Prime Factors Kata

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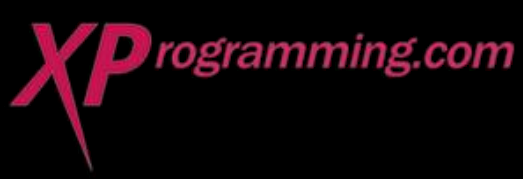

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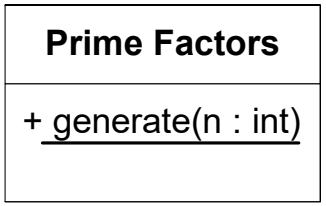
Generating Prime Factors.

Although quite short, this kata is fascinating in the way it shows how ‘if’ statements become ‘while’ statements as the number of test cases increase. It’s also a wonderful example of how algorithms sometimes become simpler as they become more general.

I stumbled upon this little kata one evening when my son was in 7th grade. He had just discovered that all numbers can be broken down into a product of primes and was interested in exploring this further. So I wrote a little ruby program, test-first, and was stunned by how the algorithm evolved.

I have done this particular kata in Java 5.0. This should give you a feel for the power and convenience of some of the new features.

The Requirements.



- Write a class named “PrimeFactors” that has one static method: generate.
  - The generate method takes an integer argument and returns a List<Integer>. That list contains the prime factors in numerical sequence.

Begin.

- Create a project named PrimeFactors
- Create a package named primeFactors
- Create a unit test named PrimeFactorsTest

```
package primeFactors;

import junit.framework.TestCase;

public class PrimeFactorsTest extends TestCase {
}
```

No tests found in primeFactors.PrimeFactorsTest

The first test.

```
package primeFactors;

import junit.framework.TestCase;

public class PrimeFactorsTest extends TestCase {
  public void testOne() throws Exception {
    assertEquals(list(),PrimeFactors.generate(1));
  }
}
```

The first test.

```
package primeFactors;

import junit.framework.TestCase;

import java.util.List;

public class PrimeFactorsTest extends TestCase {
  public void testOne() throws Exception {
    assertEquals(list(),PrimeFactors.generate(1));
  }

  private List<Integer> list() {
    return null;
  }
}
```

The first test.

```
package primeFactors;

import junit.framework.TestCase;

import java.util.List;

public class PrimeFactorsTest extends TestCase {
  public void testOne() throws Exception {
    assertEquals(list(),PrimeFactors.generate(1));
  }

  private List<Integer> list() {
    return null;
  }
}
```

```
package primeFactors;

public class PrimeFactors {
}
```

The first test.

```
package primeFactors;

import junit.framework.TestCase;

import java.util.List;

public class PrimeFactorsTest extends TestCase {
  public void testOne() throws Exception {
    assertEquals(list(),PrimeFactors.generate(1));
  }

  private List<Integer> list() {
    return null;
  }
}
```

```
expected:<null> but was:<[]>
```

```
package primeFactors;

import java.util.*;

public class PrimeFactors {
  public static List<Integer> generate(int n) {
    return new ArrayList<Integer>();
  }
}
```

The first test.

```
package primeFactors;

import junit.framework.TestCase;

import java.util.*;

public class PrimeFactorsTest extends TestCase {
  public void testOne() throws Exception {
    assertEquals(list(),PrimeFactors.generate(1));
  }

  private List<Integer> list() {
    return new ArrayList<Integer>();
  }
}
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package primeFactors;

import java.util.*;

public class PrimeFactors {
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package primeFactors;

import junit.framework.TestCase;

import java.util.*;

public class PrimeFactorsTest extends TestCase {
  private List<Integer> list() {
    return new ArrayList<Integer>();
  }

  public void testOne() throws Exception {
    assertEquals(list(),PrimeFactors.generate(1));
  }
}
```

```
package primeFactors;

import java.util.*;

public class PrimeFactors {
  public static List<Integer> generate(int n) {
    return new ArrayList<Integer>();
  }
}
```

