

SOFTWARE ENGINEERING

C03001

CHAPTER 7.3 — MORE ON IMPLEMENTATION



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WEEK 10

TOPICS COVERED

- ✓ Implementation meaning
- ✓ Coding style & standards
- ✓ Code with correctness justification
- ✓ Integration meaning
- ✓ Integration process

IMPLEMENTATION

smallest part that will be separately
maintained

✓ **Implementation = Unit Implementation +
Integration**

put them all together

GOLDEN RULE (!?)

- ✓ Requirements to satisfy Customers
- ✓ Design again requirements only
- ✓ Implement again design only
- ✓ Test again design and requirements

IMPLEMENT CODE

One way to ...

- ✓ 1. Plan the structure and residual design for your code
- ✓ 2. Self-inspect your design and/or structure
- ✓ 3. Type your code
- ✓ 4. Self-inspect your code
- ✓ 5. Compile your code
- ✓ 6. Test your code

GENERAL PRINCIPLES IN PROGRAMMING PRACTICE

- ✓ 1. Try to re-use first
- ✓ 2. Enforce intentions
 - If your code is intended to be used in particular ways only, write it so that the code cannot be used in any other way.
 - If a member is not intended to be used by other functions, enforce this by making it private or protected etc.
 - Use qualifiers such as final and abstract etc. to enforce intentions

“THINK GLOBALLY, PROGRAM LOCALLY”

- ✓ Make all members
 - as local as possible
 - as invisible as possible
 - attributes private:
 - access them through more public accessor functions if required.
 - (Making attributes protected gives objects of subclasses access to members of their base classes -- not usually what you want)

EXCEPTIONS HANDLING

“If you must choice between throwing an exception and continuing the computation, continue if you can” (Cay Horstmann)

- ✓ Catch only those exceptions that you know how to handle
- ✓ Be reasonable about exceptions callers must handle
- ✓ Don't substitute the use of exceptions for issue that should be the subject of testing

NAMING CONVENTIONS

- ✓ Use concatenated words
 - e.g., cylinderLength
- ✓ Begin class names with capitals
- ✓ Variable names begin lower case
- ✓ Constants with capitals
 - as in MAX_N or use static final
- ✓ Data members of classes with an underscore
 - as in _timeOfDay
- ✓ Use get..., set..., and is... for accessor methods
- ✓ Additional getters and setters of collections
- ✓ And/or distinguish between instance variables, local variables and parameters

DOCUMENTING METHODS

- ✓ what the method does
- ✓ why it does so
- ✓ what parameters it must be passed (use `@param` tag)
- ✓ exceptions it throws (use `@exception` tag)
- ✓ reason for choice of visibility
- ✓ known bugs
- ✓ test description, describing whether the method has been tested, and the location of its test script
- ✓ history of changes if you are not using a sub-version system
- ✓ example of how the method works
- ✓ pre- and post-conditions
- ✓ special documentation on threaded and synchronized methods

```

/* Class Name      : EncounterCast
 * Version information : Version 0.1
 * Date            : 6/19/1999
 * Copyright Notice  : see below
 * Edit history:
 * 11 Feb /** Facade class/object for the EncounterCharacters package. Used to
 * 8 Feb  * reference all characters of the Encounter game.
 * 08 Jan * <p> Design: SDD 3.1 Module decomposition
 */      * <br> SDD 5.1.2 Interface to the EncounterCharacters package
 *
/*      * <p>Design issues:<ul>
 *      * <li> SDD 5.1.2.4 method engagePlayerWithForeignCharacter was
 *      * not implemented, since engagements are handled more directly
 *      * from the Engaging state object.
 *      * </ul>
 *      * /** Gets encounterCast, the one and only instance of EncounterCast.
 *      *      * <p> Requirement: SDD 5.1.2
 *      * @a      *
 *      * @v      * @return    The EncounterCast singleton.
 */      */
public static EncounterCast getEncounterCast()
{
    { return encounterCastS; }
}

/** Name for human player */
private static final String MAIN_PLAYER_NAME = "Elena";

```

DOCUMENTING ATTRIBUTES

- ✓ Description -- what it's used for
- ✓ All applicable invariants
 - quantitative facts about the attribute,
 - such as " $1 < \text{_age} < 130$ "
 - or " $36 < \text{_length} * \text{_width} < 193$ ".

