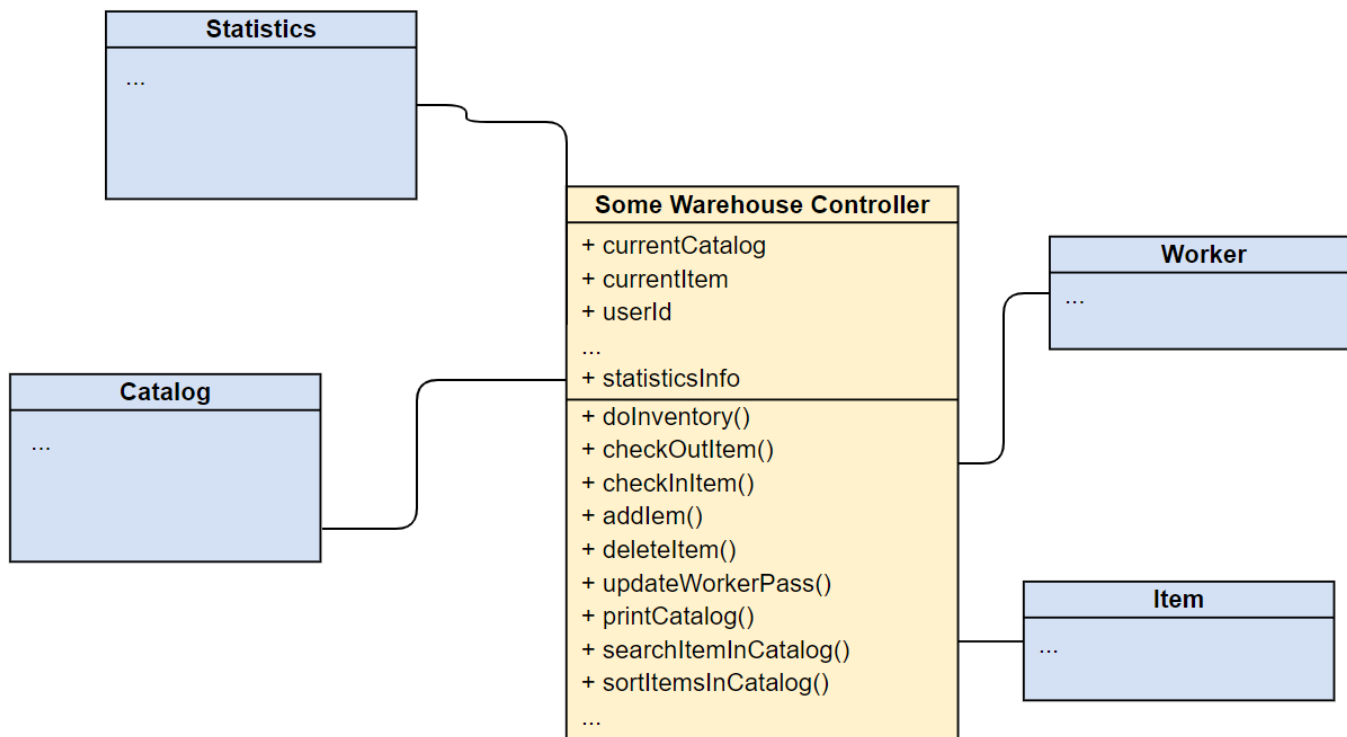


Large class (God class/Blob class):

