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Pair programming

Lesson Duration: 10 minutes

Learning Objectives

- Know what Pair Programming is and is not

What is Pair Programming?

Super-simple Explanation:

- two engineers working together to write one piece of code

More Complicated Explanation:

- one laptop
- one “driving” and one “navigating”
 - driver writes code
 - navigator reviews code, makes suggestions and focuses on overall direction
- continuous review of code
- discussion! (“programming out loud”)
 - driver explains code while writing it
 - navigator suggests changes/improvements and advises where to go next
 - both stop the other from deviating from good practices surrounding testing
- knowledge sharing!

What Pair Programming is NOT:

- one engineer writing code while the other watches
- two engineers writing code on separate laptops
- silence
- two engineers sharing a keyboard [Video](#)

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