CS130: Software Engineering

Lecture 5: Testing

Refactoring



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A word: How're ya doin' today?

A tweet: Describe a bug you had

And what it took to fix



Assignment 2



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Featured:

- C++ / Boost
- Networking
- Docker
- Google Cloud Build
- Google Compute Engine

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- What went well?
- What did not go well?
- What could be improved?





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Where's the problem?

```
steps:
- name: 'gcr.io/cloud-builders/gcloud-slim'
 entrypoint: 'bash'
  args:
 - '-c'
   mkdir _site
- name: 'jekyll/jekyll:3.8'
  args: [ 'jekyll', 'build' ]
  env:
  - 'JEKYLL VERSION=3.8'
- name: '18fgsa/html-proofer:latest'
  args: [ '_site/', '--disable-external' ]
- name: 'gcr.io/cloud-builders/gcloud-slim'
  args:
  - 'compute'
  - 'scp'
  - ' site/'
  - 'chronos@${_GCE_INSTANCE}:${_DST_PATH}.tmp'
  - '--recurse'
  - '--zone=${ GCE ZONE}'
  -_'--ssh-key-expire-after=1m'
```

```
- name: 'gcr.io/cloud-builders/gcloud-slim'
 args:
 - 'compute'
 - 'ssh'
 - 'chronos@${_GCE_INSTANCE}'
  - '--zone=${ GCE ZONE}'
 - '--ssh-key-expire-after=1m'
  - '--command'
   if [ -d ${_DST_PATH}.last ]; then
      rm -rf ${_DST_PATH}.last;
   fi;
   if [ -d ${_DST_PATH} ]; then
      mv ${_DST_PATH} ${_DST_PATH}.last;
   fi:
   mv ${_DST_PATH}.tmp ${_DST_PATH}
```

What's the problem?

In one step:

scp _site/ X.tmp

In subsequent step:

- If X.last exists, remove it
- If X exists, mv it to X.last
- Move X.tmp to X

How can we solve it?

```
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```

```
- 'compute'
- 'scp'
- '_site/'
- 'chronos@${_GCE_INSTANCE}:${_DST_PATH}.tmp'
... then ...
if [ -d ${_DST_PATH}.last ]; then
  rm -rf ${_DST_PATH}.last;
fi;
if [ -d ${_DST_PATH} ]; then
 mv ${_DST_PATH} ${_DST_PATH}.last;
fi:
mv ${_DST_PATH}.tmp ${_DST_PATH}
```

The fix is in

scp _site/ X.tmp

scp_site/ X.tmp

rm X.last

X -> X.last

X.tmp -> X

rm X.last

X -> X.last

X.tmp -> X (error: X.tmp not found)

scp_site/ X.1

scp_site/ X.2

rm X.last

X -> X.last

X.1 -> X

rm X.last

X -> X.last

X.2 -> X



A Note About Merging



Know what you are merging!

+<<<< .working

FLAG_XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX = 0x000200000000000 # comment about what the flag does

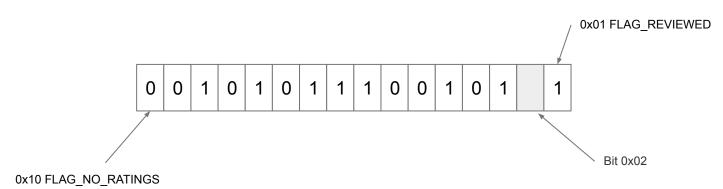
+======

These both point to the same bit

+ FLAG_YYYYYYYY = 0x200000000000 # comment about what the flag does

+

+>>>> .merge-right.r85508



Know what you are merging!

+<<<< .working

FLAG_REJECTED_CHILD_PORN_CONTENT = 0x0002000000000000 # video has been confirmed in video review as child porn content

+======

+ FLAG_IS_PROMOTED = 0x200000000000 # video is being promoted with PYV

+

+>>>> .merge-right.r85508

Testing



Testing a web server



- Just enter your URL
- See if it returns something...



But, you want it to be repeatable