CONSTANTS

- ✓ Before designating a final variable, be sure that it is, indeed, final. You're going to want to change "final" quantities in most cases. Consider using method instead.
- ✓ Ex:
 - instead of ...
 - `protected static final MAX_CHARS_IN_NAME;`
 - consider using ...
 - `protected final static int getMaxCharsInName()`
 - `{`
`return 20;`
 - `}`

INITIALIZING ATTRIBUTES

- ✓ Attributes should be always be initialized, think of
 - `private float _balance = 0;`
- ✓ Attribute may be an object of another class, as in
 - `private Customer _customer;`
- ✓ Traditionally done using the constructor, as in
 - `private Customer _customer = new Customer("Edward", "Jones");`
- ✓ Problem is maintainability. When new attributes added to Customer, all have to be updated. Also accessing persistent storage unnecessarily.

INSPECT CODE 1 OF 5: CLASSES OVERALL



- ✓ C1. Is its (the class') name appropriate?
- ✓ C2. Could it be abstract (to be used only as a base)?
- ✓ C3. Does its header describe its purpose?
- ✓ C4. Does its header reference the requirements and/or design element to which it corresponds?
- ✓ C5. Does it state the package to which it belongs?
- ✓ C6. Is it as private as it can be?
- ✓ C7. Should it be final (Java)
- ✓ C8. Have the documentation standards been applied?

INSPECT CODE 2 OF 5 : ATTRIBUTES

- ✓ A1. Is it (the attribute) necessary?
- ✓ A2. Could it be static?
- ✓ A3. Should it be final?
- ✓ A4. Are the naming conventions properly applied?
- ✓ A5. Is it as private as possible?
- ✓ A6. Are the attributes as independent as possible?
- ✓ A7. Is there a comprehensive initialization strategy?

INSPECT CODE 3 OF 5 : CONSTRUCTORS

- ✓ CO1. Is it (the constructor) necessary?
- ✓ CO2. Does it leverage existing constructors?
- ✓ CO3. Does it initialize of all the attributes?
- ✓ CO4. Is it as private as possible?
- ✓ CO5. Does it execute the inherited constructor(s) where necessary?

INSPECT CODE 4 OF 5: METHOD HEADERS



- ✓ MH1. Is the method appropriately named?
- ✓ MH2. Is it as private as possible?
- ✓ MH3. Could it be static?
- ✓ MH4. Should it be final?
- ✓ MH5. Does the header describe method's purpose?
- ✓ MH6. Does the method header reference the requirements and/or design section that it satisfies?
- ✓ MH7. Does it state all necessary invariants?
- ✓ MH8. Does it state all pre-conditions?
- ✓ MH9. Does it state all post-conditions?
- ✓ MH10. Does it apply documentation standards?
- ✓ MH11. Are the parameter types restricted?

INSPECT CODE 5 OF 5: METHOD BODIES



- ✓ MB1. Is the algorithm consistent with the detailed design pseudocode and/or flowchart?
- ✓ MB2. Does the code assume no more than the stated preconditions?
- ✓ MB3. Does the code produce every one of the postconditions?
- ✓ MB4. Does the code respect the required invariant?
- ✓ MB5. Does every loop terminate?
- ✓ MB6. Are required notational standards observed?
- ✓ MB7. Has every line been thoroughly checked?
- ✓ MB8. Are all braces balanced?
- ✓ MB9. Are illegal parameters considered?
- ✓ MB10. Does the code return the correct type?
- ✓ MB11. Is the code thoroughly commented?

STANDARD METRICS FOR SOURCE CODE

✓ Counting lines

- Lines of code (LoC)
 - How to count statements that occupy several lines (1 or n?)
 - How to count comments (0?)
 - How to count lines consisting of while, for, do, etc. (1?)

