Increasing Flexibility by Removing Enums and Switch Statements

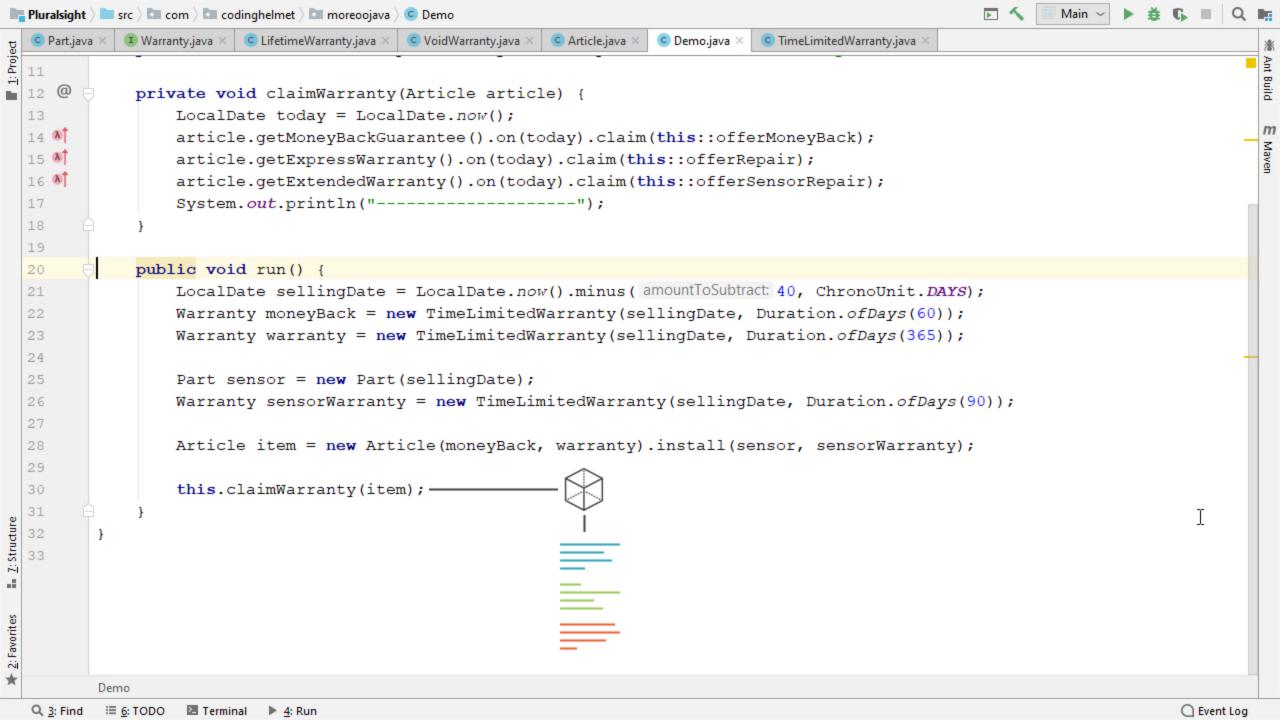


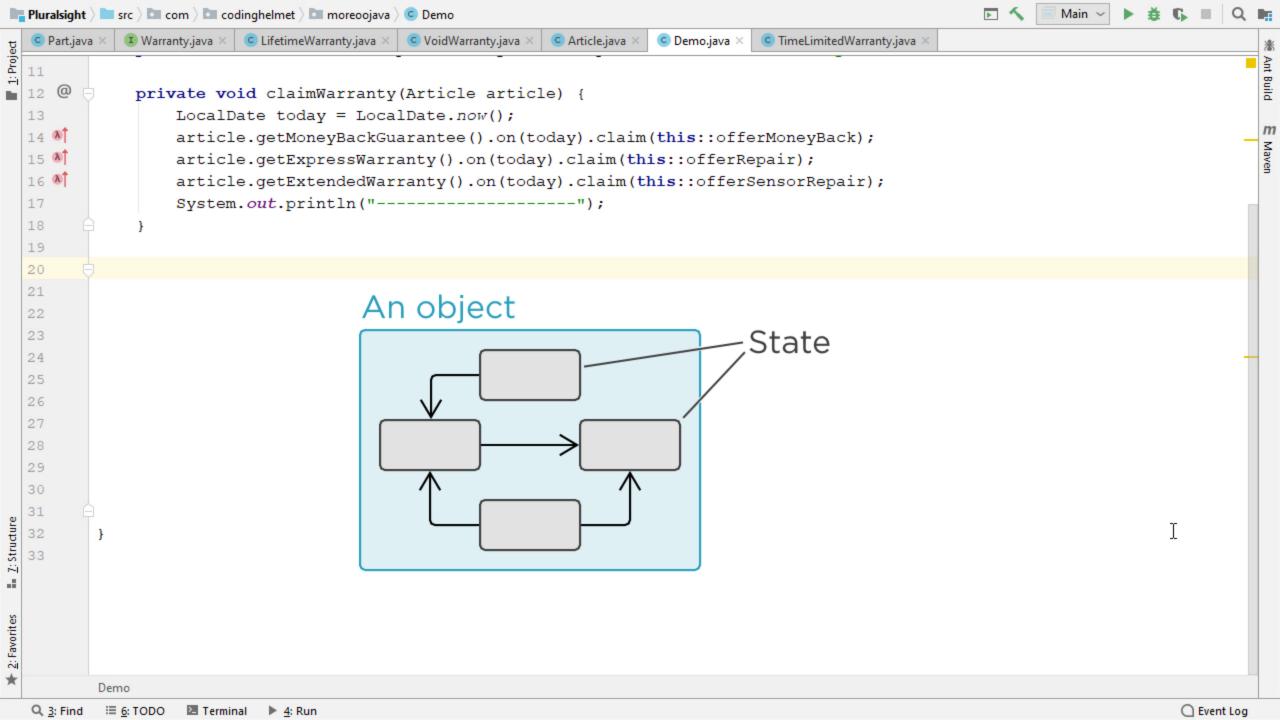