```
C:\WINDOWS\system32\cmd.ex
Running main() from gtest main.cc
 ======= Running 1 test from 1 test case.
            Global test environment set-up.
          1 1 test from SquareTests
            SquareTests.Square
:\users\jimor 000\source\repos\myproject\myprojecttests\myprojecttests.cpp(7)
To be equal to: square(-2)
     Which is: 4
          | SquareTests.Square (5 ms)
          1 1 test from SquareTests (7 ms total)
       ---- Global test environment tear-down
    1 test from 1 test case ran. (69 ms total)
          1 1 test, listed below:
            SquareTests.Square
1 FAILED TEST
Press any key to continue . . .
```

As we've discussed earlier:

- You want one command to run all the tests against your web server.
- You want the test to be hermetic; i.e. not using a web browser if possible.
- For unit tests, you want to test only your components, not boost or the kernel.
- For integration tests, you need to invent a way to act like a simple web browser.



Author: I tested it and it works

```
99836
                                current_office = validation_base.FormField(validators.ThreeLetterValidator, _("I call shenanigans"))
         author
99836
                                future_office = validation_base.FormField(validators.ThreeLetterValidator, _("I call shenanigans"))
         author
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         author
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         author
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                                record label = validation base.FormField(validators.TextValidator, ("I call shenanigans"), max length=128)
         author
99836
                                label type = validation base.FormField(validators.TextValidator, ("I call shenanigans"), max length=3)
         author
99836
                                members = validation base.FormField(validators.TextValidator, ("I call shenanigans"), max length=500)
         author
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         author
                                influences = validation base.FormField(validators.TextValidator, ("I call shenanigans"), max length=500)
```

Which error caused "I call shenanigans???"



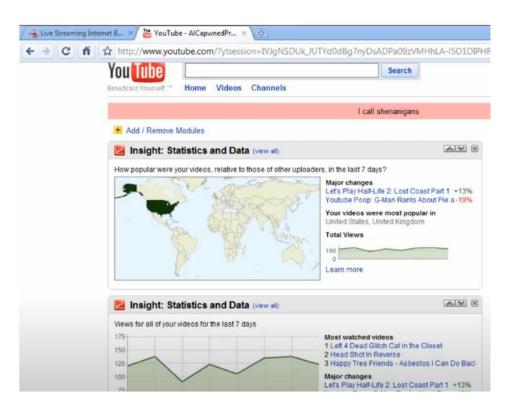
Solution!

```
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         author
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                                future_office = validation_base.FormField(validators.ThreeLetterValidator, _("I call shenanigans2"))
         author
99836
                                party affiliation = validation base.FormField(validators.ThreeLetterValidator, ("I call shenanigans3"))
         author
99836
         author
                                genre = validation base.FormField(validators.TextValidator, ("I call shenanigans4"), max length=3)
99836
         author
                                formation date = validation base.FormField(validators.DateValidator, ("I call shenanigans5"))
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                                record label = validation base.FormField(validators.TextValidator, ("I call shenanigans6"), max_length=128)
         author
99836
                                label type = validation base.FormField(validators.TextValidator, ("I call shenanigans7"), max length=3)
         author
99836
                                members = validation base.FormField(validators.TextValidator, ("I call shenanigans8"), max length=500)
         author
99836
         author
                                influences = validation_base.FormField(validators.TextValidator, _("I call shenanigans9"), max_length=500)
```

This was accidentally submitted :0



Users noticed.



Actual bug report:

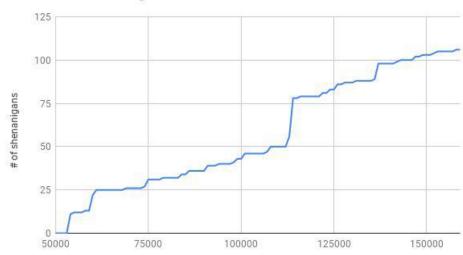
Steps to reproduce:

- 1. Sign into account
- 2. Try and edit channel description
- 3. In the "Influences" section, a red bar at the top appears saying "I call shenanigans9"

Seems this is occurring to various users as users have started going to the channel of shenanigans9 (poor guy) and complaining there that they're also experiencing the issue. Please see this forum thread for more info.

Bad practices propagate

Growth in shenanigans



By the time we caught it, there were over 100 error conditions returning "I call shenanigans."

Be sure to test the right things

```
int main(int argc, char* argv[]) {
    boost::asio::io_service io_service;
    tcp::acceptor a(*io_service, tcp::endpoint(
        tcp::v4(), 12345));
    while (true) {
        tcp::socket sock(*io_service);
        a.accept(sock);
        auto error = ProcessRequest(&sock);
        if (error) {
            printf("ProcessRequest() failed: %d: %s\n",
                   error.value(), error.message().c str());
    return 0;
```

- You probably have something that looks like this.
- You could test this boilerplate, but no real need to do so in a unit test:
 - Doesn't change very often
 - o Small amount, trivial code
 - Obvious when broken
 - Annoying to write such tests
- You should test this via an integration test



Testing boundaries

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```

- Note the boundary here where the socket is handed off to another function.
- This code was intentionally factored in such a way to separate connection processing from socket processing.
- Gives us a place to create a test!



Testing over the network?

