Principles in Refactoring



(chapter 2)

Refactoring is

changing

the internal structure of software

keeping

the same observable behavior



Goal

• The goal is to make the software easier to understand (clean up code, reduce complexity) without noticeable behavior changes.

 Performance optimization, instead, is not a goal!

Writing Tests

- Do not add any new tests, only restructure the code
- Only change existing tests to reflect occurred interface changes



The Two Hats

- Add new functions first
- Then refactor them considering the previous existing code



Regular refactoring helps

- Improving the design of software
- Tiding up the code, removing duplications
- Finding bugs
- Writing robust code
- Programming faster



When to refactor

- After writing duplicated code
- After adding new functions
- On fixing bugs
- On code reviewing

