Seven Deadly Sins of Programming

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Angst Programming IG

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int main(int argc, char** argv) {
    printf("Hello World.\n");
    return 0;
}
```

The Garden of Eden



(a) Adam



(b) Eve

The First Commit



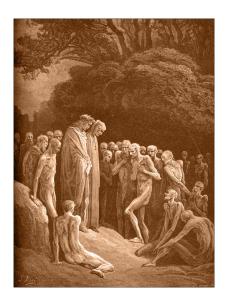
Luxuria



Lust

► Ooh shiny!

Gula



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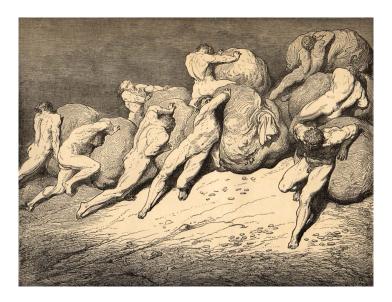
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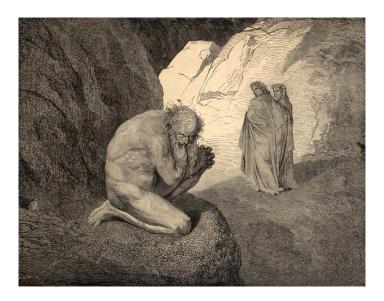
Avaritia



Greed

- ► Shh. We can't let the PM know we don't want this project canceled.
- ▶ No we don't need that yet... but we know we'll need it.
- ► We'll use the Composite-Observer-Strategy pattern, because that is the way *real* apps are designed.
- ► Certified Scrum Developer *nuff said*

Acedia



Sloth

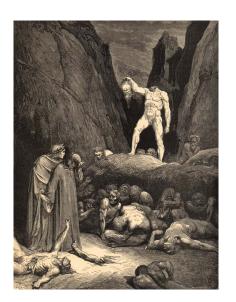
- ▶ I just have to finish this feature, I can clean it up / test it later.
- ► Sure the code could be refactored a bit...but that would be *Gold Plating*.



Wrath

- ► We don't do it that way here
- ▶ Oh we tried that once... didn't work.
- ► WTF why won't this work maybe if I do this... or this...
- ► TDD is double the work!

Invidia



Envy

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- ▶ Doesn't matter fit it in there we must have it!

Superbia



Pride

- ▶ I'm the Architect. My Design is great!
- ▶ I don't need to test this, I know it is right.
- ▶ Clever code? This is just a simple triple-pointer to a function returning a λ that closes over these lexically scoped variables and wraps it all in a Monad...

Do not despair...



There is hope. . .

Each of the Seven Heavenly Virtues counter one of the Seven Deadly Sins.

- 1. Castitas / Chastity
- 2. Temperantia / Temperance
- 3. Caritas / Charity
- 4. Industria / Diligence
- 5. Patientia / Patience
- 6. Humanitas / Kindness
- 7. Humilitas / Humility