```
boost::system::error code ProcessRequest(tcp::socket* sock) {
    [\ldots]
TEST F(ProcessRequestTest, ReadRequest) {
    Socket socket;
    // false == no error
    EXPECT FALSE(ProcessRequest(&socket));
TEST F(ProcessRequestTest, ReadRequestFailsGracefully) {
    // This socket needs to be created... to fail?
    Socket socket;
    // false == no error
    EXPECT FALSE(ProcessRequest(&socket));
```

- In future lectures, we'll look at mocks and other ways to make this test more isolated
- Definitely don't want to require a fully running webserver to run this test (that's an integration test!)
- We'd rather spend time testing what happens in ProcessRequest(), that is where our web server really lives.



Factoring Out a Handler

```
void ProcessRequest(tcp::socket* sock) {
    while (true) {
        const int kBufferLength = 1024;
        char data[kBufferLength];

        boost::system::error_code err;
        const size_t length =
            sock->read_some(boost::asio::buffer(data), err);
        HandleRequest(data, length));
    }
}

void HandleRequest(const char* buf, const size_t length) {
    [...]
}
```

- The thing we actually want to test is HandleRequest()
- And conveniently, its signature is now void(const char*, const size_t)
- This is a much more easily testable signature.

Testing your actual functionality

```
void HandleRequest(const char* buf, const size_t length) {
    [...]
}

TEST_F(HandleRequestTest, Simple) {
    EXPECT_EQ(/* what do I write here? */);
}
```

- Now that HandleRequest() is factored out, you can test it directly.
- But, what can I expect? It only really has side effects.

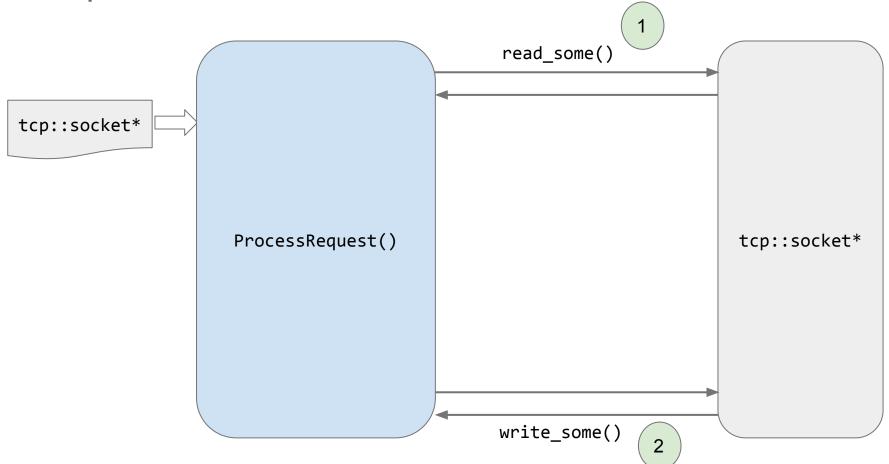


More testable functionality

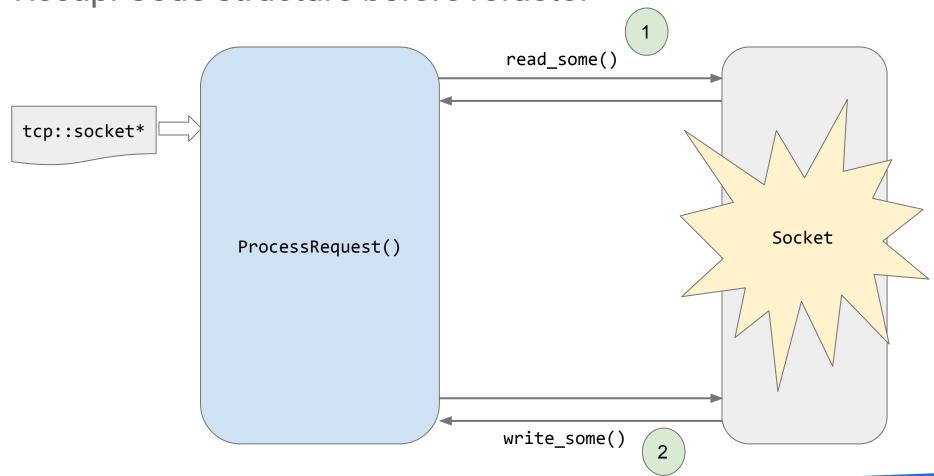
- We can expose the side-effects* by returning a string containing the response.
- Now we can directly inspect what happened.
- Bonus points for using a gmock matcher that makes the expectation more readable.

^{*}The eagle-eyed among you may have noticed that we never wrote back to the socket in ProcessRequest(). We returned something that we'd eventually write. Is this the only option?