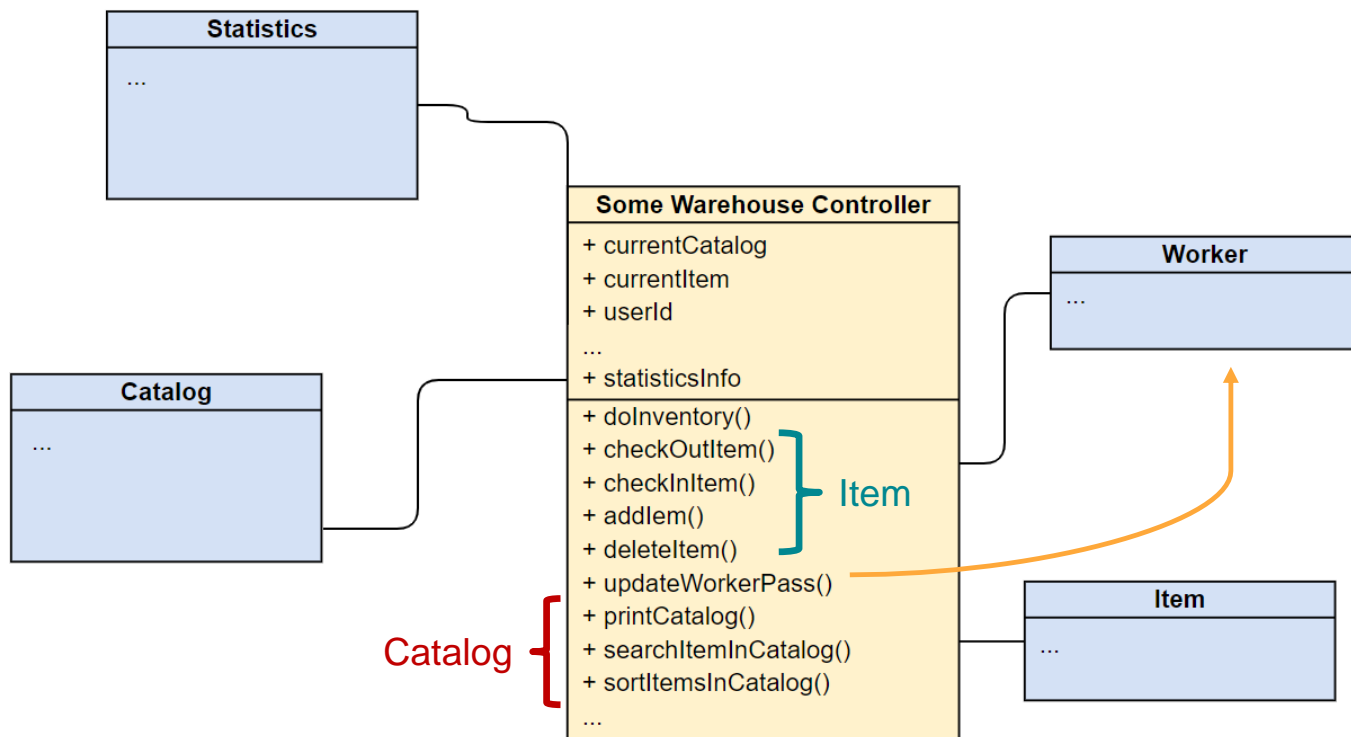
- Complex controller class surrounded by simple data classes
- Class knows **too much** or does **too much**



