Agile Software Development

Prof. Dr. Dirk Riehle

Friedrich-Alexander University Erlangen-Nürnberg

AMOS E01

Licensed under CC BY 4.0 International

Agenda

- 1. Software developer
- 2. Sprint planning
- 3. Day planning
- 4. Programming principles
- 5. Code ownership
- 6. Technical debt
- 7. Refactoring

1. Software Developer

Software Development Team (Recap)

- The software development team
 - Holds overall responsibility for delivering working software
 - That provides the features the team committed to delivering

Primary Role Responsibilities (Recap)

- Engineering Management
 - Who?
 - By when?
- Software Development
 - How?
 - How fast?
- Quality Assurance
 - Releasable?
 - Good enough?

Traditional to Scrum Role Mapping (Recap)

Traditional Scrum **Product Manager Product Owner Engineering Manager** Software Developer **Software Developer** Scrum Master **QA Engineer**

2. Sprint Planning

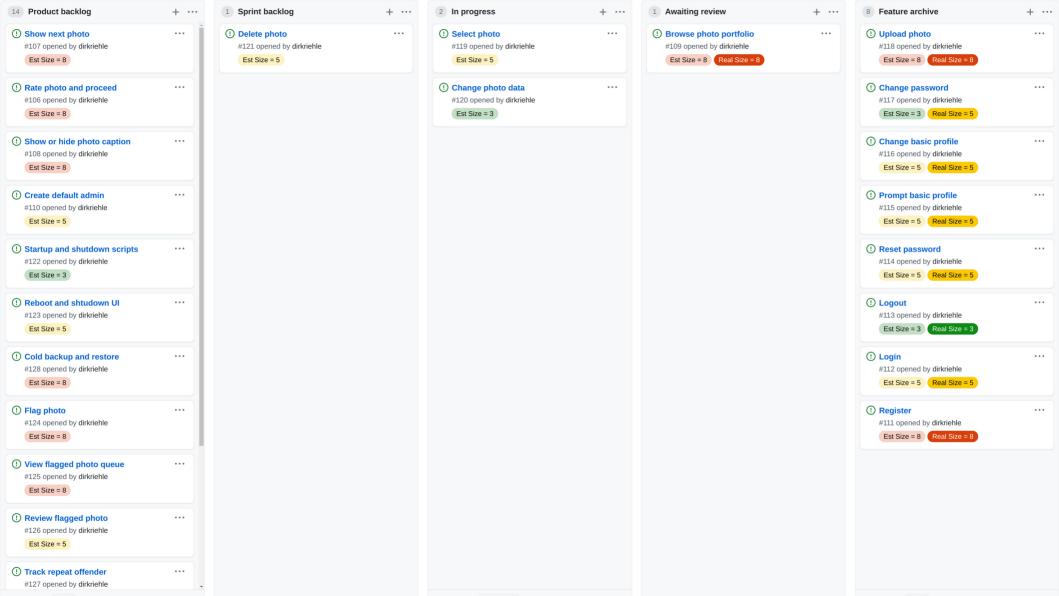
Sprint Planning (Practices)

Break Down Features into Tasks

- Responsible: Developers
- Artifacts: Feature, task board, tasks
- Collaborators: Developers

Track Feature Implementation

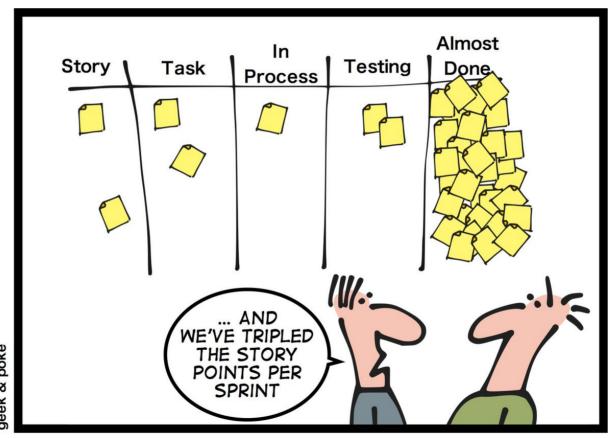
- Responsible: Developers
- Artifacts: Sprint backlog, task board
- Collaborators: Developers



Task Board (Artifact)

- Task board (a.k.a. Kanban board)
 - Visualizes the progress towards finishing features and the current sprint
 - Shows for each feature the progress of implementation
 - May break down work into hours

Definition of Almost Done



geek & poke

The AMOS Project

DOAD

3. Day Planning

Day Planning (Practices)

