

DESIGN PATTERNS

COURSE 12

PREVIOUS COURSE

□ Refactoring

- Way refactoring
- Some refactoring examples

CURRENT COURSE

Anti – patterns

- The blob
- Poltergeist
- Golder Hamer
- Spagetty

ANTI-PATTERNS

- Pattern: good ideas
- **Refactoring: better ideas**

□ Anti-Patterns: bad ideas

- A literary form that describes a commonly occurring solution to a problem that generates decidedly negative consequences.
- May be the result of a manager or developer not knowing any better, not having sufficient knowledge or experience in solving a particular type of problem, or having applied a perfectly good pattern in the wrong context.

ANTI-PATTERNS

- Anti-pattern is a pattern that may commonly used but is ineffective and/or counterproductive in practice
- Provide a method of efficiently mapping a general situation to a specific class of solutions
- Provide real world experience in recognizing recurring problems in the software industry
- Provide a common vocabulary for identifying problems and discussing solutions.

ANTI-PATTERNS

Software Refactoring

A form of code modification, used to improve the software structure in support of subsequent extension and long-term maintenance.

□ AntiPatterns

- Define a migration (or refactoring) from negative solutions to positive solutions.
- Not only do they point out trouble, but they also tell you how to get out it.

ANTI-PATTERNS. TYPES

□ Software development

Technical problems and solutions encountered by programmers

□ Architectural

Identify and resolve common problems in how systems are structured.

□ Software project management

Address common problems in software processes and development organizations.



□ Haste

- Aggressive project deadlines and budget
- Lower acceptance levels for code quality
- Insufficient testing
- Patches
- Accumulating technical debt



□ Apathy

- Unwilling to find the proper solution
- General lack of concern or care about solving a problem



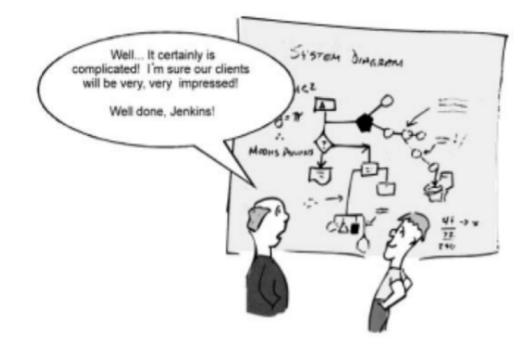
Narrow mindedness

Refusal to practice solutions that are otherwise wildly known to be effective



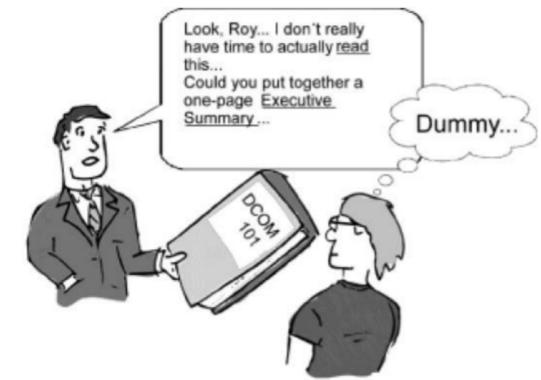
□ Sloth

Poor decisions based upon an "easy answer"



□ Avarice

Modeling of excessive/insufficient abstraction adding accidental complexity



□ Ignorance

□ Failure to seek a clear understanding of a problem or solution space (both intentional ad non-intentional)



Pride

□ The sin of pride is the Not-Invented-Here syndrome

SYMPTOMS. ANTI-PATTRENS

- Quick demonstration code integrated in the running system
- Obsolete or scanty documentation
- □ 50% time spent learning what the code does
- "Hesitant programmer syndrome"
- Perhaps easier to rewrite this code
- □ More likely to break it then extend it
- Cannot be reused
 - Cannot change the used library/components
 - Cannot optimize performance

Duplication

"I don't know what that piece of code was doing, so I rewrote what I thought should happen, but I cannot remove the redundant code because it breaks the system."