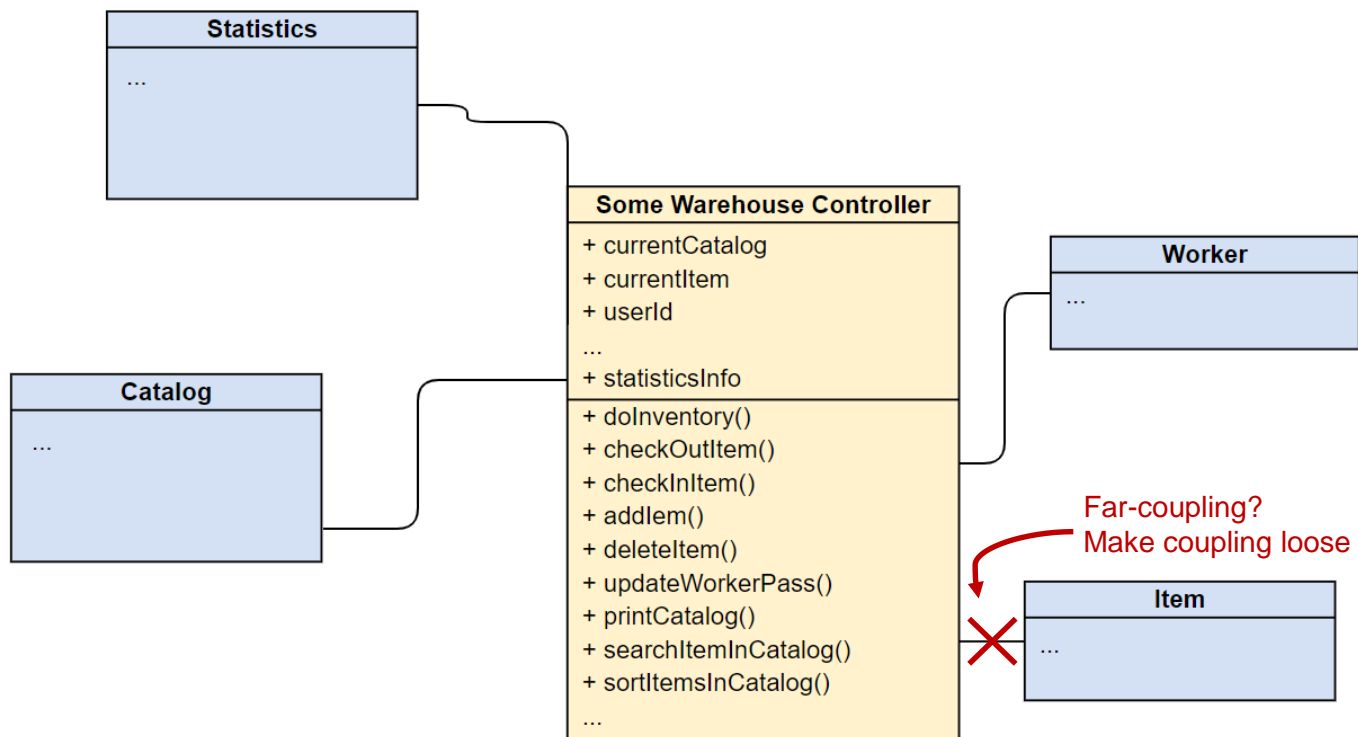
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Anti-pattern #4: **Data Class** (can cause debates)



Anti-pattern #4: Data Class

```
public class TwoDimensionalPoint {  
    private String x;  
    private String y;  
  
    public String getX() {  
        return x;  
    }  
  
    public void setX(String x) {  
        this.x = x;  
    }  
  
    public String getY() {  
        return y;  
    }  
  
    public void setY(String y) {  
        this.y = y;  
    }  
}
```

Data class:

- Another opposite extreme of large class.
- Small (in most cases) class that contains only data and no real functionality. [Java Beans](#) as an example.
- Breaks the idea of “**true OOP**” with “rich data models principle”
- BTW: have a look at Scala ([case class](#)) and Kotlin ([data class](#))



Anti-pattern #4: Data Class

Data classes in mixed languages (FP and OOP):

Scala:

```
case class DataClass1(a: String, b: String)
case class DataClass2(a: String, var b: String)

val someList: List[DataClass2] = List(
  DataClass1(a("1", "2"),
  DataClass1(a("3", "4")
).map(x => DataClass2 (x.a, x.b))
```

*Controlling immutability



Commonly used for modeling in BigData world (Spark)
because case classes are **Serializable**

Kotlin:

```
data class DataClass(var a: String, val b: String)
val dtClass = DataClass("1", "2")

fun foo() {
    dtClass.a = "NEW"
}
```

Easy access (omg, where are getters/setters?)