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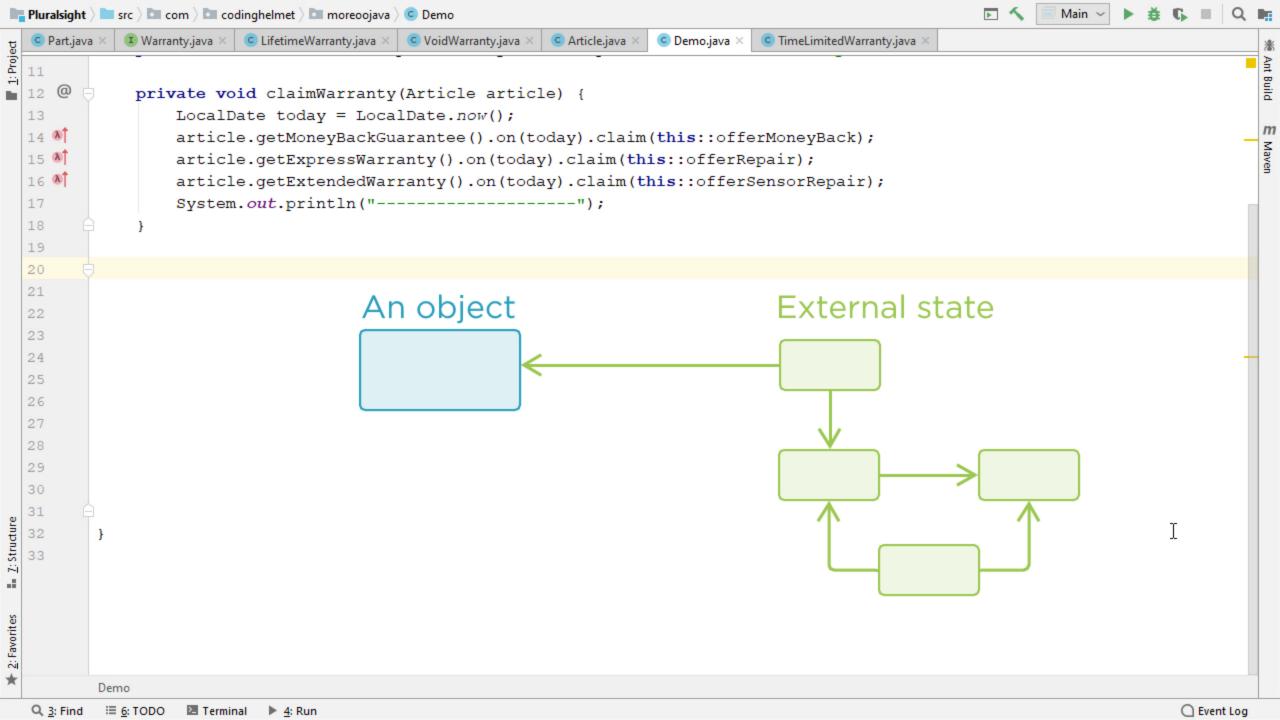
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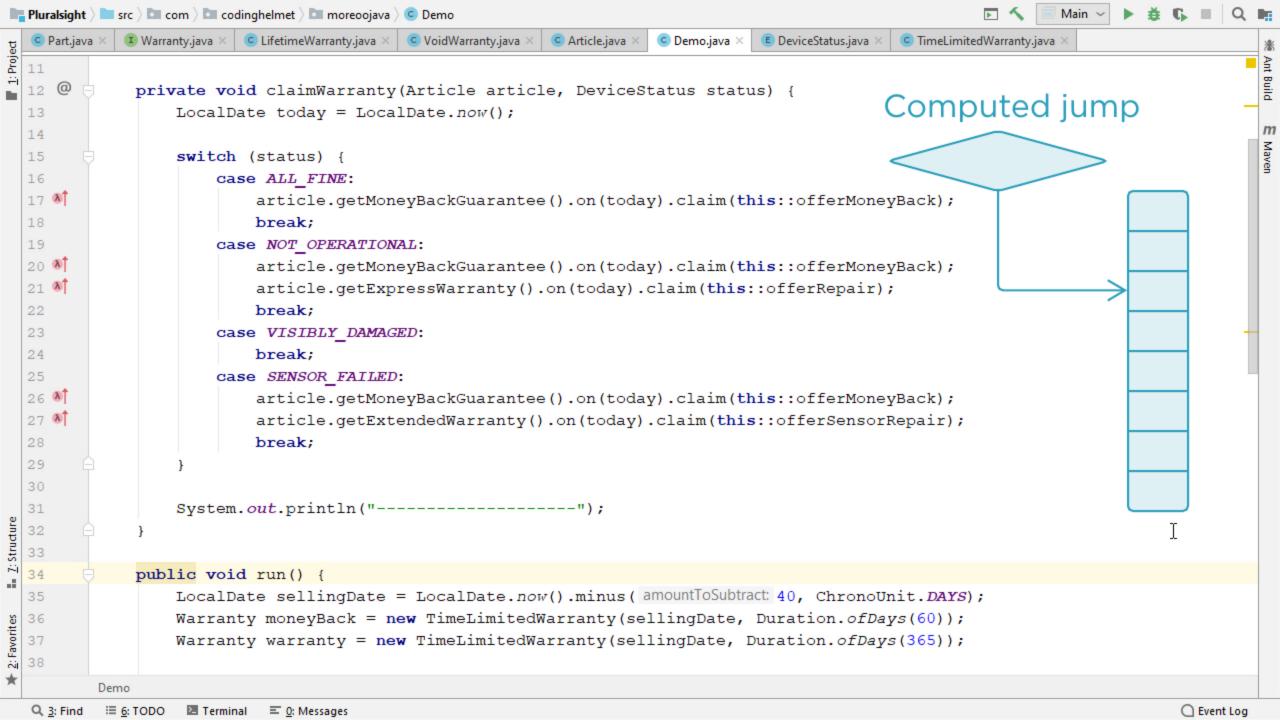


