

Unit testing, Refactoring and TDD

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What is Unit testing?

Using assertions and exceptions correctly



Unit Test – Definition

A unit test is a piece of code written by a developer that exercises a very small, specific area of functionality of the code being tested.

"Program testing can be used to show the presence of bugs, but never to show their absence!" Edsger Dijkstra, [1972]



Manual Testing

- You have already done unit testing
 - Manually, by hand
- Manual tests are less efficient
 - Not structured
 - Not repeatable
 - Not on all your code
 - Not easy to do as it should be



Unit Testing – Some Facts

- Tests are specific pieces of code
- In most cases unit tests are written by developers, not by QA engineers
- Unit tests are released into the code repository (SVN / Git / Perforce / TFS) along with the code they test
- Unit testing framework is needed



Unit Testing – More Facts

- All classes should be tested
- All methods should be tested
 - Trivial code may be omitted
 - E.g. property getters and setters
 - Private methods can be omitted
 - Some gurus recommend to never test private methods → this can be debatable
- Ideally all unit tests should pass before check-in into the source control repository



Why Unit Tests?

- Unit tests dramatically decrease the number of defects in the code
- Unit tests improve design
- Unit tests are good documentation
- Unit tests reduce the cost of change
- Unit tests allow refactoring
- Unit tests decrease the defect-injection rate due to refactoring / changes



Testing frameworks

• Junit, nunit, etc



Assertions

- Predicate is a true / false statement
- Assertion is a predicate placed in a program code (check for some condition)
 - Developers expect the predicate is always true at that place
 - If an assertion fails, the method call does not return and an error is reported



Assertions

- Assertions check a condition
 - Throw exception if the condition is not satisfied
- Comparing values for equality
- Comparing objects (by reference)
- Checking for null value



Assertions

- Checking conditions assertTrue/False, IsTrue/False
- Forced test fail fail(), Fail()



The 3A Pattern

- Arrange all necessary preconditions and inputs
- Act on the object or method under test
- Assert that the expected results have occurred

```
[TestMethod]
public void TestDeposit() {
   BankAccount account = new BankAccount();
   account.Deposit(125.0);
   account.Deposit(25.0);
   Assert.AreEqual(150.0, account.Balance, "Balance is wrong.");
}
```



Code Coverage

- Code coverage
 - Shows what percent of the code we've covered
 - High code coverage means less untested code
 - We may have pointless unit tests that are calculated in the code coverage
- 70-80% coverage is excellent
- Example write a class Account with tests



Unit testing Best practices

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Naming Standards for Unit Tests

- The test name should express a specific requirement that is tested
 - Usually prefixed with test/Test
- The test name should include
 - Expected input or state
 - Expected result output or state
 - Name of the tested method or class



Naming Standards for Unit Tests

- Given the method:
 - public int sum(int[] values)
 with requirement to ignore numbers greater
 than 100 in the summing process
- The test name could be:
 - testSumNumberIgnoredIfGreaterThan100



- Generally, a passing test should never be removed
 - These tests make sure that code changes don't break working code
- A passing test should only be changed to make it more readable
- When failing tests don't pass, it usually means there are conflicting requirements

Example:

```
[ExpectedException(typeof(Exception),
    "Negatives not allowed")]
void TestSum_FirstNegativeNumberThrowsException()
{
    Sum (-1,1,2);
}
```

New features allow negative numbers



New developer writes the following test:

```
void TestSum_FirstNegativeNumberCalculatesCorrectly()
{
  int sumResult = sum(-1, 1, 2);
  Assert.AreEqual(2, sumResult);
}
```

Earlier test fails due to a requirement change



- Two course of actions:
 - 1. Delete the failing test after verifying it is invalid
 - 2. Change the old test:
 - Either testing the new requirement
 - Or test the older requirement under new settings



Tests Should Reflect Required Reality What's wrong with the following test?

```
public void Sum AddsOneAndTwo()
   int result = Sum(1,2);
   Assert.AreEqual(4, result, "Bad sum");
```

- A failing test should prove that there is something wrong with the production code
 - Not with the unit test code



What Should Assert Messages Say?

