



TIDY FIRST ?

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PRACTICAL GUIDE FOR
SUSTAINABLE AND
COST-EFFECTIVE CODE



ONE YEAR AGO ...



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Tidy First?

A Personal Exercise in Empirical Software Design



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Foreword by Larry Constantine

ABOUT ME

- xx years of experience
- Crafter for many years
- Author



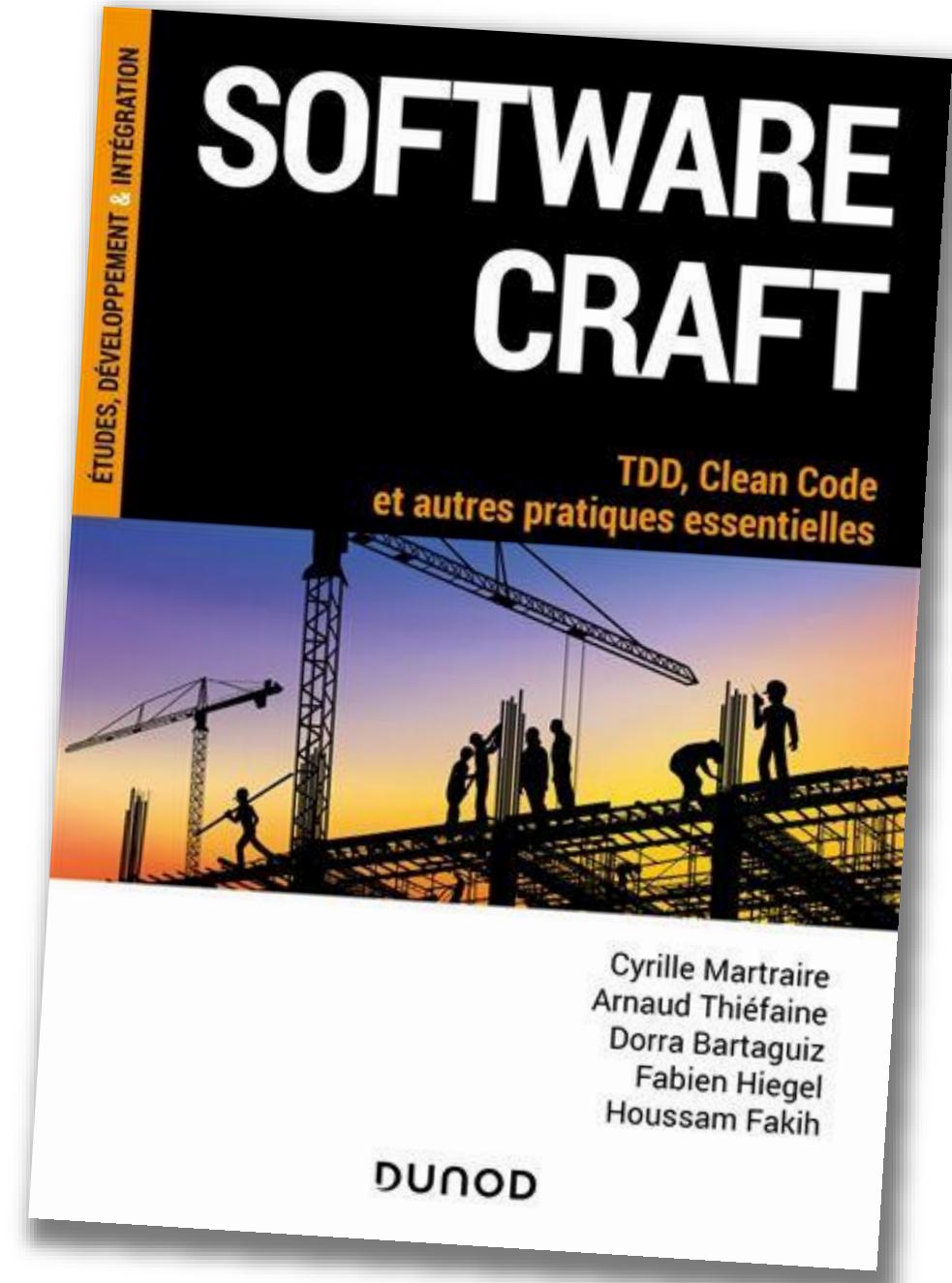
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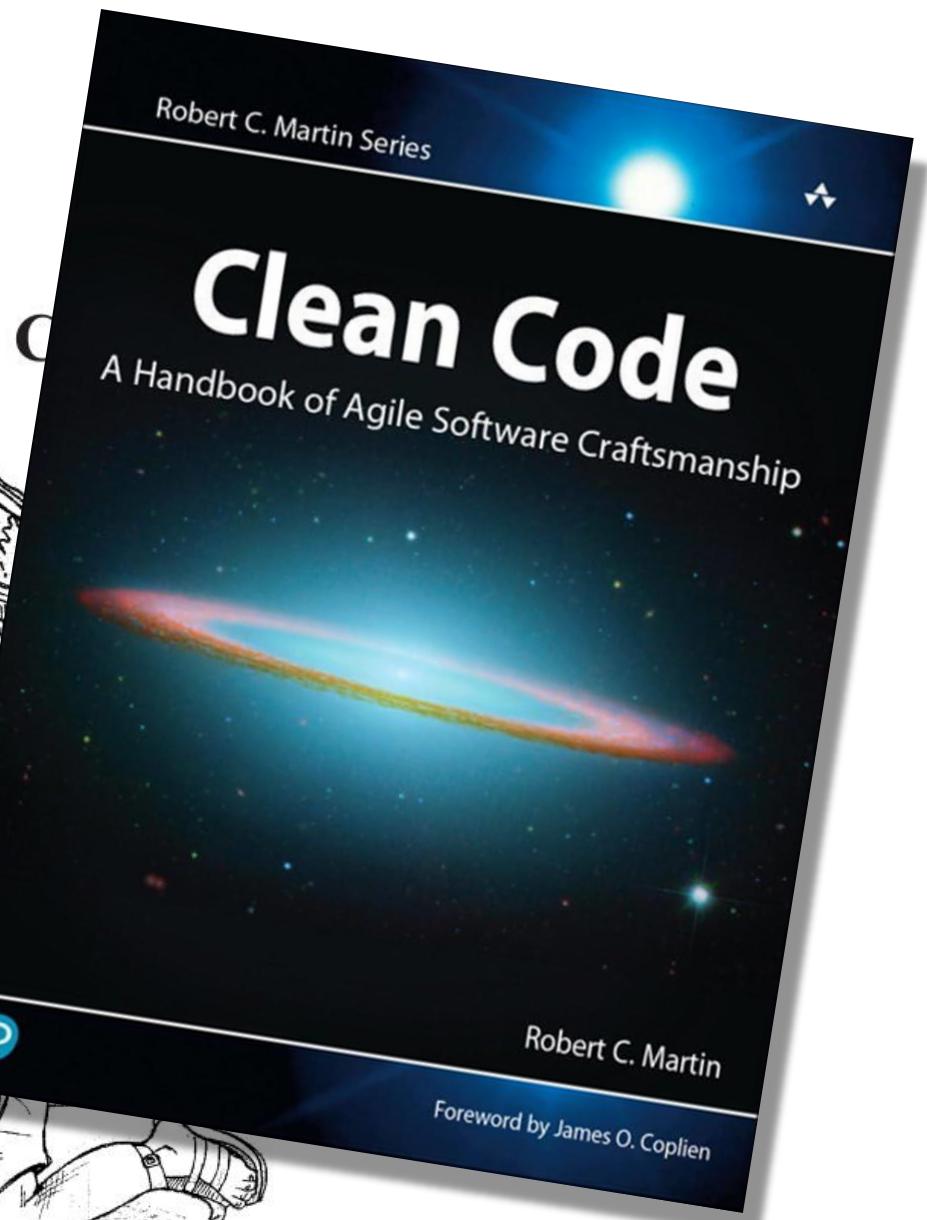


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A colorful cartoon illustration of a family cleaning their home. On the left, a man with a beard and a purple shirt holds a yellow dustpan. In the center, a boy in a red shirt and blue overalls uses a yellow sponge to clean a white wall. A woman with glasses and a purple shirt uses a blue spray bottle to clean the same wall. To the right, another boy in a purple shirt and green shorts uses a red cloth to clean a wooden cabinet. A small brown and white dog lies on the floor in the foreground. A painting of a tree hangs on the wall on the left. A potted plant sits on top of the cabinet on the right.

WHAT IS TIDYING ?

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(from *Clean Code* book by Robert C. Martin)



WHEN DID THE CONCEPT OF "CLEAN CODE" APPEAR ?

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2000S

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90S

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1968

Edgar Dijkstra: Go To Statement Considered Harmful

C PROGRAM TO COMPUTE PRIME NUMBERS

C

PROGRAM PRIME

INTEGER MAXINT, N, DIVSOR

INTEGER QUOT, PROD

READ(*,100) MAXINT

N=2

WRITE(*,150) MAXINT

IF (MAXINT-N) 200,10,10

10 DIVSOR = 2

15 IF ((N-1)-DIVSOR) 30,20,20

20 QUOT = INT(N/DIVSOR)

PROD = INT(QUOT*DVSOR)

IF (N-PROD) 25,30,25

25 DIVSOR = DIVSOR + 1

GO TO 15

30 IF (DIVSOR-(N-1)) 40,40,35

35 WRITE (*,100) N

40 N=N+1

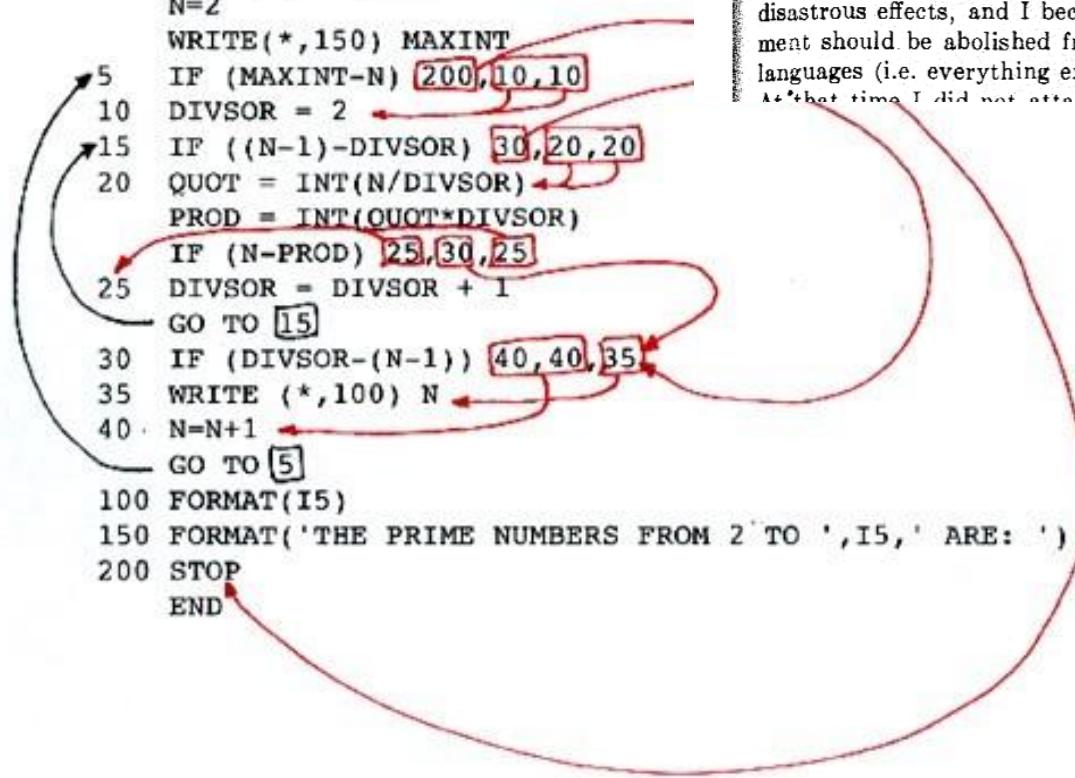
GO TO 5

100 FORMAT(I5)

150 FORMAT('THE PRIME NUMBERS FROM 2 TO ',I5,' ARE: ')

200 STOP

END



Go To Statement Considered Harmful

Key Words and Phrases: go to statement, jump instruction, branch instruction, conditional clause, alternative clause, repetitive clause, program intelligibility, program sequencing

