

*“If it stinks, you have to change it.”*



# Code Smells

= code patterns that hurt you later



Copy-Paste Programming

**DR**

**Y**

**Don't  
Repeat**



# This is code copy-pasted 2 years ago

**Bug?**

(forgot to cut it here)

**Feature?**

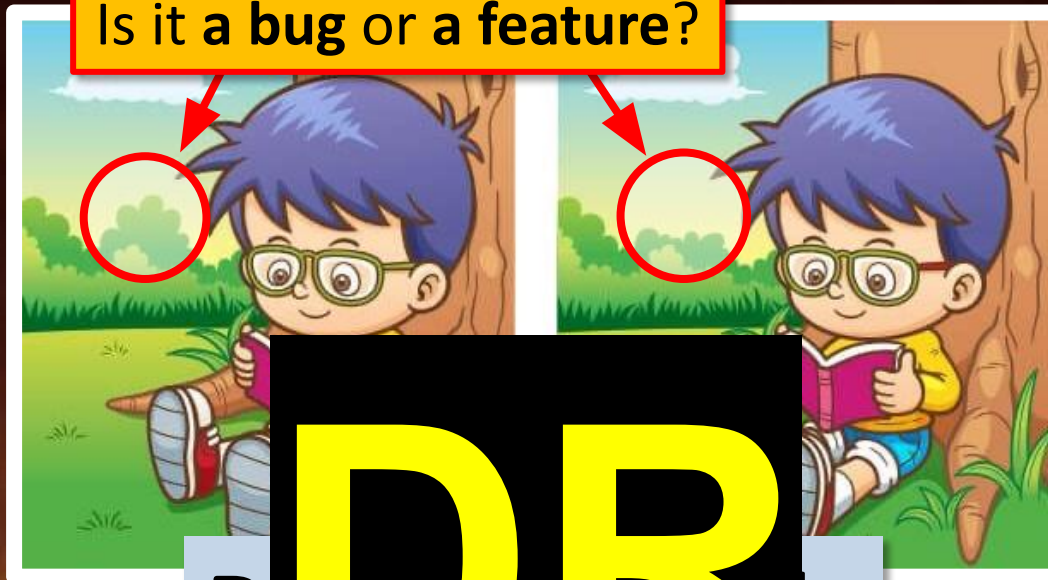
(only here must cut it)

git blame!  
Author left the team  
Ask the

business  
They forgot!

**FIND 5**

Is it a bug or a feature?



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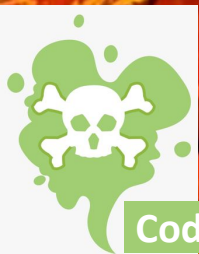
DR

e

becomes horrible when it changes

Y

Don't



# DRY =

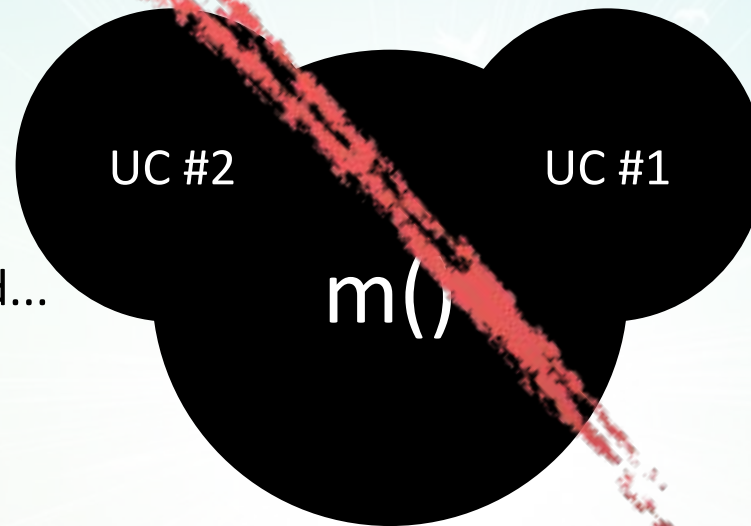
Don't have any duplicated code – not the goal



Do NOT duplicate knowledge ✓

eg the same biz rule implemented in 2 places

Once upon a time, there was a method...



... that grew big, and nasty trying to do everyting for everyone

**Flag Parameters**

eg `boolean`

**SRP**  
violation

**Divergent Changes**

Code serving too many use-cases

"Scope Creep"



“There are only two things hard in programming:

1) **cache** invalidation

2) **naming** things

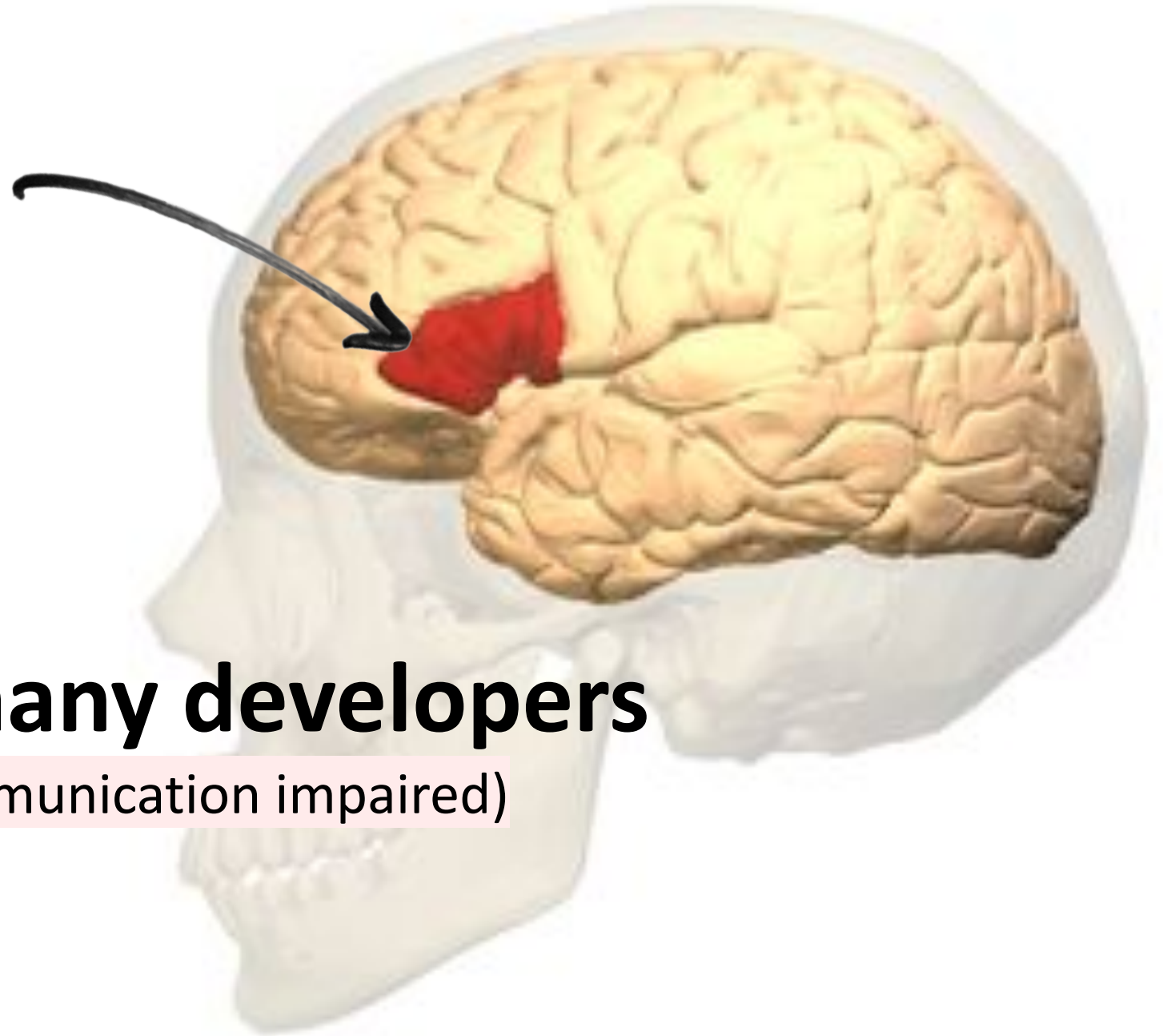
A good name proves  
it does one clear  
thing

3) and off by one errors  
(for the C++ nostalgics)

**SRP**

# Broca's Area

manages speech  
function



**is atrophic in many developers**

(many of us are communication impaired)

# Bad Names



# Bad Names

```
dr // mysterious acronym
```

```
-> { ... 20 lines of code } // anonymous logic
```

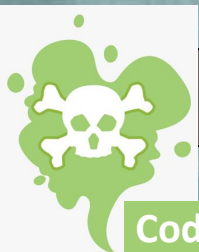
```
incrementPurse(player, ..); // purely technical, lacks intent
```

```
MovieType priceCode; // synonyms confuse 🤔
```

```
checkCustomer(customer); // updating customer
```

```
price = computePrice(..); // INSERT in DB?!
```