- Assert message in a test could be one of the most important things
 - Tells us what we expected to happen but didn't, and what happened instead
 - Good assert message helps us track bugs and understand unit tests more easily
- Example:
 - "Withdrawal failed: accounts are not supposed to have negative balance."



What Should Assert Messages Say?

- Express what should have happened and what did not happen
 - "Verify() did not throw any exception"
 - "Connect() did not open the connection before returning it"
- Do not:
 - Provide empty or meaningless messages
 - Provide messages that repeat the name of the test case



Avoid Multiple Asserts in a Single Unit Test

```
void TestSum_AnyParamBiggerThan1000IsNotSummed()
{
   Assert.AreEqual(3, Sum(1001, 1, 2);
   Assert.AreEqual(3, Sum(1, 1001, 2);
   Assert.AreEqual(3, Sum(1, 2, 1001);
}
```

- Avoid multiple asserts in a single test case
 - If the first assert fails, the test execution stops for this test case
 - Affect future coders to add assertions to test rather than introducing a new one

Unit Testing – The Challenge

- The concept of unit testing has been around the developer community for many years
- New methodologies in particular Scrum and XP, have turned unit testing into a cardinal foundation of software development
- Writing good & effective unit tests is hard!
 - This is where supporting integrated tools and suggested guidelines enter the picture
- The ultimate goal is tools that generate unit tests automatically



Unit testing - rules

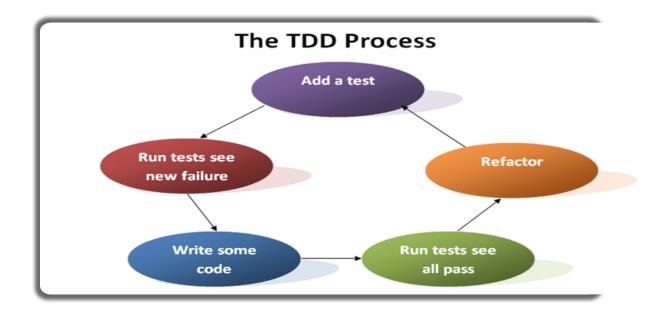
- fast
- isolated
- repeatable
- self-validating / self-sufficient
- thorough and timely



TDD

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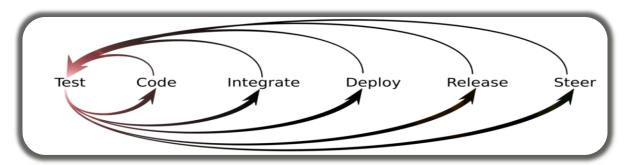




Code and Test vs. Test Driven Development

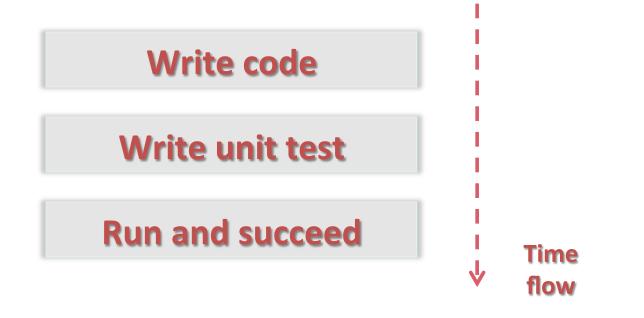
Unit Testing Approaches "Code First" (code and test) approach

- Classical approach
- "Test First" approach
 - Test-driven development (TDD)



