

Beyond Legacy Code Nine Practices to Extend the Life tand Value) of Your Software

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בegacy – תחזוקה, קוד קיים. 12-13. תחזוקה Code

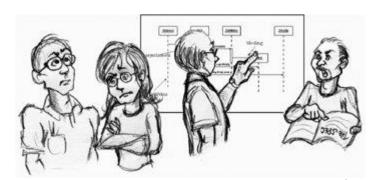
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"Simplicity is prerequisite for reliability"

- E. W. Dijkstra

"Writing code a computer can understand is science.

Writing code other programmers can understand is an art.", <u>Jason Gorman</u>

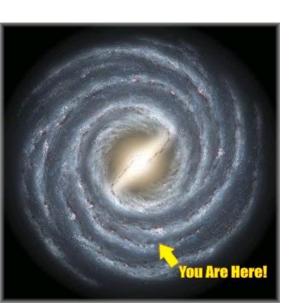


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- <u>בהמשך עוד על איכות תוכנה: עקרונות תיכון מונחה עצמים בהמשך עוד על איכות תוכנה: Object Oriented Design Principles</u>
 - משימת סבב סקר שיפורי קוד
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איפה אנחנו בפרויקט (בקורס)?

- למה? בעיה (פלט: הצעת פרויקט\חזון\SOW)
- מי? צוות (Inception, אתחול\תכנון פרויקט)
 - מה? דרישות (SRS)
 - י איך? תיכון (ארכיטקטורה) (SDS)
 - מתי? תכנון וניהול – (ZFR)
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 - בדיקות
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 - כלי הנדסת תוכנה
 - <u>שמישות, נושאים נוספים</u> –



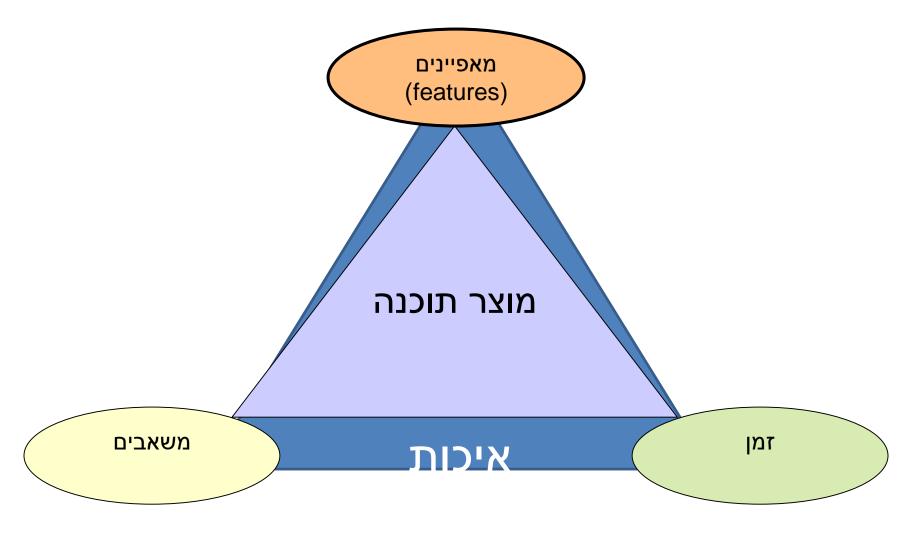
מקורות

- Feathers, Working Effectively with Legacy Code
- Fowler, Refactoring
- The Mikado Method
- Berkeley/Edx SAAS course

קישורים להרחבה

- How about learning f***ing programming?
 Short video on testing/refactoring/design
- Fowler, <u>An Appropriate Use of Metrics</u>, 2013
- Smell and Refactoring lists:
 - http://www.soberit.hut.fi/mmantyla/BadCodeSmell sTaxonomy.htm
 - http://www.codinghorror.com/blog/2006/05/codesmells.html
 - http://users.csc.calpoly.edu/~jdalbey/305/Lectures /SmellsToRefactorings

תזכורת: פרויקט תוכנה:



איכות תוכנה

- מרכיבים פנימיים
- נראים למפתחים
 - דוגמאות:
 - מודולריות
 - עקיבות •
- פשטות \ קריאות
 - סגנון הקוד
- יכולת להשתנות ולהתפתח

שים חדשים [Begel & Simon 08], עובדים חדשים במיקרוסופט מבלים את רוב השנה הראשונה בקריאת קוד

• מרכיבים חיצוניים:

– נראים ללקוח∖למשתמש

- דוגמאות:

- ערך ללקוח! (TTM)
 - נכונות, יעילות
 - שמישות
 - עמידות •
 - הרחבתיות?