**Command-Query  
Separation Violation**

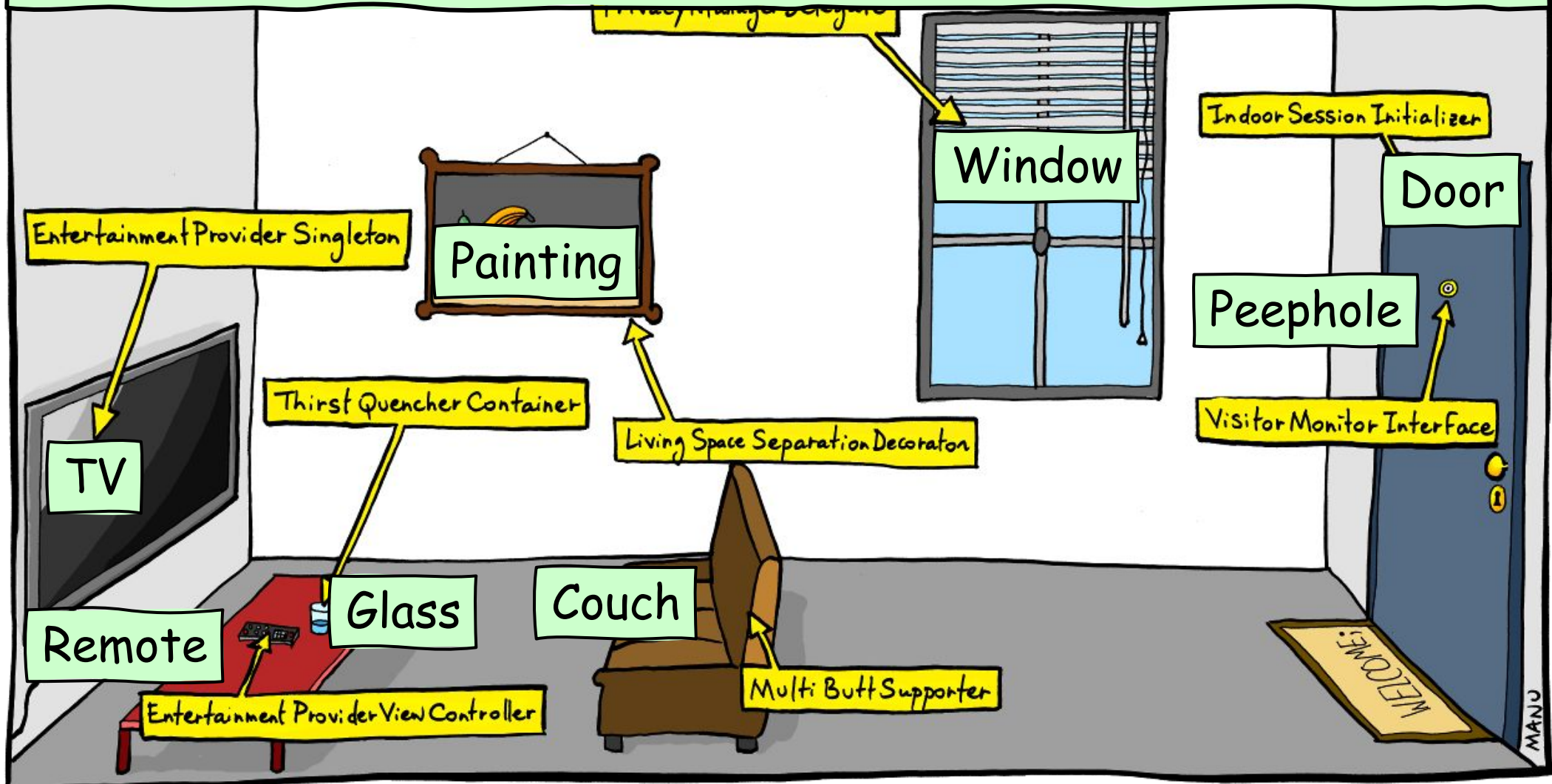


# Names should be..

- **Consistent** with conventions: *get-, fetch-, find-?*
- **Unique**: synonyms are confusing: *buyer, client, customer?*
- **Close to domain**, in a **ubiquitous language** spoken by entire team
- **Short powerful names** are easier to remember
- **DRY**: `Customer.customerName`
- **Functions** name start with a **verb**, unless getter/pure: `offer.id()`
- **Hide implementation details**: tell **WHAT** it does, not **HOW** or **WHY**  
When naming stuff you need to put yourself in the shoes of your client.
- Private methods use longer **explanatory names** (documentation)

# Names with bad Signal/Noise ratio

## Find powerful memorable domain terms





**Rename**

Consider 2-3 options  
for every *fresh* name

# Continuous Distillation

# EXTRACT METHOD with long descriptive names

= 90% of what Clean Code means  
The foundation of \*Everything\*

## Guide your Readers

Remember: code is read 10x more than written

Clean Code = Care for Others

**But:** a single large function might be easier:

> to write

> to performance tune

(when you need to load it up 100% in 🧠)



`sendActivation  
EmailToCustomer()`



`removeAllPast  
CancelledOrders  
OfConsumer()`

# Stuff That Starts Small...




- ☐ 5 lines of code 🙇  
then 7, 10, 15, 25, 45...



# Bloaters

## Monster Method

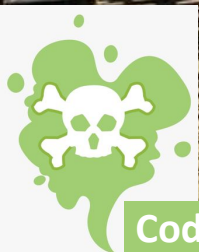
> 20 lines 

depth > 3 

The more complex, the shorter  
Single Level of Abstraction  
(SLAb)

## Complex Lambda

-> {



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## God Class

> 200 lines 

Split in High / Low level

Split in Flow A / Flow B

## The magic number

7±2

Number of things humans can  
keep in working memory (in  
4±1 in 2000s (pre-TikTok))

≤ 7 concepts / row

≤ 7 ideas / method

≤ 7 methods / class

## Many Parameters

> 4 

Split method by SRP

Extract **reusable**  
Parameter Object

also: Generics<A<B>,U,S,E>



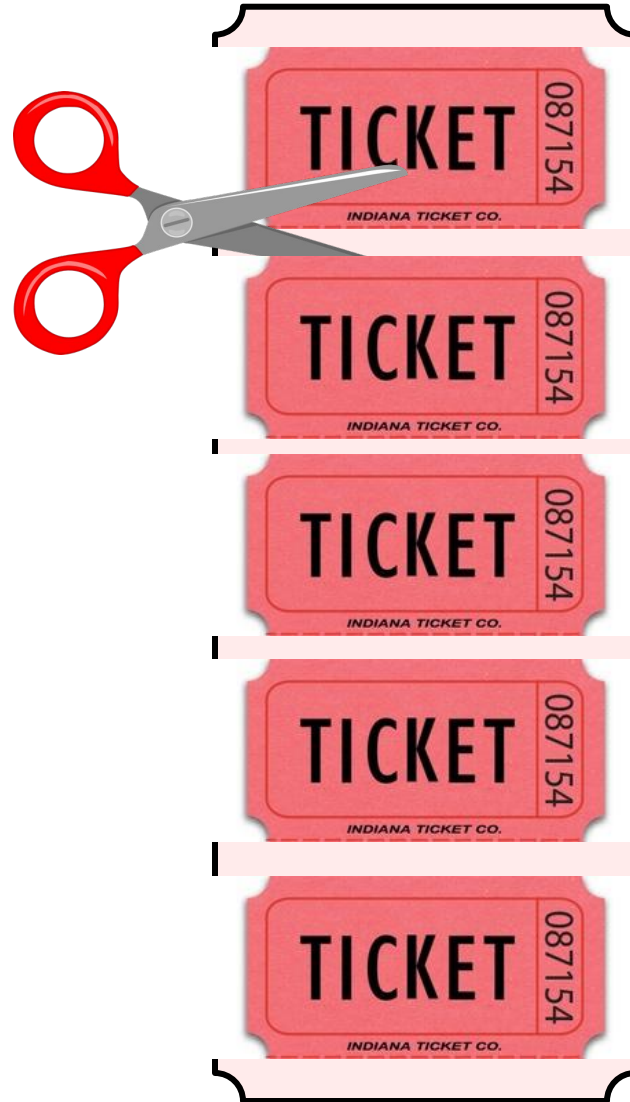
Only extract if  
you found a **good**  
name