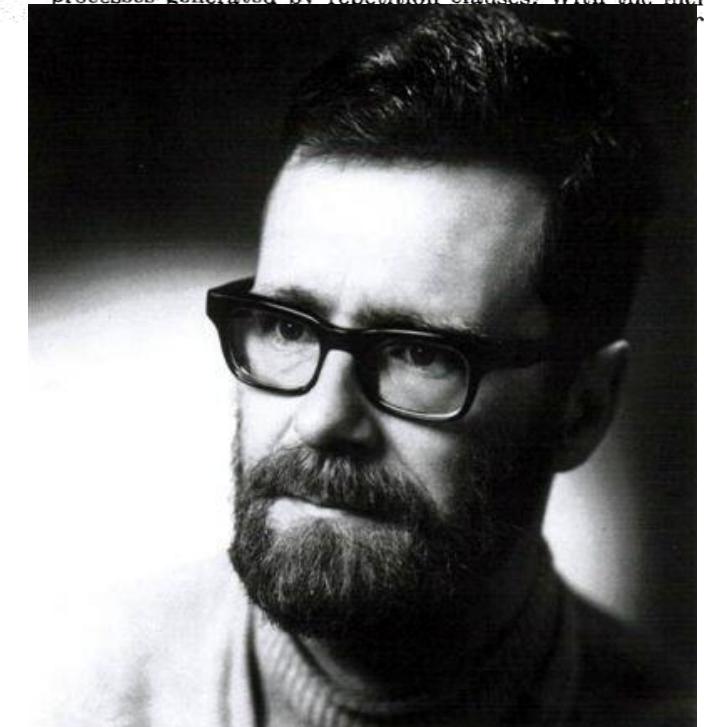
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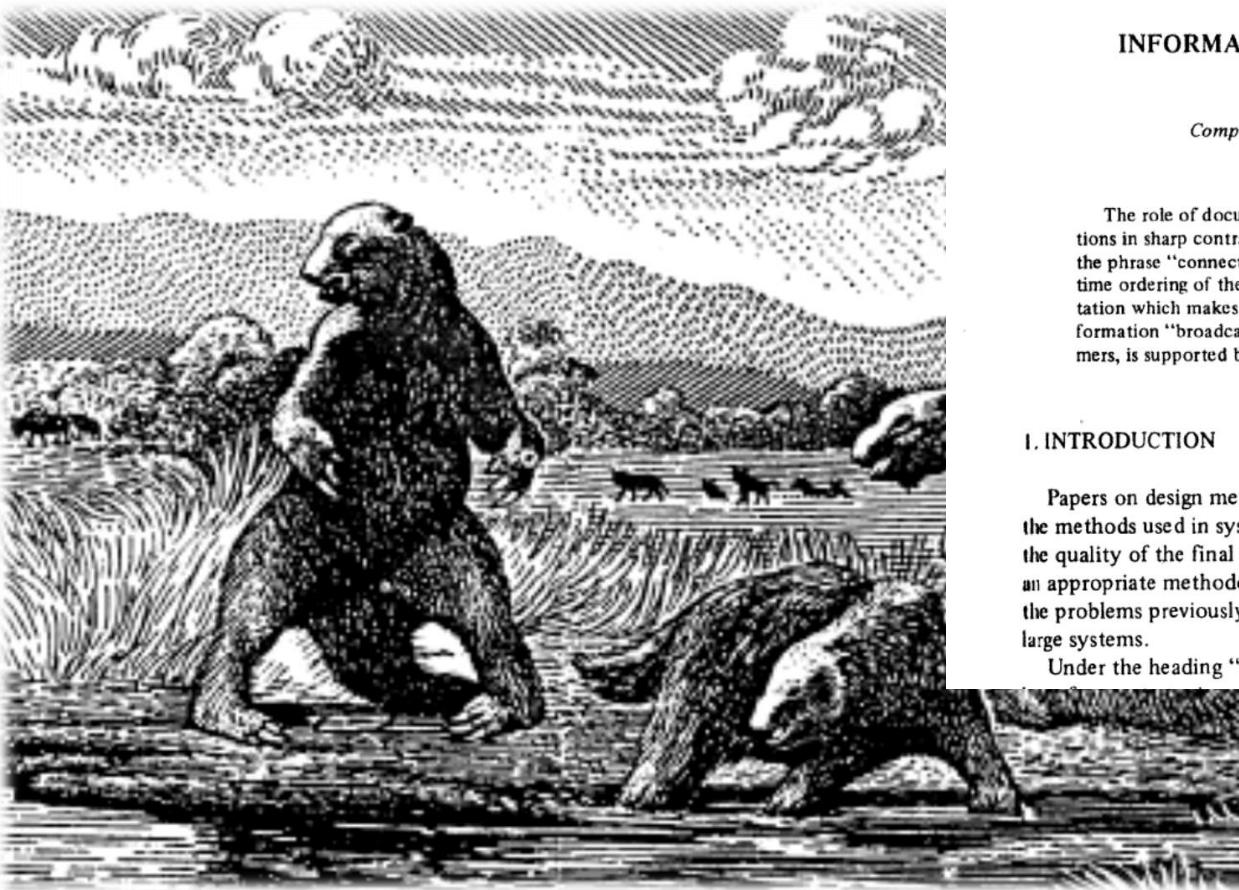
For a number of years I have been familiar with the observation that the quality of programmers is a decreasing function of the density of **go to** statements in the programs they produce. More recently I discovered why the use of the **go to** statement has such disastrous effects, and I became convinced that the **go to** statement should be abolished from all "higher level" programming languages (i.e. everything except, perhaps, plain machine code).

dynamic progress is only characterized when we also give to which call of the procedure we refer. With the inclusion of procedures we can characterize the progress of the process via a sequence of textual indices, the length of this sequence being equal to the dynamic depth of procedure calling.

Let us now consider repetition clauses (like, **while B repeat A** or **repeat A until B**). Logically speaking, such clauses are now superfluous, because we can express repetition with the aid of recursive procedures. For reasons of realism I don't wish to exclude them: on the one hand, repetition clauses can be implemented quite comfortably with present day finite equipment; on the other hand, the reasoning pattern known as "induction" makes us well equipped to retain our intellectual grasp on the processes generated by repetition clauses. With the inclusion of



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(from *The Mythical Man Month* by Fred Brooks)

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INFORMATION DISTRIBUTION ASPECTS OF DESIGN METHODOLOGY *

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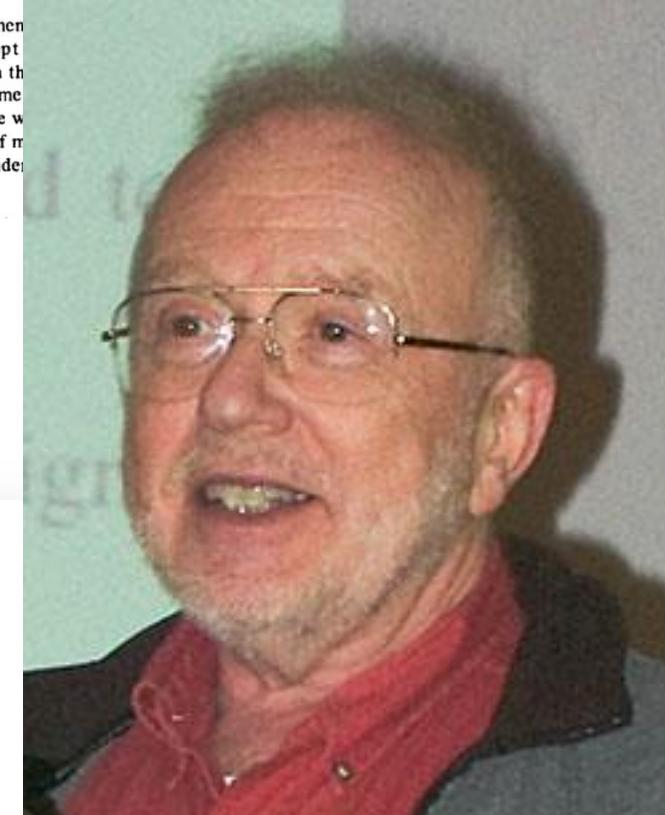
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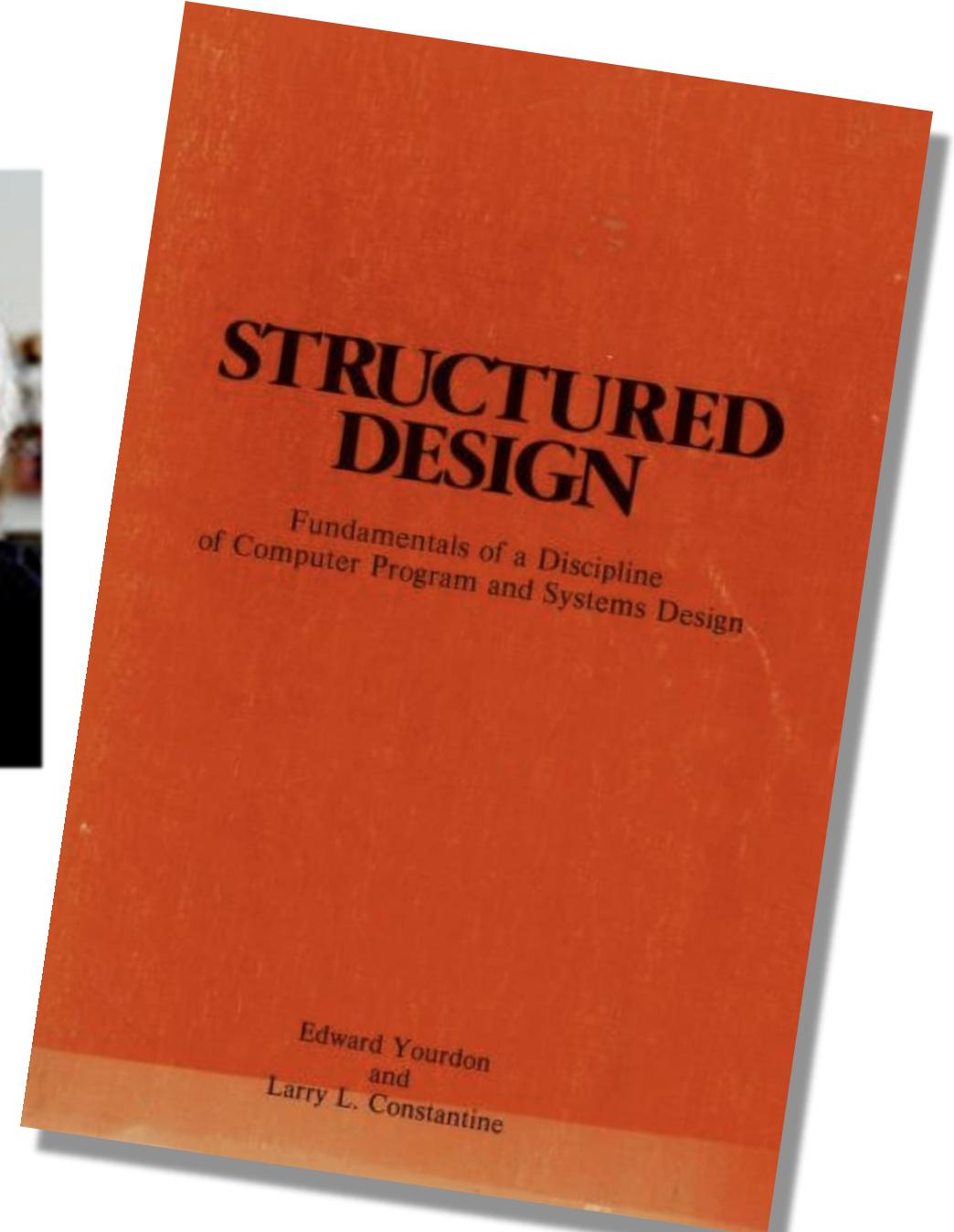
I. INTRODUCTION

