Refactoring to Clean Code



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Refactoring Operations and Techniques

Extracting methods

Inline methods

Extracting variables

Parameter assignments



Refactoring Operations and Techniques

Replacing arrays with objects

Field encapsulation

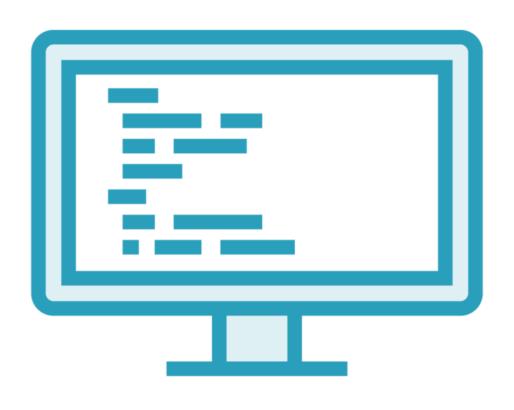
Conditional expressions

Rename



Composing Methods

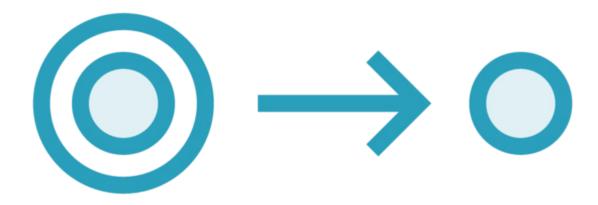
Methods



Methods must be

- Concise
- Easy to understand
- Maintainable
- Upgradeable

If any of your methods do not meet these characteristics, they may possibly require refactoring





Factoring

Splitting functions into smaller functions

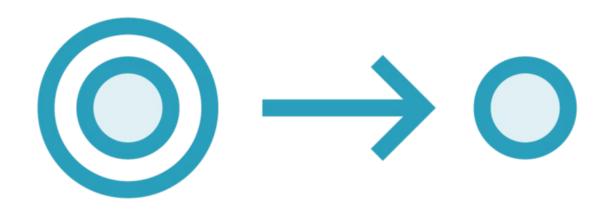


Refactoring

Process of restructuring existing code without changing the external behavior

Intended to improve the design, structure, and/or implementation of the code

Refactoring



Many reasons for refactoring

Excessively long methods is a common scenario

- Hard to understand underlying logic
- Even harder to change

Different refactoring techniques available

- Composing methods
 - Very useful and commonly used



Composing Methods

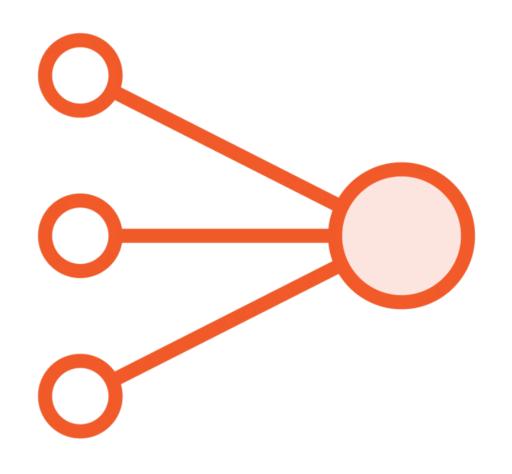
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Inline temp