# Function Length

# Function Depth

# Flat Functions

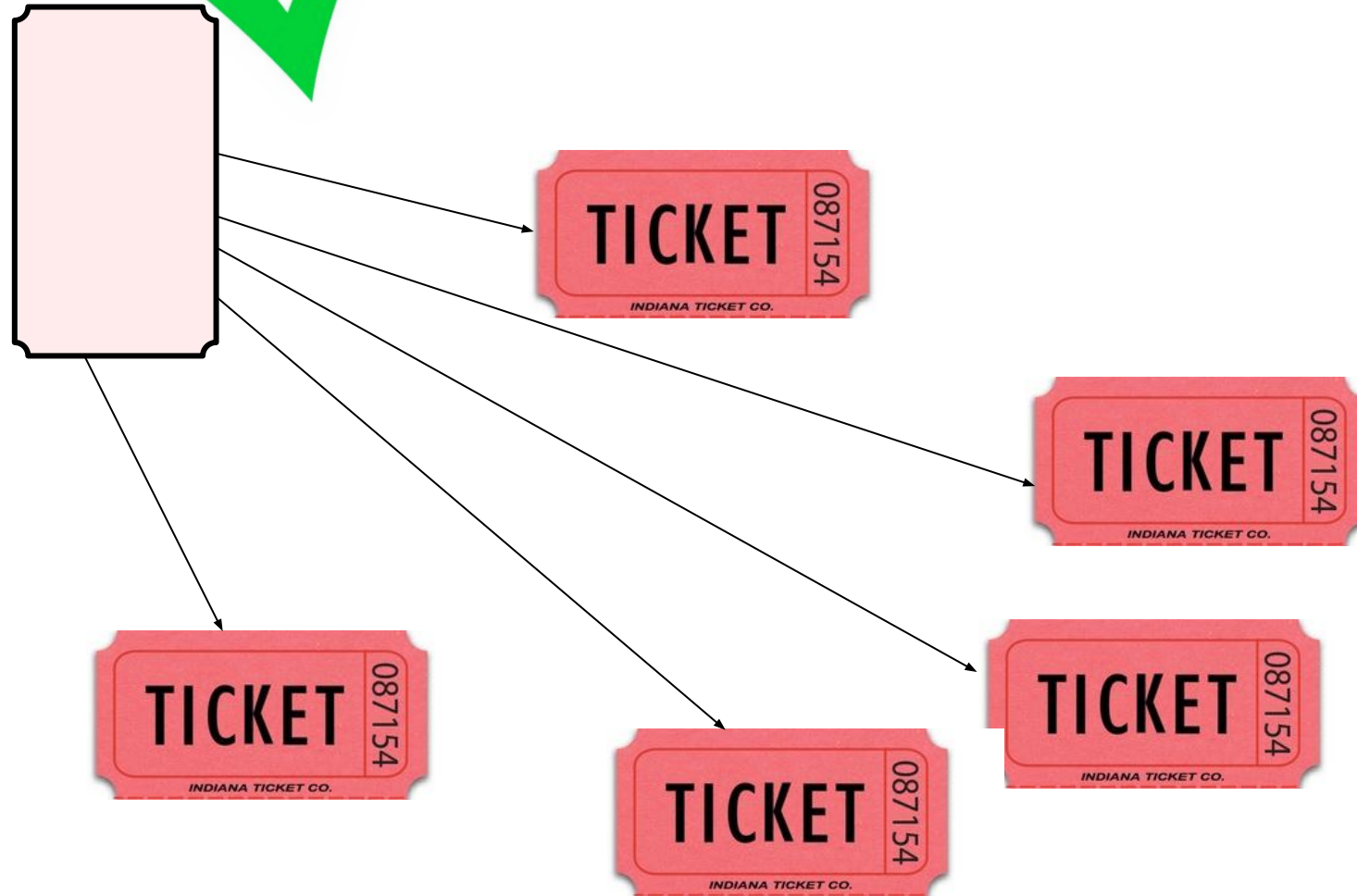
(linear code with no indentation)



depth  $\leq 3$



# Flat Functions Are Easy to Break into Pieces



# Flat Functions



# Deeply

# ions

```
function register()
{
  if (!empty($_POST)) {
    $msg = '';
    if ($_POST['user_name']) {
      if ($_POST['user_password']) {
        if (strlen($_POST['user_password']) > 64) {
          if (preg_match('/[0-9]/', $_POST['user_password'])) {
            if (preg_match('/[a-zA-Z]/', $_POST['user_password'])) {
              if (preg_match('/[!@#$%^&*(){}|;:,.<br>`~?</pre>
```