Papers on design methodology assume (1) that the methods used in system design strongly affect the quality of the final product; and (2) by selecting an appropriate methodology we can avoid many of the problems previously encountered in constructing large systems.

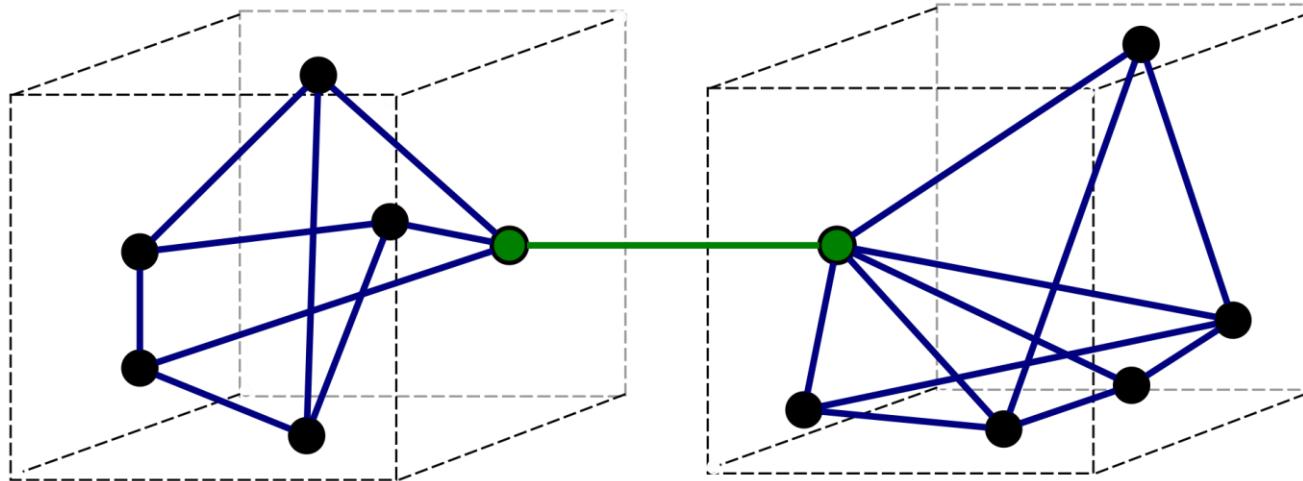
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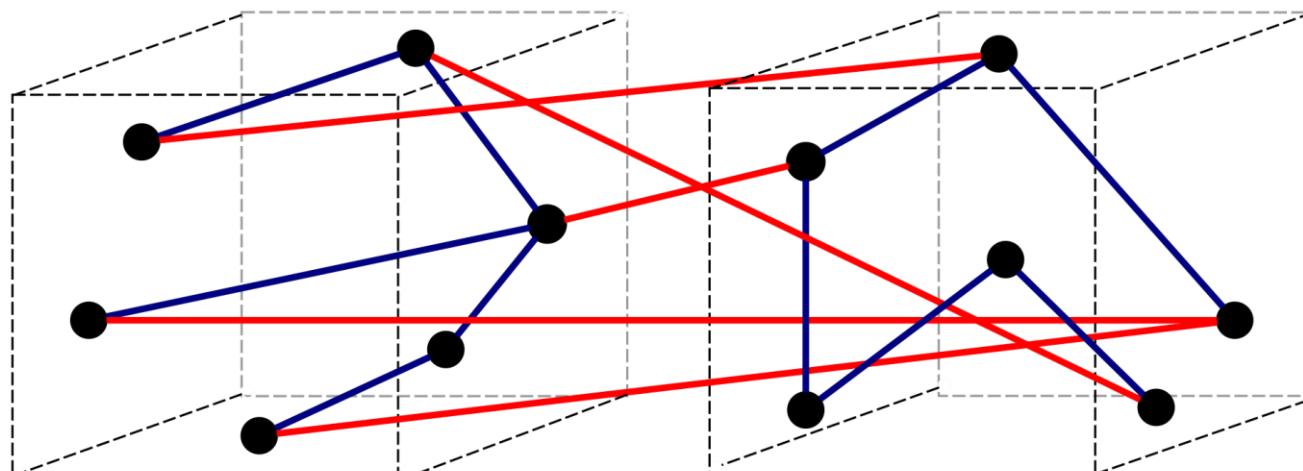
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COUPLING VS COHESION

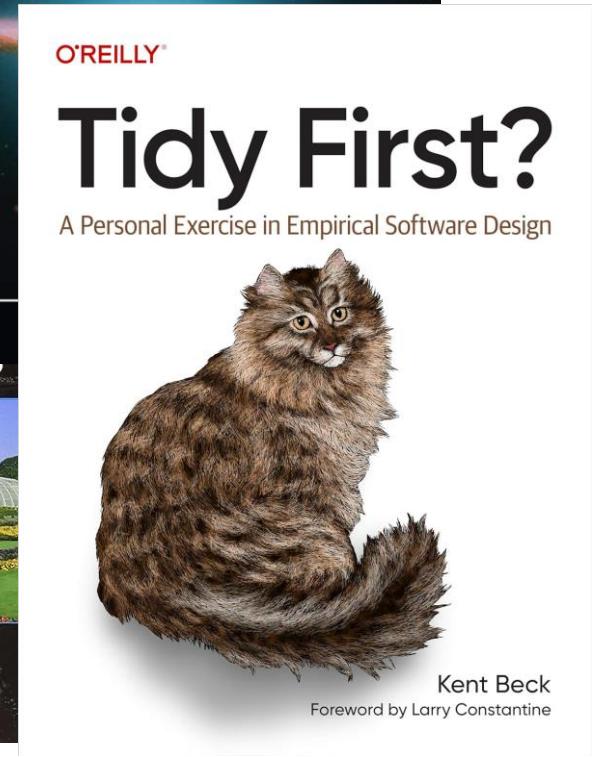
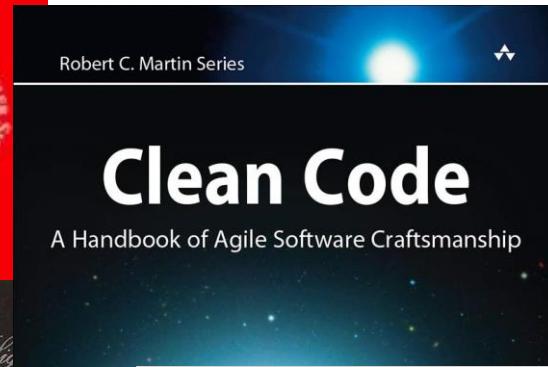
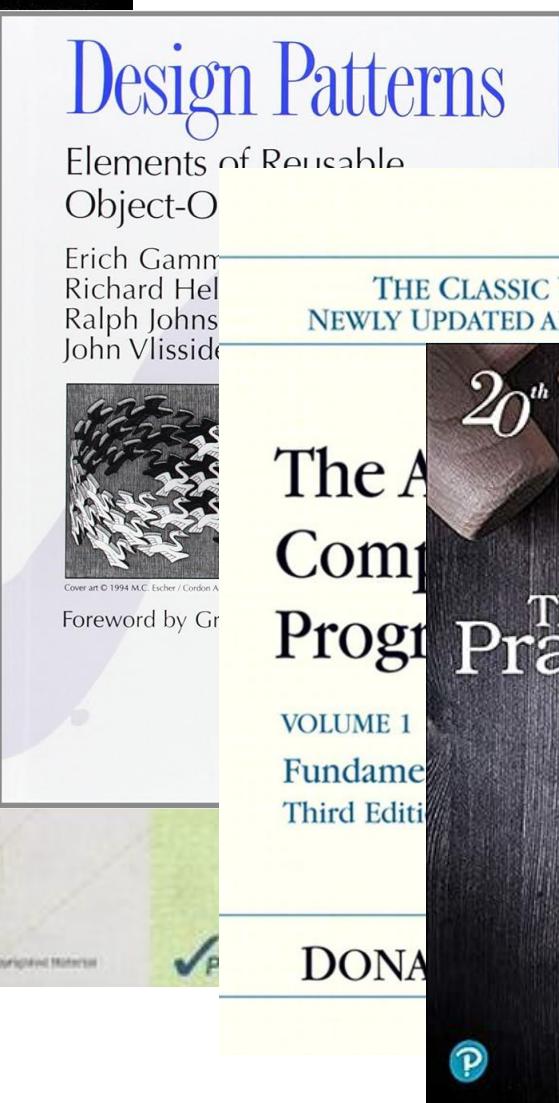
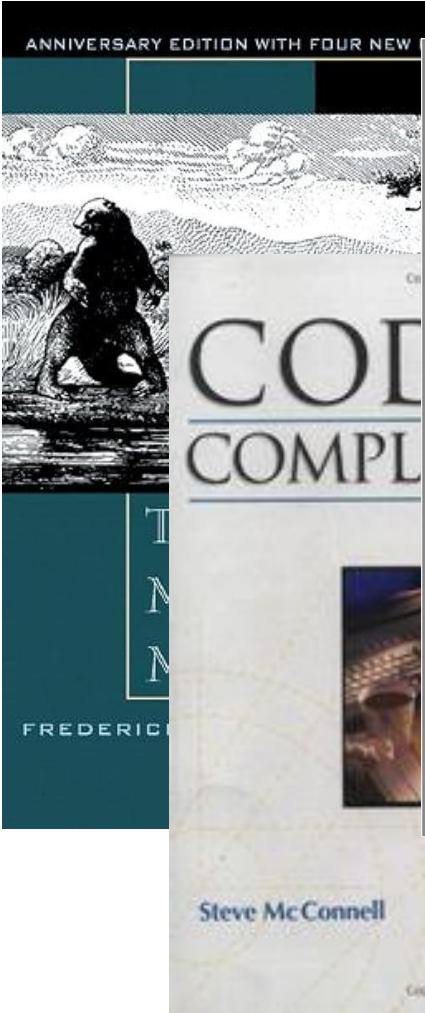


a) Good (loose coupling, high cohesion)



b) Bad (high coupling, low cohesion)