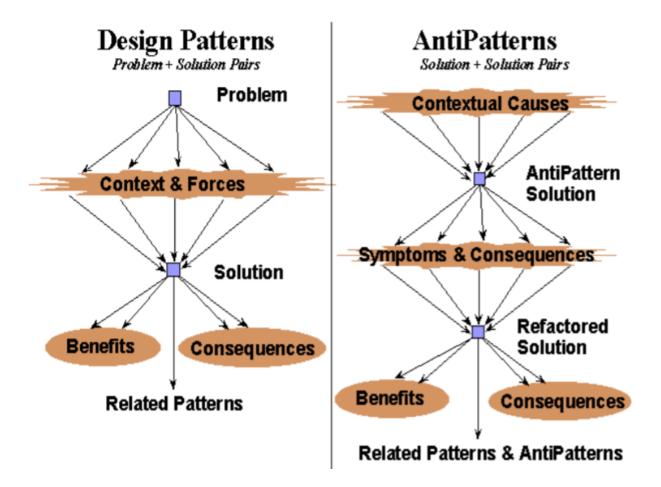
SYMPTOMS IN OO PROGRAMMING

- □ Many OO method with no parameters
- □ Suspicious class or global variable
- □ Strange relationships between classes
- Process-oriented methods
 - Objects with process-oriented names
 - OO advantage lost

Inheritance cannot be used to extend

Polymorphism cannot be used

DESIGN PATTERNS AND ANTI-PATTERNS



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SOFTWARE BLOAT

- Successive versions of a system demand more and more resources
- □ Reason

Increase proportion of unnecessary features

- Results
 - Program use more system resources than necessary, while offering little or no benefit to its users

□ Solution

- Use plug-ins, extensions or add-ons
- Use Unix philosophy: "write programs that do one thing and do it well

PATTERNS FETISH

□ Unreasonable and excessive use of design patterns

Designers looks for places to use patterns

□ Solution

- Look at the design problem
- □ Favor simple solutions

□ Symptoms

- Single class with many attributes and operations
- Controller class with simple, data-object classes
- Lack of OO design
- A migrated legacy design

□ Consequences

- Lost of OO advantages
- Too complex to reuse or test
- Expensive to load in memory

Way?