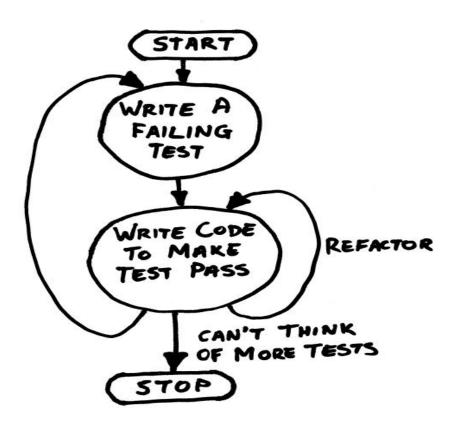


Code and Test Approach



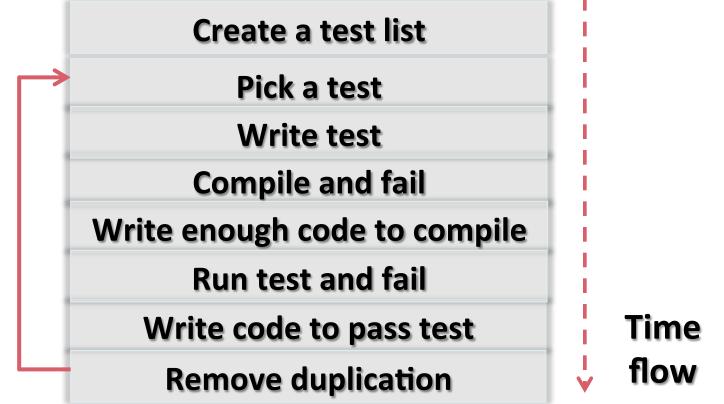


TDD in One Slide





Test-Driven Development (TDD)





Why TDD?

- TDD helps find design issues early
 - Avoids rework
- Writing code to satisfy a test is a focused activity
 - Less chance of error
- Tests will be more comprehensive than when written after code



Refactoring

Refactoring means "to improve the design and quality of existing source code without changing its external behavior".

Martin Fowler



Refactoring

 It is a step by step process that turns the bad code into good code



Refactoring

- What is refactoring of the source code?
 - Improving the design and quality of existing source code without changing its behavior
 - Step by step process that turns the bad code into good code (if possible)
- Why we need refactoring?
 - Code constantly changes and its quality constantly degrades (unless refactored)
 - Requirements often change and code needs to be changed to follow them



Refactoring

- Bad smells in the code indicate need of refactoring
- Refactor:
 - To make adding a new function easier
 - As part of the process of fixing bugs
 - When reviewing someone else's code
 - Have technical debt (or any problematic code)
 - When doing test-driven development
- Unit tests guarantee that refactoring does not change the behavior
 - If there are no unit tests, write them



Refactoring - Principles

- Keep it simple
- Avoid duplication (DRY)
- Make it expressive (self-documenting, comments, etc.)
- Reduce overall code
- Separate concerns
- Appropriate level of abstraction
- Boy scout rule
 - Leave your code better than you found it



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Refactoring

- Save the code you start with
 - Check-in or backup the current code
- Make sure you have tests to assure the behavior after the code is refactored
 - Unit tests / characterization tests
- Do refactorings one at a time
 - Keep refactorings small
 - Don't underestimate small changes
- Run the tests and they should pass / else revert
- Check-in



Refactoring - Tips

- Keep refactorings small
- One at a time
- Make a checklist
- Make a "later"/TODO list
- Check-in/commit frequently
- Add tests cases
- Review the results
 - Pair programming
- Use tools



- Long method
 - Small methods are always better (easy naming, understanding, less duplicate code)
- Large class
 - Too many instance variables or methods
 - Violating Single Responsibility principle
- Primitive obsession (Overused primitives)
 - Over-use of primitives, instead of better abstraction
 - Part of them can be extracted in separate class and encapsulate their validation there



- Long parameter list (in/out/ref parameters)
 - May indicate procedural rather than OO style
 - May be the method is doing too much things
- Data clumps
 - A set of data items that are always used together, but are not organized together
 - E.g. credit card fields in order class
- Combinatorial explosion
 - numerous pieces of code do the same thing using different combinations of data or behavior
 - Ex. ListCars, ListByRegion, ListByManufacturer, ListByManufacturerAndRegion, etc.