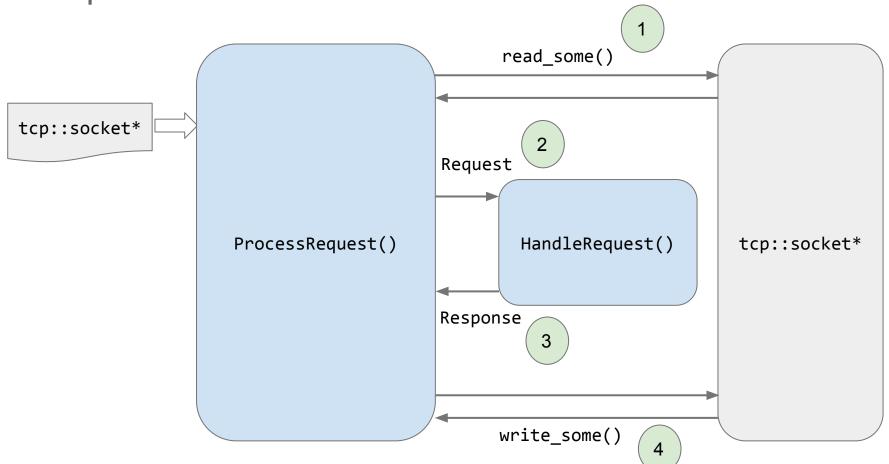
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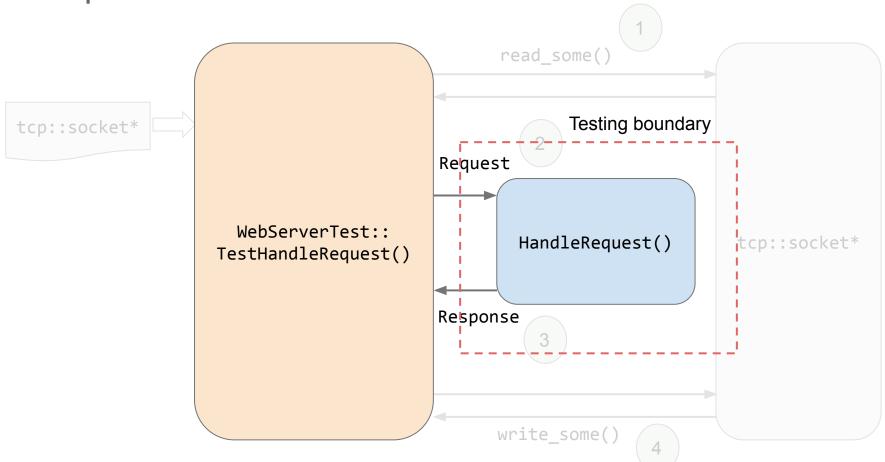
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Recap: Code structure after refactor



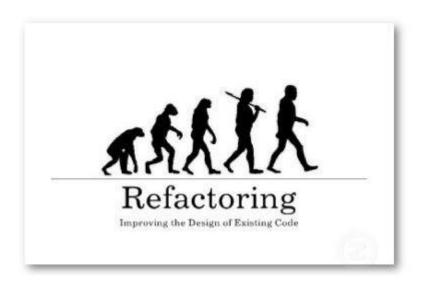
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Refactoring



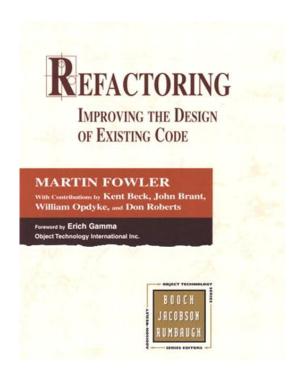
What is this "refactoring" you speak of?



- Simply, it is rewriting (editing in the traditional sense) code to improve some property.
- In this case, we are restructuring the code to be more testable.
- Could also refactor to make it more maintainable:
 - Divide up long functions (extract method)
 - Make a class do fewer things (extract class)



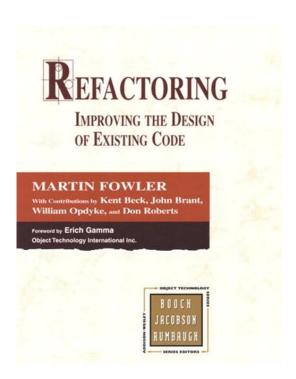
Refactoring



- There is <u>literally a book about it</u>.
- Code is read more than it is written, so care must be taken to make it reader friendly.
- However, code gets more complex with time through natural evolution.
- Refactoring is all about moving code around to make it more maintainable without changing the behavior.



Refactoring



- Each change is small and incremental, so the changes are more likely to be safe.
- Best practice: create tests ahead of time so the tests can verify correct behavior after the changes.
- The book has a catalogue of refactorings and associated "smells" that suggest such a refactor should be done.



All code is pseudocode!

In the slides:

- Code is not syntactically correct
- Only the demonstrative parts of the code are shown

Refactoring and Mocks

- Mocks can be valuable when you are the client of large classes you don't want to test.
- Think back to NginxConfigParser, which was a nice clean example.
- However, mocking out the TCP socket didn't really help us, and made the test code much more complex.

- Costly because you have to change the code's structure materially, usually by adding interfaces.
- Code often ends up a bit cleaner (as this case), sometimes you have to poke ugly holes for testing.



Refactoring Examples

Before:

```
void PrintOwing() {
    PrintBanner();

    // print details
    printf("name: %s\n", name_);
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}
```

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Before:

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- Certain functions have many params
 - Often triggered by dependency injection or tunability
- Can create a param object (also known as an options struct) to encapsulate these params
- Nice side effect: you can define defaults and have a bit more control over values before the function executes



Before:

After:

```
struct HttpServerOptions {
    HttpServerOptions() { [... set defaults ...] }

    NginxConfigParser* parser = nullptr;
    MimeTypeMap* mime = nullptr;
    HandlerMap* handlers = nullptr;
    [... many more things ...]
}

void Init(const HttpServerOptions& options) {
    [...]
}
```

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if (time() - start > 86400) {
    [...]
}
```

- Replace magic number with symbolic constant.
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- Instead, use symbolic constants to make the code self-documenting.
- We did this for the buffer length.



Before:

```
if (time() - start > 86400) {
    [...]
}
```

After:

```
const int kSecondsPerDay = 86400;
if (time() - start > kSecondsPerDay) {
    [...]
}
```

Or:

```
const int kJobWaitSeconds = 60 * 60 * 24;
if (time() - start > kJobWaitSeconds) {
    [...]
}
```

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const int base_price = quantity_ * item_price_;
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const double final_price =
    DiscountedPrice(base price, discount level);
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```
const int base_price = quantity_ * item_price_;
const double final_price =
    DiscountedPrice(base_price);

double DiscountedPrice(const int base_price) {
    const int discount_level = GetDiscountLevel());
    [...]
}
```

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```
HttpServer(int port) {
    HandlerMap* handlers = GetHandlers();
    if (handlers == nullptr) {
        // What do I do now?
    }
    [...]
}
```

- Replace Constructor with Factory
 Method when you want your
 constructor to be able to fail without
 using exceptions.*
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}
```

After:

```
HttpServer {
  public:
       [...]
  private:
      HttpServer(int port); // Hide the c-tor.
}

HttpServer* MakeHttpServer(int port) {
      HandlerMap* handlers = GetHandlers();
      if (handlers == nullptr) {
           return nullptr;
      }
      [...]
}

HttpServer* server = MakeHttpServer(port);
```

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Before:

```
HttpServer server;
server.SetPort(8080);
server.SetThreadPool(...);
server.AddHandlers(...);
server.Listen();
server.AddHandlers(...); // This is invalid.
```

- Introduce expression builder when your object has a required call sequence; ie, first call these setup functions, then you can use the rest of the functions.
- Separate setup / construction functions from the runtime functions.
- More flexible than a factory.



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After:

```
HttpServer* server = HttpServerBuilder()
    .SetPort(8080)
    .SetThreadPool(...)
    .AddHandlers(...)
    .Build();
server->Listen();
server->AddHandlers(...); // Doesn't compile. Yay!
```

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Refactoring Examples In Use

Refactoring & Testing Recap



- You can be more confident that you didn't break anything if you have tests.
- That is, if the tests still pass, your code is *probably* still working.
- As a result, people will often write tests before starting a refactor of poorly tested code.

Dependency Injection - Basics



But first...

A couple more refactorings / code patterns

Favor composition over polymorphism

```
class HasUniqueId {
  int id;
}

HasUniqueId::HasUniqueId() {
  id = nextId++;
}

class Connection :
    public HasUniqueId {}
```

- Polymorphic solution looks ok, not obviously bad code
- Hard to test alone

Favor composition over polymorphism

```
class Connection {
   IdGenerator idGenerator;
}

Connection::Connection(
   IdGenerator idGenerator) {
   this.idGenerator = idGenerator;
}
```

- Now we depend on IdGenerator interface
- At test time, we can provide any implementation we want for IdGenerator



new considered harmful

```
Connection::Connection() {
   this.idGenerator =
        new SlowSecureIdGenerator();
   this.id = idGenerator.nextId();
}
```

- If we create an IdGenerator in this constructor, we break encapsulation
- Our Connection depends on the specific implementation of IdGenerator we're new-ing
- Be careful to note that every time you instantiate an object, you introduce a dependency on that implementation



new considered harmful

```
class Connection {
   IdGenerator idGenerator;
}

Connection::Connection(
   IdGenerator idGenerator) {
   this.idGenerator = idGenerator;
}
```

- Hmm, this refactor looks exactly the same as the last one...
- This pattern is called "Dependency Injection"



Dependency Injection

- Design pattern in which your objects ask for what they need instead of retrieving what they need
- In this way, your objects will depend solely on interfaces, and will be implementation agnostic





```
public interface Clock {
  Long getCurrentTimestamp();
}
```

```
public interface Clock {
  Long getCurrentTimestamp();
public class SystemClock
    implements Clock {
  Long getCurrentTimestamp() {
    // [pseudocode] calls into OS
   return System.getTime();
```

```
public interface Clock {
  Long getCurrentTimestamp();
                                           class RandomNumberGenerator {
                                            RandomNumberGenerator() {
                                               this.clock = new SystemClock();
public class SystemClock
    implements Clock {
                                             Long getSeed() {
  Long getCurrentTimestamp() {
                                              return clock.getCurrentTimestamp();
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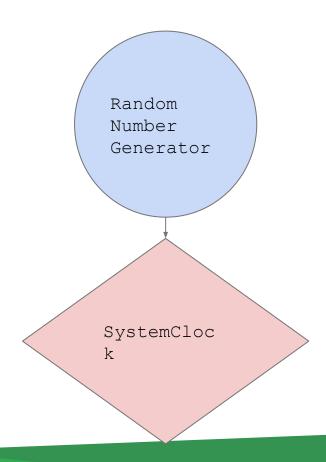
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}
```

```
class RandomNumberGenerator {
   RandomNumberGenerator() {
     this.clock = new SystemClock();
   }

Long getSeed() {
   return clock.getCurrentTimestamp();
   }
}
```

Does the random number generator really care about what kind of clock it's getting? Or does it just need the getCurrentTimestampmethod?

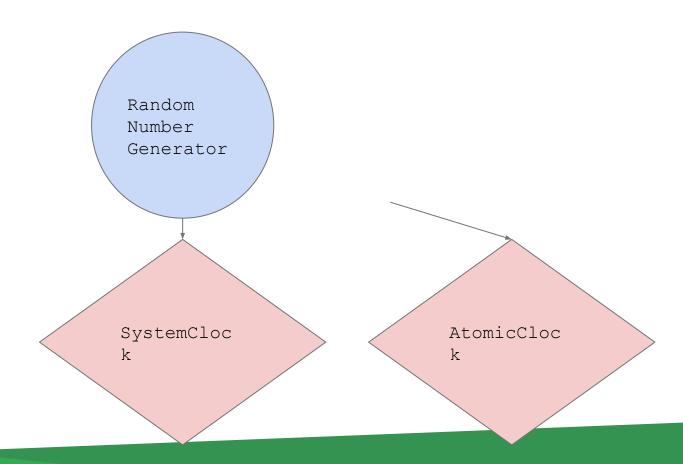


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```