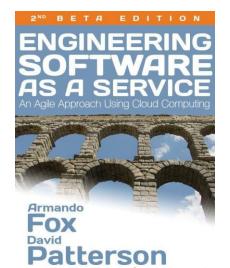
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Butler W. Lampson, <u>Hints for</u>
Computer System Design, 1983
(2013 <u>lecture</u>)

איכות תוכנה

- ?איך משיגים תוכנה איכותית
- בתיכון ראינו יעדים כלליים: צימוד (coupling) נמוך, לכידות (cohesion) גבוהה כיצד משיגים אותם?
- עקרונות + תבניות + הרגלים = תוכנה איכותית
 - Beck's Simple Design •
 - פיתוח תוכנה מונחה עצמים שולט (?), לכן נדון
 מכיוון זה בהמשך

מתוך קורס הנדסת תוכנה בברקלי



- קורס ה"ת ותיק (<u>וידאו, 2013</u>)
 - Fox & Patterson -
 - Industry: legacy code
 - (obamacare) -
- קורס <u>מקוון</u> (coursera/edx <u>I II</u>) בשילוב תוכנה כשירות (K100 < (SaaS) > סטודנטים + <u>ספר</u>
 - קורס בחירה דומה במכללה (הנדסת תוכנה למחשוב ענן)



What Makes Code "Legacy" and How Can Agile Help? (ESaaS § 9.1) Armando Fox



Legacy Code Matters

- Since maintenance consumes ~60% of software costs, it is probably the most important life cycle phase of software . . .
- "Old hardware becomes obsolete; old software goes into production every night."

Robert Glass, Facts & Fallacies of Software Engineering (fact #41)

How do we understand and **safely** modify legacy code?

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Maintenance != bug fixes

- Enhancements: 60% of maintenance costs
- Bug fixes: 17% of maintenance costs

Hence the "60/60 rule":

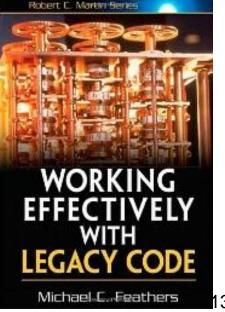
- 60% of software cost is maintenance
- 60% of maintenance cost is enhancements.

Glass, R. Software Conflict. Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Yourdon Press, 1991



What makes code "legacy"?

- Still meets customer need, AND:
- You didn't write it, and it's poorly documented
- You did write it, but a long time ago (and it's poorly documented)
- It lacks good tests (regardless of who wrote it)—Feathers 2004





2 ways to think about modifying legacy code

- Edit & Pray
 - "I kind of think I probably didn't break anything"



- Cover & Modify
 - Let test coverage be your safety blanket



How Agile Can Help



- Exploration: determine where you need to make changes (change points)
- 2. Refactoring: is the code around change points (a) tested? (b) testable?
 - (a) is true: good to go
 - !(a) && (b): apply BDD+TDD cycles to improve test coverage
 - !(a) && !(b): refactor



How Agile Can Help, cont.

- 3. Add tests to improve coverage as needed
- 4. Make changes, using tests as ground truth
- Refactor further, to leave codebase better than you found it

- This is "embracing change" on long time scales
 - "Try to leave this world a little better than you found it."

 Lord Robert Baden-Powell, founder of the Boy Scouts

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If you've been assigned to modify legacy code, which statement would make you happiest if true?