Extract Method



Repeated functionality

- Extract into a separate method
- DRY principle

Especially when it is business-specific logic

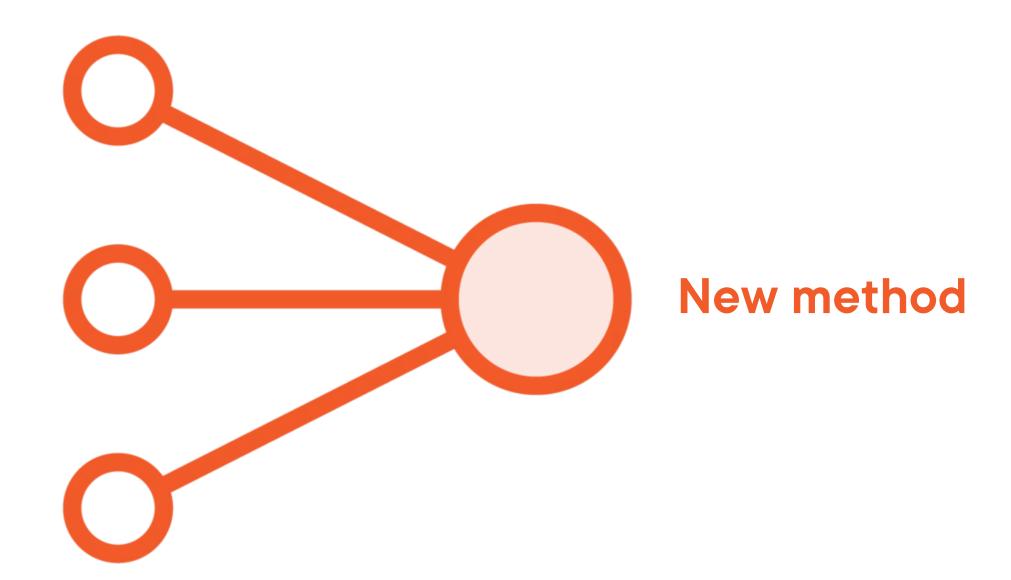
Except if the code is very simple

Extract Method

Code that is repeated

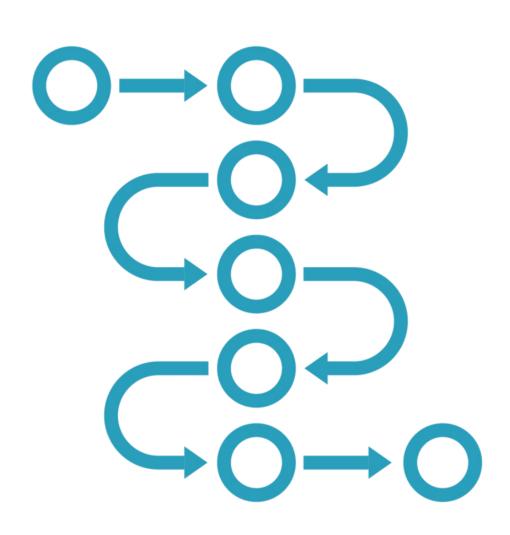
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Extract Variable



Scenario

- An expression is hard to understand

Solution

- Separate into different statements
- Each statement performs one calculation
- Stores in a temporary variable

Final result calculated from the temp variables

- Self-explanatory



Extract Variable

This expression is hard to understand

```
public double TotalPrice(Order order)
{
    return order.Quantity * order.Price - Math.Max(0, order.Quantity - 600) *
order.Price * 0.07 + Math.Min(order.Quantity * order.Price * 0.3, 100);
}
```



Extract Variable

Statements are easy to understand and self-explanatory

```
public double TotalPrice(Order order)
{
    double itemPrice = order.Price;
    int itemQuantity = order.Quantity;
    double basePrice = itemQuantity * itemPrice;
    double quantityDiscount = Math.Max(0, itemQuantity - 600) * itemPrice * 0.07;
    double shipping = Math.Min(basePrice * 0.3, 100);
    return basePrice - quantityDiscount + shipping;
}
```



Inline Temp



Scenario

- A temporary variable assigned to the result of a simple expression
- Not used for anything else

Instead, replace the reference to the variable with the expression

Inline Temp

```
public static double UpdatePrice(double total, double discountPercent)
{
    var discount = total * discountPercent;
    total -= discount;
    return total;
}
```



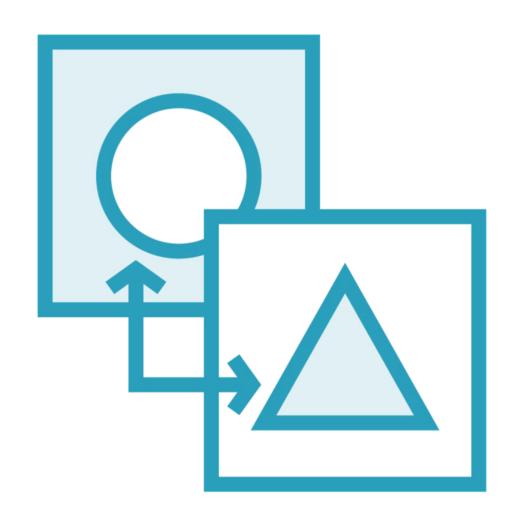
Inline Temp

```
public static double UpdatePrice(double total, double discountPercent)
{
    return total - (total * discountPercent);
}
```