A LONG TRADITION OF CLEAN CODE



TIDYING VALUE

baby steps

**boy scout rule
as a mindset**

micro-refactoring

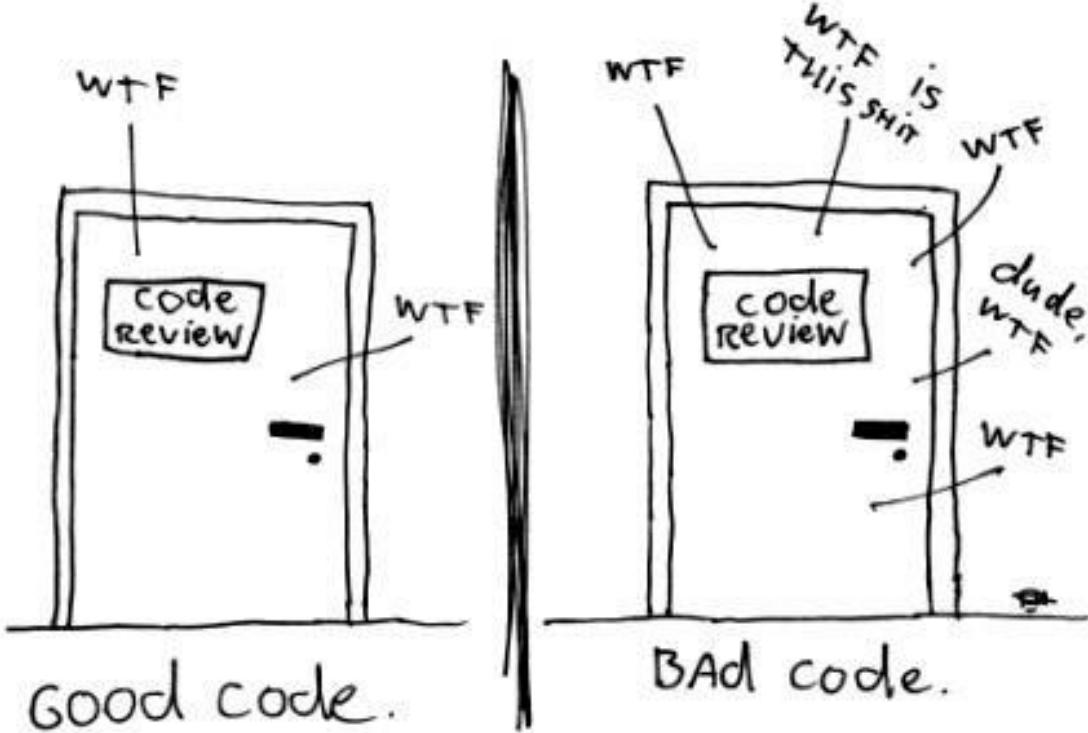
low-priced

**easy to learn
easy to master
easy to apply**

code hygiene enforcer

WHY DO WE NEED TIDYING ?

The ONLY VALID MEASUREMENT
OF CODE QUALITY: WTFs/MINUTE



(c) 2008 Focus Shift

The image is a composite of three elements. On the left, there is a screenshot of a computer screen showing a PHP code editor with a registration script. The script includes functions for user registration, validation of inputs like username, password, and email, and session handling. In the center, there is a cartoon illustration of a man in a white gi and black belt performing a high kick. On the right, there is a large, stylized graphic with the words "SCRIPT FIGHTER" written in a bold, yellow and orange gradient font with a black outline.

“The biggest cost of code is the cost of reading and understanding it, not the cost of writing it.”

(from *Tidy First ?* By Kent Beck)

BOOK CONTENTS

● Tidying
(patterns)

1

● Theory
(strategic)

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● Managing
(tactical)

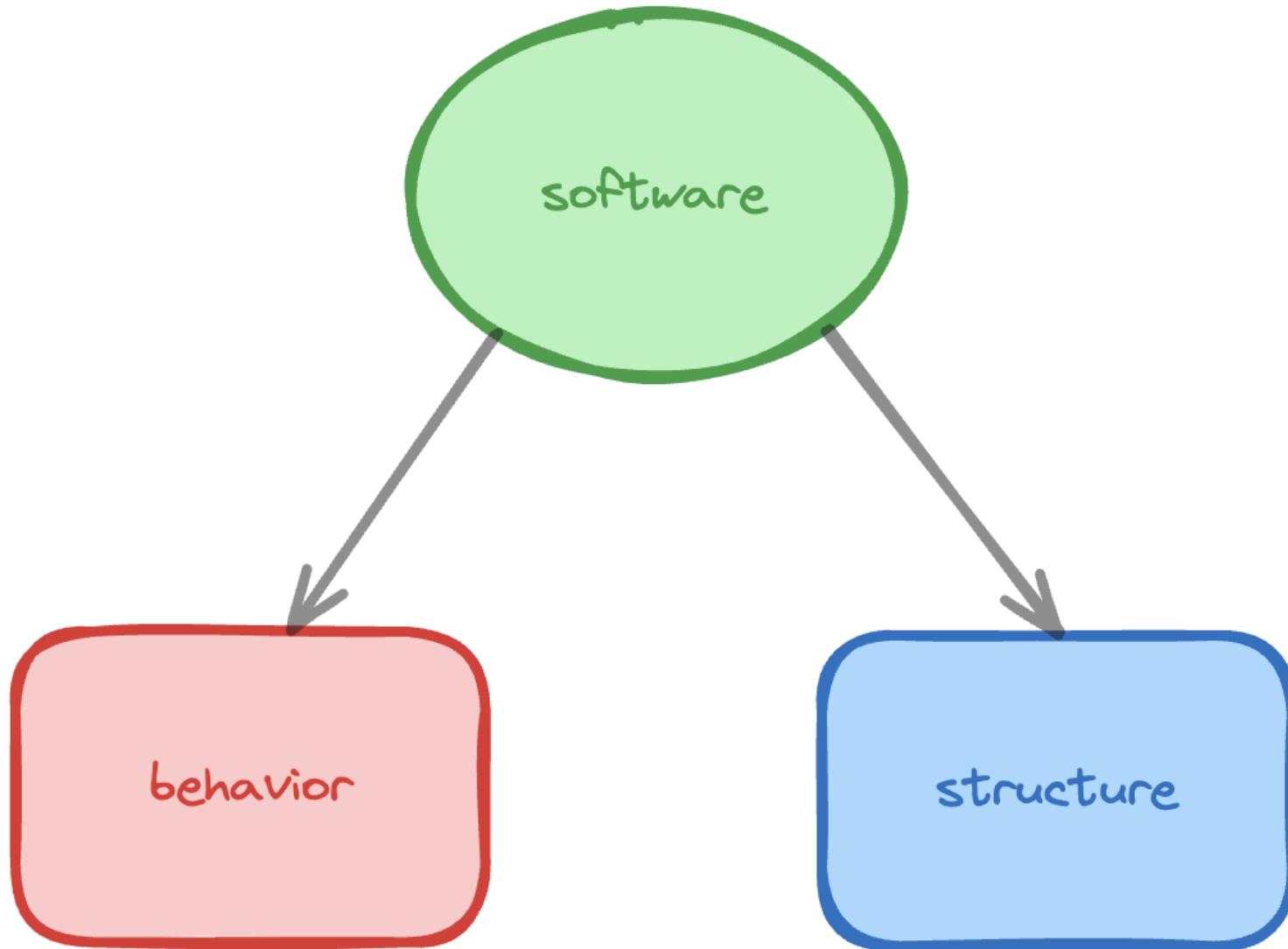
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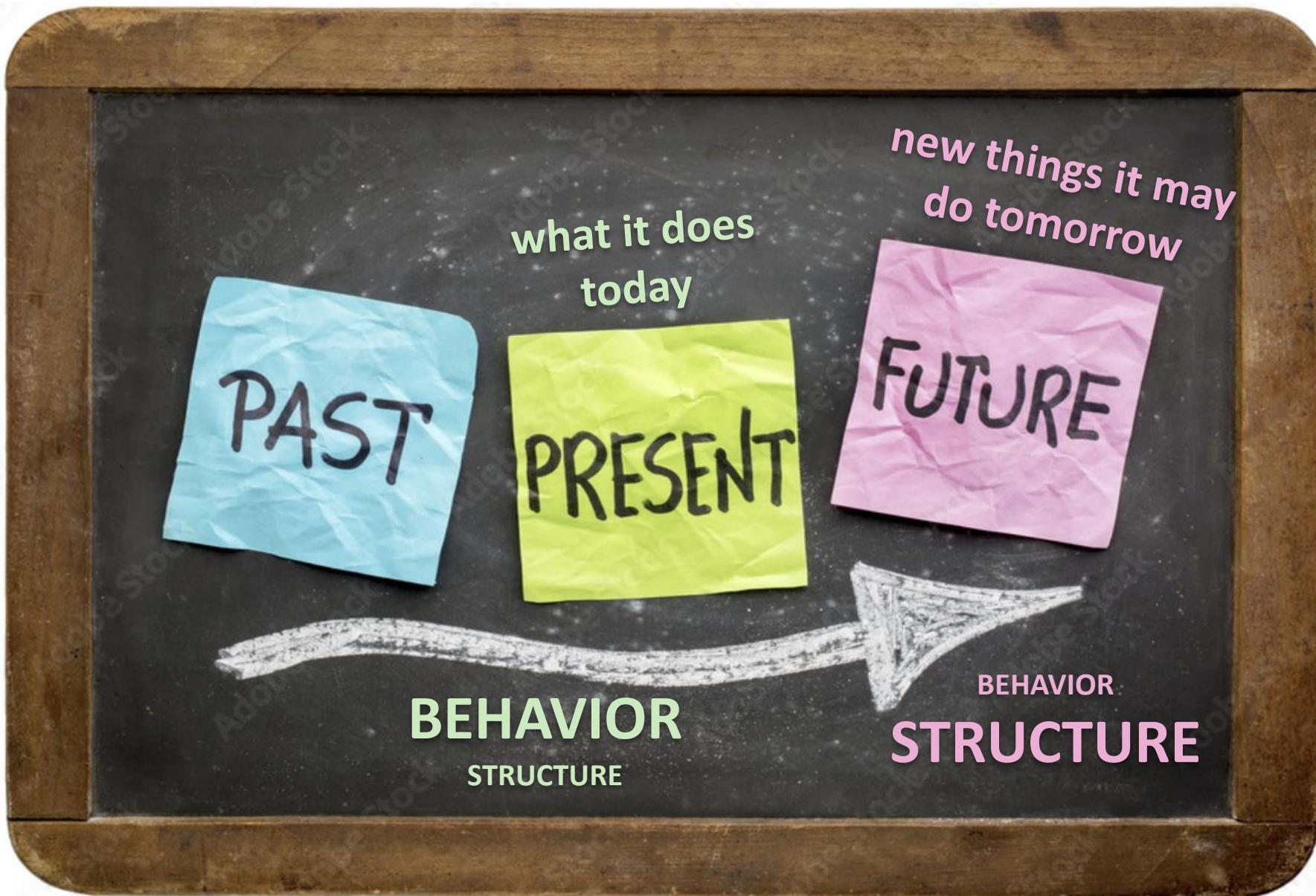
STRATEGIC TIDYING

