

3C : Code Refactoring using LLMs

1.UserResource.java (Design smell : Cyclically Dependent Modularisation)

Original Code:

```
8      // Update the user
9      UserDao userDao = new UserDao();
10     User user = userDao.getActiveByUsername(principal.getName());
11     if (email != null) {
12         user.setEmail(email);
13     }
14     if (themeId != null) {
15         user.setTheme(themeId);
16     }
17     if (localeId != null) {
18         user.setLocaleId(localeId);
19     }
20     if (displayTitleWeb != null) {
21         user.setDisplayTitleWeb(displayTitleWeb);
22     }
23     if (displayTitleMobile != null) {
24         user.setDisplayTitleMobile(displayTitleMobile);
25     }
26     if (displayUnreadWeb != null) {
27         user.setDisplayUnreadWeb(displayUnreadWeb);
28     }
29     if (displayUnreadMobile != null) {
30         user.setDisplayUnreadMobile(displayUnreadMobile);
31     }
32     if (narrowArticle != null) {
33         user.setNarrowArticle(narrowArticle);
34     }
35     if (firstConnection != null && hasBaseFunction(BaseFunction.ADMIN)) {
36         user.setFirstConnection(firstConnection);
37     }
38
39     user = userDao.update(user);
```

Apply Manual Refactoring : Created separate method to improve code readability

```
669     }
670     private void updateUserFields(User user, String email, String themeId, String localeId, Boolean displayTitleWeb, Boolean displayTitleMobile, Boolean displayUnreadWeb, Boolean displayUnreadMobile, Boolean narrowArticle, Boolean firstConnection) throws JSONException {
671         if (email != null)
672             user.setEmail(email);
673         if (themeId != null)
674             user.setTheme(themeId);
675         if (localeId != null)
676             user.setLocaleId(localeId);
677         if (displayTitleWeb != null)
678             user.setDisplayTitleWeb(displayTitleWeb);
679         if (displayTitleMobile != null)
680             user.setDisplayTitleMobile(displayTitleMobile);
681         if (displayUnreadWeb != null)
682             user.setDisplayUnreadWeb(displayUnreadWeb);
683         if (displayUnreadMobile != null)
684             user.setDisplayUnreadMobile(displayUnreadMobile);
685         if (narrowArticle != null)
686             user.setNarrowArticle(narrowArticle);
687         if (firstConnection != null && hasBaseFunction(BaseFunction.ADMIN)) {
688             user.setFirstConnection(firstConnection);
689         }
690     }
691 }
```

Key Improvements to reduce cyclomatic complexity and improve readability by:

- **Using a Map** to store the field values dynamically.
- **Iterating over the Map** instead of multiple `if` conditions.

LLM Refactoring

Refactored Code

```
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private void updateUserFields(User user, String email, String themeId, String localeId,
                              Boolean displayTitleWeb, Boolean displayTitleMobile,
                              Boolean displayUnreadWeb, Boolean displayUnreadMobile,
                              Boolean narrowArticle, Boolean firstConnection) throws ...

    // Update string fields using a helper method
    updateField(email, user::setEmail);
    updateField(themeId, user::setTheme);
    updateField(localeId, user::setLocaleId);

    // Create a HashMap for Boolean fields (since Map.of() doesn't support dynamic entries)
    Map<Consumer<Boolean>, Boolean> booleanFields = new HashMap<>();
    booleanFields.put(user::setDisplayTitleWeb, displayTitleWeb);
    booleanFields.put(user::setDisplayTitleMobile, displayTitleMobile);
    booleanFields.put(user::setDisplayUnreadWeb, displayUnreadWeb);
    booleanFields.put(user::setDisplayUnreadMobile, displayUnreadMobile);
    booleanFields.put(user::setNarrowArticle, narrowArticle);

    // Update Boolean fields dynamically
    for (Map.Entry<Consumer<Boolean>, Boolean> entry : booleanFields.entrySet()) {
        if (entry.getValue() != null) {
            entry.getKey().accept(entry.getValue());
        }
    }

    // Special case for firstConnection
    if (firstConnection != null && hasBaseFunction(BaseFunction.ADMIN)) {
        user.setFirstConnection(firstConnection);
    }

    // Helper method to update nullable fields
    private <T> void updateField(T value, Consumer<T> setter) {
        if (value != null) setter.accept(value);
    }
    ↓
```

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- **Fixes `Map.of()` limitation** → Uses `HashMap` for dynamic field updates.
- **Keeps the logic clean and scalable** → No repetitive `if` conditions.
- **Reduces cyclomatic complexity** → Uses `for-each` instead of multiple `if` statements.
- **Ensures null safety** → Only updates fields if the value is not `null`