Moving Features between Objects

Moving Features between Objects



In object-oriented programming

- Class encapsulates functionality and data

Functionality not directly related with the class

- Should be moved where it is more relevant

Moving Features between Objects

Move methods and fields

Extract class



Move Methods and Fields



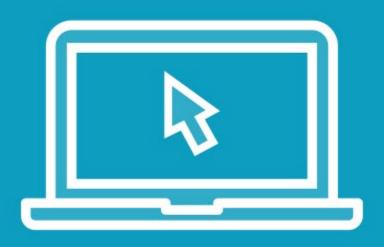
Scenario

- A method or field is used in a different class
- Not where it is supposed to be

Solution

- Move to the relevant class

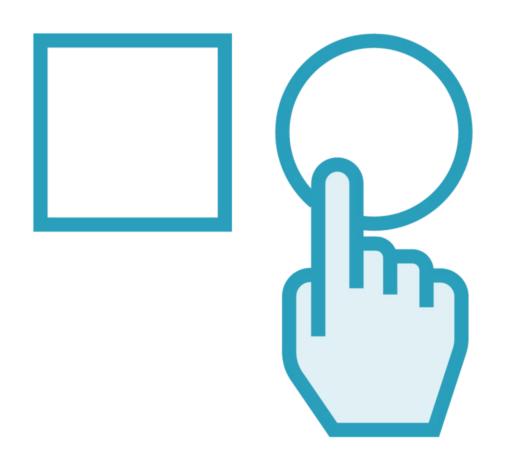
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Move methods and fields



Extract Class



Scenario

A class performs the functionality of two or more classes

Solution

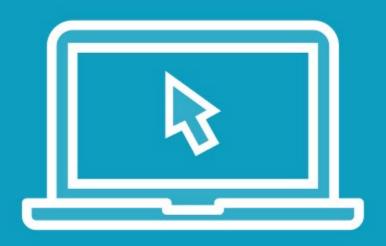
- Create a new class
- Split the functionality accordingly
- Each class now performs its own responsibilities as intended

Except on the inline class scenario

- A class does almost nothing and no future functionality in the roadmap



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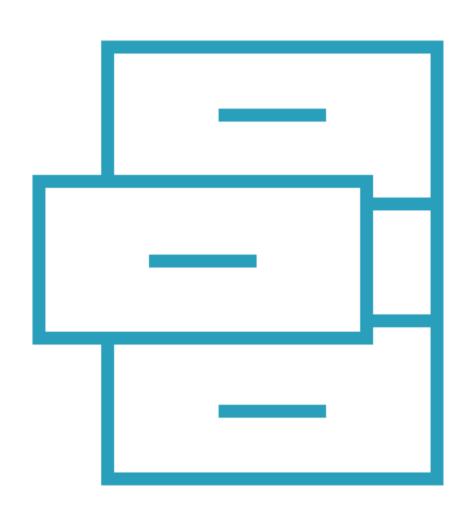


Extract class



Organizing Data

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Class associations can become complex

Properly organized and associated classes

- Can make them more portable and reusable

Techniques that help with data handling and class organization

Organizing Data

Encapsulate fields and collections

Replace strings for Enums

Replace magic numbers with symbolic constants

Change type field with class



Encapsulate Fields and Collections

{get set}

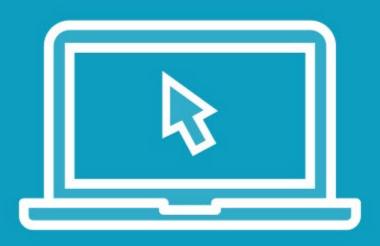
Scenario

- Public field exposed in a class

Recommendation

- Create a getter and setter for the field
- Only access through the property

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Encapsulate fields and collections

Replace Strings for Enums

А, В, С

Scenario

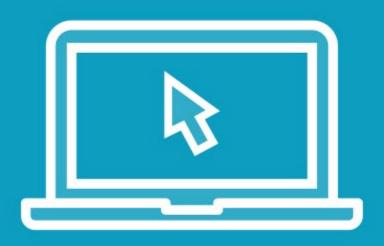
- A string is used to represent a set of values

