Core Refactorings



There are many refactorings!

How can we learn them all?

Focus on Core Refactorings

- Some refactorings get used a lot more than others. This is especially true when working with highly-indebted code.
- This core refactorings allow you to do the most important part of working with indebted code: read by refactoring.

Core 6 Refactorings

- Rename
- Inline
- Extract Method
- Introduce Explaining Variable
- Introduce Parameter
- Introduce Field

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- They are a CRUD for the domain of names
 - Create: Extract Method, Introduce Explaining
 Variable, Introduce Parameter, Introduce Field
 - Read: (performed by the human, no refactoring is needed)
 - Update: Rename
 - Delete: Inline

Why are they core?

When reading indebted code, the first challenge is to understand each atomic thing: local variables, methods, parameters and fields.

Thus we really need a CRUD for their names.

Learning Other Refactorings

- Read more about the code smells and its related refactorings to know which refactoring you need.
- Use the **refactoring mind maps** we have shared with you.
- Use Jerzyk's online code smells catalogue.
- Use the tags in the online refactoring catalogues (old and new).
- Find out if the refactoring is automated in your IDE. If it's not, follow the process explained in the refactoring catalogues of the Refactoring book.

Learning Automatic Refactorings

- Using the IDE to help you memorize them on demand:
 - If you want to do a refactoring, but don't know how to do it automatically, ask your IDE using the refactoring name.
 - Use the refactoring menu to find the refactoring you want. If there's a keyboard shortcut, close the menu and use the shortcut. This will train your muscle memory to use that shortcut.
 - Soon you'll have memorized the shortcuts for the refactorings you do often and learned where other refactorings can be found in the refactoring menu.
- Read your IDE's documentation.