VALUE OF SOFTWARE





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FLEXIBILITY

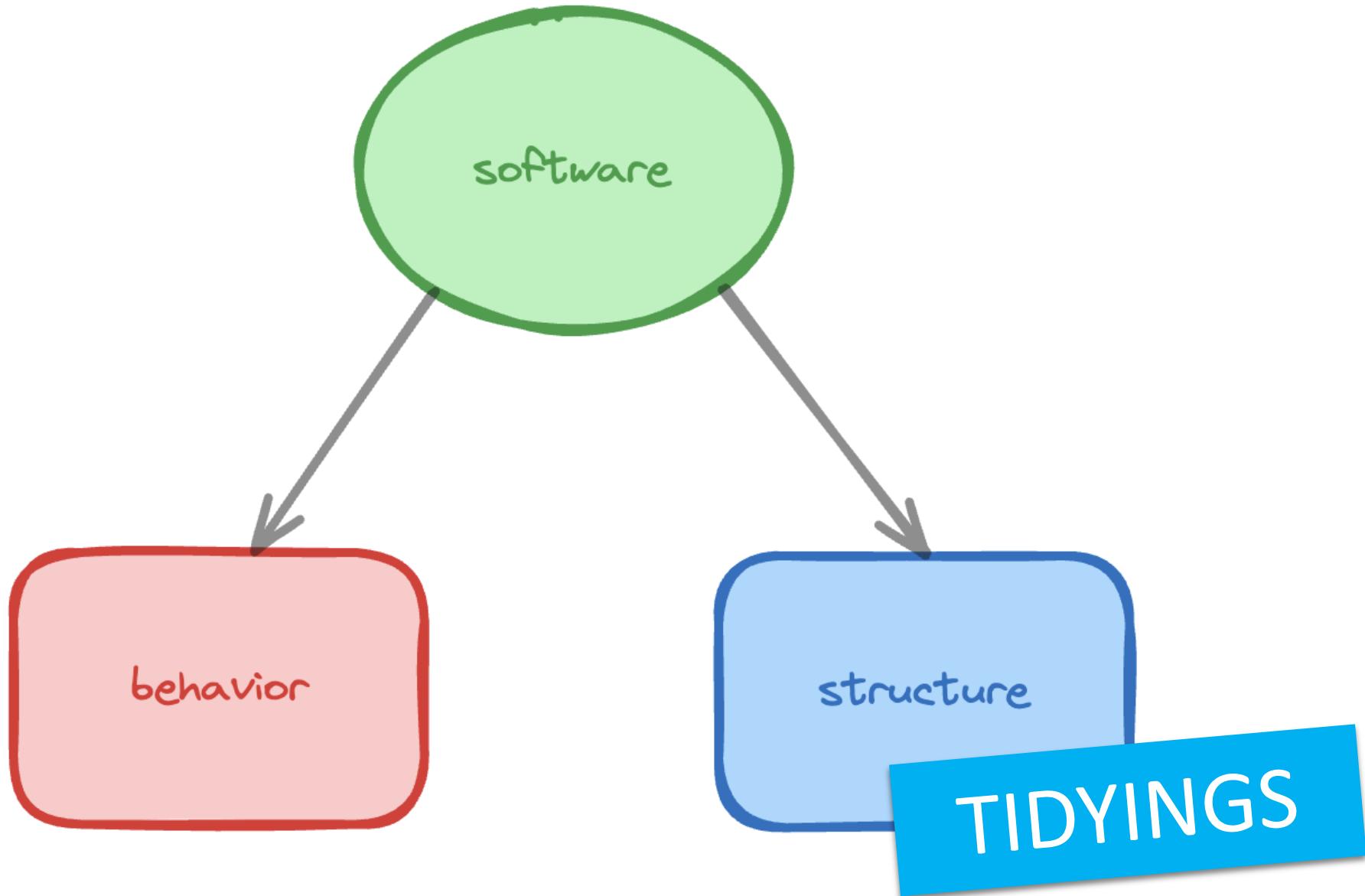
MODULARITY



REVERSIBILITY



hard-learned boy
scout rule



TIME VALUE OF MONEY

1€ today > 1€ tomorrow



OPTIONS



underlying (with price)

option premium

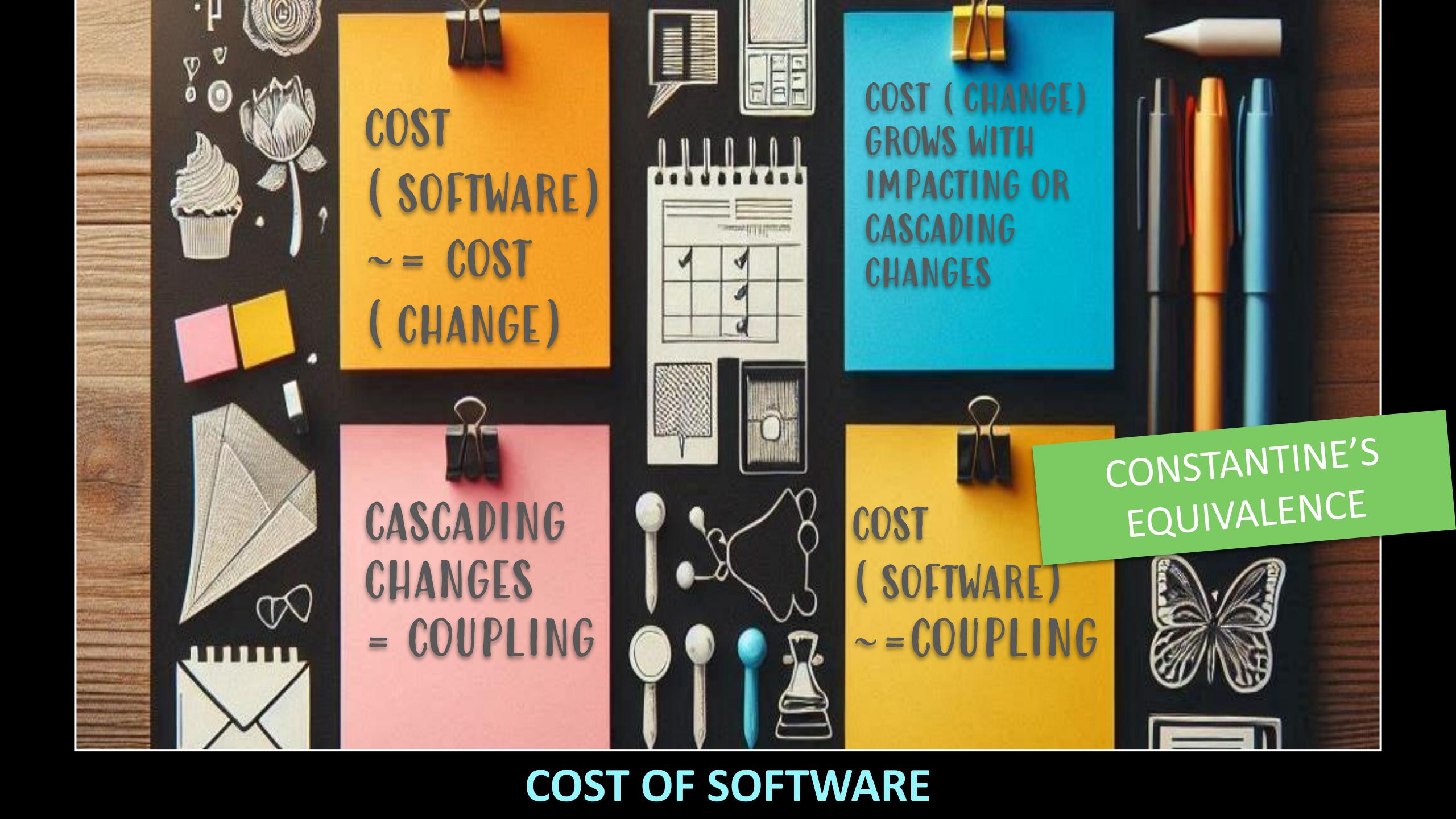


OPTIONALITY IN SOFTWARE

software design = preparation for change (of behavior)