Solution

- Replace strings with Enums, structs, or objects

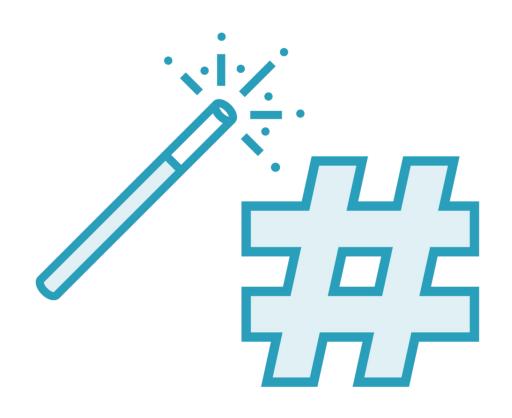


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Replace strings for Enums

Replace Magic Numbers with Symbolic Constants



Scenario

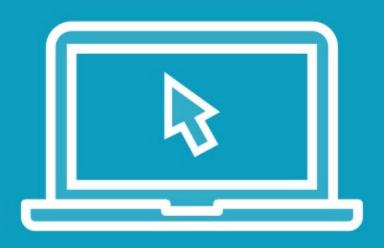
- Common to use numbers in code that have an associated meaning
 - For example, 404 means "not found" in HTTP response codes
- Using numbers directly in code can be confusing

Solution

- Replace numbers with constants that have self-explanatory human-readable names

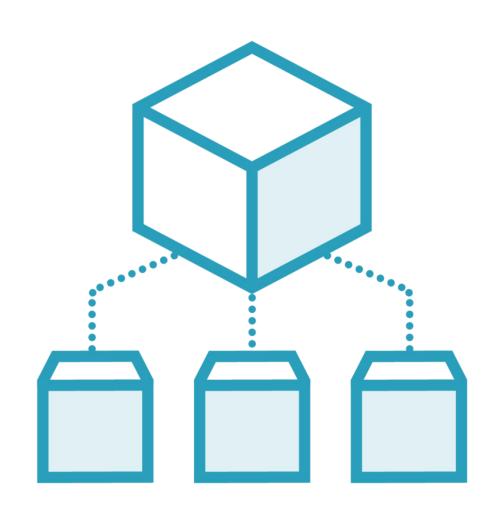


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Replace magic numbers with symbolic constants

Change Type Code with Subclasses



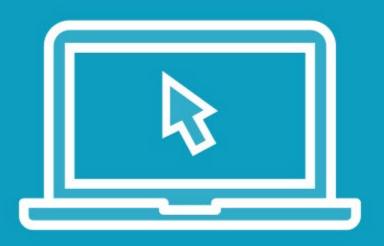
Scenario

- String used to specify a type
- Affects behavior of the class

Solution

- Create subclasses for each coded type
- Extract behaviors to each individual class

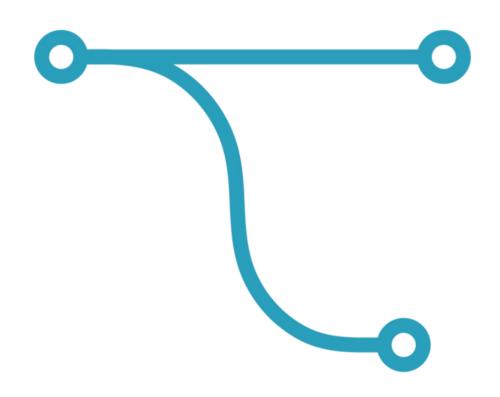
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Change type code with subclasses

Simplifying Conditional Expressions

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Conditional expressions are used to control program flow logic

- Tend to get more complex over time

Simplify conditional expressions to make code more readable

Simplifying Conditional Expressions

Consolidate conditional expression

Consolidate duplicate conditional fragments

Decompose conditional



Consolidate Conditional Expression

return 0.50;

return 0.50;

return 0.50;

Scenario

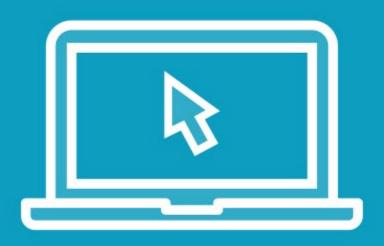
- Multiple conditionals return the same value

Recommendation

- Group conditions and return only once



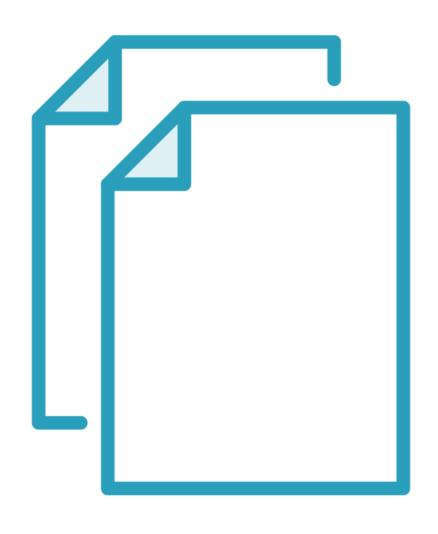
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Consolidate conditional expression



