

Tech Debt

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Lecture #14 out of 24

80 minutes

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WARD CUNNINGHAM

“Shipping first time code is like going into debt. A little debt speeds development so long as it is paid back promptly with a rewrite. The danger occurs when the debt is not repaid. Every minute spent on not-quite-right code counts as interest on that debt.”

— Ward Cunningham. Experience Report — the WyCash Portfolio Management System. In *Proceedings of the Conference on Object-Oriented Programming, Systems, Languages, and Applications (OOPSLA)*, pages 29–30, 1992. doi:[10.1145/157710.157715](https://doi.org/10.1145/157710.157715)

Puzzle Driven Development: Motivating Example

Commit #1:

```

1 int fibonacci(int n) {
2     if (n <= 2) {
3         return 1;
4     }
5     // @todo I don't know
6     // what to do when "n"
7     // is larger than "2".
8     // Implement it and uncomment
9     // the assertion below.
10    return 0;
11 }
12 assert fibonacci(0) == 1;
13 assert fibonacci(2) == 1;
14 // assert fibonacci(9) == 34;

```

Commit #2:

```

1 int fibonacci(int n) {
2     if (n <= 2) {
3         return 1;
4     }
5     if (n == 9) {
6         return 34;
7     }
8     // @todo Implement others
9     // too, but I don't know
10    // how to do it right.
11    return 0;
12 }
13 assert fibonacci(2) == 1;
14 assert fibonacci(9) == 34;
15 // assert fibonacci(10) == 55;

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16 \end{ffcode*}
17 }
18 \par\columnbreak\par
19 Commit \#3:\par
20 {\scriptsize\begin{ffcode}
21 int fibonacci(int n) {
22     if (n <= 2) {
23         return 1;
24     }
25     return fibonacci(n-1)
26         + fibonacci(n-2);
27 }
28 assert fibonacci(0) == 1;
29 assert fibonacci(2) == 1;
30 assert fibonacci(9) == 34;
31 assert fibonacci(10) == 55;

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Break-and-Fix Cycle



Source: <https://www.yegor256.com/2014/04/12/puzzle-driven-development-by-roles.html>

www.Opdd.com



PDD Pipeline



250+ Puzzles in objectionary/eo



Source: <https://www.0pdd.com/p?name=objectionary/eo>

Sample Ticket Submitted by 0pdd.com to objectionary/eo



Source: <https://github.com/objectionary/eo/issues/2700>



GIANCARLO SUCCI

“This paper presents the benefits of considering the entire backlog when prioritizing tasks. We employ an iterative approach using Particle Swarm Optimization to optimize a linear model with various preprocessing methods to determine the optimal model for task prioritization within a backlog.”

— Yegor Bugayenko, Mirko Farina, Artem Kruglov, Witold Pedrycz, Yaroslav Plaksin, and Giancarlo Succi. Automatically Prioritizing Tasks in Software Development. *IEEE Access*, 2023. doi:[10.1109/access.2023.3305249](https://doi.org/10.1109/access.2023.3305249)

Read this:

Puzzle Driven Development (2010)

PDD by Roles (2014)

PDD in Action (2017)

References

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