The Second Test

The Second test.

```
package primeFactors;

import junit.framework.TestCase;

import java.util.*;

public class PrimeFactorsTest extends TestCase {
  private List<Integer> list() {
    return new ArrayList<Integer>();
  }

  public void testOne() throws Exception {
    assertEquals(list(),PrimeFactors.generate(1));
  }

  public void testTwo() throws Exception {
    assertEquals(list(2),PrimeFactors.generate(2));
  }
}
```

```
package primeFactors;

import java.util.*;

public class PrimeFactors {
  public static List<Integer> generate(int n) {
    return new ArrayList<Integer>();
  }
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package primeFactors;

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public class PrimeFactorsTest extends TestCase {
  private List<Integer> list(int... ints) {
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    for (int i : ints)
      list.add(i);
    return list;
  }

  public void testOne() throws Exception {
    assertEquals(list(),PrimeFactors.generate(1));
  }

  public void testTwo() throws Exception {
    assertEquals(list(2),PrimeFactors.generate(2));
  }
}
```

varargs

```
expected:<[2]> but was:<[]>
```

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package primeFactors;

import java.util.*;

public class PrimeFactors {
  public static List<Integer> generate(int n) {
    return new ArrayList<Integer>();
  }
}
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package primeFactors;

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      list.add(i);
    return list;
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  public void testOne() throws Exception {
    assertEquals(list(),PrimeFactors.generate(1));
  }

  public void testTwo() throws Exception {
    assertEquals(list(2),PrimeFactors.generate(2));
  }
}
```

```
package primeFactors;

import java.util.*;

public class PrimeFactors {
  public static List<Integer> generate(int n) {
    List<Integer> primes = new ArrayList<Integer>();
    if (n > 1) {
      primes.add(2);
    }
    return primes;
  }
}
```

The Second test.

```
package primeFactors;

import static primeFactors.PrimeFactors.generate;
import junit.framework.TestCase;
import java.util.*;

public class PrimeFactorsTest extends TestCase {
  private List<Integer> list(int... ints) {
    List<Integer> list = new ArrayList<Integer>();
    for (int i : ints)
      list.add(i);
    return list;
  }

  public void testOne() throws Exception {
    assertEquals(list(),generate(1));
  }

  public void testTwo() throws Exception {
    assertEquals(list(2),generate(2));
  }
}
```

```
package primeFactors;

import java.util.*;

public class PrimeFactors {
  public static List<Integer> generate(int n) {
    List<Integer> primes = new ArrayList<Integer>();
    if (n > 1) {
      primes.add(2);
    }
    return primes;
  }
}
```

The Third Test

The Third test.

```
package primeFactors;

import static primeFactors.PrimeFactors.generate;
import junit.framework.TestCase;
import java.util.*;

public class PrimeFactorsTest extends TestCase {
  private List<Integer> list(int... ints) {
    List<Integer> list = new ArrayList<Integer>();
    for (int i : ints)
      list.add(i);
    return list;
  }

  public void testOne() throws Exception {
    assertEquals(list(),generate(1));
  }

  public void testTwo() throws Exception {
    assertEquals(list(2),generate(2));
  }

  public void testThree() throws Exception {
    assertEquals(list(3),generate(3));
  }
}
```

expected:<[3]> but was:<[2]>

```
package primeFactors;

import java.util.*;

public class PrimeFactors {
  public static List<Integer> generate(int n) {
    List<Integer> primes = new ArrayList<Integer>();
    if (n > 1) {
      primes.add(2);
    }
    return primes;
  }
}
```

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    List<Integer> list = new ArrayList<Integer>();
    for (int i : ints)
      list.add(i);
    return list;
  }

  public void testOne() throws Exception {
    assertEquals(list(),generate(1));
  }

  public void testTwo() throws Exception {
    assertEquals(list(2),generate(2));
  }

  public void testThree() throws Exception {
    assertEquals(list(3),generate(3));
  }
}
```

```
package primeFactors;

import java.util.*;

public class PrimeFactors {
  public static List<Integer> generate(int n) {
    List<Integer> primes = new ArrayList<Integer>();
    if (n > 1) {
      primes.add(n);
    }
    return primes;
  }
}
```