- "It was originally developed using Agile techniques"
- ☐ "It is well covered by tests"
- "It's nicely structured and easy to read"
- "Many of the original design documents are available"



Approaching & Exploring Legacy Code (ESaaS § 9.2) Armando Fox



Get the code running in development

- Check out a scratch branch that won't be checked back in, and get it to run
 - In a production-like setting or development-like setting
 - Ideally with something resembling a copy of production database
 - Some systems may be too large to clone
- Learn the user stories: Get customer to talk you through what they' re doing

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Understand database schema & important classes

Inspect database schema (rake db:schema:dump)



- Create a <u>model interaction diagram</u>
 automatically (<u>gem install railroady</u>) or
 manually by code inspection
- What are the main (highly-connected) classes, their responsibilities, and their collaborators?

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Class-Responsibility-Collaborator (CRC) Cards

(Kent Beck & Ward Cunningham, OOPSLA 1989)

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Showing					
Responsibilities	Collaborators				
Knows name of movie	Movie			Ticket	
Knows date & time			F	Responsibilities	Collaborators
		Knows	Knows its price		
Computes ticket availability	Ticket	Knows	Knows which showing it's for		Showing
				ticket availability	
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Order		Knows	Knows its owner		Patron
Responsibilities	Coll	laborato	ors		
Knows how many tickets it has	Tick	Ticket			
Computes its price					
Knows its owner	Patro	on			
Knows its owner	Patr	Patron			21



As a patron

CRC's and User Stories

```
I want to add tickets to my order
Scenario: Find specific showing
 Given a showing of "Inception" on Oct 5 at 7pm
       I visit the "Buy Tickets" page
 When
 Then the "Movies" menu should contain "Inception"
        the "Showings" menu should contain "Oct 5, 7pm"
 And
Scenario: Find what other showings are available
 Given there are showings of "Inception" today at
    2pm, 4pm, 7pm, 10pm
 When I visit the "List showings" page for "Inception"
 Then I should see "2pm" and "4pm" and "7pm" and "10pm"
```

Feature: Add movie tickets to shopping cart

So that I can attend a showing of a movie

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Codebase & "informal" docs

- Overall codebase gestalt
 - Subjective code quality? (reek, flog, flay, saikuro)
 - Code to test ratio? Codebase size? (rake stats)
 - Major models/views/controllers?
 - Cucumber & Rspec tests
- Informal design docs
 - Lo-fi UI mockups and user stories
 - Archived email, newsgroup, internal wiki pages or blog posts, etc. about the project
 - Design review notes (eg <u>Campfire</u> or <u>Basecamp</u>)
 - Commit logs in version control system (git log)
 - RDoc documentation se18b-yagel

Ruby RDoc Ex	ample	RDoc Docum	entation	+
Files	Classes		Methods	
date_calculator.rb	DateCalculator		current_year_from new (DateCalculato	n_days (DateCalculator) or)



Class DateCalculator

In: date_calculator.rb

Parent: Object

This class calculates the current year given an origin day supplied by a clock chip.

Author: Armando Fox

Copyright: Copyright(C) 2011 by Armando Fox License: Distributed under the BSD License

Methods

current_year_from_days new

Public Class methods

new(origin_year)

Create a new DateCalculator initialized to the origin year

• origin_year - days will be calculated from Jan. 1 of this year

Public Instance methods

current_year_from_days(days_since_origin)

Returns current year, given days since origin year

· days_since_origin - number of days elapsed since Jan. 1 of origin year



Summary: Exploration

- "Size up" the overall code base
- Identify key classes and relationships
- Identify most important data structures
- Ideally, identify place(s) where change(s) will be needed
- Keep design docs as you go
 - diagrams
 - GitHub wiki
 - comments you insert using RDoc



Establishing Ground Truth With Characterization Tests (ESaaS § 9.3)



Why?

- You don't want to write code without tests
- You don't have tests
- You can't create tests without understanding the code

How do you get started?