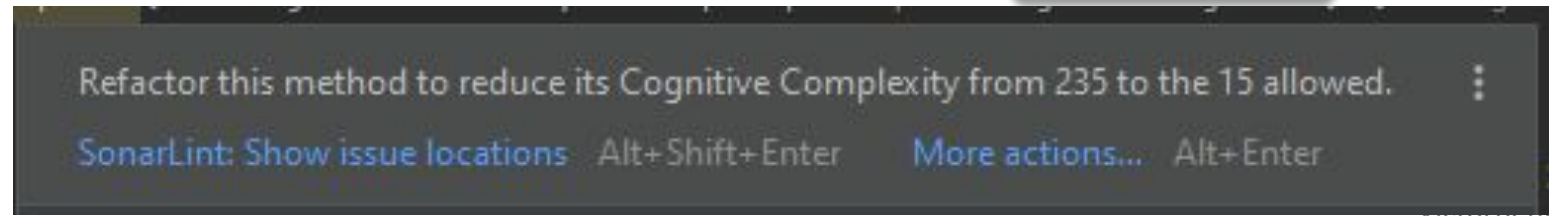
Flatten Code

The Pyramid of Doom

MOST CHANGES occur here

Huge Cyclomatic/Cognitive Complexity

Sonar metric



# Flatten Functions

## ■ **if**

- Anemic **else** □ flip **if** □ Guard Clause:

```
if (param == null) return/throw;
```

- Superficial **if** with heavy branches □ Split function:

```
f(b) {  
  if (b) {  
    foo 40%  
  } else {  
    bar 60%  
  }  
}
```

```
foo() {  
  ...  
}
```

```
bar() {  
  ...  
}
```

## ■ **for**

- □ Split Loop □ FP pipeline (eg filter/map...)

- □ Extract body of for in separate function

## ■ **switch**

- □ keep alone in a function, with one-line / **case**

## ■ **try** - extra noisy

- **catch** □ Use a top-level exception handler: eg. @RestControllerAdvice

- **finally** □ Close resources with try(x){ } or Loan Pattern (FP)

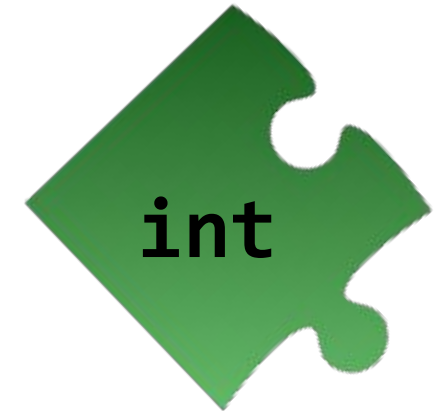
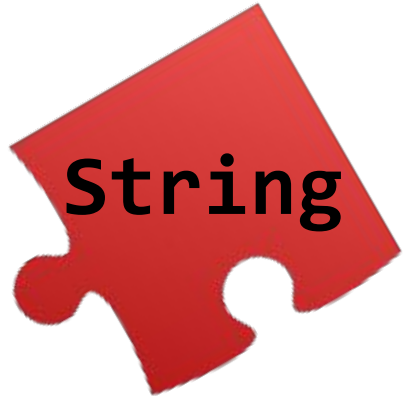
**When in Doubt,  
Extract a Method**

“A class with too much code is a prime breeding ground for duplicated code, chaos, and death.”

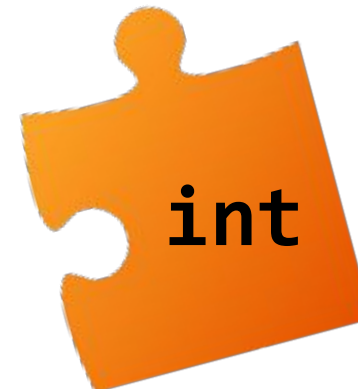
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REFACTORING: IMPROVING THE DESIGN OF EXISTING CODE

# Missing Type



related data elements  
moving around together



# Missing Type

aka:

Data Clumps

Missing Abstraction

Group data in new types

Small Immutable "Value Objects"  
lacking identity (PK)

Interval(start, end)

Lightweight structures

Java: @Data/@Value, record

Kotlin: data class

Scala: case class

C#: [readonly] record [struct]

TS: interface, type, or class

Py: class, @dataclass

## ArrayGeddon

What fields are there?



IDE Refactoring =  
unsafe!

js, ts, php, py..

## Tangled Tuples

int, int □ Interval

{"amount":10, "cur": "EUR"} □

Money{amount,currency}

Tuple4<String, Long, Long, Date> □ PricedProduct

Map<Long, List<Long>> □ List<CustomerOrders>

# New Types



Interval(start, end)

## Simpler Code

**Less Parameters**

`in(x, Interval)`

**Shrink Entities**

`carModel.years:Interval  
1`

If Object 👑 (as in OOP)

**Host Bits of  
Behavior**

`interval.intersects(..)`

Enforce



**Constraints**

`start<end`

# Util Class or **Helper**



## Move Logic in Entities

create a Rich Domain Model

 `OrderUtil.canReturn(order): bool`  
 `order.isReturnable(): bool`

## Use Extension Functions

in: Kotlin, Scala, Swift, C#, js/ts, Python...

 `int`  
`x = StringUtil.toNumber(str);`  
 `int x = "123".toNumber()`

- Only on types I don't own
- Mind **collisions** !
- Mind **global pollution** !
- > Keep them local-scoped

Util  
3.000  
lines

PdfHelper  
300  
lines

OrderUtil

Stri

 **Specialized**  
narrow-down its name

# Discover Value Objects

Deeper Model

*Group Data in new classes, if it:*

- **Moves Together**

- parameters □ Parameter Object

- **Changes Together**

- updatedBy, updateTime □ update: UserAction{user, time}  
□ create: UserAction..