The Fourth Test

The Fourth test.

```
package primeFactors;

import static primeFactors.PrimeFactors.generate;
import junit.framework.TestCase;
import java.util.*;

public class PrimeFactorsTest extends TestCase {
  private List<Integer> list(int... ints) {
    List<Integer> list = new ArrayList<Integer>();
    for (int i : ints)
      list.add(i);
    return list;
  }

  public void testOne() throws Exception {
    assertEquals(list(),generate(1));
  }

  public void testTwo() throws Exception {
    assertEquals(list(2),generate(2));
  }

  public void testThree() throws Exception {
    assertEquals(list(3),generate(3));
  }

  public void testFour() throws Exception {
    assertEquals(list(2,2),generate(4));
  }
}
```

```
package primeFactors;

import java.util.*;

public class PrimeFactors {
  public static List<Integer> generate(int n) {
    List<Integer> primes = new ArrayList<Integer>();
    if (n > 1) {
      primes.add(n);
    }
    return primes;
  }
}
```

expected:<[2, 2]> but was:<[4]>

The Fourth test.

```
package primeFactors;

import static primeFactors.PrimeFactors.generate;
import junit.framework.TestCase;
import java.util.*;

public class PrimeFactorsTest extends TestCase {
  private List<Integer> list(int... ints) {
    List<Integer> list = new ArrayList<Integer>();
    for (int i : ints)
      list.add(i);
    return list;
  }

  public void testOne() throws Exception {
    assertEquals(list(),generate(1));
  }

  public void testTwo() throws Exception {
    assertEquals(list(2),generate(2));
  }

  public void testThree() throws Exception {
    assertEquals(list(3),generate(3));
  }

  public void testFour() throws Exception {
    assertEquals(list(2,2),generate(4));
  }
}
```

```
package primeFactors;

import java.util.*;

public class PrimeFactors {
  public static List<Integer> generate(int n) {
    List<Integer> primes = new ArrayList<Integer>();
    if (n > 1) {
      if (n%2 == 0) {
        primes.add(2);
        n /= 2;
      }
      if (n > 1)
        primes.add(n);
    }
    return primes;
  }
}
```

The Fifth Test

The Fifth test.

```
package primeFactors;

import static primeFactors.PrimeFactors.generate;
import junit.framework.TestCase;
import java.util.*;

public class PrimeFactorsTest extends TestCase {
  private List<Integer> list(int... ints) {
    List<Integer> list = new ArrayList<Integer>();
    for (int i : ints)
      list.add(i);
    return list;
  }

  public void testOne() throws Exception {
    assertEquals(list(),generate(1));
  }

  public void testTwo() throws Exception {
    assertEquals(list(2),generate(2));
  }

  public void testThree() throws Exception {
    assertEquals(list(3),generate(3));
  }

  public void testFour() throws Exception {
    assertEquals(list(2,2),generate(4));
  }

  public void testSix() throws Exception {
    assertEquals(list(2,3),generate(6));
  }
}
```

```
package primeFactors;

import java.util.*;

public class PrimeFactors {
  public static List<Integer> generate(int n) {
    List<Integer> primes = new ArrayList<Integer>();
    if (n > 1) {
      if (n%2 == 0) {
        primes.add(2);
        n /= 2;
      }
      if (n > 1)
        primes.add(n);
    }
    return primes;
  }
}
```