Consolidate Duplicate Conditional Fragments



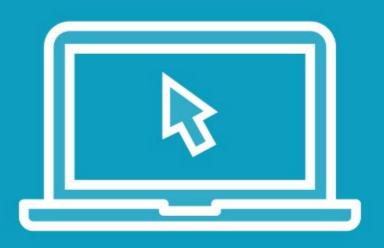
Scenario

- Multiple conditionals have repeated lines

Recommendation

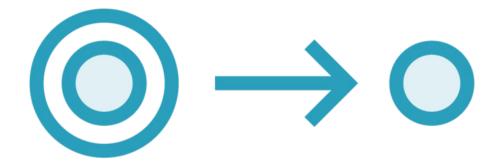
- Extract them
- Execute before or after the conditionals

Demo



Consolidate duplicate conditional fragments

Decompose Conditional



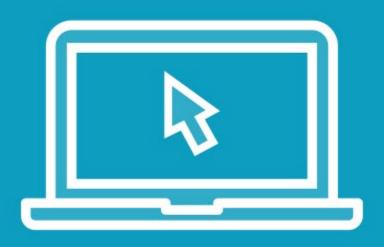
Scenario

- Conditional expressions are complex

Recommendation

- Extract to methods to improve readability

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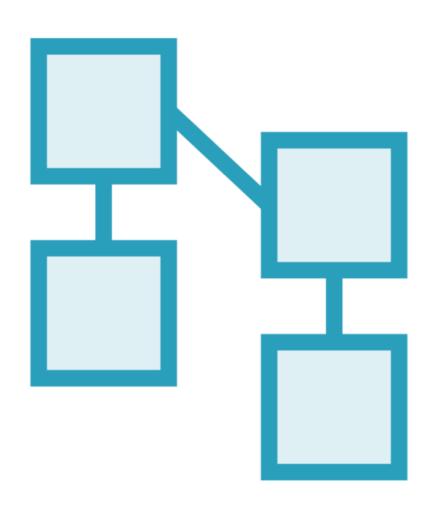


Decompose conditional



Simplifying Method Calls

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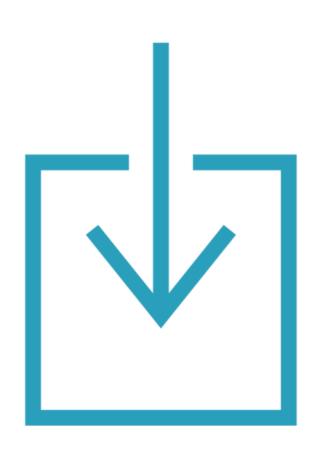


Methods make code more readable, organized, and cleaner

Multiple techniques available for simplifying method calls

- In turn, simplifies interfaces for interaction between classes

Preserve Whole Object



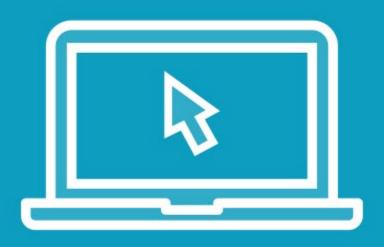
Scenario

- Pass multiple values of an object as parameter

Recommendation

- Pass the entire object as parameter

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Preserve whole object

Introduce Parameter Object



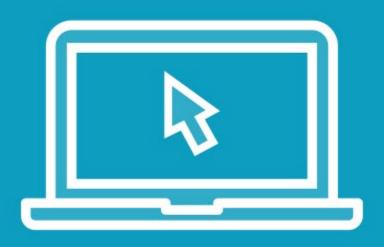
Scenario

- Many methods receive the same combination of parameters

Recommendation

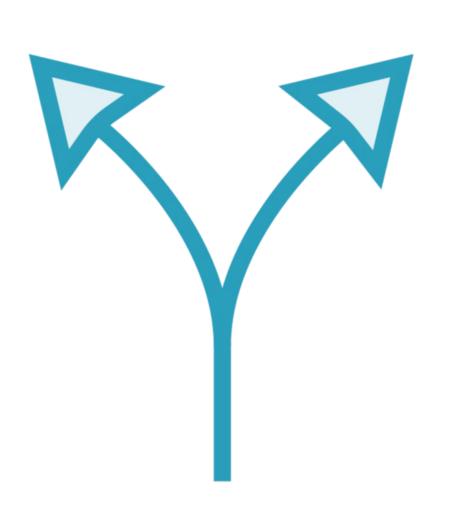
- Create an object that includes these parameters