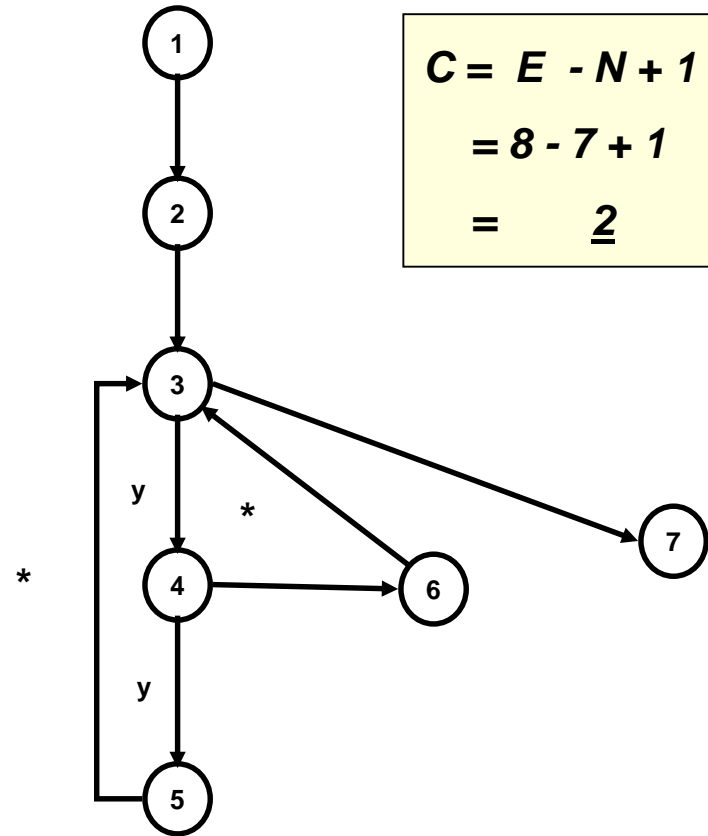
✓ IEEE metrics

- 14. Software Science Measures
 - n_1, n_2 = num. of distinct operators (+, * etc.), operands
 - N_1, N_2 = total num. of occurrences of the operators, the operands
 - Estimated program length = $n_1(\log n_1) + n_2(\log n_2)$
 - Program difficulty = $(n_1 N_1) / (2 n_2)$
- 16. Cyclomatic Complexity
 - ...

✓ Custom metrics?

CYCLOTOMIC COMPLEXITY

```
1 int x = anX;  
2 int y = aY;  
3 while( !( x == y) ) {  
4     if( x > y )  
5         x = x - y;  
6     else  
7         y = y - x;  
8 ...println( x );
```