□ Solution

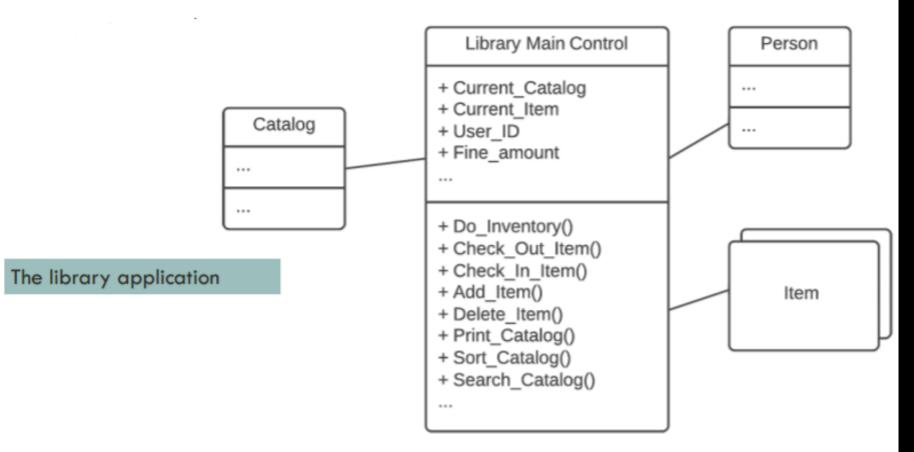
Identify or categorize related things

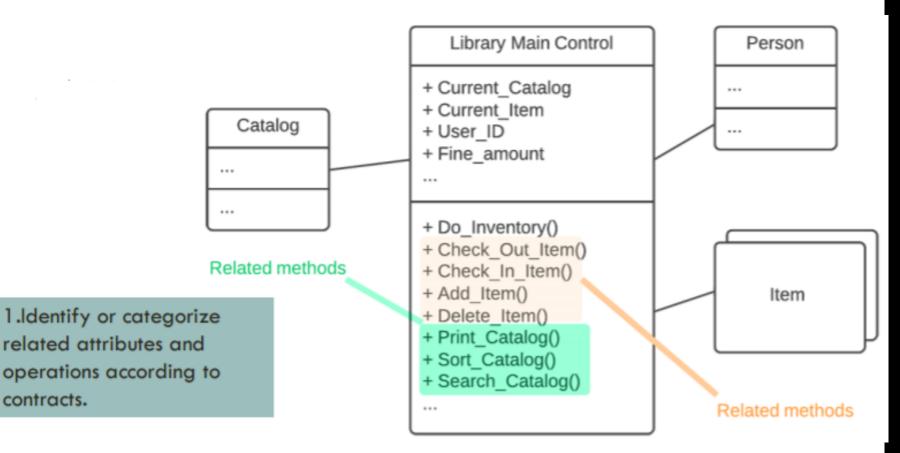
Attributes, Operations

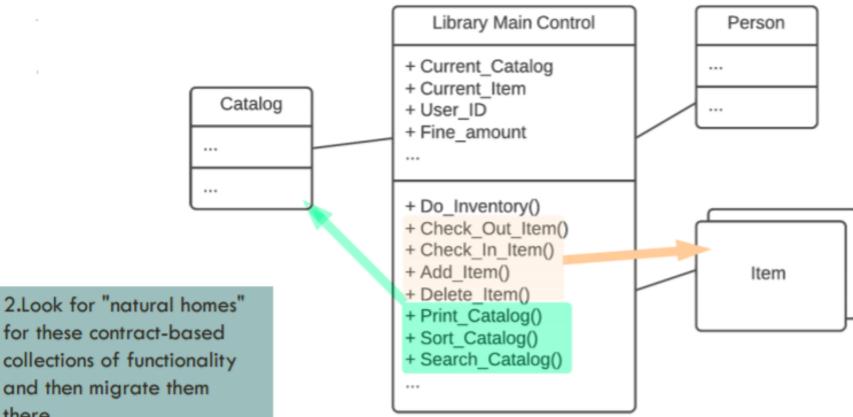
Where do these categories naturally belong?

Apply move method, move field refactorings

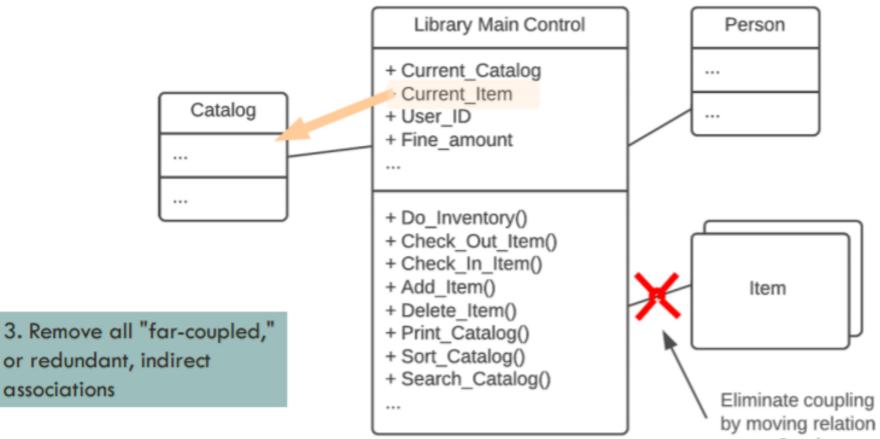
Remove redundant associations







for these contract-based collections of functionality and then migrate them there.



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POLTERGEISTS



Also Known As: Gypsy, Proliferation of Classes, Big Dolt Controller Class

□ Symptoms

- Small Classes with very limited responsibilities and short life cycles
- Redundant navigation paths.
- Classes with few responsibilities
- Classes with "control-like" operation names such as start_process_alpha

Consequences

- Excessive complexity
- Unstable analysis and design models
- Divergent design and implementation
- □ Lack of system extensibility