Anti-pattern #4: Data Class

- What to do with perfect libraries for serialization like [Jackson](#)?
- Use it! Forget what you have seen on the previous slide.

```
public class SomePerfectClassName {  
    public final String name;  
    public final String betterName; // haha public field  
  
    @JsonCreator  
    public SomePerfectClassName(String name, String betterName) {  
        this.name = name;  
        this.betterName = betterName;  
    }  
}
```



Anti-pattern #5: **Data Clumps**

- Very common code smell
- Group of **data that can be unified** but anyway is passed to method/class as separate arguments/fields
- Solution: unify in class, but avoid data classes

```
public void someMethod(String userName,  
                       boolean isActive,  
                       String userSurname,  
                       int userId, String userJob) {  
    // ...  
}
```



Anti-pattern #6: Long Parameter List

```
public void preProcessAndAutoFixForIDE(String codeNetProjectName, String codeNetProjectCodeFolder,  
    String subjectProjectOrModuleName, String subjectProjectOrModuleCodeFolder,  
    String timestamp, String operator, String versionNumber,  
    List<String> filePath, String fixedFilePath, String repoId,  
    String clientIDE, String userNumber, String fixerType) {
```

```
preProcessAndAutoFixForIDE(null, null, args.getProjectName(),  
    args.getRepoPath(), args.getTimestamp(), args.getOperator(), args.getVersion(), args.getFixFilePath(),  
    args.getFixbotBasePath(), args.getRepoId(), args.getClientIDE(), args.getUserNumber(), args.getFixerType());
```

- Very close to **Data Clumps** problem
- Obvious that it is **completely not supportable**
- Split the data to subclasses and move the complexity to the function/class body



Anti-pattern #7: Divergent Class/Divergent Change

- **Divergent change** – need to change everything to add one simple thing
- **Examples:**
 - adding new option or new field in class with hardcoded logic
 - Blob/BlackHole large classes
- Unify behavior, follow **single responsibility principle**



```
public class ArgumentParser {  
    private Option arg1;  
    private Option arg2;  
    ArgumentParser(Option arg1, Option arg2) { arg1 = arg1; arg2 = arg2; }  
    int calcNumberOfArgs() { return 2; }  
    void displayArgs() { System.out.println(arg1.toString() + arg2.toString()); }  
    int multiplyArgs() { return arg1.num() * arg2.num(); }  
}
```



Anti-pattern #8: Shotgun Surgery

- Small change to class A (method a) causes changes to **dozens** of other classes (methods)
- Not a ctrl-A + ctrl-V issue
- Normally resolved by unification and move methods to common classes



Classical example

```
void func1() {  
    log.info("Starting func1");  
    // ...  
}  
  
void func2() {  
    log.info("Starting func2");  
    // ...  
}  
  
void func3() {  
    log.info("Starting func3");  
    // ...  
}
```

Anti-pattern #9: Feature Envy

```
public class IsinListingCountry {  
    private final String[] isinWithCountry;  
  
    public IsinListingCountry(String someStr) {  
        this.isinWithCountry = someStr.split(":");  
    }  
  
    public String getIsin(){  
        return isinWithCountry[0];  
    }  
    public String getCountry(){  
        return isinWithCountry[1];  
    }  
}
```

```
public class Enricher {  
    private IsinListingCountry isin  
  
    public String normalizeIsin() {  
        return "country:" + isin.getCountry() + " " +  
            "isin:" + isin.getIsin();  
    }  
}
```

- Method/class is more **interested** in the details of **other class** than the one it is in.
- “**Romeo** and **Juliet**” pattern
- Don't refactor if it was done intentionally (Strategy/Visitor pattern)



Anti-pattern #10: Inappropriate Intimacy

- Close to **Feature Envy**, but much worse as it breaks OOP main principle (**encapsulation**)
- One class uses some internal (but not marked private) fields and methods of other class
- Most **extreme** case:

```
Field f = obj.getClass().getDeclaredField("somePrivateField");  
f.setAccessible(true);
```