Characterization Tests

- Establish ground truth about how the app works today, as basis for coverage
 - Makes known behaviors Repeatable
 - Increase confidence that you're not breaking anything
- Pitfall: don't try to make improvements at this stage!
- https://github.com/github/scientist



Integration-Level Characterization Tests

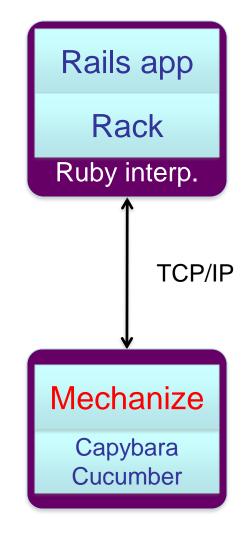
- Natural first step: black-box/integration level
 - doesn't rely on understanding app structure
- Use the Cuke, Luke
 - Additional Capybara back-ends like Mechanize make almost everything scriptable
 - Do imperative scenarios now
 - Convert to declarative or improve Given steps later when you understand app internals

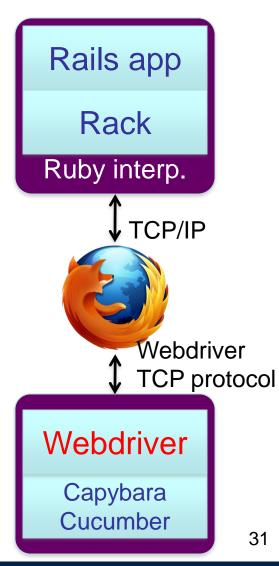
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In-process vs. out-of-process

Rails app
Rack
Rack::Test
Capybara
Cucumber
Ruby interp.







Unit- and Functional-Level Characterization Tests

- Cheat: write tests to learn as you go
 - See Screencast 8.3.1 at screencast.saasbook.info

```
it "should calculate sales tax" do
 order = mock('order')
 order.compute_tax.should == -99.99
end
# object 'order' received unexpected message 'get_total'
it "should calculate sales tax" do
 order = mock('order', :get_total => 100.00)
 order.compute_tax.should == -99.99
end
   expected compute_tax to be -99.99, was 8.45
it "should calculate sales tax" do
 order = mock('order', :get_total => 100.00)
 order.compute_tax.should == 8.45
                                                        32
end
```



Which is FALSE about integration-level characterization tests vs. module- or unit-level characterization tests?

- □ They are based on fewer assumptions about how the code works
- □ They are just as likely to be unexpectedly dependent on the production database
- They rely less on detailed knowledge about the code's structure
- If a customer can do the action, you can create a simple characterization test by mechanizing the action by brute force



Identifying What's Wrong: Smells, Metrics, SOFA (ESaaS § 9.4)



http://pastebin.com/gtQ7QcHu



Quantitative: Metrics

Metric	Tool	Target score
Code-to-test ratio	rake stats	≤ 1:2
C0 (statement) coverage	SimpleCov	90%+
Assignment-Branch- Condition score	flog	< 20 per method
Cyclomatic complexity	saikuro	< 10 per method (NIST)

- "Hotspots": places where multiple metrics raise red flags
 - add require 'metric_fu' to Rakefile
 - rake metrics:all
- Take metrics with a grain of salt
 - Like coverage, better for identifying where improvement is needed than for signing off

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Cyclomatic complexity (McCabe, 1976)

of linearly-independent paths thru code =
 E- N+2P (edges, nodes, connected

```
components)
def mymeth
  while(...)
  end
  if (...)
    do_something
  end
```

end

- Here, E=9, N=8, P=1, so CC=3
- NIST (Natl. Inst. Stds. & Techຝາສ≤1/໑/ຝmodule



Qualitative: Code Smells

SOFA captures symptoms that often indicate code smells:

- Be short
- Do one thing
- Have few arguments
- Consistent level of abstraction



Single Level of Abstraction

- Complex tasks need divide & conquer
- Yellow flag for "encapsulate this task in a method":
 - line N of function says what to do
 - but line N+1 says how to do something
- Like a good news story, classes & methods should read "top down"!
- Example: encourage customers to opt in

http://pastebin.com/AFQAKxbR



Why Lots of Arguments is Bad

- Hard to get good testing coverage
- Hard to mock/stub while testing
- Boolean arguments should be a yellow flag
 - If function behaves differently based on Boolean argument value, maybe should be 2 functions
- If arguments "travel in a herd", maybe you need to extract a new class
- Example: mailing address for Moviegoer



Example: AvailableSeat

- A real example
 - Shows have seat inventory for sale, at different prices and for different sections (premium vs. regular, eg)
 - Some seats only available to "VIP" customers
 - Some seat types only sold during certain date ranges, or have limited inventory

AvailableSeat		
Responsibilities	Collaborators	
Knows rules for computing availability	Showdate	
Computes availability of each seat type given show & customer	Customer ValidVoucher VoucherType	
Provides explanation when a certain seat type is unavailable	7700	

Which SOFA guideline is most important for unit-level testing?