- Oddball solution
 - A different way of solving a common problem
 - Not using consistency
 - Solution: Substitute algorithm or use adapter
- Class doesn't do much
 - Solution: Merge with another class or remove
- Required setup/teardown code
 - Requires several lines of code before its use
 - Solution: Use parameter object, factory method



- Switch statement
 - Can be replaced with polymorphism
- Temporary field
 - When passing data between methods
- Class depends on subclass
 - The classes cannot be separated (circular dependency)
 - May broke Liskov substitution principle
- Inappropriate static
 - Strong coupling between static and callers
 - Static things cannot be replaced or reused



- Divergent change
 - A class is commonly changed in different ways for different reasons
 - Violates SRP (single responsibility principle)
 - Solution: extract class
- Shotgun surgery
 - One change requires changes in many classes
 - Hard to find them, easy to miss some
 - Solution: move method, move fields
 - Ideally there should be one-to-one relationship between changes and classes



- Lazy class
 - Classes that don't do enough to justify their existence should be removed
 - Every class costs something to be understood and maintained
- Data class
 - Some classes with only fields and properties
 - Missing validation? Class logic split into other classes?
 - Solution: move related logic into the class



- Duplicated code
 - Violates the DRY principle
 - Result of copy-pasted code
 - Solutions: extract method, extract class, pull-up method, template method pattern
- Dead code (code that is never used)
 - Usually detected by static analysis tools



- Feature envy
 - Method that seems more interested in a class other than the one it actually is in
 - Keep together things that change together
- Inappropriate intimacy
 - Classes that know too much about one another
 - Smells: inheritance, bidirectional relationships
 - Solutions: move method/field, extract class, change bidirectional to unidirectional association, replace inheritance with delegation



- The Law of Demeter (LoD)
 - A given object should assume as little as possible about the structure or properties of anything else
 - Bad e.g.: customer.wallet.removeMoney()
- Indecent exposure
 - Some classes or members are public but shouldn't be
 - Violates encapsulation
 - Can lead to inappropriate intimacy



- Message chains
 - Something.another.someother.other.another
 - Tight coupling between client and the structure of the navigation
- Middle man
 - Sometimes delegation goes too far
 - Sometimes we can remove it or inline it
- Tramp data
 - Pass data only because something else need it
 - Solutions: Remove middle man, extract class



- Artificial coupling
 - Things that don't depend upon each other should not be artificially coupled
- Hidden temporal coupling
 - Operations consecutively should not be guessed
 - E.g. pizza class should not know the steps of making pizza -> template method pattern
- Hidden dependencies
 - Classes should declare their dependencies in their constructor
 - "new" is glue / Dependency inversion principle



Refactoring - Data

- Replace a magic number with a named constant
- Rename a variable with more informative name
- Replace an expression with a method
 - To simplify it or avoid code duplication
- Move an expression inline
- Introduce an intermediate variable
 - Introduce explaining variable
- Convert a multi-use variable to a multiple single-use variables
 - Create separate variable for each usage



Refactoring - Data

- Create a local variable for local purposes rather than a parameter
- Convert a data primitive to a class
 - Additional behavior / validation logic (money)
- Convert a set of type codes (constants) to enum
- Convert a set of type codes to a class with subclasses with different behavior
- Change an array to an object
 - When you use an array with different types in it
- Encapsulate a collection



Refactoring - Statements

- Decompose a boolean expression
- Move a complex boolean expression into a well-named boolean function
- Consolidate duplicated code in conditionals
- Return as soon as you know the answer instead of assigning a return value
- Use break or return instead of a loop control variable
- Replace conditionals with polymorphism
- Use null objects instead of testing for nulls



Refactoring - Methods

- Extract method / Inline method
- Rename method
- Convert a long routine to a class
- Add / remove parameter
- Combine similar methods by parameterizing them
- Substitute a complex algorithm with simpler
- Separate methods whose behavior depends on parameters passed in (create new ones)
- Pass a whole object rather than specific fields
- Encapsulate downcast / Return interface types



Refactoring - Classes

- Change structure to class and vice versa
- Pull members up / push members down the hierarchy
- Extract specialized code into a subclass
- Combine similar code into a superclass
- Collapse hierarchy
- Replace inheritance with delegation
- Replace delegation with inheritance



Refactoring - Classes

- Extract interface(s) / Keep interface segregation
- Move a method to another class
- Convert a class to two
- Delete a class
- Hide a delegating class (A calls B and C when A should call B and B call C)
- Remove the man in the middle
- Introduce (use) an extension class
 - When you have no access to the original class
 - Alternatively use decorator pattern



Refactoring - Classes

- Encapsulate an exposed member variable
 - Define proper access to getters and setters Remove setters to read-only data
- Hide data and routines that are not intended to be used outside of the class / hierarchy
 - private -> protected -> internal (package private) -> public
- Use strategy to avoid big class hierarchies
- Apply other design patterns to solve common class and class hierarchy problems (façade, adapter, etc.)