- **Conceptual Whole**

- moneyAmount, moneyCurrency -> Money{amount, currency}

- **Screen Parts** □

- <div> □ Customer{ billingInfo: BillingInfo{a,b,c,d} }

Customer 73

Billing

Shipment

# logic

## Feature Envy

Logic using the state of another object

class

state

(fields)



# Feature Envy

Logic using the state of another object

```
int place = player.getPlace() + roll;
if (place ≥ 12) {
    place -= 12;
}
player.setPlace(place);
```

player.advance(roll);

Keep behavior  
next to state  
(OOP)

# Data Classes

Anemic type with data, but no behavior

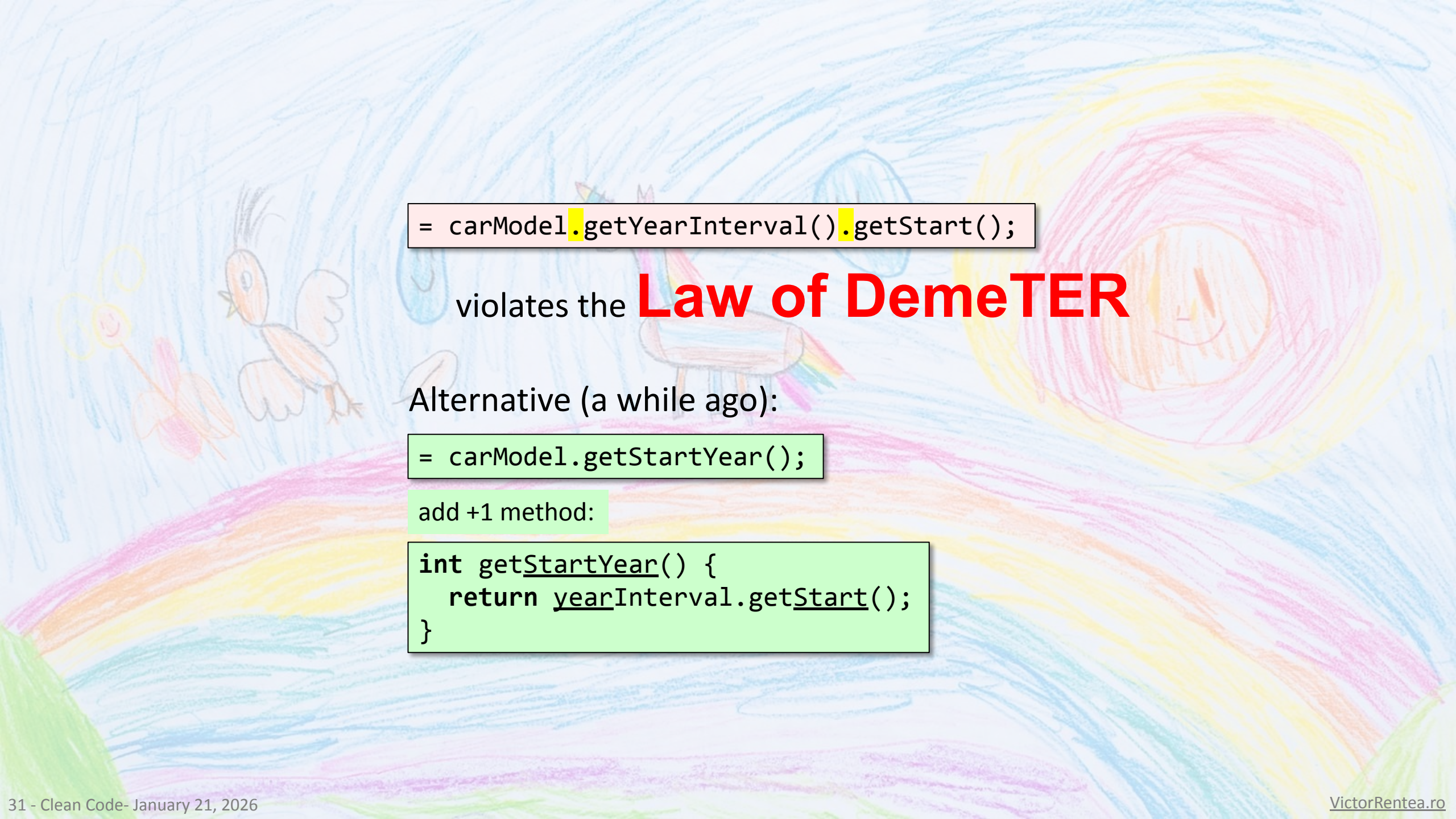
💖 **Rich Objects** with logic & constraints  
can help simplify core logic

@Data-mania  
(Lombok in Java)

**Methods over attributes access**  
= uniform interface over fields, derived values and logic

# Behavior in Data Structures (OOP) 🤔

**See Architecture Course for  
pros/cons, debates ☐**



```
= carModel.getYearInterval().getStart();
```

violates the **Law of DemeTER**

Alternative (a while ago):

```
= carModel.getStartYear();
```

add +1 method:

```
int getStartYear() {  
    return yearInterval.getStart();  
}
```

NP



```
= carModel.getYearInterval().getStart();
```



violates the ~~Law of Demeter~~



It's ok to depend on **your** Domain

Model

## Middle Man

= indirection without abstraction

Today: **AVOID:** (unless you are building some framework)

```
= carModel.getStartYear();
```

add +1 method:

```
int getStartYear() {  
    return yearInterval.getStart();  
}
```

Clutters Entities

# Middle Man

aka *Indirection without abstraction*  
= doesn't add more meaning to code, it's just +1 hop



Better  
signal/noise  
ratio

In Domain Model (Entity) or in a mandated layer:

```
int startYear() {  
    return yearInterval.start();  
}
```

**NOIS**



coupling +  
noise in clients

```
= carModel.startYear();  
= carModel.yearInterval().start();
```

**E**

Traversing *your* Domain Model is ok 👍

it's the backbone of your codebase

Also in a mandated  
architecture layer:  
overengineering 🤔



one extra hop

## Middle Man

simplification

Indirection without  
abstraction

```
int startYear() {  
    return yearInterval.start();  
}
```

NOIS  
E

```
public Customer findById(id) {  
    return repo.findById(id);  
}
```

Inline Method...