```
public class AtomicClock
    implements Clock {
    Long getCurrentTimestamp() {
        // [pseudocode] calls internet API
        return InternetClockAPI.getTime();
    }
}
```

Uh oh. Should we use the fancy atomic clock instead? Let's refactor





Dependency Injection - The pattern

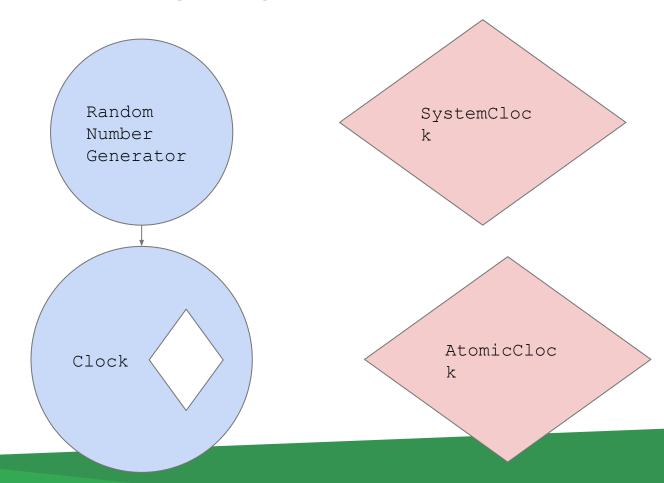
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   RandomNumberGenerator(Clock clock) {
     this.clock = clock;
   }

Long getSeed() {
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   }
}
```

Now RandomNumberGenerator does not depend on a specific implementation of Clock! Could pass in any Clock we want!







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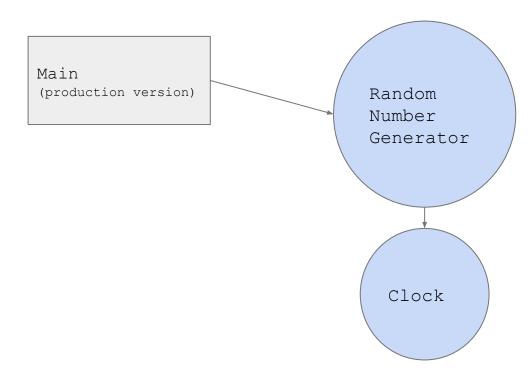
```
public static void main() {
  RandomNumberGenerator rng =
    new RandomNumberGenerator(new SystemClock());
                                             class RandomNumberGenerator {
public class SystemClock
                                               RandomNumberGenerator (Clock clock)
    implements Clock {
                                                 this.clock = clock;
  Long getCurrentTimestamp() {
    // [pseudocode] calls into OS
    return System.getTime();
                                               Long getSeed() {
                                                return clock.getCurrentTimestamp();
```