Refactoring - System

- Move class (set of classes) to another namespace / assembly
- Provide a factory method instead of a simple constructor / Use fluent API
- Replace error codes with exceptions
- Extract strings to resource files
- Use dependency injection
- Apply architecture patterns



- When should we perform refactoring of the code?
 - Bad smells in the code indicate need of refactoring
- Unit tests guarantee that refactoring does not change the behavior
- Rafactoring patterns
 - Large repeating code fragments → extract repeating code in separate method
 - Large methods → split them logically
 - Large loop body or deep nesting → extract method



- Class or method has weak cohesion
 split into several classes / methods
- Single change carry out changes in several classes → classes have tight coupling → consider redesign
- Related data are always used together but are not part of a single class -> group them in a class
- A method has too many parameters → create a class to groups parameters together
- A method calls more methods from another class than from its own class → move it



- Two classes are tightly coupled → merge them or redesign them to separate their responsibilities
- Public non-constant fields → make them private and define accessing properties
- Magic numbers in the code → consider extracting constants
- Bad named class / method / variable → rename it
- Complex boolean condition
 split it to several expressions or method calls



- Complex expression → split it into few simple parts
- A set of constants is used as enumeration → convert it to enumeration
- Method logic is too complex and is hard to understand >
 extract several more simple methods or even create a new
 class
- Unused classes, methods, parameters, variables → remove them
- Large data is passed by value without a good reason > pass it by reference



- Few classes share repeating functionality → extract base class and reuse the common code
- Code is not well formatted → reformat it
- Too many classes in a single namespace → split classes logically into more namespaces
- Unused using/import/include definitions → remove them
- Non-descriptive error messages → improve them
- Absence of defensive programming → add it



Logging

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CLEAN CODE



Logging

- Logging is chronological and systematic record of data processing events in a program
- Logs can be saved to a persistent medium to be studied at a later time
- Use logging in the development phase:
 - Logging can help you debug the code
- Use logging in the production environment:
 - Helps you troubleshoot problems



Log4J / Log4Net

- Log4J / Log4Net are a popular logging frameworks for Java / .NET
 - Designed to be reliable, fast and extensible
 - Simple to understand and to use API
 - Allows the developer to control which log statements are output with arbitrary granularity
 - Fully configurable at runtime using external configuration files



Log4j / Log4Net Architecture

- Log4* has three main components: loggers, appenders and layouts
 - Loggers Channels for printing logging information
 - Appenders Output destinations (e.g. XML file, database, ...)
 - Layouts Formats that appenders use to write their output



Hello Log4Net – Example

```
class Log4NetExample {
  private static readonly ILog log =
    LogManager.GetLogger(typeof(Log4NetExample));
  static void Main() {
    BasicConfigurator.Configure();
    log.Debug("Debug msg");
    log.Error("Error msg");
2010-12-16 23:25:08 DEBUG Log4NetExample - Debug msg
2010-12-16 23:25:08 ERROR Log4NetExample - Error msg
```

Code Analysis Tools

- Code analysis tools
 - Analyze the source code for bad coding style / unwanted coding practices
- Static analysis
 - Examine the source code at compile-time
 - Could work with the source code or with the compiled assemblies / JAR archives
- Dynamic analysis
 - Analyses the code at runtime (usually done by code instrumentation)