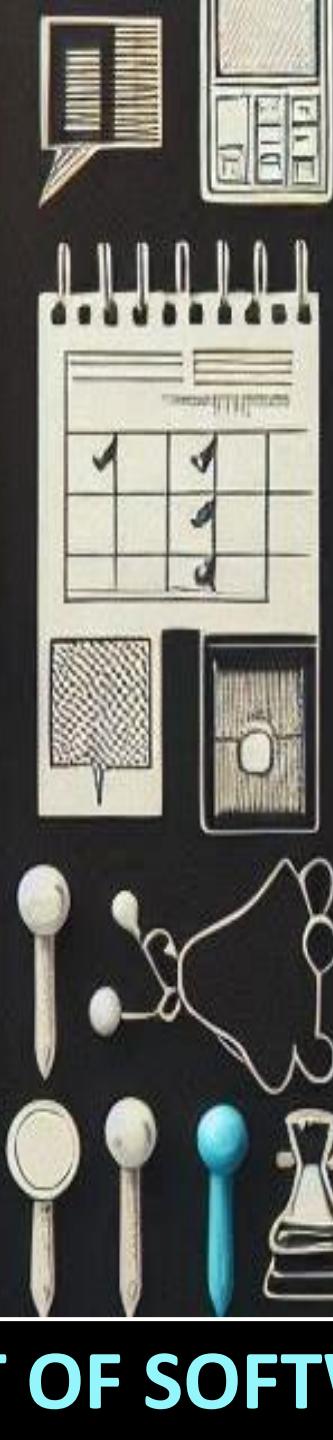
behavior change (tomorrow) = option underlying

structure change (today) = option premium



**COST
(SOFTWARE)**
~ = COST
(CHANGE)

**CASCADING
CHANGES**
= COUPLING



COST (CHANGE)
GROWS WITH
IMPACTING OR
CASCADED CHANGES



**COST
(SOFTWARE)**
~ = COUPLING

CONSTANTINE'S
EQUIVALENCE

COST OF SOFTWARE

COUPLING VS DECOUPLING

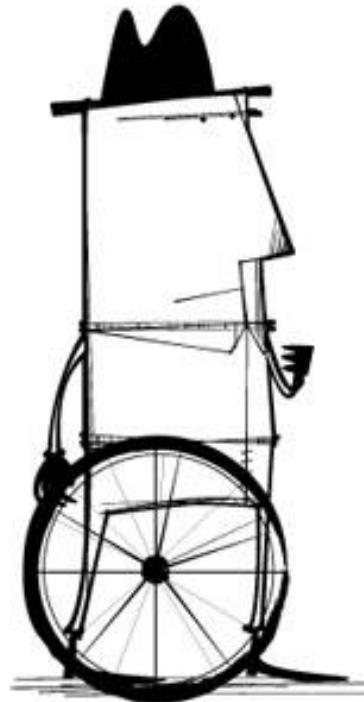


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TECHNICAL DEBT

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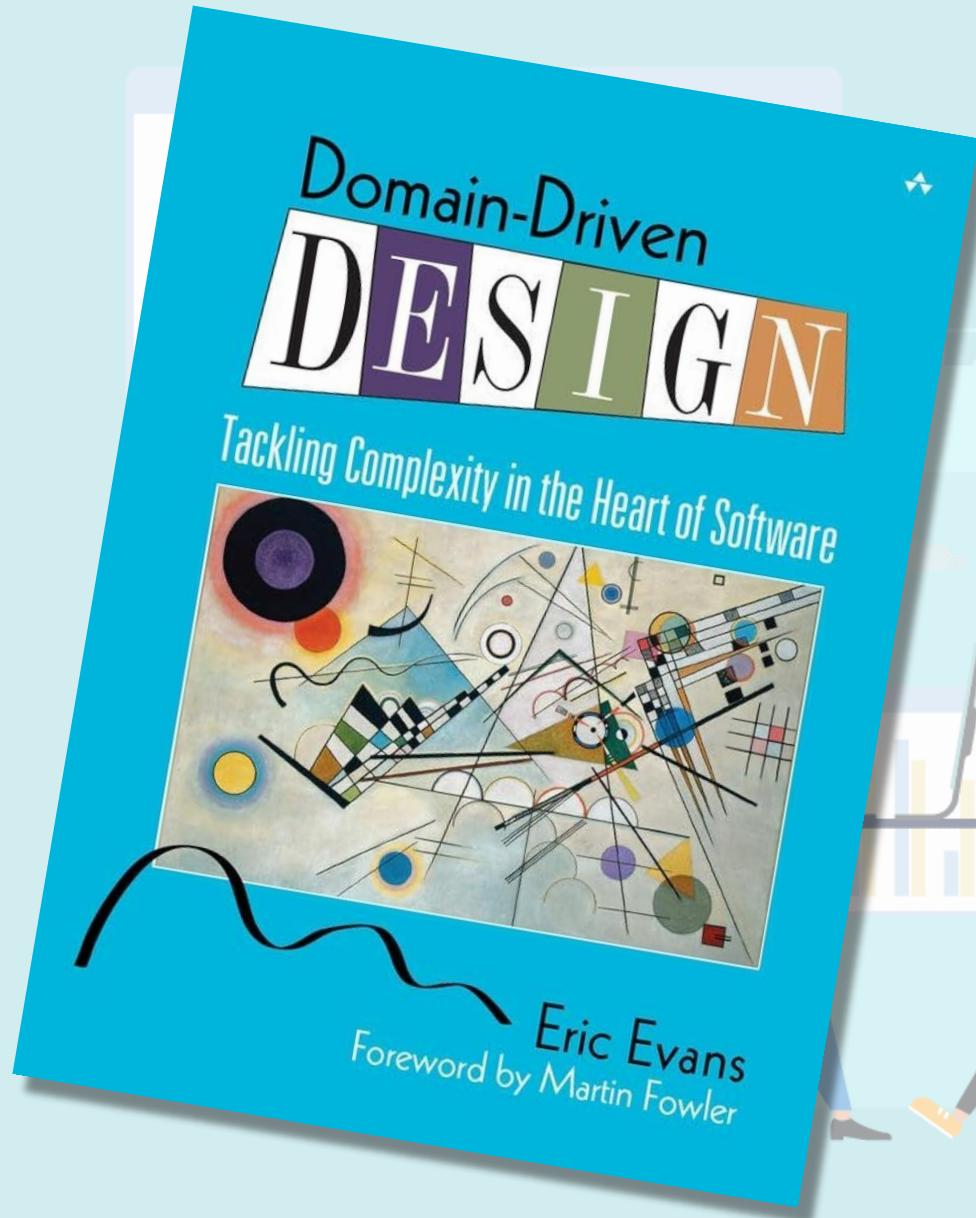
CAN'T STOP.
TOO BUSY!!





A photograph showing a person's hands customizing a meal at a buffet. In the foreground, a hand uses tongs to add colorful bell peppers from a tray to a bowl. Another hand holds a brown bowl filled with rice, edamame beans, and other toppings. The background shows more trays of food, including what looks like falafel. The lighting is warm and focused on the food.

IMPROVING OPTIONALITY



CHOOSING THE RIGHT UNDERLYING





TACTICAL TIDYING

TIDYING PATTERNS

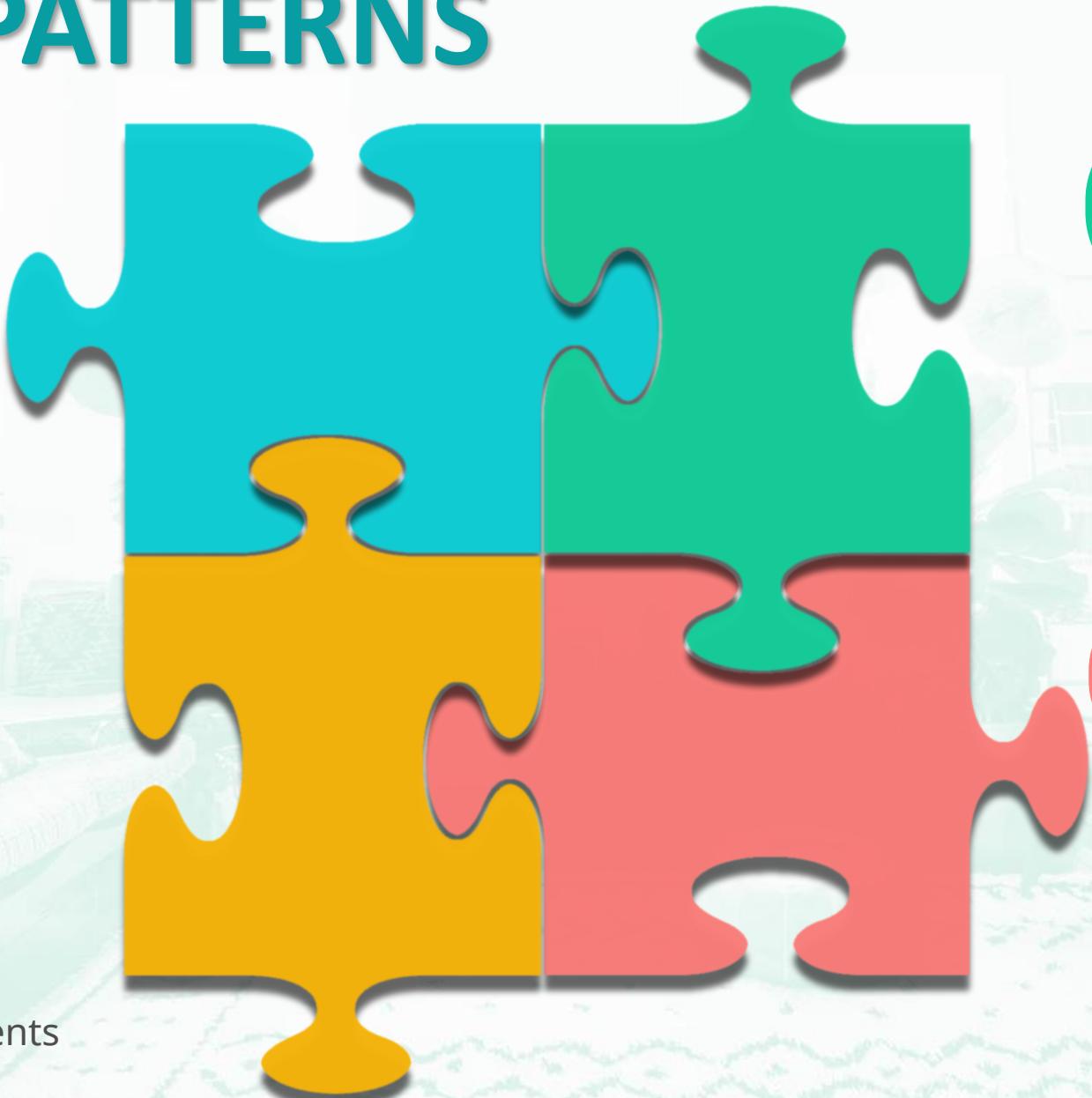
TIDYING PATTERNS

PRESENTATION AND READABILITY

- Chunk statements
- Normalize symmetries
- Dead code
- Reading order

KNOWLEDGE AND DOCUMENTATION

- Explaining variables/explaining constants
- Explaining comments
- Delete redundant comments



DESIGN IMPROVEMENT

- Guard clause
- Extract Helper
- One pile (inline)
- New interface, old implementation

COHESION ENHANCEMENT

- Cohesion order
- Move declaration and initialization together
- Explicit parameters