Anti-pattern #10: Inappropriate Intimacy


```
public class MainClass {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        IAmVeryBadProgrammerPleaseFireMe class1 = new IAmVeryBadProgrammerPleaseFireMe("test"); //test  
        class1.foo(); // test1  
        new MamaWhatIsWrongWithMe().foo(class1); // test2  
    }  
}
```

```
public class MamaWhatIsWrongWithMe {  
    void foo(IAmVeryBadProgrammerPleaseFireMe arg) {  
        arg.somePrivateField = "test2";  
    }  
}
```

```
class IAmVeryBadProgrammerPleaseFireMe {  
    String somePrivateField;  
    IAmVeryBadProgrammerPleaseFireMe(String somePrivateField) {  
        this.somePrivateField = somePrivateField;  
    }  
    void foo() { somePrivateField = "test1"; }  
}
```



Anti-pattern #11: **Message Chains**

 **Law of Demeter** (in OOP) or a **Principle of Least Knowledge**



Anti-pattern #11: Message Chains

Law of Demeter (in OOP)

Each program module (read as “method”) M of an object O should be able to call only methods that:

- are encapsulated inside object O
- belong to parameters (arguments) of method M
- belong to other objects, created in the scope of M
- belong to direct component objects of O
- global variables from O

```
public class O {  
    public static final String GLOBAL_CONST = "";  
    private Friend I = new Friend();  
    public void foo1(Friend otherFriend) {  
        foo2(); // 1  
        otherFriend.foo(); // 2  
        this.I.foo(); // 3  
        Friend b = new Friend();  
        b.foo(); // 4  
        System.out.println(GLOBAL_CONST); // 5  
    }  
  
    public void foo2() {  
    }  
}
```



Anti-pattern #11: Message Chains

```
class SomeClass {  
    ConfigurationComposite config;  
  
    void getConfig() {  
        this.config.getConfig();  
    }  
}
```



```
class ConfigurationComposite {  
    Config config;  
  
    void getConfig() {  
        this.config.loadConfig("configType");  
    }  
}
```



```
class Config {  
    void loadConfig(String configType) {  
    }  
}
```



Anti-pattern #11: Message Chains

```
class Config {  
    void loadConfigWrapper(String arg1, String arg2, String arg3) {  
        loadConfig(arg1, arg2, arg3);  
    }  
  
    void loadConfig(String arg1, String arg2, String arg3) {  
        someFacade(arg1, arg2);  
    }  
  
    void someFacade(String arg1, String arg2) {  
        loadSpecialConfig(arg1);  
    }  
  
    void loadSpecialConfig(String arg1) {  
    }  
}
```



Anti-pattern #12: Primitive Obsession

- Class has fields with **primitive types** for solving small tasks:

```
String name; int amountGBP; String phoneNumber;  
long timeInMillis; String currency; String rangeLeft;  
String rangeRight; int amountUsd;
```

- Multiple fields that are used as **constants** for coding information:

```
private static final int ADMIN_ROLE = 1;  
private static final int USER_ROLE = 2;  
private static final int GUEST_ROLE = 3;
```

- Fields with primitive types are used to control state

```
boolean counterParty;  
boolean borrow;  
boolean market;  
boolean client;
```

- **Non-OOP way of thinking**



Anti-pattern #13: Switch Statements

- **Switch statements** are a code smells that occur when switch statements are scattered through out a program.
- If a switch is changed, then the others must be found and updated as well.
- What if we have perimeter/e.t.c switch?

```
public double calculateArea(int shape, int a, int b, int r) {  
    double area = 0;  
    switch(shape) {  
        case SQUARE:  
            area = a * a;  
            break;  
        case RECTANGLE:  
            area = a * b;  
            break;  
        case CIRCLE:  
            area = Math.PI * a * a;  
            break;  
    }  
    return area;  
}
```