Code Decomplation

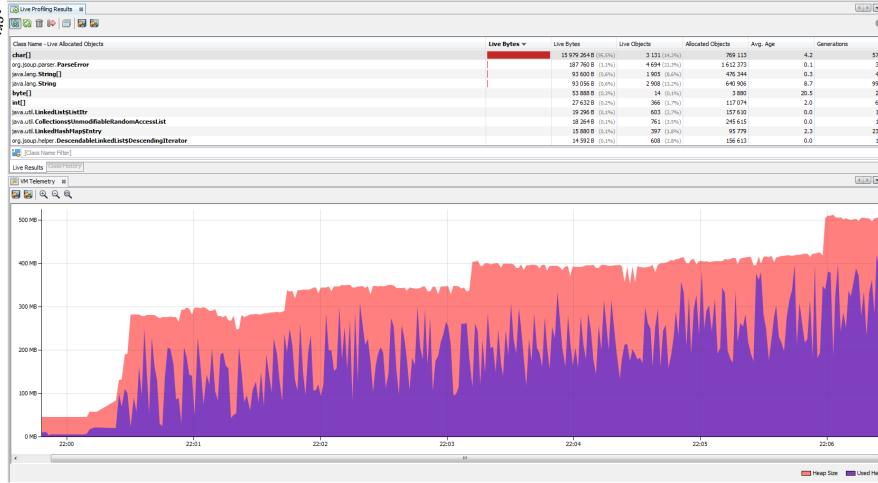
- Code decompiler / code disassembler
 - Reconstructs the source code (to some extent) from the compiled code
 - NET assembly → C# / VB.NET source code
 - JAR archive / .class file → Java source code
 - .EXE file \rightarrow C / C++ / Assembler code
- Reconstructed code
 - Is not always 100% compilable
 - Loses private identifier names and comments



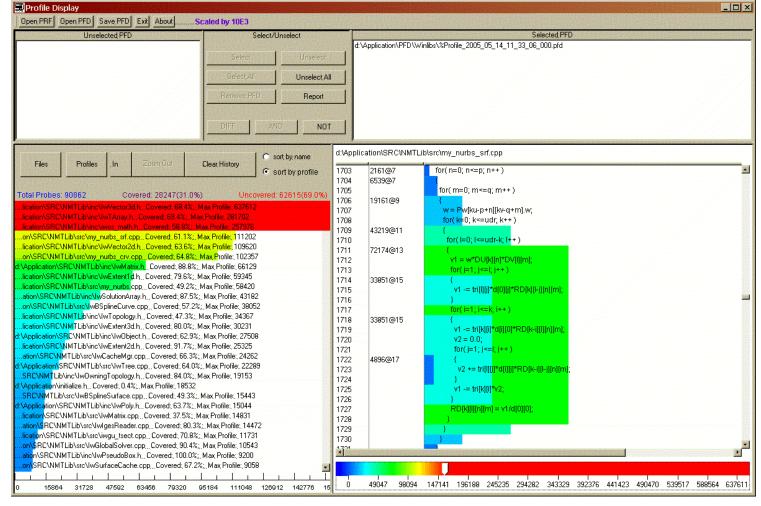
Profilers

- Profilers are tools for gathering performance data and finding performance bottlenecks
 - Implemented by code instrumentation or based on built-in platform debugging / profiling APIs
 - Gather statistics for method calls, uses of classes, objects, data, memory, threads, etc.
- CPU profilers Find performance bottlenecks
- Memory profilers Find memory allocation problems