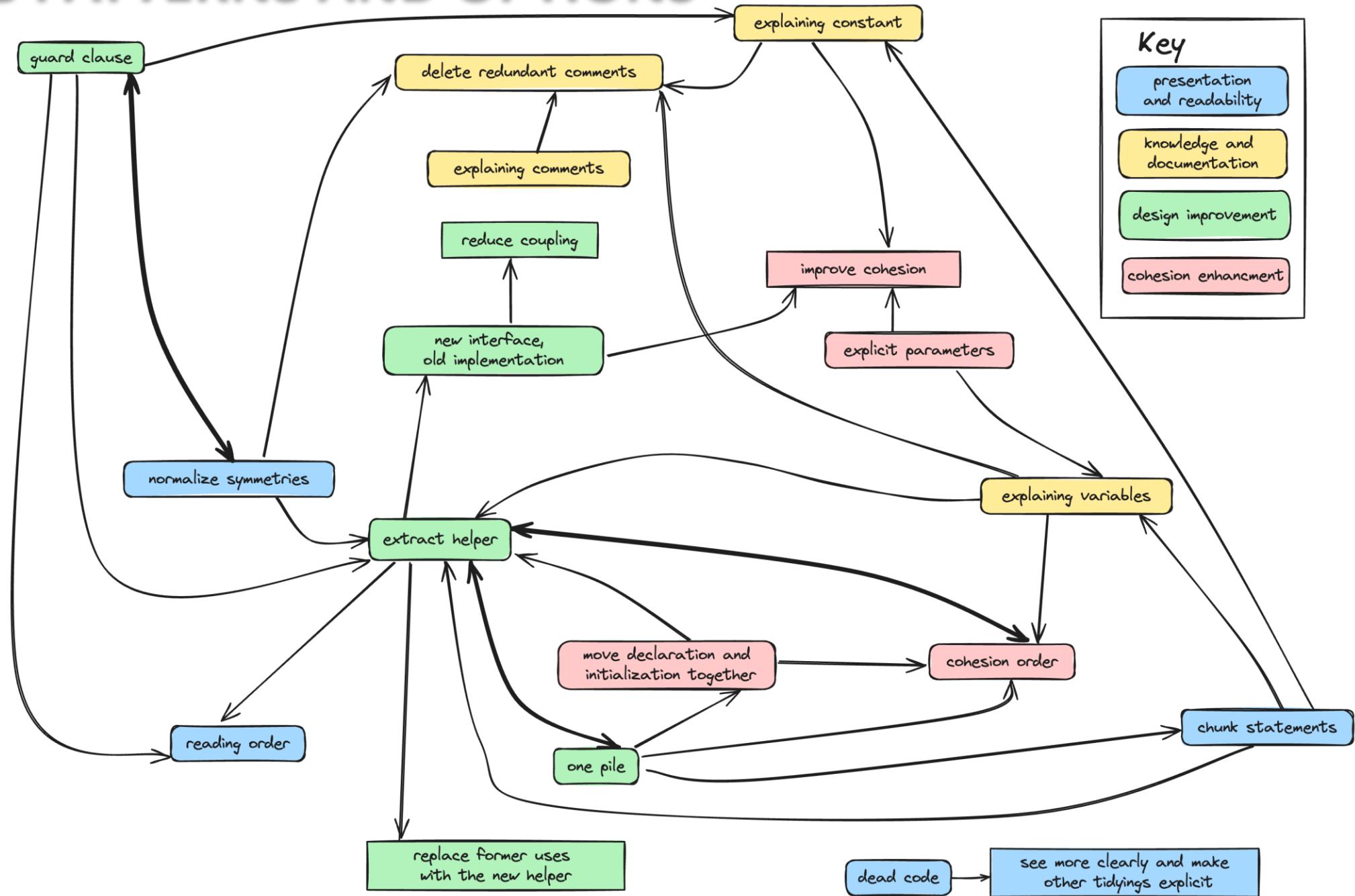


LIVE CODING



TIDYING PATTERNS AND OPTIONS

https://github.com/athieffaine/tidying_patterns/blob/main/tidying_patterns_options.excalidraw

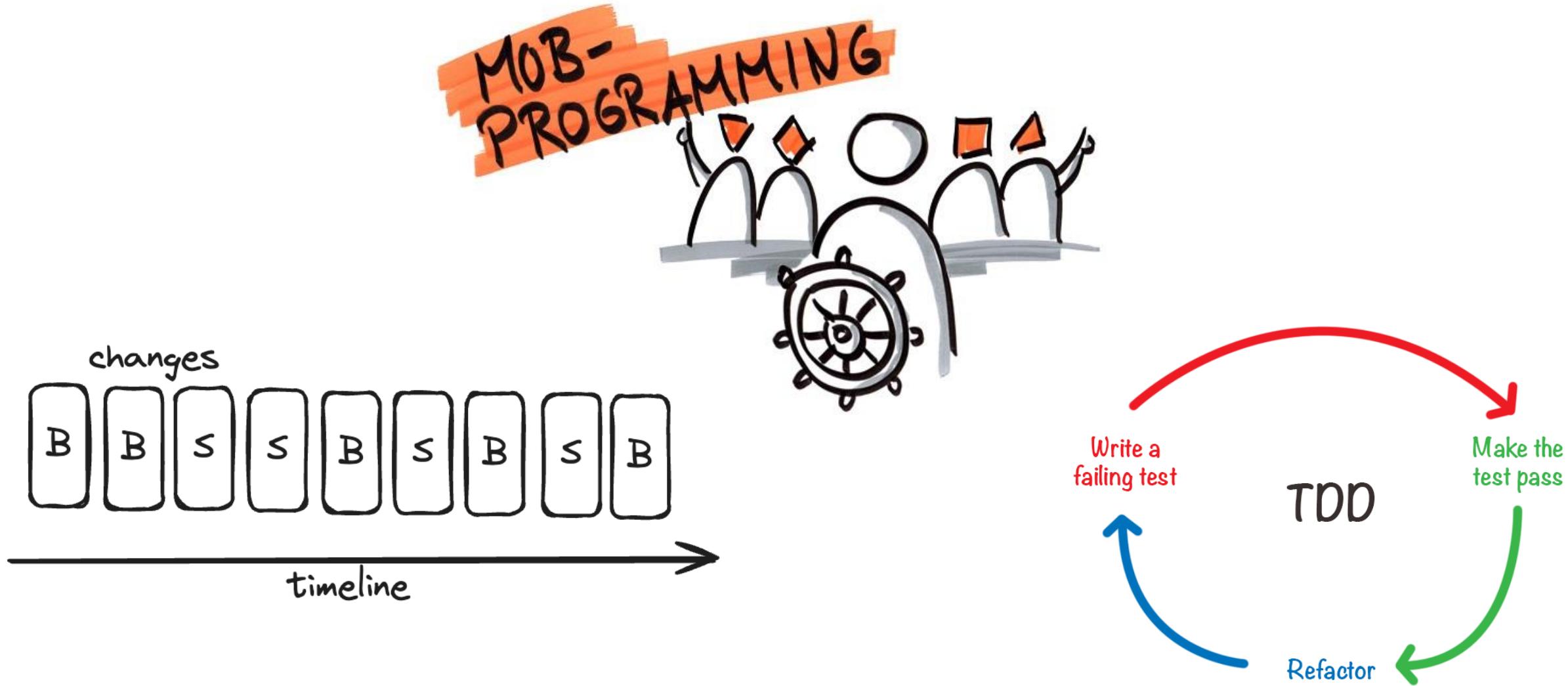




MANAGING TIDYING DAILY

STRUCTURE CHANGE VS BEHAVIOR CHANGE

<https://softwareevolutivo.com.ec/mob-programming-el-arte-de-colaborar-con-el-equipo/>





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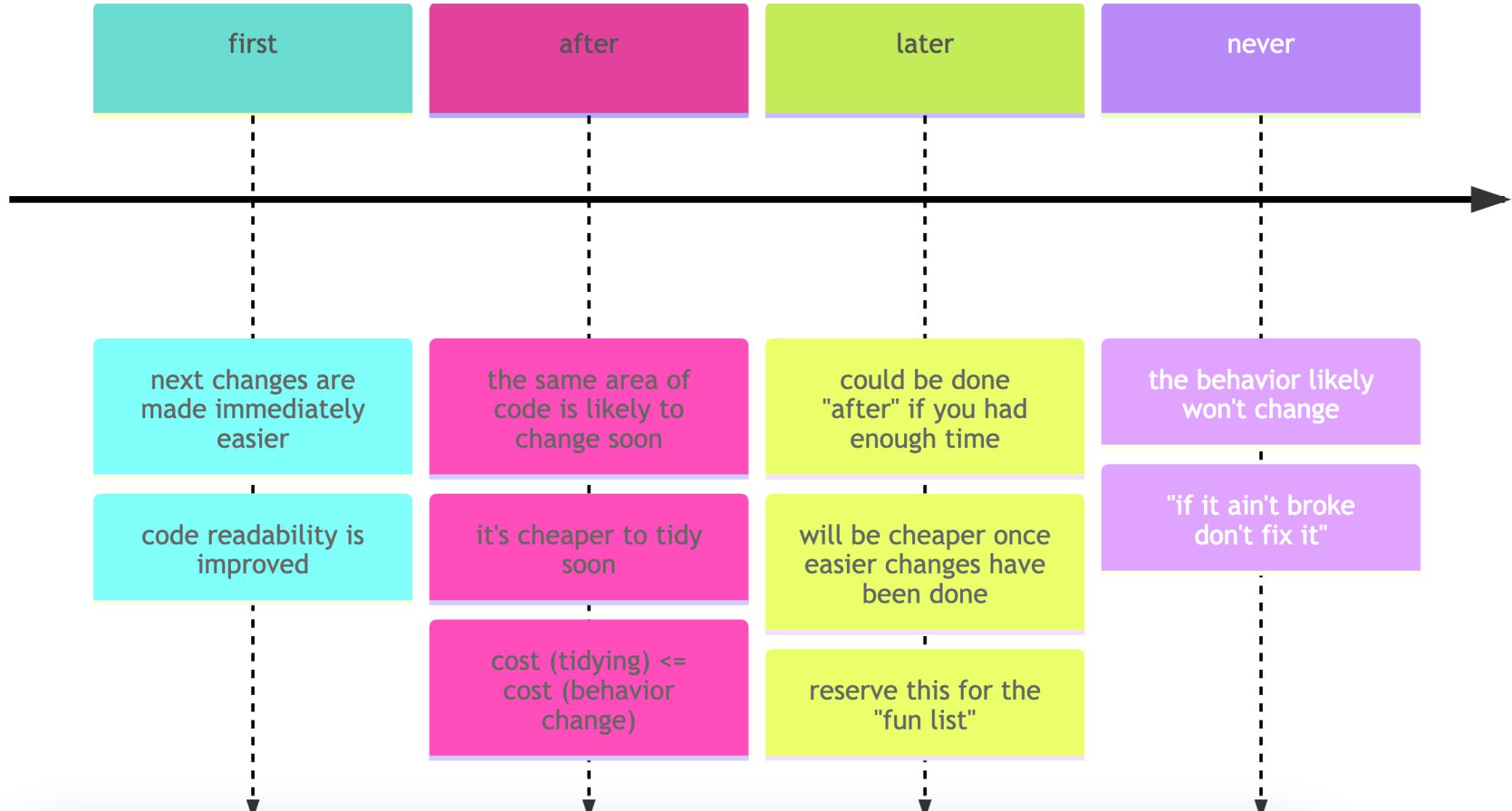
• C:

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WHEN TO TIDY ?