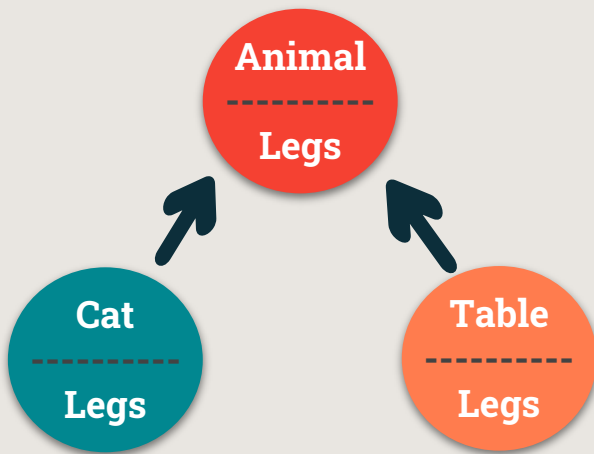
Anti-pattern #14: Speculative Generality

- Remember about the **balance**!
- No need to make a superclass, interface, or code that is not needed at the time, but that **may** (or may not) be useful someday
- Software changes frequently
- Follow the idea of **Just in Time Design**



Anti-pattern #15: Refused Bequest

- Occurs when a subclass inherits something but does not need it
- Someone was motivated to create inheritance between classes only by the desire **to reuse** the code in a superclass
- **Cat** has “legs”, **table** has “legs” – **cat == table?**



Java-specific problems

- Don't catch all exceptions:

```
catch (Exception e) {
```

- Please try to **initialize** simple collections in the beginning of the class (works for 90% of cases):

```
private List<String> paths = new ArrayList<>();
```

- Avoid of using **static methods**, try to follow OOP style if you write on OOP-language
- Try to handle checked exceptions on the lowest level or use "throws"



Java-specific problems

- Please use **enums** instead of hardcoded constants or static final variables:

```
public enum EnumValue {  
    VALUE ("value");  
    private final String value;  
}
```



Java-specific problems

```
public static void main(String[] args) {
    ResourceBundle properties = ResourceBundle.getBundle("codenet");
    ArgumentParser parser = ArgumentParsers.newFor("App").build();
    parser.addArgument("-repoID").help("ID of repository under fix");
    parser.addArgument("-repoPath")
        .help("path to repository under fix and path used to read a compile command database.");
    parser.addArgument("-fixPath").help("path to directory that stores fixed files");
    parser.addArgument("-scanPaths").action(Arguments.append()).help("paths to directories that need to be scanned by fixbot, splited by ';'.");
    parser.addArgument("-warningFilterPaths").action(Arguments.append()).help("paths to directories that filter warnings, splited by ';'.");
    parser.addArgument("-fixFilterPaths").action(Arguments.append()).help("paths to directories that filter fixes, splited by ';'.");
    parser.addArgument("-clang-tidy-binary").setDefault("clang-tidy").help("path to clang-tidy binary");
    parser.addArgument("-clang-apply-replacements-binary").setDefault("clang-apply-replacements")
        .help("path to clang-apply-replacements binary");
    parser.addArgument("-check").help("specify the type of check");
    parser.addArgument("-fix").action(Arguments.storeTrue()).help("apply fix.");
    parser.addArgument("-gui").action(Arguments.storeTrue()).help("run in gui model.");
    parser.addArgument("-buildPath").help("path used to read a compile command database.");
    parser.addArgument("-v", "--version").action(Arguments.version()).help("show the version.");
    parser.addArgument("-client").setDefault("cli").help("name of the client that call CodeNet.");
    parser.addArgument("-excludedPath").action(Arguments.append()).help("path to derectory to be ignored.");
    parser.addArgument("-fixFilesPath").action(Arguments.append())
        .help("the absolute path of single file which needs fix");
    parser.version(properties.getString("version"));
    parser.addArgument("-clientIDE").help("name of the client that call CodeNet.");
    parser.addArgument("-checkstyle-path").help("path to checkstyle");
    parser.addArgument("-huawei-format-binary").help("path to format tools");
    parser.addArgument("-userNumber").help("user number for ide");
    parser.addArgument("-fixbot-dir").help("the dir of .fixbot");
    parser.addArgument("-specifyFixPathForOneClick").action(Arguments.storeTrue()).help("specify the fix path for one-click-format, not directly change the source file");
    parser.addArgument("-codeRange").help("the start line and end line of code snippet, splited by ':'");
    Namespace res = null;
```