The Sixth Test

The Sixth test.

```
package primeFactors;

import static primeFactors.PrimeFactors.generate;
import junit.framework.TestCase;
import java.util.*;

public class PrimeFactorsTest extends TestCase {
  private List<Integer> list(int... ints) {
    List<Integer> list = new ArrayList<Integer>();
    for (int i : ints)
      list.add(i);
    return list;
  }

  public void testOne() throws Exception {
    assertEquals(list(),generate(1));
  }

  public void testTwo() throws Exception {
    assertEquals(list(2),generate(2));
  }

  public void testThree() throws Exception {
    assertEquals(list(3),generate(3));
  }

  public void testFour() throws Exception {
    assertEquals(list(2,2),generate(4));
  }

  public void testSix() throws Exception {
    assertEquals(list(2,3),generate(6));
  }

  public void testEight() throws Exception {
    assertEquals(list(2,2,2),generate(8));
  }
}
```

```
package primeFactors;

import java.util.*;

public class PrimeFactors {
  public static List<Integer> generate(int n) {
    List<Integer> primes = new ArrayList<Integer>();
    if (n > 1) {
      if (n%2 == 0) {
        primes.add(2);
        n /= 2;
      }
      if (n > 1)
        primes.add(n);
    }
    return primes;
  }
}
```

expected:<[2, 2, 2]> but was:<[2, 4]>

The Sixth test.

```
package primeFactors;

import static primeFactors.PrimeFactors.generate;
import junit.framework.TestCase;
import java.util.*;

public class PrimeFactorsTest extends TestCase {
  private List<Integer> list(int... ints) {
    List<Integer> list = new ArrayList<Integer>();
    for (int i : ints)
      list.add(i);
    return list;
  }

  public void testOne() throws Exception {
    assertEquals(list(),generate(1));
  }

  public void testTwo() throws Exception {
    assertEquals(list(2),generate(2));
  }

  public void testThree() throws Exception {
    assertEquals(list(3),generate(3));
  }

  public void testFour() throws Exception {
    assertEquals(list(2,2),generate(4));
  }

  public void testSix() throws Exception {
    assertEquals(list(2,3),generate(6));
  }

  public void testEight() throws Exception {
    assertEquals(list(2,2,2),generate(8));
  }
}
```

```
package primeFactors;

import java.util.*;

public class PrimeFactors {
  public static List<Integer> generate(int n) {
    List<Integer> primes = new ArrayList<Integer>();
    if (n > 1) {
      while (n%2 == 0) {
        primes.add(2);
        n /= 2;
      }
      if (n > 1)
        primes.add(n);
    }
    return primes;
  }
}
```

The Seventh Test

The Seventh test.

```
package primeFactors;

import static primeFactors.PrimeFactors.generate;
import junit.framework.TestCase;
import java.util.*;

public class PrimeFactorsTest extends TestCase {
  private List<Integer> list(int... ints) {
    List<Integer> list = new ArrayList<Integer>();
    for (int i : ints)
      list.add(i);
    return list;
  }

  public void testOne() throws Exception {
    assertEquals(list(),generate(1));
  }

  public void testTwo() throws Exception {
    assertEquals(list(2),generate(2));
  }

  public void testThree() throws Exception {
    assertEquals(list(3),generate(3));
  }

  public void testFour() throws Exception {
    assertEquals(list(2,2),generate(4));
  }

  public void testSix() throws Exception {
    assertEquals(list(2,3),generate(6));
  }

  public void testEight() throws Exception {
    assertEquals(list(2,2,2),generate(8));
  }

  public void testNine() throws Exception {
    assertEquals(list(3,3),generate(9));
  }
}
```

```
package primeFactors;

import java.util.*;

public class PrimeFactors {
  public static List<Integer> generate(int n) {
    List<Integer> primes = new ArrayList<Integer>();
    if (n > 1) {
      while (n%2 == 0) {
        primes.add(2);
        n /= 2;
      }
      if (n > 1)
        primes.add(n);
    }
    return primes;
  }
}
```