Perform Daily Scrum

Responsible: Scrum master

Artifacts: Impediment backlog

Collaborators: Developers



Daily Scrum

Daily Scrum

- Is a daily status meeting to sync on problems and upcoming work
- Is to be kept as short as possible (a.k.a. daily stand-up meeting)

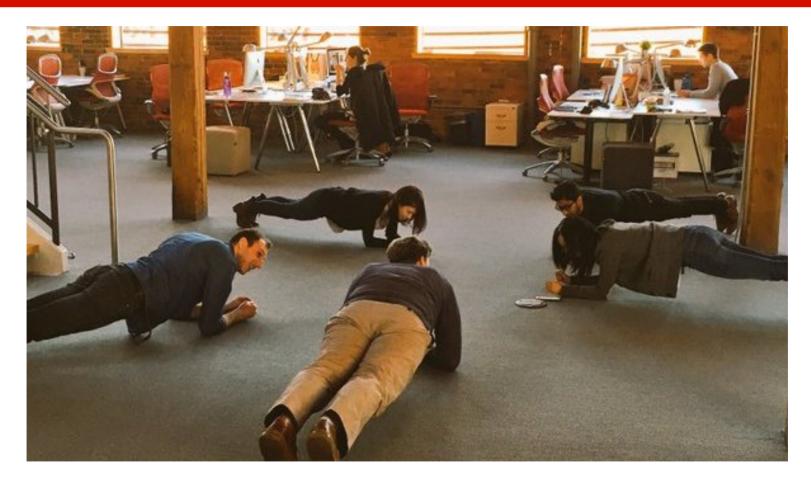
Other properties

- "Pigs" are mandatory, "chicken" are optional, only "pigs" may speak
- Provides only updates, everyone may only speak once
- No discussions allowed, any discussions are taken off-line
- Scrum master to follow-up on problems

Questions asked

- What did you do yesterday?
- What will you be doing today?
- What obstacles are in your way?

Plank Meetings



4. Programming Principles

General Principles 1/4

KISS
(Keep It Simple, Silly)

General Principles 2/4

YAGNI

(You Ain't Gonna Need It)

General Principles 3/4

DRY

(Don't Repeat Yourself)

General Principles 4/4

- 1. Make it run
- 2. Make it right
- 3. Make it fast

5. Code Ownership

Collective Code Ownership (Practice)

Own code collectively

Responsible: Development team

Artifacts: Source code

Collaborators: Developers

Collective Code Ownership

Definition and purpose

- Provide full read and write access to each developer of the collective
- Is to instill a feeling of overall responsibility for the code base
- The opposite of collective code ownership is individual code ownership

Other properties

- Every member of the collective
 - Cares about the architecture
 - Cares about clean code
 - Ensures high quality
- Every single author can
 - Implement a feature end-to-end
 - Finish a refactoring
 - Fix a bug

Programming Standard (Practice)

- Use programming standard
 - Responsible: Development team
 - Artifacts: Programming standard, source code
 - Collaborators: Developers

Programming Standard

Definition and purpose

- Is a set of rules and conventions that determines naming, formating and structuring of source code and related artifacts
- Is used to ensure that every developer can read and modify every other developer's code as easily as possible

Other properties

- Ease reading source code
- Ease navigating code
- Should be mandatory

Original Java Coding Guidelines

3 - File Organization

A file consists of sections that should be separated by blank lines and an optional comment identifying each section.

Files longer than 2000 lines are cumbersome and should be avoided.

For an example of a Java program properly formatted, see "Java Source File Example" on page 19.

3.1 Java Source Files

Each Java source file contains a single public class or interface. When private classes and interfaces are associated with a public class, you can put them in the same source file as the public class. The public class should be the first class or interface in the file.

Java source files have the following ordering:

- Beginning comments (see "Beginning Comments" on page 4)
- Package and Import statements
- Class and interface declarations (see "Class and Interface Declarations" on page 4)

3.1.1 Beginning Comments

All source files should begin with a c-style comment that lists the class name, version information, date, and copyright notice:

```
/*
 * Classname
 *
 * Version information
 *
 * Date
 *
 * Copyright notice
 */
```

□ Copy

3.1.2 Package and Import Statements

Categories and Examples of Method Types

Query Method	Mutation Method	Helper Method
get method (getter)	set method (setter)	factory method
boolean query method	command method	cloning method
comparison method	initialization method	assertion method
conversion method	finalization method	logging method

Conventions / Patterns Beyond Formatting

- Naming conventions
 - Attributes, methods
 - Classes, packages
 - ...
- Design conventions
 - Collaborations
 - Modules, classes
 - ...
- Package structures
 - ...
- See our Advanced Design and Programming (ADAP) course