Java-specific problems

```
public enum FixBotOptions {
    //@formatter:off
    //
    CALLER                ("caller",                null,                "cli",                "name of the client that call FixBot. Value list: cli/ide"),
    CHECK_WITH_EDKII       ("checkWithEDKII",    Arguments.storeTrue(), null,                "EDKII will be enabled for the check"),
    CLIENT_IDE             ("clientIDE",        null,                null,                "ide name if called as a ide plugin."),
    CODE_RANGE             ("codeRange",            null,                null,                "ide plugin mode only. the start line and end line of code snippet, splited by :"),
    COPY_AND_FIX_FLAG_FOR_ONE_CLICK ("copyAndFixFlagforOneClick", Arguments.storeTrue(), null,                "Flag that if fix source files directly, for one-click-format only"),
    FIX_FILE_PATH          ("fixFilePath",        Arguments.append(),  null,                "the absolute path of single file which needs fix"),
    FIX_FOLDER_PATH        ("fixFolderPath",      null,                null,                "the relative directory under fixbot_dir that stores all files to be fixed."),
    FIXED_FILE_PATH        ("fixedFilePath",      null,                null,                "the relative directory under fixbot_dir that stores fixed files"),
    FIXBOT_DIR             ("fixbot-dir",         null,                null,                "the dir of .fixbot, which user can specify."),
    EXCLUDED_PATH          ("excludedPath",      Arguments.append(),  null,                "path to directory to be ignored"),
    ONLY_CHECK             ("onlyCheck",          null,                null,                "do only check without fixing"),
    PYTHON_STYLE_OPTIONS   ("pythonstyle-options", null,                null,                "extra options that can be specified for python style"),
    REPO_ID                ("repoID",              null,                null,                "ID of repository under fixbot_dir, like 'test1101'"),
    RULE_SET               ("ruleset",             null,                null,                "specify the type of fix/check, now only one rule once."),
    USER_DOMAIN_ID        ("userDomainId",        null,                null,                "user number for ide"), // cli only
    VERSION               ("version",              Arguments.version(), null,                "version of the application"),
    CLANG_SCAN_PATHS       ("scanPaths",          Arguments.append(),  null,                "relative directory which specify scan target folder by clang"),
    CLANG_WARNING_FILTER_PATHS ("warningFilterPaths", Arguments.append(),  null,                "relative directory which filter warnings by clang"),
    CLANG_BUILD_PATH       ("buildPath",          null,                null,                "cxx only, absolute path used to read a compile command database."),
    CLANG_FIX_FLAG         ("applyFixByClang",      Arguments.storeTrue(), null,                "apply fix by clang"),
    CHECK_FILES_PATH       ("checkFilesPath",     null,                null,                "the absolute path of files which need check only, seperated by ;"),
    OUTPUT_PATH_FOR_CHECK  ("outputPathForCheck",  null,                null,                "path to output file for check."),
    CHECK_RULES            ("checkRules",          null,                null,                "specify the type of check"),
    ;
    //@formatter:on
}
```



In the end

Don't invent your own bicycles!
ALWAYS use existing solutions



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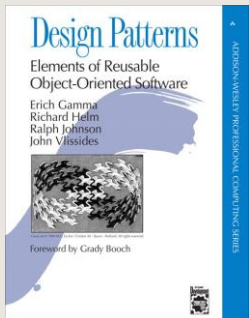
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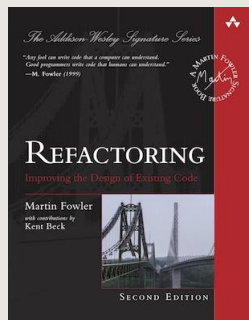
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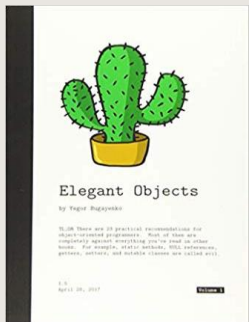
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Useful web resources:

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