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# DON'T REFACTOR WITH GenAI

## GenAI Hallucination

(aka TAB-driven Bugs)

```
//      if (user.contact().isPresent()) {  
//          email.getCc().add(user.contact().get());  
//      }
```

suggestion: `user.email().ifPresent(email.getCc()::add);`

*by GitHub Copilot on 2025-01-30*

correct: `user.asContact().ifPresent(email.getCc()::add);`

What's wrong with these lines?

# Primitive Obsession

=abuse of strings & numbers w/o meaning

Declaratio

n:  
`void redeemCoupon(Long couponId, Long customerId, String email){`

Call site:

`redeemCoupon(dto.cust, dto.coupon, dto.userId);`

What do these mean? 😬

`Map<Long, List<String>> customerIdToRegions`

can be: "EMEA", "NA", "LATA" or "APAC".



Fight the Primitive Obsession by creating

# Micro-Types

```
void redeemCoupon(Long couponId, Long customerId, String email){
```

Type-safe Semantics

```
redeemCoupon(CouponId coupon, CustomerId customer, Email email)
```

```
class CouponId {  
    private final long id;  
    +ctor/get/hash>equals  
}
```

```
@Value // Lombok  
class CustomerId {  
    long id;  
}
```

```
record Email(String value) {  
    String getDomain() {...}  
}
```

- Use for widespread **Critical IDs:**  
IBAN, SSN, DNI, SwiftCode, OrderId

especially if having constraints/checksums  
- Hard to adopt late in a project  
- Can pressure memory

Fix2: recycle in-mem instances: `OrderId.of(1L) == OrderId.of(1L)`  
Fix2: Project Valhalla value types



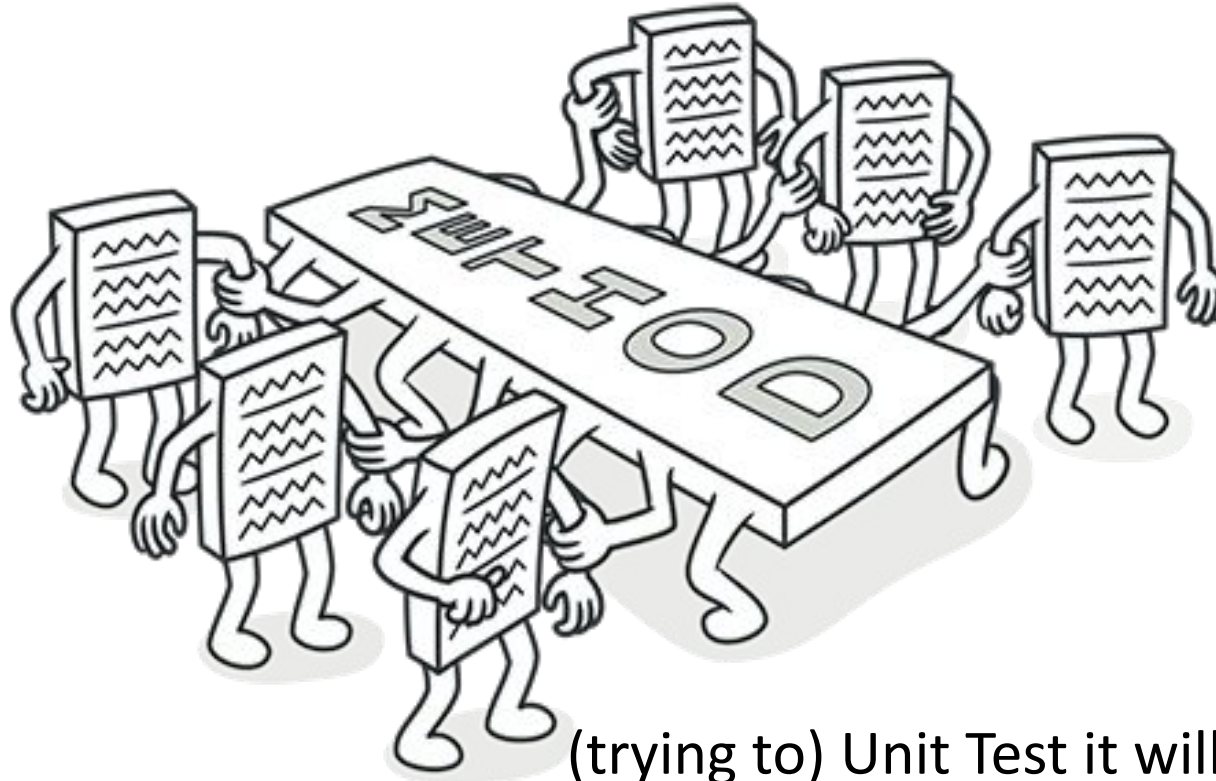
```
Map<Long, List<String>> map
```

```
Map<CustomerId, Set<Region>> map
```

