Refactoring to Bind It All Together



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        else
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        number /= 10;
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    int modulo = sum%7;
    return modulo;
int digit = GetControlDigit(12345);
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- **■** Loop iterates through digits
- Modulo 10 returns the last digit
- Odd position digits multiplied by 3 Pondered digits summed up
- Least significant digit removed
- ◄ Flag flipped in every iteration
- Reduce sum to a single digit

■ Invoke the method to get the control digit value



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Short and simple

- X It won't remain simple for long Real algorithms are more complex
- No correlation between user requirements and implementation

Multiply every other digit by 3 Sum the digits up Take modulo 7

VS.

Loop while greater than zero
Take modulo 10
Multiply by 3 if at odd position
Flip the position indicator
Add to the sum
Take modulo 7

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- The problem of cognitive mapping
 Often causes defects
 It appears when implementation differs from requirements in natural language
- What if requirements have changed?

 Mapping between requirements and implementation becomes the obstacle Requirements are changing around axes defined by rules of the business Implementation changes around axes defined by the programming language E.g. reading digits left-to-right Or change algorithm parameters?

 Or make parameters time-dependent?

Cognitive Mapping

requirements

s causing mismatches here



The Flexibility Problem

Implementation is only flexible around axes defined by the programming language

Requirements are flexible around logical axes defined by the business

General-purpose
libraries help
decouple
implementation
from
programming
language details



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In the remainder of this module:

Separate infrastructure from domain logic

Turn domain elements into objects

Summary



Separation between domain logic and infrastructure

- A good preparatory step to introducing proper objects
- Objects support future requirements
- But objects require separated domain logic

General advice on OO design

- Separate domain from infrastructure
- Then turn domain into objects

Make this your daily routine





Removing branching instructions

- Replace entire instruction with an object reference
- Each concrete object represents one branching outcome

Removing loops

- Make sure to operate on a sequence
- Supply transformation function and let the sequence loop through itself





Turning sequences into collections

- Don't let the caller iterate through the data structure
- Let the data structure do that instead

Generalizing and reusing algorithms

- Turn parts of the algorithm into replaceable strategies
- Don't write the same algorithm twice





Using value objects

- Build value-typed semantic into reference types
- This leads to reduced complexity and reduced number of defects

Avoiding use of null references

- Null reference in object-oriented code means we don't have an object
- Apply Null Object and Special Case patterns to provide replacement
- Use Option<T> type to represent potentially missing objects





Removing multiway branching

- Organize rules into a map
- Map current state into a single action

Removing nested branching instructions

- Turn them into a chain of rules
- First rule that is applicable handles the request

Separating domain logic from infrastructural operations





Object-oriented design

VS.

Design patterns

VS.

Refactoring techniques





Ultimate goals of software design

- Bring operations close to data
 - i.e. base the design on objects
- Bring polymorphism to operations
 - i.e. use virtual functions

Benefits of proper object-oriented design

- Increased flexibility and extensibility