TO KEEP IN MIND

Another major (baby engineering history) 😊 step in clean code/software



engineering history

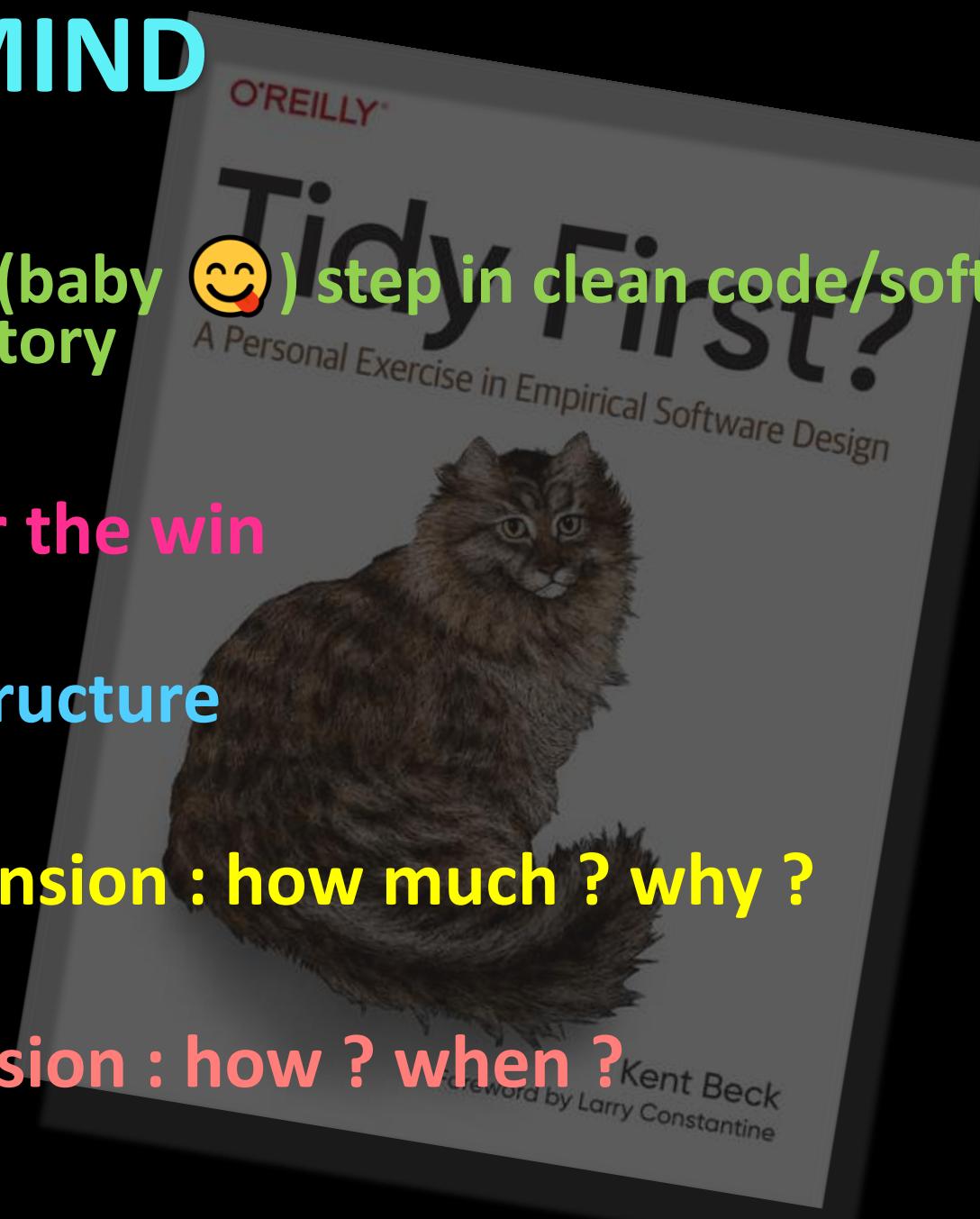


Optionality for the win

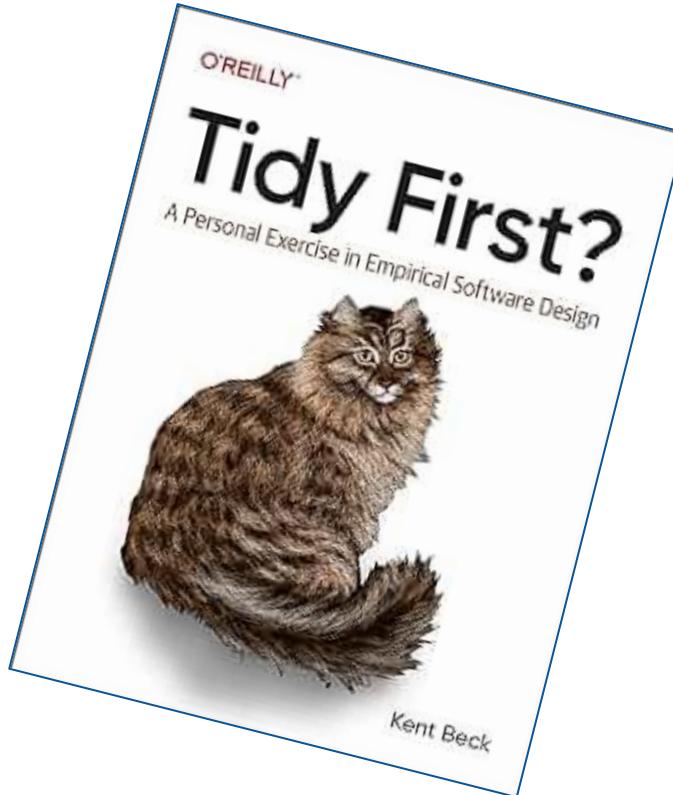
Behavior vs Structure

Strategic dimension : how much ? why ?

Tactical dimension : how ? when ?



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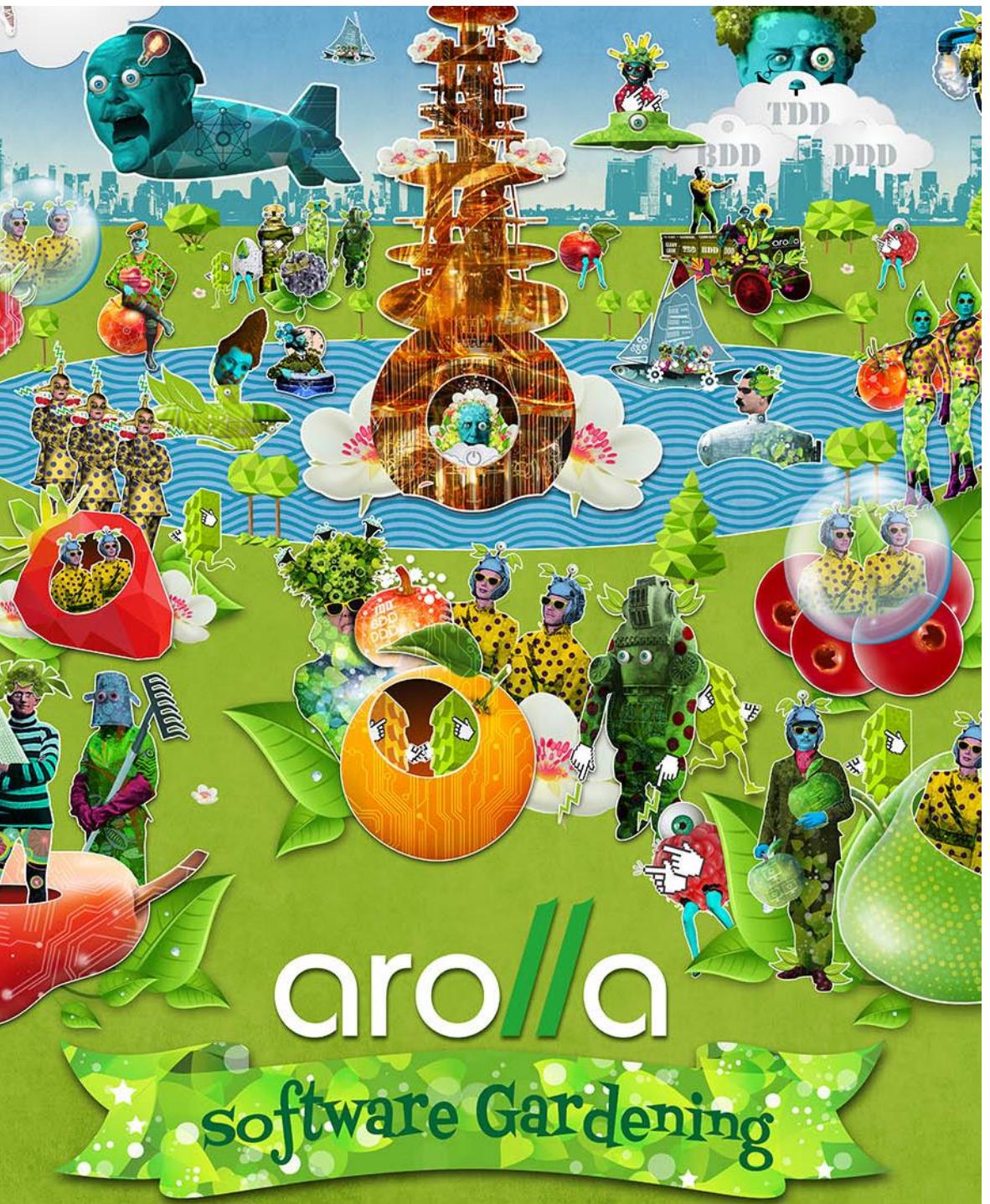
individual
developer



developer
in a team



developer in an
organization



Thanks!



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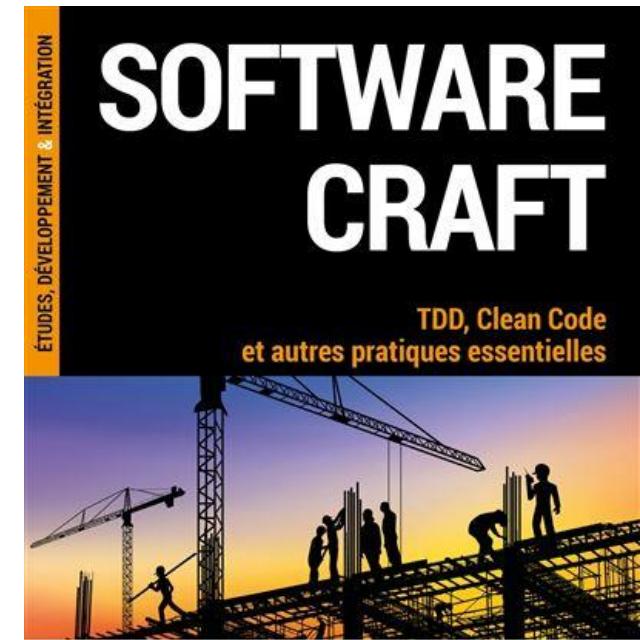


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QUESTIONS ?

• A:

FIRST

• B:

AFTER

• C:

LATER

• D:

NEVER