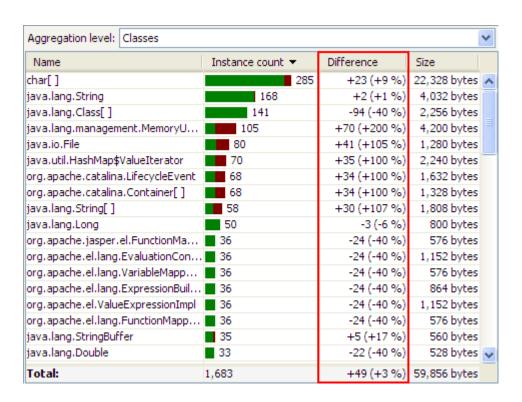




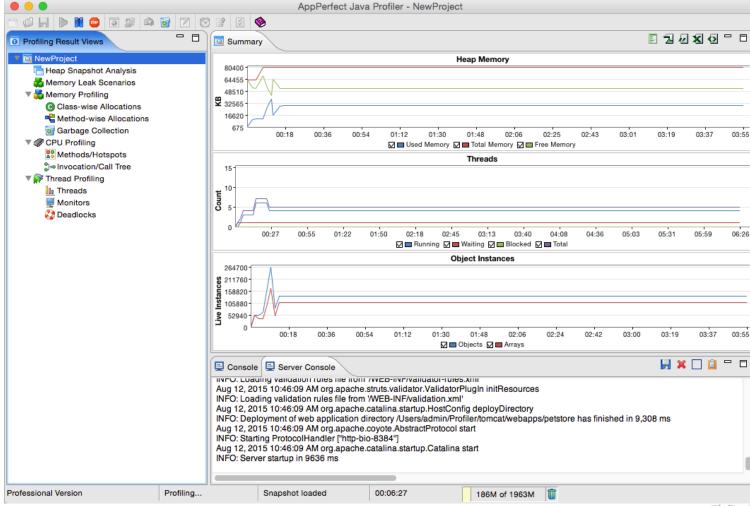




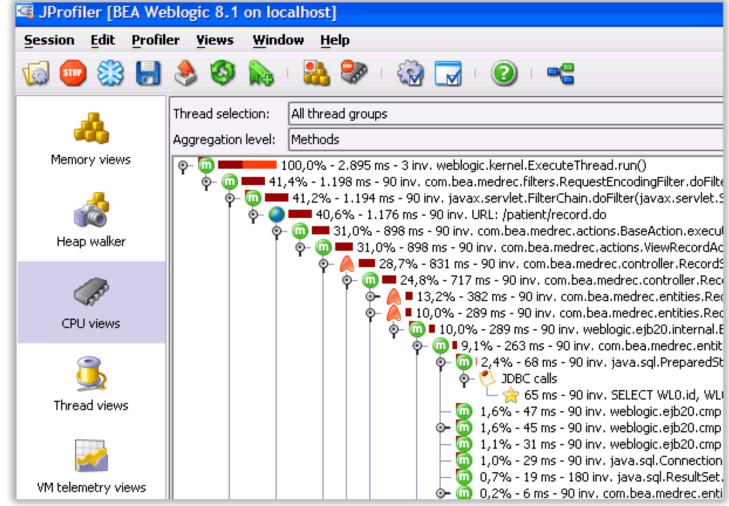
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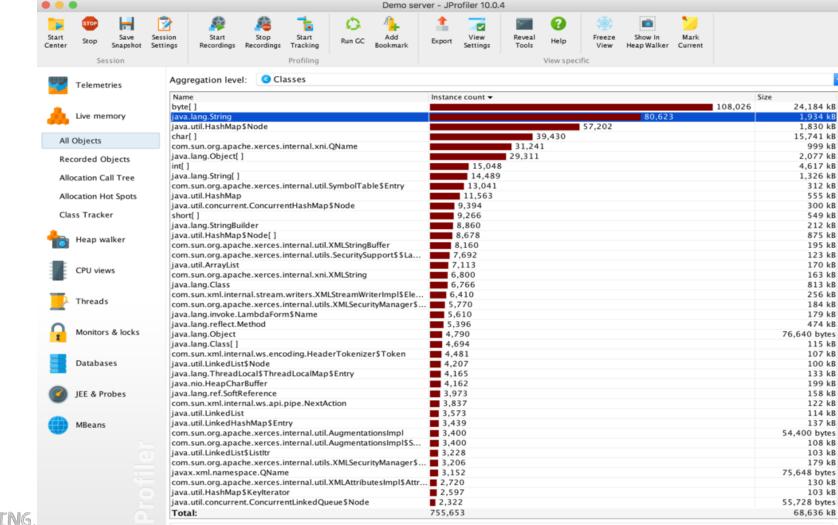












