Advanced Object-Oriented Design

Test-Driven Development

Getting more out of tests

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Outline

- Example of TDD
- Rethinking it



TDD is about the flow

- Write test first! Yes, yes, yes
- "'Whenever you are tempted to type something into a print statement or a debugger expression, write it as a test instead'" - Martin Fowler



TDD: Write your test

Imagine we just created the class Counter

```
CounterTest >> testCount
| c |
c := Counter new.
c count: 10.
self assert: c count equals: 12
```



TDD: Run your test!

- It is red (the test produces an error)
 - This is normal since we did not define the methods count and count:.
- So far so good!
- If it is already green this is a bonus and may be your test is not good.



TDD: Make your test pass

- Work until your test gets green!
- [When you are lucky, use XTDD and enjoy coding in the debugger]



TDD: Rerun **all** the tests

- You are super smart but **!
- Fix the broken tests
 - Either a test is now wrong
 - o Or you broke something else and you should fix it



TDD: When all the tests are green

- Commit and take a break
- Then it is a good time to
 - Refactor your code if necessary
 - Revisit your code



Why writing test first?

- You specify what you want to get
- In addition you are your first client: strengthen your APIs
- You get a clear context
- You can debug on the spot



Conclusion

- TDD is powerful
- XTDD is even more (see following lectures)



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