expected:<[3, 3]> but was:<[9]>

The Seventh test.

```
package primeFactors;

import static primeFactors.PrimeFactors.generate;
import junit.framework.TestCase;
import java.util.*;

public class PrimeFactorsTest extends TestCase {
  private List<Integer> list(int... ints) {
    List<Integer> list = new ArrayList<Integer>();
    for (int i : ints)
      list.add(i);
    return list;
  }

  public void testOne() throws Exception {
    assertEquals(list(),generate(1));
  }

  public void testTwo() throws Exception {
    assertEquals(list(2),generate(2));
  }

  public void testThree() throws Exception {
    assertEquals(list(3),generate(3));
  }

  public void testFour() throws Exception {
    assertEquals(list(2,2),generate(4));
  }

  public void testSix() throws Exception {
    assertEquals(list(2,3),generate(6));
  }

  public void testEight() throws Exception {
    assertEquals(list(2,2,2),generate(8));
  }

  public void testNine() throws Exception {
    assertEquals(list(3,3),generate(9));
  }
}
```

```
package primeFactors;

import java.util.*;

public class PrimeFactors {
  public static List<Integer> generate(int n) {
    List<Integer> primes = new ArrayList<Integer>();
    if (n > 1) {
      int candidate = 2;
      while (n%candidate == 0) {
        primes.add(candidate);
        n /= candidate;
      }
      if (n > 1)
        primes.add(n);
    }
    return primes;
  }
}
```

expected:<[3, 3]> but was:<[9]>

The Seventh test.

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package primeFactors;

import static primeFactors.PrimeFactors.generate;
import junit.framework.TestCase;
import java.util.*;

public class PrimeFactorsTest extends TestCase {
  private List<Integer> list(int... ints) {
    List<Integer> list = new ArrayList<Integer>();
    for (int i : ints)
      list.add(i);
    return list;
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  public void testOne() throws Exception {
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    assertEquals(list(2,2),generate(4));
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package primeFactors;

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      int candidate = 2;
      while (n % candidate == 0) {
        primes.add(candidate);
        n /= candidate;
      }
    }
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      primes.add(n);
    return primes;
  }
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    assertEquals(list(2,2),generate(4));
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    assertEquals(list(2,3),generate(6));
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    int candidate = 2;
    if (n > 1) {
      while (n % candidate == 0) {
        primes.add(candidate);
        n /= candidate;
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    assertEquals(list(2,2),generate(4));
  }

  public void testSix() throws Exception {
    assertEquals(list(2,3),generate(6));
  }

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package primeFactors;

import java.util.*;

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        primes.add(candidate);
        n /= candidate;
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      list.add(i);
    return list;
  }

  public void testOne() throws Exception {
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    assertEquals(list(2),generate(2));
  }

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    assertEquals(list(3),generate(3));
  }

  public void testFour() throws Exception {
    assertEquals(list(2,2),generate(4));
  }

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    assertEquals(list(2,3),generate(6));
  }

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    assertEquals(list(2,2,2),generate(8));
  }

  public void testNine() throws Exception {
    assertEquals(list(3,3),generate(9));
  }
}
```

```
package primeFactors;

import java.util.*;

public class PrimeFactors {
  public static List<Integer> generate(int n) {
    List<Integer> primes = new ArrayList<Integer>();
    int candidate = 2;
    while (n > 1) {          <-- !!!
      while (n % candidate == 0) {
        primes.add(candidate);
        n /= candidate;
      }
      candidate++;
    }
    if (n > 1)
      primes.add(n);
    return primes;
  }
}
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The Seventh test.

```
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    for (int i : ints)
      list.add(i);
    return list;
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package primeFactors;

import java.util.*;

public class PrimeFactors {
  public static List<Integer> generate(int n) {
    List<Integer> primes = new ArrayList<Integer>();
    int candidate = 2;
    while (n > 1) {
      while (n % candidate == 0) {
        primes.add(candidate);
        n /= candidate;
      }
      candidate++;
    }
    return primes;
  }
}
```

The Seventh test.

```
package primeFactors;

import static primeFactors.PrimeFactors.generate;
import junit.framework.TestCase;
import java.util.*;

public class PrimeFactorsTest extends TestCase {
  private List<Integer> list(int... ints) {
    List<Integer> list = new ArrayList<Integer>();
    for (int i : ints)
      list.add(i);
    return list;
  }

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The algorith is three lines of code!

END