

Mobbing the Kōans

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Roles





Navigator:

The person dictating the logic.



Speaker notes

The only one talking. A required participant in Koans sessions and young teams. If they are stuck they are free to ask the mob for ideas, but they at first will have the say on whether a mob's idea makes it to the editor.



Driver



The person at the keyboard.

Speaker notes

This person does not need any technical knowledge just willingness to type. This hat will rotate through people throughout the session.



The Moberator

The facilitator of the mob.



Speaker notes

Organizes location and topics. Looks out for the welfare of the participants, keeps time. Required for beginning the mobbing process but good to have all the time. This can be a rotating hat.

The Mob

Everyone else in the room.

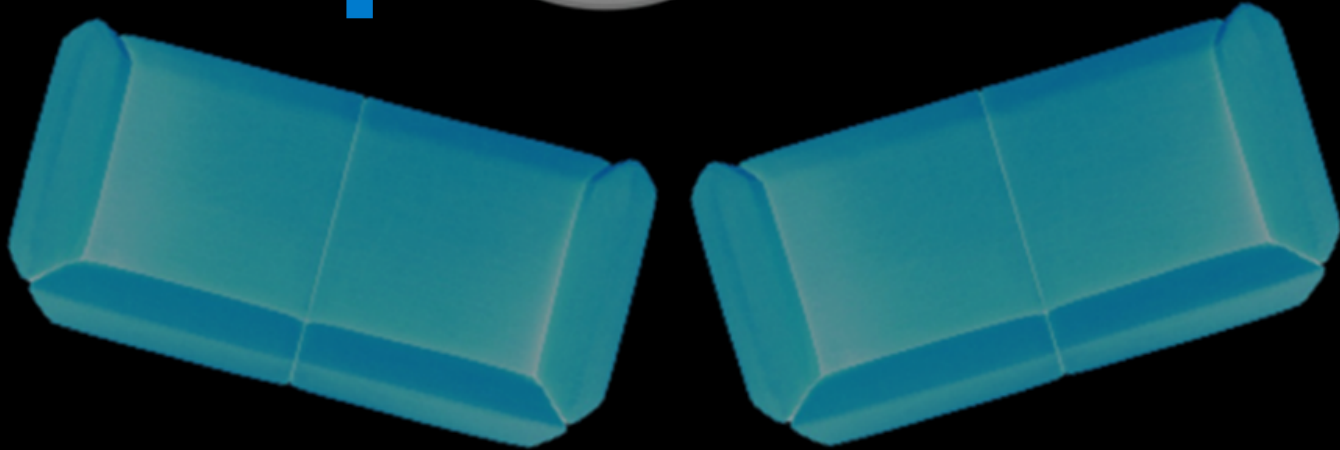


Speaker notes

The will be present and preparing to navigate. Listening and being ready to correct or enhance the code to spec.
Researching or helping the Navigator figure things out by:



Setup The Room



The background of the slide features a collection of 3D-style illustrations. At the top center is a laptop computer mounted on a blue, rounded rectangular stand. Below the laptop is a vintage-style microphone with a silver grille and a black base. At the bottom of the slide are two blue, rectangular chairs with rounded edges, positioned side-by-side. The title 'Limit distractions' is written in a large, bold, blue font across the middle of the slide.

Limit distractions

- Only one laptop or shared keyboard for all participants.
- A large screen everyone can see.
- No Conference tables.
- Chairs are optional.

Speaker notes

This is the time for everyone to put away their laptops. Tables get in the way and slow us down.

A long-exposure photograph of a starry night sky, showing numerous curved, concentric light trails in shades of blue and white, suggesting a long exposure taken from a rotating platform or a time-lapse of a star's path. The trails are most prominent in the upper half of the image, while the lower half shows darker, more solid rock formations.

Rotation

In a working mob session rotation will be based on time, in a koans session rotation is based on task or when ever the *moberator* indicates a need for rotation.

Speaker notes

When I say rotate I want you all to shift one seat to the right. Navigator becomes driver. driver joins the mob. Have them rotate a few times to get speed down.

Cadence

Speaker notes

How do we talk to each other?

Cadence

Intent → Technical → Dictation

Cadence

Intent

"We need to create a conditional based on whether or not foo equals bar."



Cadence

Technical

"Create an if block with the argument being foo equals bar."



Cadence

Dictated

Please type if, open parentheses. variable name
foo, double equal signs. space, and in double
quotes bar...

Mini Retros.

Speaker notes

After every few tests steps it is good to stop and ask:

What have we learned:

...about the code

...about how we talk to each other

What pain Has there Been?

How can we make it better?

What have we learned:

- About the code
- how we talk to each other
- What pain Has there Been?
- How can we make it better?

Review

Quick Review

Cadence

How do we talk to each other?

**Intent → Technical →
Dictation**

**What Does
the Driver
Say?**

Nothing!

Speaker notes

Dont be a noisy keyboard

Switch!

Lets Start!

Speaker notes

JS, .net, java