- ☐ Short
- ☐ Do one thing
- ☐ Have few arguments
- Stick to one level of abstraction



Intro to Method-Level Refactoring (ESaaS § 9.5)



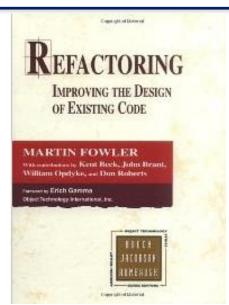
Refactoring: Idea

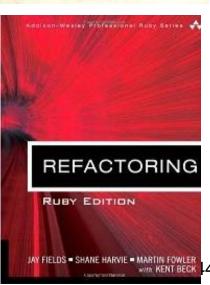
- Start with code that has 1 or more problems/smells
- Through a series of small steps, transform to code from which those smells are absent
- Protect each step with tests
- · Minimize time during which tests are red



History & Context

- Fowler et al. developed mostly definitive catalog of refactorings
 - Adapted to various languages
 - Method- and class-level refactorings
- Each refactoring consists of:
 - Name
 - Summary of what it does/when to use
 - Motivation (what problem it solves)
 - Mechanics: step-by-step recipe
 - Example(s)













Refactoring TimeSetter

Fix stupid names

http://pastebin.com/pYCfMQJp

Extract method

- http://pastebin.com/sXVDW9C6
- Extract method, encapsulate class

http://pastebin.com/yrmyVd7R

Test extracted methods

http://pastebin.com/vNw66mn9

- Some thoughts on unit testing
 - Glass-box testing can be useful while refactoring
 - Common approach: test critical values and representative noncritical values



What did we do?

- Made date calculator easier to read and understand using simple refactorings
- Found a bug
- Observation: if we had developed method using TDD, might have gone easier!
- Improved our flog & reek scores



Other Smells & Remedies

Smell	Refactoring that may resolve it	
Large class	Extract class, subclass or module	
Long method	Decompose conditional Replace loop with collection method Extract method Extract enclosing method with yield() Replace temp variable with query Replace method with object	
Long parameter list/data clump	Replace parameter with method call Extract class	
Shotgun surgery; Inappropriate intimacy	Move method/move field to collect related items into one DRY place	
Too many comments	Extract method introduce assertion replace with internal documentation	
Inconsistent level of abstraction	Extract methods & classes	

Which is NOT a goal of method-level refactoring?



- ☐ Reduce code complexity
- ☐ Eliminate code smells
- ☐ Eliminate bugs
- Improve testability



Legacy Code & Refactoring: Reflections, Fallacies, Pitfalls, etc.

(ESaaS § 9.8-9.10)



First Drafts

When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for a people to advance from that subordination in which they have hitherto remained, & to assume among the powers of the earth the equal & independent station to which the Laws of Nature & of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the change.

We hold these truths to be sacred & undeniable...



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Fallacies & Pitfalls

Most of your design, coding, and testing time will be spent refactoring.

- "We should just throw this out and start over"
- ▲Abuse of metrics

Which is TRUE regarding refactoring?



- Refactoring usually results in fewer total lines of code
- Refactoring should not cause existing tests to fail
- Refactoring addresses explicit (vs. implicit) customer requirements
- Refactoring often results in changes to the test suite





Plan-And-Document Perspective on Software Maintenance:

(Engineering Software as a Service § 9.7)

David Patterson



P&D Maintenance?

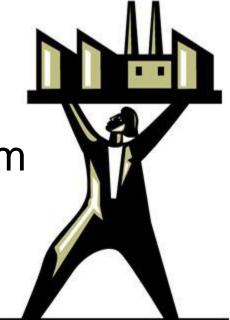
- How much spent on P&D development vs. P&D maintenance?
 - How does this compare to Agile?
- Agile developers maintain code
 - Does P&D use same or different people for maintenance?
- What does the P&D Maintenance Documentation look like?