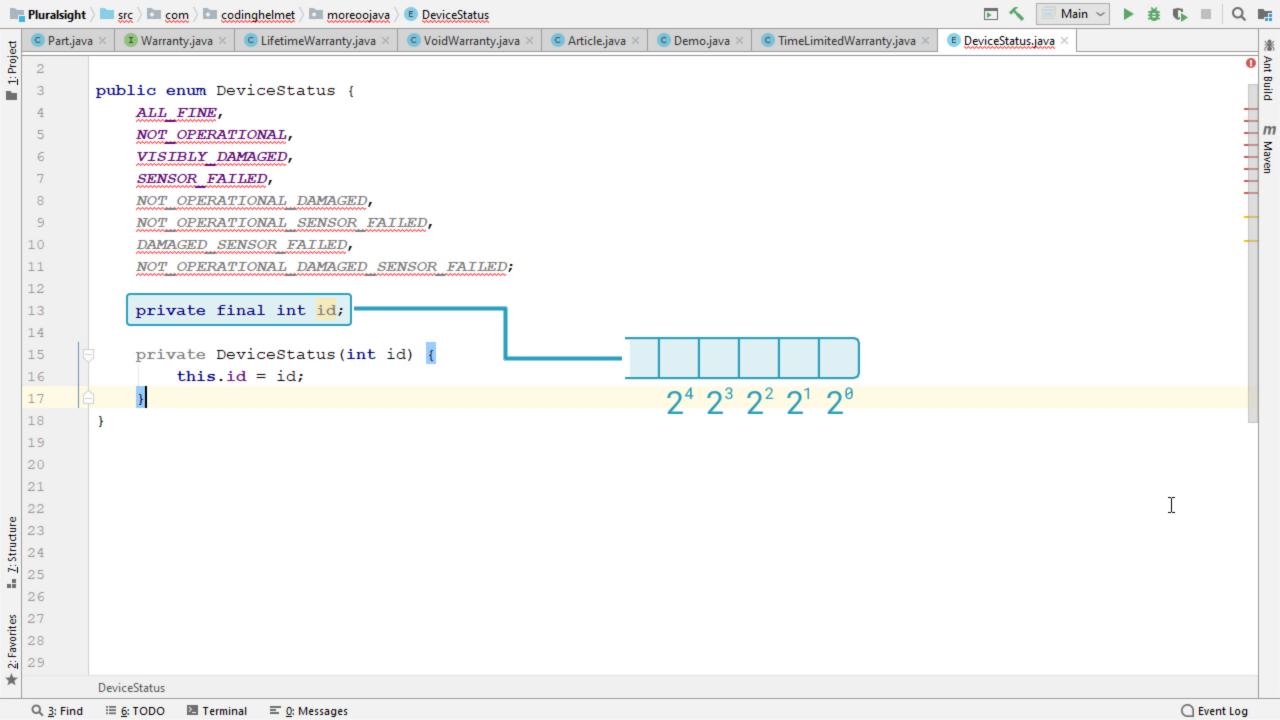


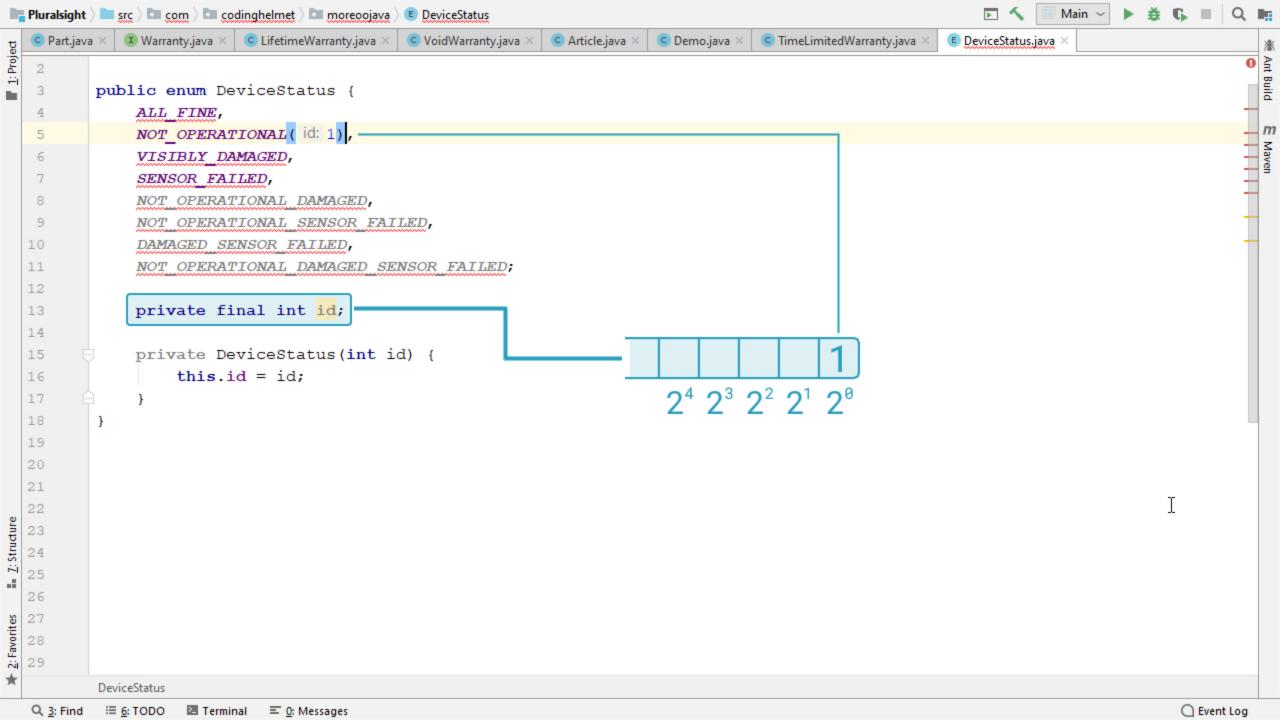


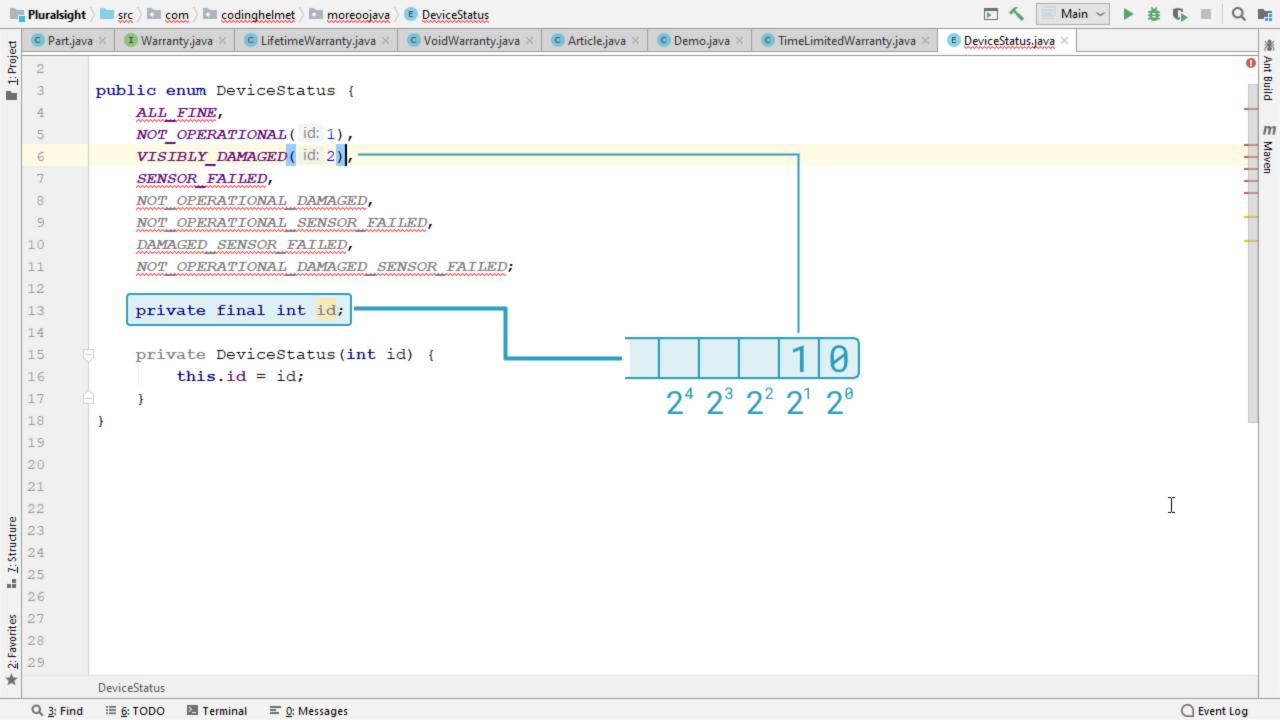


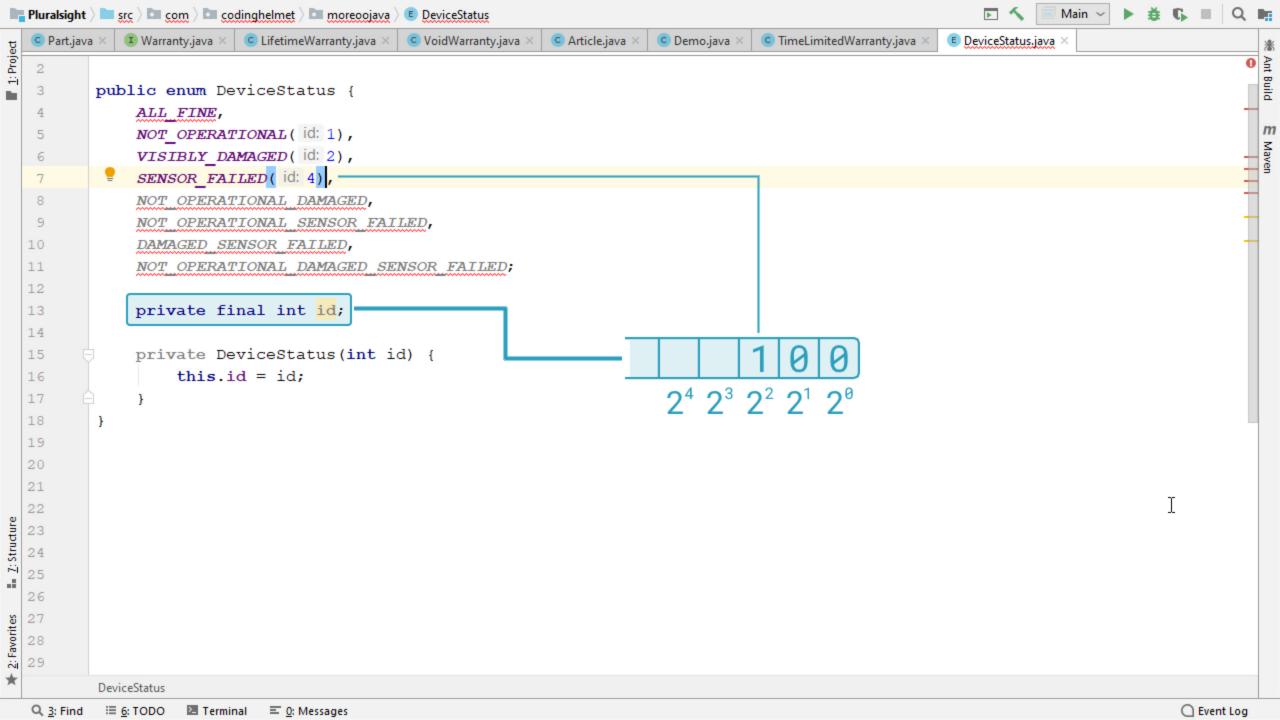


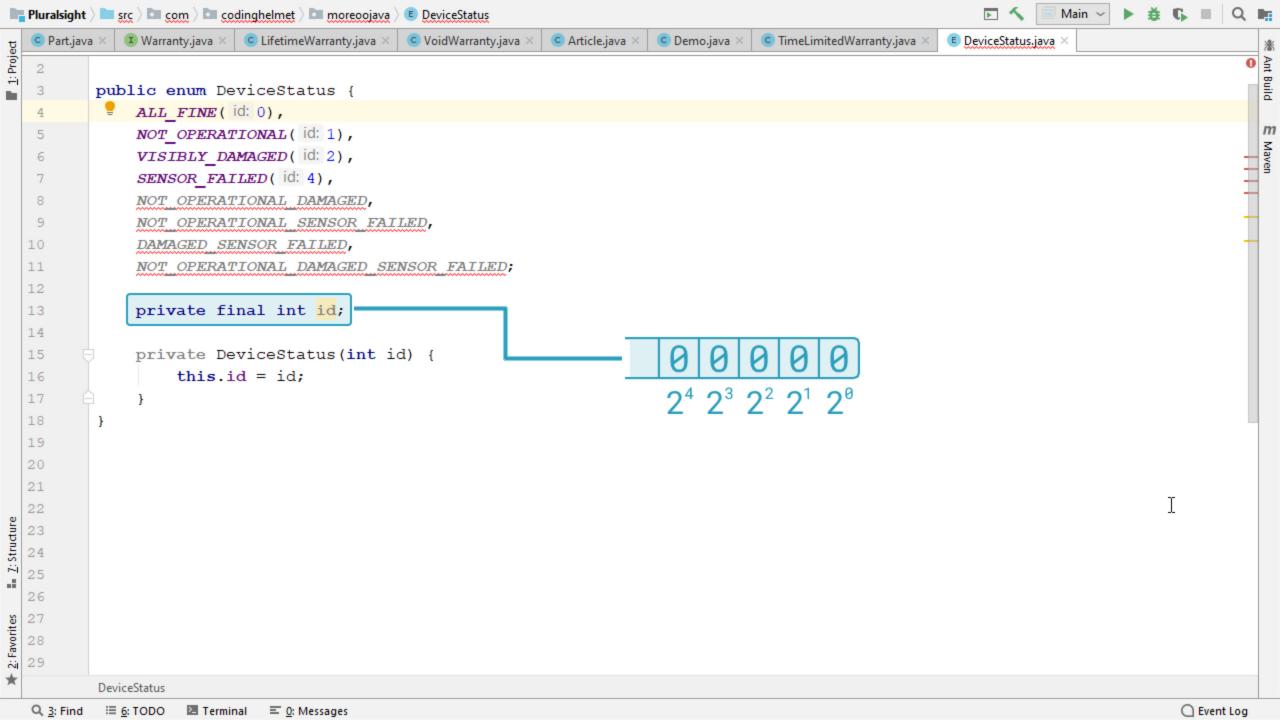


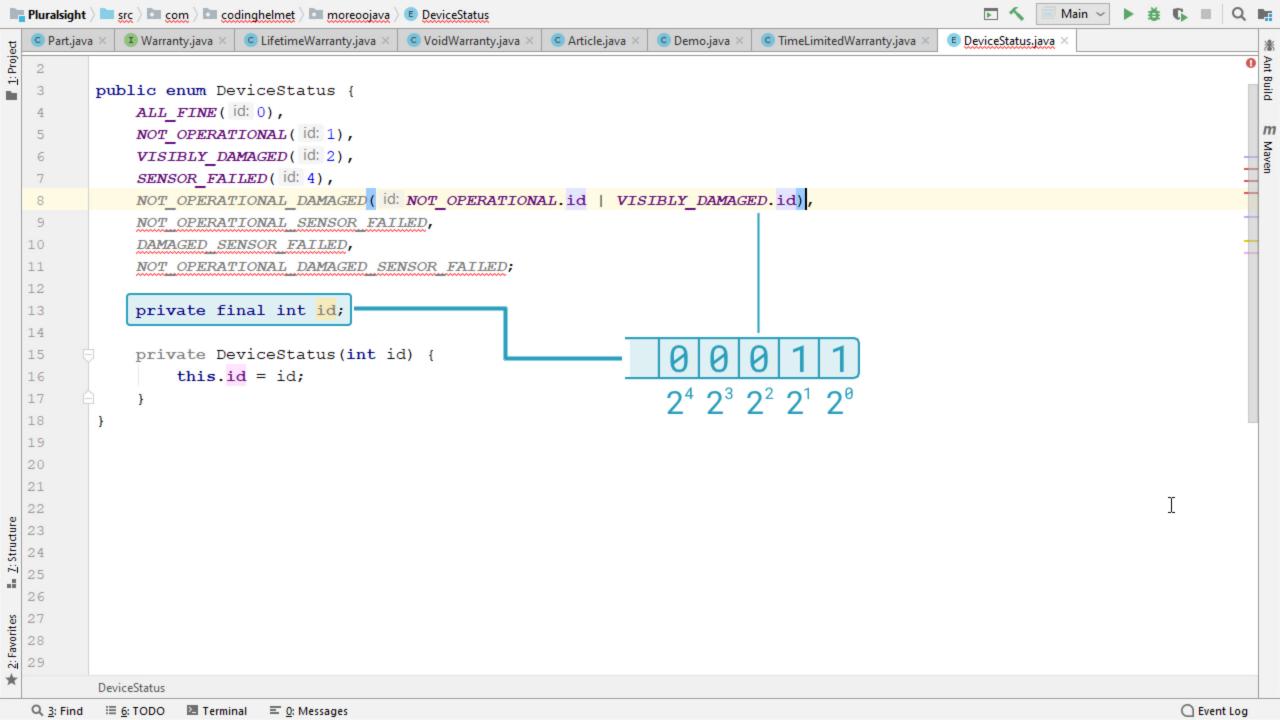


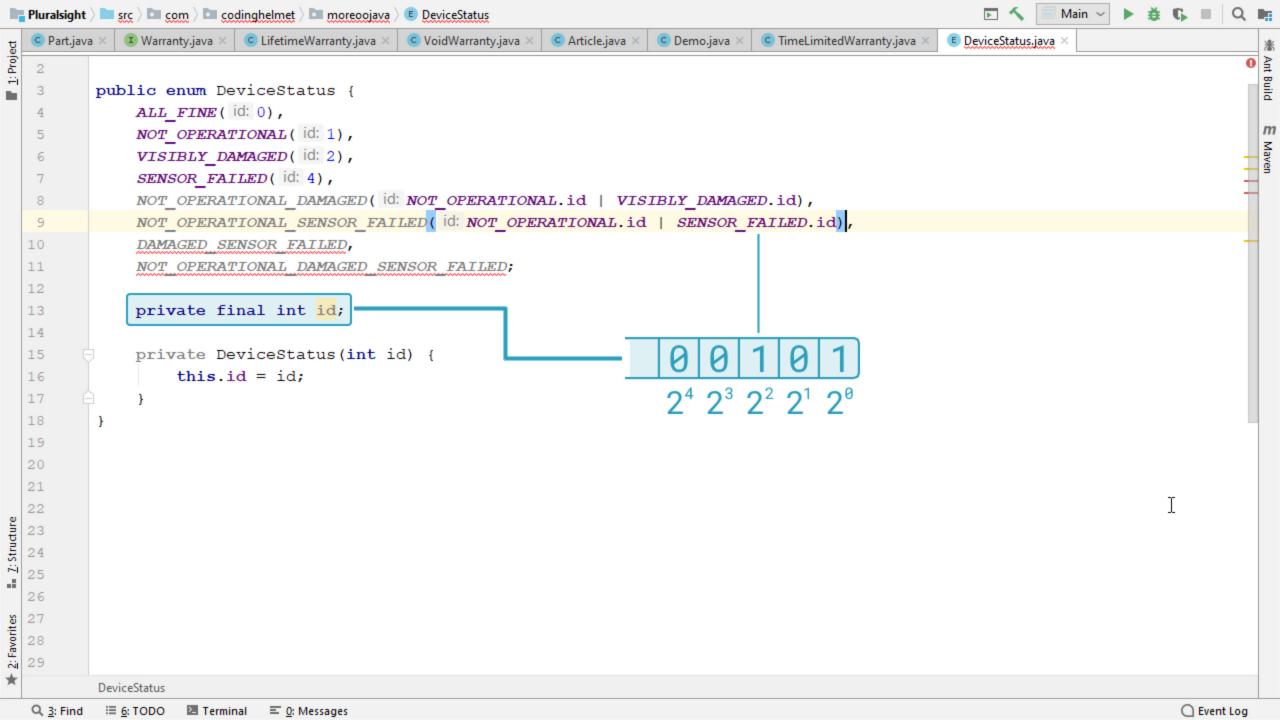