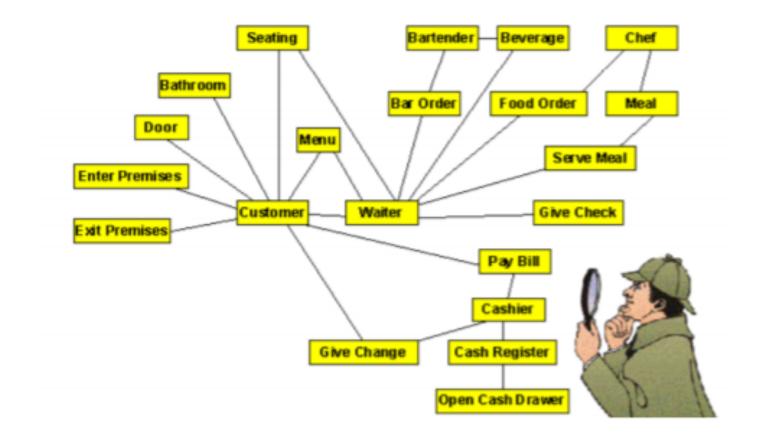
POLTERGEISTS

Example: Teach students stack class

- Rewrites all functions already existing in list class

```
public class LabStack<T> {
   private LinkedList<T> list;
   public LabStack() { list = new LinkedList<T>(); }
   public boolean empty() { return list.isEmpty(); }
   public T peek() throws EmptyStackException {
        if (list.isEmpty()) { throw new EmptyStackException(); }
        return list.peek();
   public T pop() throws EmptyStackException {
        if (list.isEmpty()) { throw new EmptyStackException(); }
        return list.pop();
   public void push(T element) { list.push(element); }
   public int size() { return list.size(); }
   public void makeEmpty() { list.clear(); }
   public String toString() { return list.toString(); }
}
```

POLTERGEISTS



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Architectural AntiPatterns focus on some common problems and mistakes in the creation, implementation, and management of architecture.

Types

Architecture by Implication
Auto generated Stovepipe
Cover Your Assets
Design by Committee
Intellectual Violence
Jumble
Reinvent the Wheel
Spaghetti Code

Reinvent the Wheel

- Synopsis
 - Legacy systems with overlapping functionality. Every system built in isolation.

Refactored solution

Take advantage of existing, tested, and available systems

Vendor Lock in

Synopsis

Proprietary, product-dependent architectures do not manage complexity and lead to a loss of control of the architecture and maintenance costs.

Refactored Solution

Providing an isolation layer between product-dependent interfaces and the majority of application software enables management of complexity and architecture.

Cover Your Assets

- Synopsis
 - Document driven software processes often employ authors who list alternatives instead of making decisions.
- Refactored Solution
 - Establish clear purposes and guidelines for documentation tasks; inspect the results for the value of documented decisions.

Stovepipe System

- Synopsis
 - Ad hoc integration solutions and lack of abstraction lead to brittle, un-maintainable architectures

Refactored solution

Proper use of abstraction, subsystem facades, and metadata leads to adaptable systems.

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- Areas where human communication can be destructive to the software process
- □ The purpose of management AntiPatterns is to develop awareness that enables you to increase your success.
 - Types
 - Analysis Paralysis
 - Blowhard Jamboree
 - Corncob
 - Death By Planning
 - Email is dangerous
 - Fear of Success
 - Irrational management

Analysis Paralysis

- Synopsis
 - Striving for perfection and completeness in the analysis phase leads to project gridlock.

Refactored Solution

Use an Incremental, iterative development processes. Defer the detailed analysis until the knowledge is available.

□ Corncob

Synopsis

Frequently, difficult people obstruct and divert the software development process.

Refactored Solution

Address agendas of the individual through various tactical, operational, and strategic organizational actions.

Fear of Success

- Synopsis
 - People (software developers included) do crazy things when a project is near successful completion.

Refactored Solution

When project completion is close-at-hand, a clear declaration of success is important for the project environment.

□ Smoke and Mirrors

- Synopsis
 - End-users mistakenly assume that a brittle demonstration is a capability that is ready for operational use.
- Refactored Solution
 - Practice of proper ethics is important to manage expectations, risk, liabilities, and consequences in computing sales and marketing situations.

NEXT COURSES

□ PROJECTS PRESENTATIONS & EXAM