# CS 361 Software Engineering I

Individuals and Interactions



#### The Prey, the Pack, and the Hunt

- Your goal is to meet your customer's needs.
- That goal, and nothing else, is the prey.
  - Not throwaway prototypes
  - Not documentation
  - Not models



You will work as a team to obtain your goal.

## Identifying Your Prey

- Extreme Programming offers three ways to identify your goal.
  - User stories
  - Acceptance tests
  - Unit tests



#### **User Stories Review**

- How big should a story be?
  - 3x5" card

- How many user stories is the customer allowed to generate?
  - As many as desired
- When can the engineer prioritize the stories?
  - Never. The customer does the prioritization



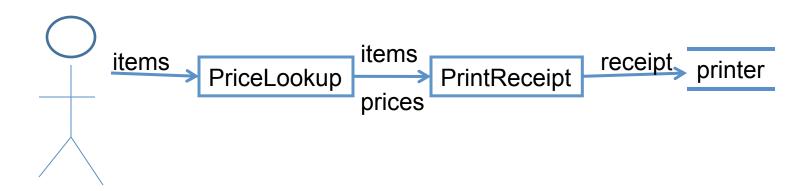
#### Acceptance Tests & User Stories

- Each user story may have multiple acceptance tests.
- A single acceptance test validates an aspect of a user story by exercising the system the way that a user would.
- Acceptance tests tell what the customer will use to judge success.
- Main benefit of acceptance tests: you know when you can stop developing!





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Input: milk; Verify: \$2.00



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Unit tests for PrintReceipt component

Input: Beer \$6.47, Milk \$2.00, Beer \$6.47

Verify: Receipt lists items and total is \$14.94



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Acceptance test (combines several unit tests)

Test: Scan 1 6-pack, 1 milk, 1 6-pack

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### **About Creating Acceptance Tests**

Ideally, the customer writes the acceptance tests

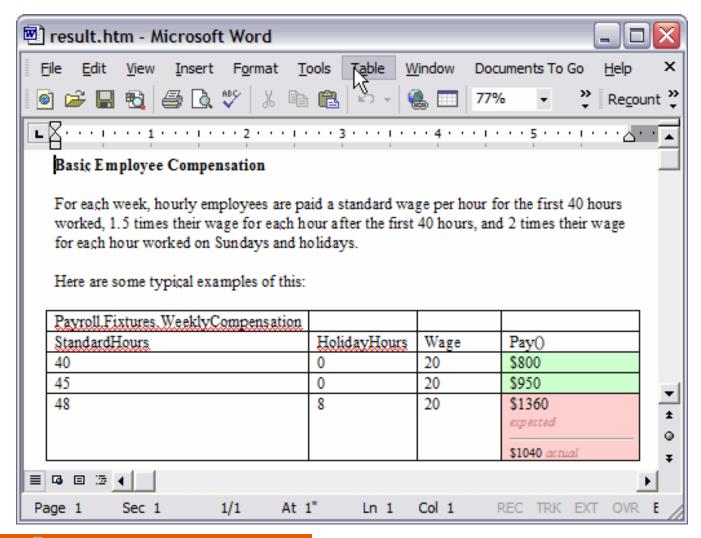
- Acceptance tests are blackbox tests
  - The test writer doesn't get to read the tested code

Tests should be unambiguous





#### **FIT Framework**



http://fit.c2.com/

#### Junit Fixture

```
package junitfaq;
import org.junit.*;
import static org.junit.Assert.*;
import java.util.*;
public class SimpleTest {
   private Collection<Object> collection;
   @Before
   public void setUp() {
     collection = new ArrayList<Object>();
   @Test
   public void testEmptyCollection() {
     assertTrue(collection.isEmpty());
   @Test
   public void testOneItemCollection() {
     collection.add("itemA");
     assertEquals(1, collection.size());
```



### **About Running Acceptance Tests**

 Run acceptance tests at least once a week, preferably more often.

- Often useful to have an integration machine where you run acceptance tests.
  - Representative of what the customer would have.





#### **Unit Tests Review**

- Who writes the unit tests?
  - Programmer

- When do the unit tests get written?
  - Before writing the application code



#### **Benefits of Unit Tests**

Clarifies the task at hand

 Frees you from writing perfect code (temporarily)

Makes reliable refactoring possible



#### **About Creating Unit Tests**

- Unit tests start out as blackbox tests and become whitebox tests
  - They are first created for non-existent code.
  - At any time, you can read your (new) application code and revise the test code

- Exhaustive testing is usually infeasible
- So use representative testing instead
  - Typical inputs
  - Boundary cases





#### Writing the First Test is Hardest

- But keep in mind...
  - "Your test suite is more valuable than your code"
  - "If you want a good suite of tests next year you must start collecting them today."



#### Time to Code

- You only code when the test suite is broken or you are refactoring
- Your twin goals
  - Pass the unit tests for today's user stories
  - Refactor to keep the bad smells under control



#### The Hunt is Not Yours Alone

- It's not your code. It's the team's code.
  - "Egoless programming doesn't work; expand your ego to include everyone's code."

ANYBODY can edit ANY code that has been checked in.



#### Pair Programming- Benefits

- Real-time code reviews
- Copilot can help to catch implicit assumptions
- Pair programming takes 15% longer but leads to 15% fewer bugs... a "win" for many projects
- Ideas and techniques spread throughout the group

### Pair Programming- The Driver

- The driver...
  - controls keyboard and mouse
  - is actively talking to the copilot
  - explains intent of code and where s/he is going





# Pair Programming- The Copilot

- Copilot is not a passenger! Copilots pay attention, watch for mistakes, offer ideas
  - Talk about and agree upon best course of action
  - If you can't agree, then take turns yielding to one another's preferences
- At any moment, copilot can request to switch places and become the driver.
  - Driver can say, "hold on a second" but should switch as soon as possible
  - You are working as a pair, a team.





### Pair Programming- Principles

- If someone asks you to pair with him or her and you can, then you must say yes.
- Code formatting: pick a standard as a team, enforce it, and move on
- Font size and eyesight: choose a font large enough for the copilot to see, too
- Take turns pairing with lots of different people
- If you write code alone, then it *must* be rewritten.
  - If you have a brilliant idea when you're alone, then write it down.





#### Interacting With the Team

- Periodically communicate your progress
  - An end-of-day email is usually perfect
  - Perhaps track progress with wiki, emails or Google Docs?
- Use models judiciously
  - Draw diagrams to help you reason
  - Draw diagrams to communicate
  - But only draw diagrams if it helps your team to get the prey



#### In agile processes, models...

- Must provide value
- Must fulfill a purpose
- Must be understandable
- Must be as simple as possible
- Must be sufficiently
  - accurate
  - concise
  - detailed



#### Not true about models in agile

- Models equal documentation.
- Modeling implies a heavyweight process.
- Modeling freezes the requirements.
- Models never change.
- Models are complete.
- Models must be created with a tool.
- All developers know how to model properly.
- Modeling is a waste of time.
- The data model is the only one that matters.





### Tips for Agile Modeling

- Don't let the models distract from the hunt
- Model iteratively and incrementally
- Model with other people
  - Involve stakeholders
  - Own models collectively
  - Display models publicly
    - (share on Google Docs or Office on the Web?)
- Create simple content
- Use the simplest tools





# More Tips About Agile Modeling

- Don't spend time getting every line straight.
- Follow standards
- Reuse existing resources
- Discard temporary models