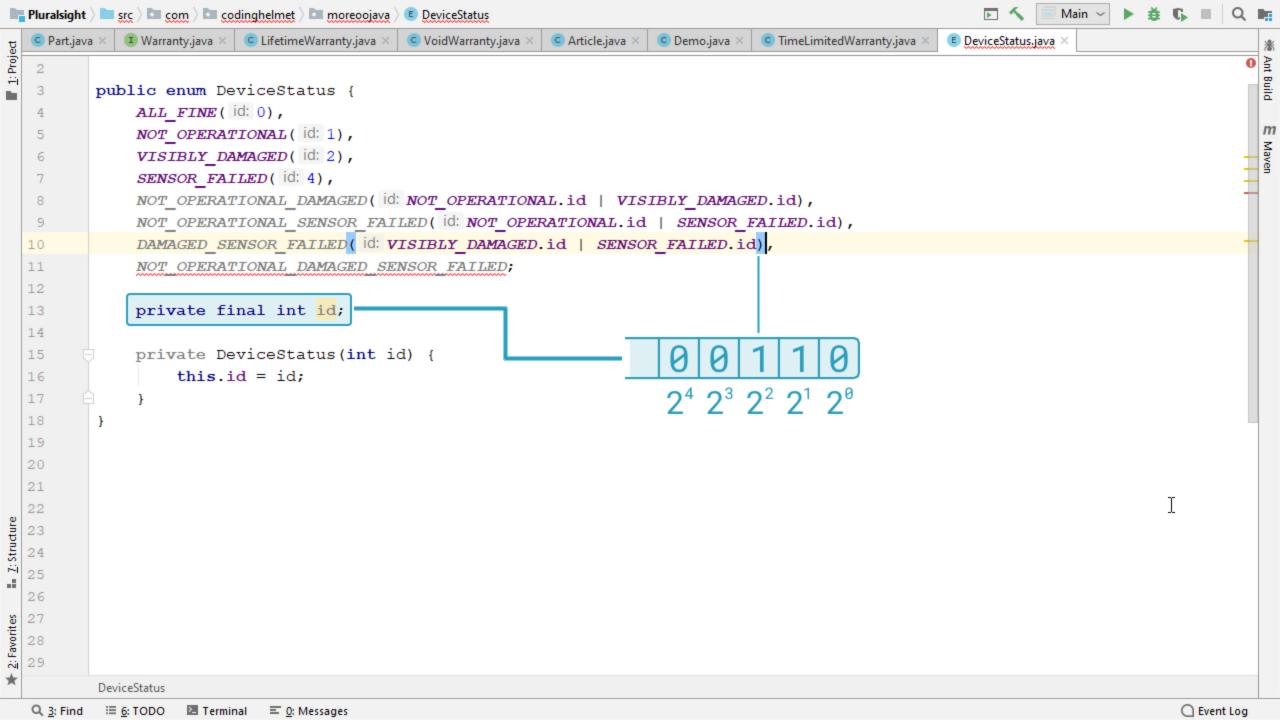


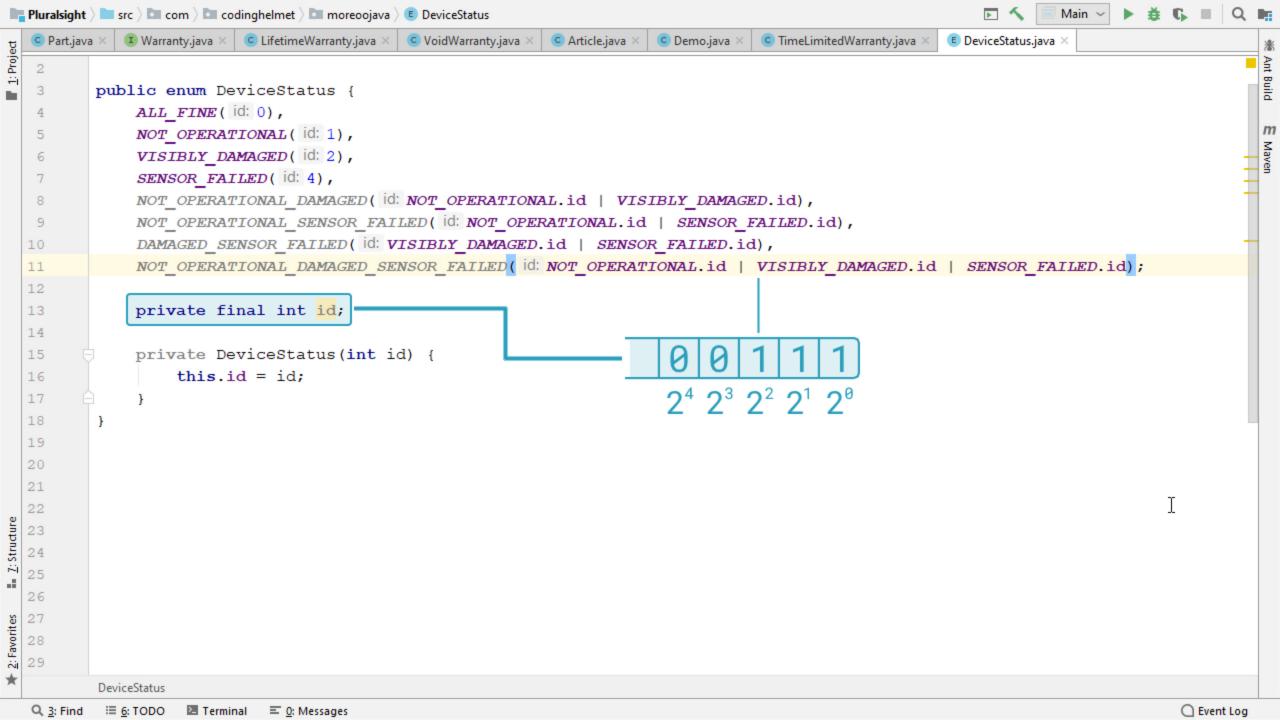
















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Poor change handling symptoms

- Implementation must change
- All duplicates must change
- Even on unrelated changes



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Visible signs of lacking objects

- Raw state representation
- Consumer implementation
- Hard-coded branching



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Expected code qualities

- Flexible behavior
- Support for changing rules

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Chain of rules



Dealing with non-binary decisions

- Traditional design relies on an enum
- Branching implemented with switch
- Alternatively, a chain of if-else blocks





Downsides of multiway branching

- What if flags had to be combined?
- That leads to combinatorial explosion
- What if more state should be added?
- That complicates branching conditions
- What if more flag values are added?
- All consuming code must be fixed





Modeling state with objects

- New state means to add a new class
- Existing classes remain





Migrating an enum to a class

- enum values become concrete instances
- Factory functions combine instances
- Objects could still be compared
- Consuming code could remain
- Then let the objects expose behavior
- Join the test pattern with the action