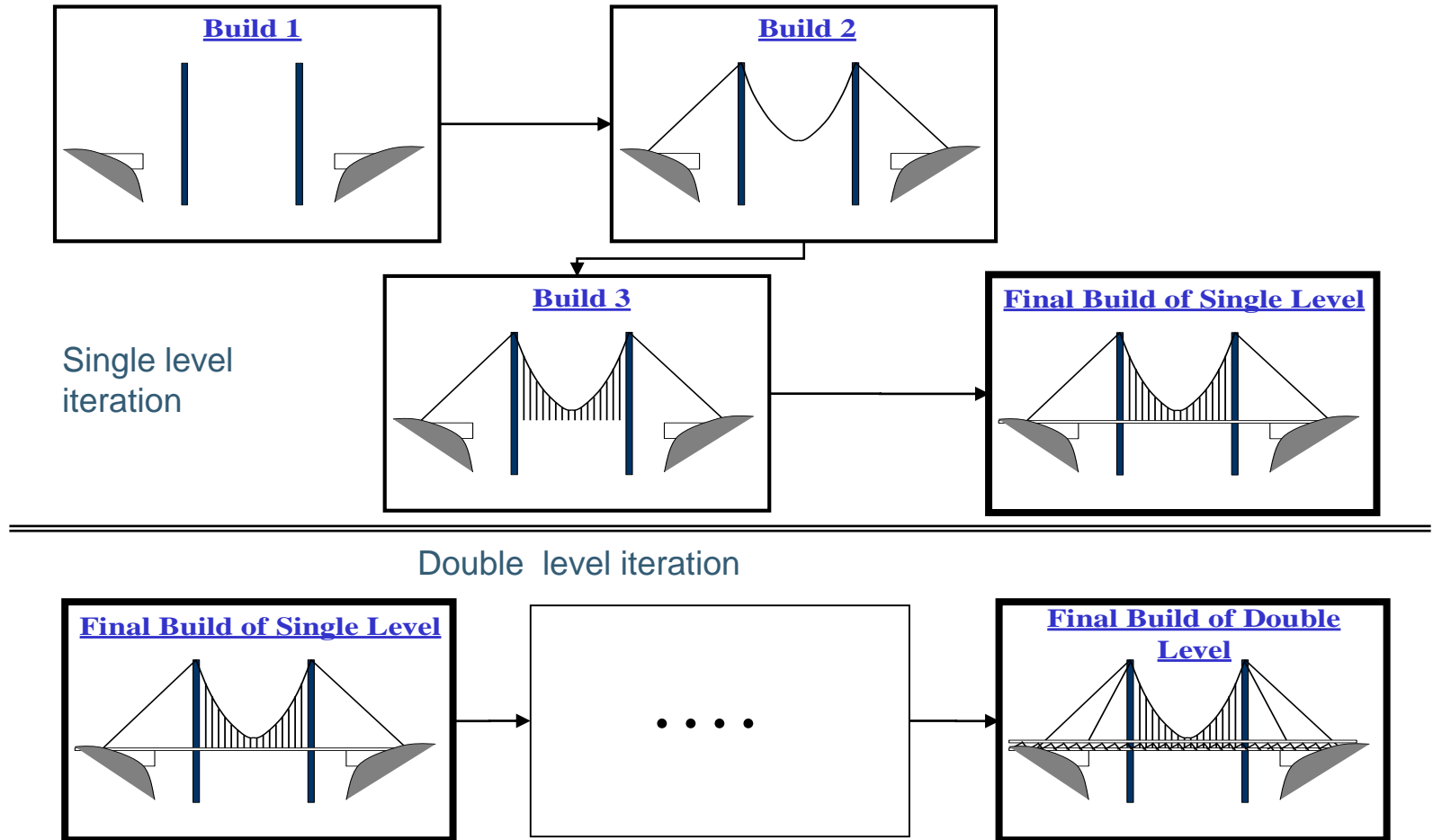
$$\begin{aligned} C &= E - N + 1 \\ &= 8 - 7 + 1 \\ &= \underline{2} \end{aligned}$$