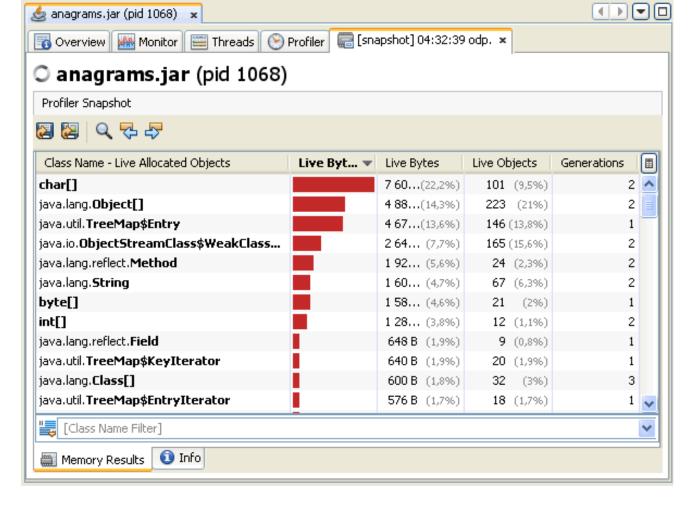
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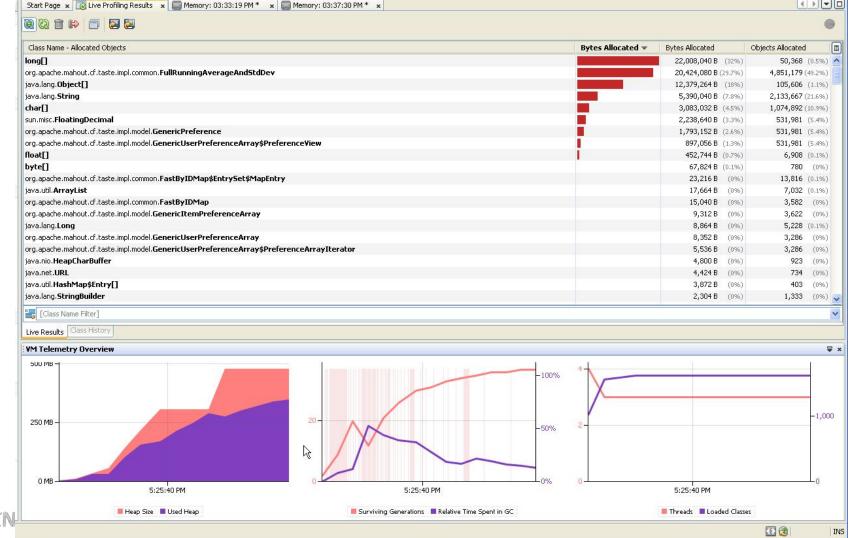
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Software Builds

- What means to build software?
 - The process of compiling and assembling the system's modules to obtain the final product
 - Build activities can also include:
 - Getting the latest version from the source control repository
 - Linking external resources
 - Executing unit tests
 - Creating installation packages



Continuous Integration (CI)

- Continuous integration (CI)
 - Automating the build and integration process
 - Build the entire system each time any new code is checked in the source control repository
 - Run all the automated tests for each build
- What does "continuous" mean?
 - Ideally build it after every check-in
 - Practically for larger systems, every 1-2 hours
 - Or at least a couple of times a day



Components of the CI System

- Build server separate machine (or pool)
- Source control repository
 - Git, Mercurial, SVN, TFS, etc.
- Automated build system
 - Ant, NAnt, Maven, Gradle, MSBuild, Cruise Control, TFS, etc.
- Status indicators / notifications to make problems visible right away
 - Email notifications / tray build notify utilities
 - Public build status monitors



Project Deployment in the Clouds

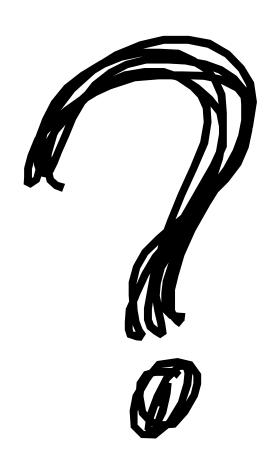
AWS, GCP/GAE, Azure, AppHarbor, Heroku,...



What is Cloud?

- Cloud ≈ multiple hardware machines combine computing power and resources
 - Share them between multiple applications
 - To save costs and use resources more efficiently
- Public clouds
 - Provide computing resources on demand
 - Publicly in Internet
 - Paid or free of charge (to some limit)
 - Azure, Amazon AWS, Google App Engine, AppHarbor, Rackspace, Heroku







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