Quiz: Software Development

- 1. A file may have many authors. Should the names of these authors be listed in the file's header?
 - Yes
 - No

6. Technical Debt



Definition of Big Ball of Mud [FY97]

A Big Ball of Mud is a haphazardly structured, sprawling, sloppy, duct-tape-and-baling-wire, spaghetti-code jungle. These systems show unmistakable signs of unregulated growth, and repeated, expedient repair. Information is shared promiscuously among distant elements of the system, often to the point where nearly all the important information becomes global or duplicated. The overall structure of the system may never have been well defined. If it was, it may have eroded beyond recognition. Programmers with a shred of architectural sensibility shun these quagmires. Only those who are unconcerned about architecture, and, perhaps, are comfortable with the inertia of the day-to-day chore of patching the holes in these failing dikes, are content to work on such systems.

Benefits of Good ("Well-Factored") Code

- 1. Maintainability (Easier to understand)
- 2. Extensibility (Easier to adapt and evolve)
- 3. Predictability (Improves planning ability)

Video on Technical Debt [1]

Technical Debt

(Ward Cunningham)

Video Lessons

- Technical debt is a metaphor
 - Communicates well to manager
 - (Certainly in financial services)
- Taking on debt can speed up development
 - It may be justified to learn faster
 - But you have to pay up later
- If you don't pay back debt you'll slow down
 - Paying up means refactoring
 - Still, never write poor code deliberately

Handling Technical Debt

- 1. Identify problem (So-called "code smells")
- 2. Identify need to act (Correlate occurrences)
- 3. Know how to act (Refactor code)

Code Smell

- According to Fowler [F99]
 - "smells are certain structures in the code that indicate violation of fundamental design principles and negatively impact design quality"
 - also, "a code smell is a surface indication that usually corresponds to a deeper problem in the system"
- Code smells are not bugs

Example Code Smells

- Duplicated code
- Long method
- Large class

• ...

7. Refactoring

Refactoring (Practice)

Definition and purpose

- Is a behavior-preserving transformation of existing source code
- It is a change made to the internal structure of software to make it easier to understand and cheaper to modify without changing its observable behavior

More on refactoring

- Change the structure of code without changing behavior
- Focus on non-functional features within range of specification
- Are defined techniques that are typically language specific
- Are ideally supported by IDEs, for example, the Eclipse JDT
- Defined by Opdyke [O92], popularized by Fowler [F99]

Example Refactorings

- Rename class
- Pull-up field
- Extract method
- ...
- More at https://refactoring.com

Example Extract-Method Refactoring 1/2

```
public class PhotoManager extends ObjectManager {
    protected Map<PhotoId, Photo> allPhotos = new HashMap<PhotoId, Photo>();
    public void addPhoto(Photo photo) {
         PhotoId id = photo.getId();
         assertIsNewPhoto(id);
         allPhotos.put(id, photo);
          . . .
    public Photo getPhotoFromId(PhotoId id) {
         Photo result = doGetPhotoFromId(id);
         if (result == null) {
              if (result != null) { allPhotos.put(id, result); }
         return result;
    public Set<Photo> findPhotosByOwner(String ownerName) {
         for (Iterator<Photo> i = r.iterator(); i.hasNext();) {
              Photo photo = i.next();
              allPhotos.put(photo.getId(), photo);
         return r;
     . . .
```

Example Extract-Method Refactoring 2/2

```
public class PhotoManager extends ObjectManager {
    public void addPhoto(Photo photo) {
         doAddPhoto(photo);
    public Photo getPhotoFromId(PhotoId id) {
         doAddPhoto(photo);
    public Set<Photo> findPhotosByOwner(String ownerName) {
         for (Iterator<Photo> i=r.iterator(); i.hasNext(); ) {
              doAddPhoto(i.next());
    protected void doAddPhoto(Photo myPhoto) {
         allPhotos.put(myPhoto.getId(), myPhoto);
```

When to Refactor?