* : independent loop

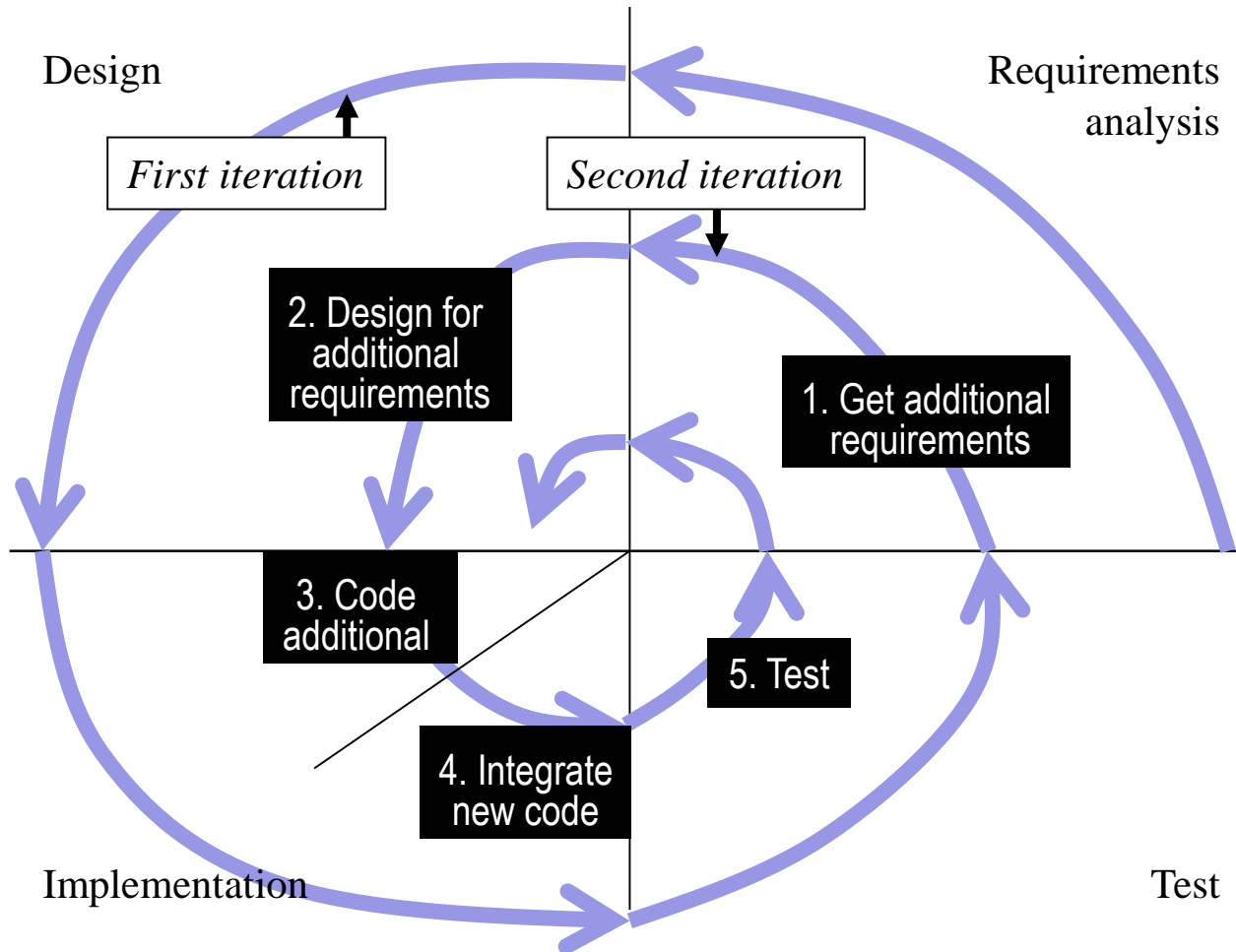
INTEGRATION

- ✓ Applications are complex \Rightarrow be built of parts
 \Rightarrow assembled: integration
- ✓ Waterfall process
 - Integration phase is (nearly) the last
 - Incompatibility ?

THE BUILD PROCESS



INTEGRATION IN SPIRAL DEVELOPMENT



ROADMAP FOR INTEGRATION AND SYSTEM TEST

1. Decide extent of all tests.

2. For each iteration ...

2.1 **2.1.1 Perform regression testing from prior build**

For **2.1.2 Retest functions if required**

each **2.1.3 Retest modules if required**

build **2.1.4 Test interfaces if required**

...

2.1.5 Perform build integration tests

*Development of
iteration complete*

2.2 Perform iteration system and usability tests

System implemented

3. Perform installation tests

System installed

4. Perform acceptance tests

Job completed

FACTORS DETERMINING THE SEQUENCE OF INTEGRATION

✓ Technical:

- Usage of modules by other modules
 - build and integrate modules used before modules that use them
- Defining and using framework classes

✓ Risk reduction:

- Exercising integration early
- Exercising key risky parts of the application as early as possible

✓ Requirements:

- Showing parts or prototypes to customers

SUMMARY

- ✓ Keep coding goals in mind:
 - 1. correctness
 - 2. clarity
- ✓ Apply programming standards
- ✓ Specify pre- and post-condition
- ✓ Prove programs correct before compiling
- ✓ Track time spent
- ✓ Maintain quality and professionalism
- ✓ Integration process executed in carefully planned builds