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Introduce parameter object

Split Methods



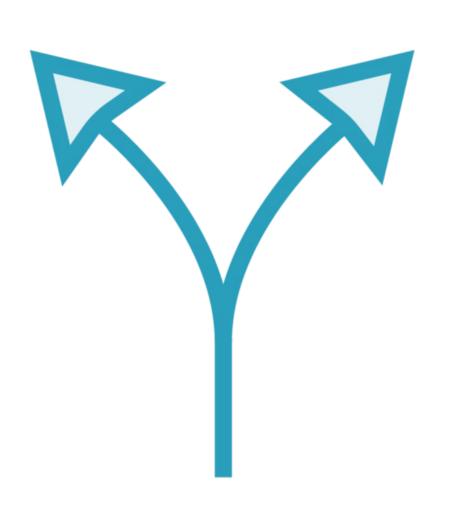
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- If a method does many things

Recommendation

- Can be split into different methods

Merge Methods



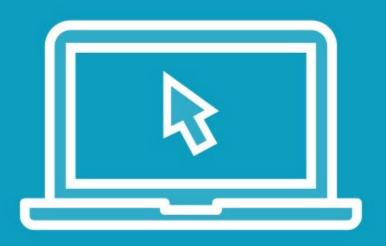
Scenario

- If several methods are exactly the same
- Except for a single line

Recommendation

- Receive a value as parameter to conditionally execute the statement

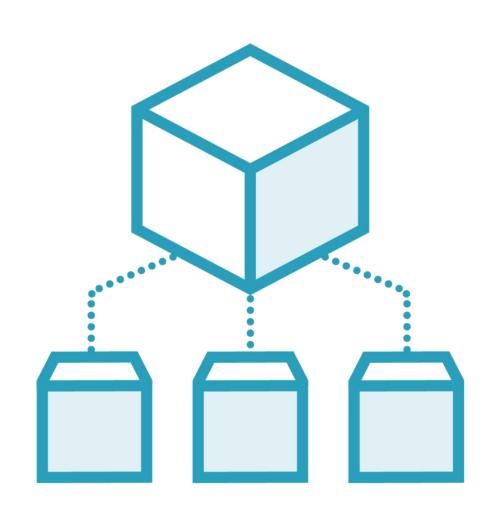
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Split and merge methods

Dealing with Generalization

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Set of techniques that involve

- Moving functionality along the class inheritance hierarchy

Create new classes and interfaces, replacing inheritance with delegation, and vice versa

Pull Up Field

Scenario

- If two child classes have the same attribute,

Recommendation

- Move it to the parent class

Pull Up Method

Scenario

- If two child classes have the same method

Recommendation

- Move it to the parent class

Push Down Field

Scenario

- If only one child has an attribute of the parent class

Recommendation

- Move it to the child to avoid using nulls

Push Down Method

Scenario

- If only one child implements a specific method of the parent class

Recommendation

- Move it to the child to avoid
 - throw NotImplementedException

Extract Interface

Scenario

- If part of the interface in child classes is the same

Recommendation

- Move it to a separate interface

Extract Subclass

Scenario

- If a class has features that are used only in certain cases

Recommendation

- Cast these features to a subclass and use it in those cases



Extract Superclass

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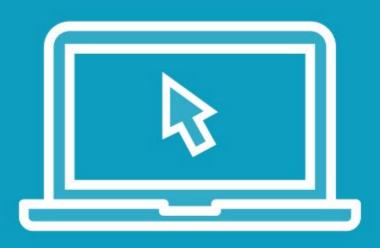
- If child classes have attributes and methods in common

Recommendation

- Create a parent class and move them there



Demo



Dealing with generalization



Refactoring

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Many reasons for refactoring

- Long methods
- Non-representative names





Multiple techniques that can be used

- Extract method
- Extract variable
- Inline temp





Class encapsulates functionality and data

Moving features between objects

- Move methods and fields
- Extract class





Organizing data

- Properly organized and associated classes are more portable and reusable

Multiple techniques

- Encapsulate fields and collections
- Replace strings for Enums
- Replace magic numbers with symbolic constants
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Simplify conditional expressions

- Consolidate conditional expression
- Consolidate duplicate conditional fragments
- Decompose conditional





Simplify method calls

- Preserve whole object
- Introduce parameter object
- Split and merge methods





Dealing with generalization

- Moving functionality along the class inheritance hierarchy
- Pull up or down fields and methods
- Extract interface, subclass, or super class





Rename

Use the IDE functionality

Manually, but with care