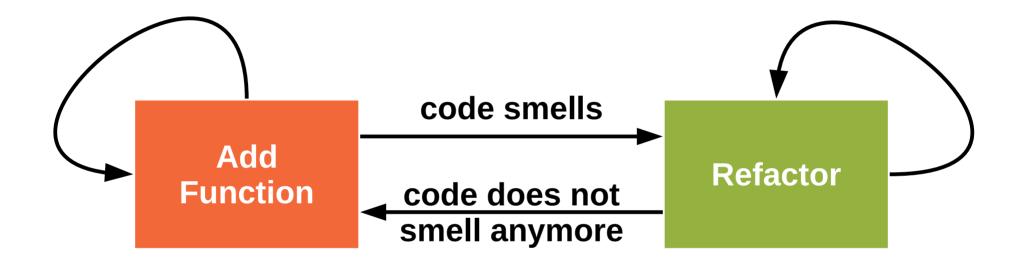
The "three strikes" rule

1st time: Just do it

2nd time: Wince at duplication

3rd time: Refactor

Refactoring Process (Two Hats)



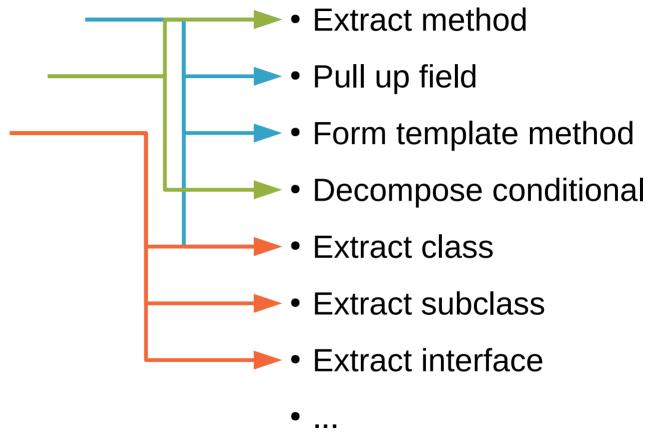
Code Smells and Refactorings

Duplicated code

Long method

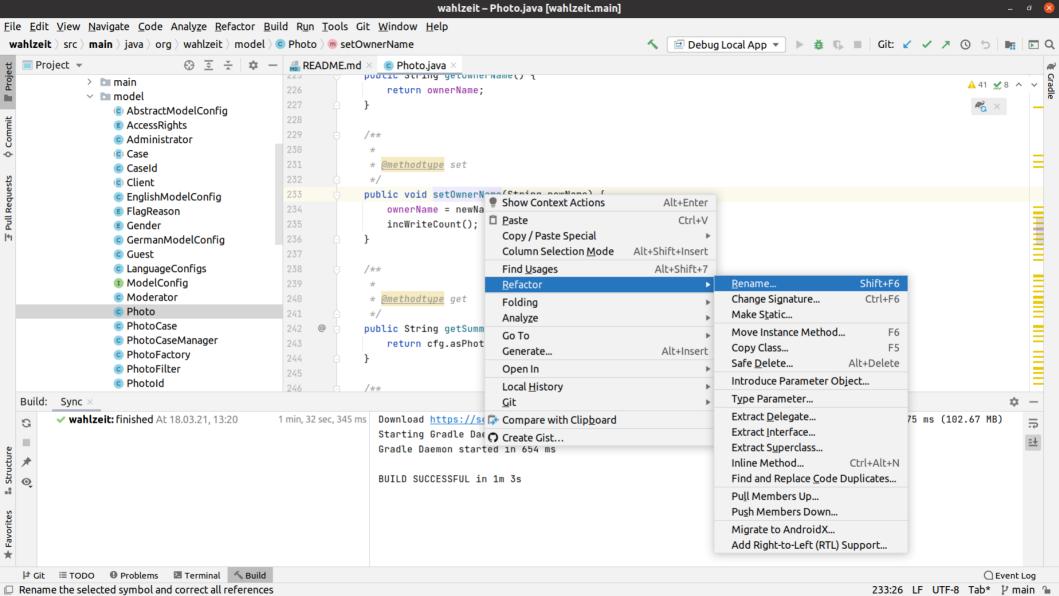
Large class

• ...



Example Refactoring Process

- The refactoring process can become complex
 - It may turn into a series of refactorings
- Example removal of switch statement
 - Extract method
 - Move method
 - Replace type code ...
 - with subclass or
 - with state / strategy object
 - Replace conditional ...
 - with polymorphism



Quiz on Refactoring

• Your code smells. All signs for refactoring are given. Under which circumstances should you not start a refactoring?

Review / Summary of Session

- Development planning
 - Stories vs. tasks
 - Daily scrum
- Source code and coding
 - Collective code ownership
 - Programming guidelines
 - Programming principles
- Technical debt
- Refactoring

Thank you! Questions?

dirk.riehle@fau.de - https://oss.cs.fau.de

dirk@riehle.org – https://dirkriehle.com – @dirkriehle

License Declaration and Copyright Notices

- License
 - Licensed under the CC BY 4.0 International license
- Copyright
 - © 2021 Dirk Riehle, some rights reserved