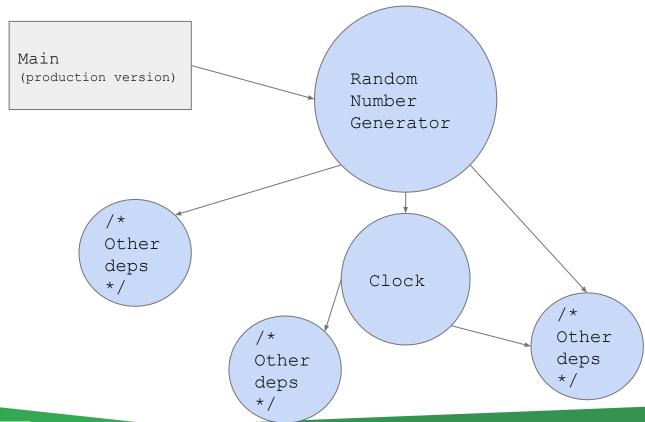


Dependency Injection - The pattern

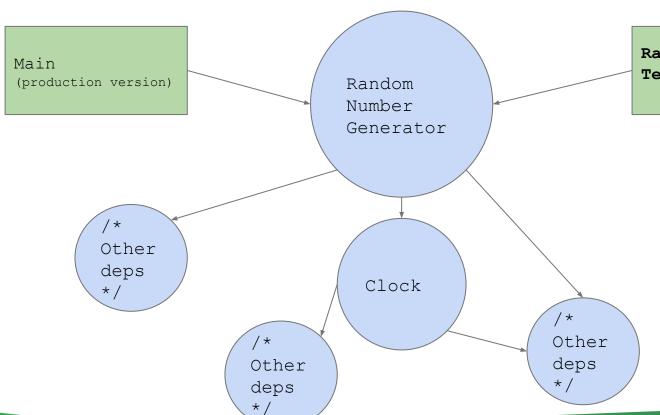
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Now, all of our object
public static void main() {
                                                           construction happens in
  RandomNumberGenerator rng =
                                                           main? Why is that better?
    new RandomNumberGenerator(new SystemClock());
                                               class RandomNumberGenerator {
                                                 RandomNumberGenerator (Clock clock)
public class SystemClock
    implements Clock {
                                                   this.clock = clock;
  Long getCurrentTimestamp() {
    // [pseudocode] calls into OS
    return System.getTime();
                                                 Long getSeed() {
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```











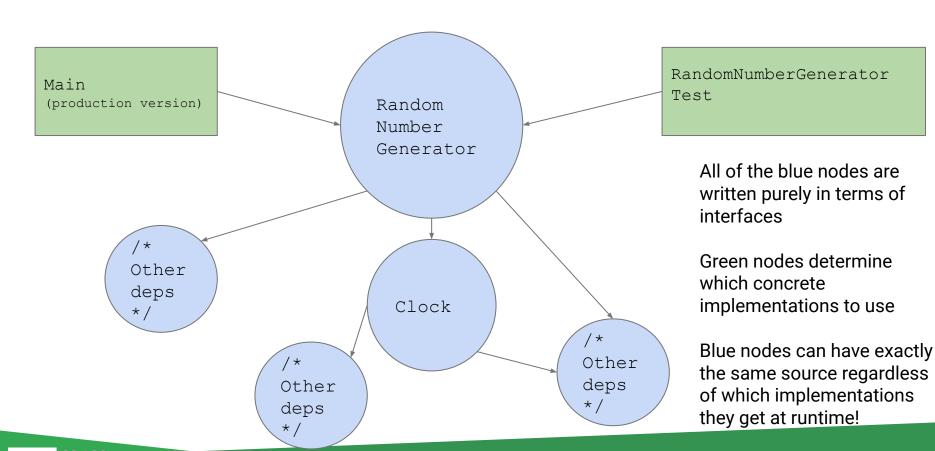
RandomNumberGenerator Test

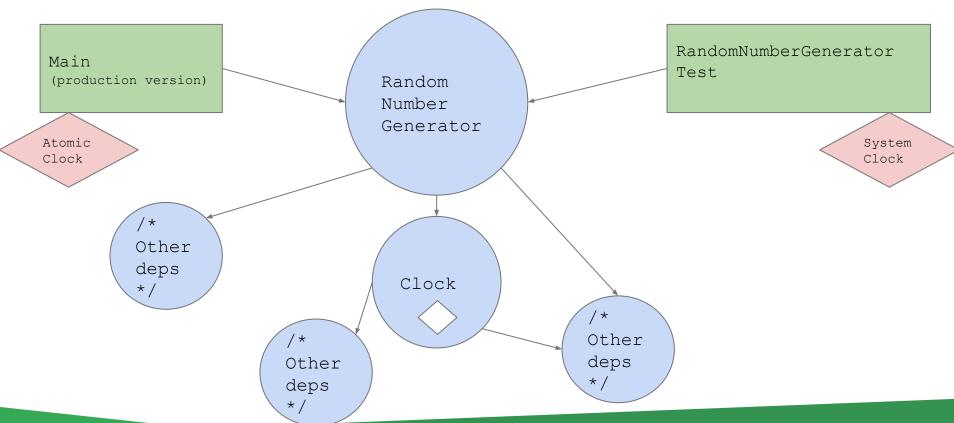
Now we have a reason to move all concrete object construction up to main!

We want to

- Use different dependency implementations in production vs in unit test
- Use the same exact class source code in production vs unit test









Dependency Injection - Consider a framework

```
public static void main() {
   RandomNumberGenerator rng =
      new RandomNumberGenerator(new SystemClock());

/*
   * Instantiate 100s of concrete implementations???
   */
}
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Dependency Injection - Consider a framework

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In reality, your program will likely contain a ton of different types of objects. I have to instantiate them all in the constructor??

This sounds painful. There's got to be a better way!



Next time...

DI Frameworks

https://bit.ly/3xnkD0r

A word: How much do you control

your program?

A tweet: Forget the server, how would you refactor your life?