P&D Maintenance

- P&D spends 1/3 on development,
 2/3 on maintenance
 - Customers pay 10%/year
 SW maintenance fee
- Development ≠ Maintenance Team
 - Maintenance Managers
 - Maintenance SW Engineers
 - Typically less prestigious





Maintenance Manager

- Like Development Manager
 - Estimate costs, maintain schedule, evaluate risks & overcomes them
 - Recruits maintenance team
 - Evaluate software engineers performance, which sets salary
 - Document project maintenance plan (maintain documents & code)
 - IEEE standard to follow
 - Blamed if upgrade takes too long or too expensive





P&D Maintenance Process

- Differences vs. Development Process:
- 1. Working SW in field
 - New releases can't break features

2. Customer collaboration

Work with customer to improve in
 next release vs. meet contract spec

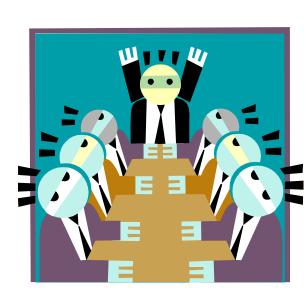
3. Responding to change

- Customers send change requests,
 which SW engineers must prioritize
- Change request forms have ticket tracking



Change Control Board

- Board (not Manager) decides
- Manager estimates cost/time per change request
- QA team gives cost of testing for change request, including regression testing + new tests
- Documentation teams gives cost of updating docs
- Customer support group decides if urgent or workaround





Urgent Change Request

- No time to update docs, plans & code
 - Software product crashes
 - New laws affect product
 - Security hole => data vulnerable
 - New releases of underlying OS/library
 - Must match competitor's new feature
- Synch after emergency?
 - Emergencies too frequent to catch up?
- Time to refactor to improve maintainability
 - Too expensive for Change Control Board?





Time to Re-Engineer?

- Time to refactor to improve maintainability?
 - Refactor continuous during dev & main
- Re-Engineer to Improve vs. Replace?
 - Use automated tools to upgrade as SW ages and maintenance hard
 - Change database schema
 - Improve documentation by reverse engineering
 - Code analysis tools to point to bad code
 - Programming Language translation tools





Maintenance: P&D vs. Agile



Tasks	In Plan and Document	In Agile
Customer change request	Change request forms	User story on 3x5 cards in Connextra format
Change request cost/time estimate	By Maintenance Manager	Points by Development Team
Triage of change requests	Change Control Board	Development team with customer participation
Roles		
	Maintenance Manager	n.a.
	Maintenance SW Engineers	Development team
	QA team	
	Documentation teams	
	Customer support group	





- 1. The cost of maintenance usually exceeds the cost of development in P&D
- 2. The Agile equivalent to P&D change requests is user stories; equivalent of change request cost estimates is points; P&D releases are iterations
- 3. The Agile lifecycle is similar to the P&D maintenance lifecycle: enhancing working software product, collaborating with customer vs. negotiating by contract, continuously responding to change
- 4. All the above are true



Provocative Question

 If 2/3 cost of product are in the maintenance phase, why not use same maintenance-compatible software development process for whole lifecycle (Agile) vs. separate processes (and teams) for development and maintenance?



The Mikado Method (slides)



תרגיל 5

- Mikado Method Kata
- Log process with git commits (revert)
- Option: pair programming
- Invitation:

https://github.com/jce-il/se-class-

materials/blob/master/docs/instructions/personal/hw5-legacy.md

? - בפעם הבאה

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מימוש מקובל של עק על ב.:
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עוד: חווית משתמש, אבטחה, כלים 2

לסיכום

- Legacy Code \ קוד קיים
 - ?שיפרוק \ Refactoring
 - The Mikado Method •
- תיכון ואיכות מתמשכים, הקשר לבדיקות
 - ?legacy האם הקוד שלכם כבר •
 - משימת סבב סקר שיפורי קוד