Restrict values

```
enum Region {  
    EMEA, NA, LATAM, APAC  
} // MUST HAVE!!!!
```

# Inappropriate Intimacy



(trying to) Unit Test it will point out the problem



# Temporary Field

a field computed from other fields

```
private List<Player> players;  
private int currentPlayerIndex;  
private Player currentPlayer;  
           // = players[currentPlayerIndex]
```

```
void endTurn() {  
    this.currentPlayerIndex++;  
    this.currentPlayer = players[this.index];  
}
```

```
Player currentPlayer() {  
    return players[this.index];  
}
```

// later...

```
this.currentPlayer().f();
```

precomputed field

≅ caching 🤯

😞 confusing

😞 inconsistency

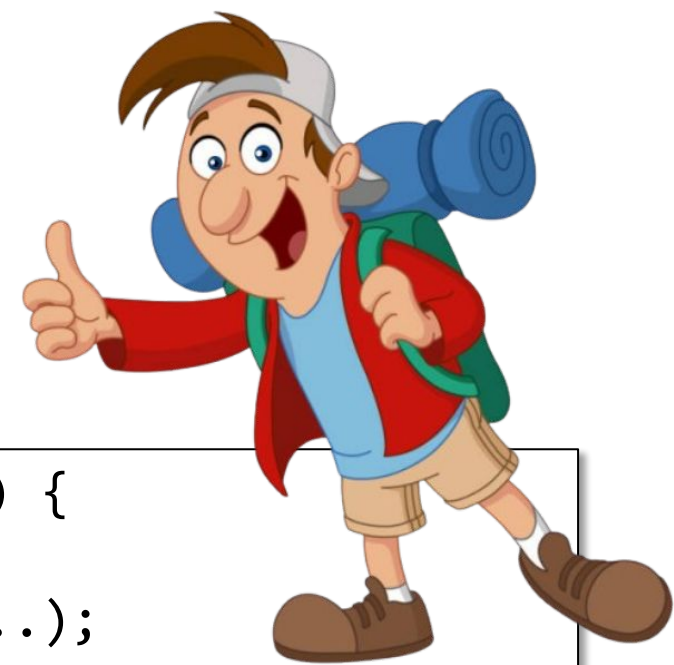
It should work faster...

Did you measure ?



# Temporary Field

abusing an object to move some data



```
flow(id) {  
  customer=repo.byId(id)  
  evaluateRisk(customer);  
  export(customer);  
}
```

```
evaluateRisk(Customer customer) {  
  ...  
  customer.risk = computeRisk(..);  
  // added +1 field X  
}  
  
export(Customer customer) {  
  doStuff(customer.risk); // I need the risk here  
}
```

Adding a new field is a code smell if:

1. field does NOT **belong** to customer
2. field is **null** in all other flows





# Functional Programming

[victorrentea.ro](http://victorrentea.ro)

# Functional Programming



# Functional Programming

in our daily life

## 1) Functions as first-class citizens

Syntax sugar to ease passing behavior around

```
f(x → ...)  
f(new Consumer<X>() { void accept(X x) { ... } })
```

## 2) Simpler to work with collections

declaratively, **without mutating them** (less need to ~~add, remove, put..~~)

```
newList =  
list.stream().filter(...).map(...).toList();
```



# Functional Programming

design philosophy

= Programming without **side effects**

Functions should be **pure**

No **Side Effects**

(changes to outside state)

Same **input**  Same **output**

Data structures should be

**deep-immutable**

(read-only after instantiation)

In OOP we encapsulate the moving parts;

In FP we eliminate the moving parts. - Michael Feather

# Functional Programming – random ideas

functions are **first-class citizens** (not just attached to some parent object)

**syntax sugar:**  $\rightarrow$ ,  $\Rightarrow$ , `{it`

**immutable objects** (deep graph, not just read-only attributes)

transforming collections (instead of changing them)

chaining `.filter.map.filter.flatMap` (read: Functors and Monads)

declarative code rather than an imperative for adding/removing

**pure functions** without side effects that compute a deterministic result

move operations to big data (Spark/Hadoop) = map/reduce pattern

easy to test (with no mocks): `params -> result -> assert`

is a must-have for parallel processing: no mutation = no race bugs

# Mutable Data

in complex flows => 🦴 hard to track

changes in multi-threaded code => 🦴 race bugs



# Immutable ❤️

## Objects

If designed to cache:

If cloned in a loop:

⚠️ Not on ORM

@Entity:  
**Cumbersome**

**Fragmented Immutable**

**Memory Churn**

<https://gist.github.com/victorrentea/67f923dca33c7e737c867f60c727c604>

```
2.1 MB val list10K = (1..10000).toList()
list10K.fold(ListOf<Int>(), {
  list, e -> list + e }
)
```

🔥 417.33 MB

immutable  
clone+



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Cloning collections in a loop can lead to:

## Memory Churn

mutable

2.1 MB

```
val list10K = (1..10000).toList()
```

```
list10K.fold(ListOf<Int>())
```

immutable list

```
{ list, e -> list + e }
```

clone+1larger

🔥 417.33 MB



**Fragmented Immutable**

>>

**Builder**

`x = new X(1, 2, 3, false, -1, null, "X");` // lose track which is which

😊 **Builder can name the constructor parameters**

`x = X.newBuilder().x(1).y(2)...build();`

`x = X(a=1, b=2, c=3, ...)`

😞 **.toBuilder() allows arbitrary changes**

`var copy = old.toBuilder().x(1).y(2)...build();`

Other languages: Kotlin, Scala..

`data.copy(a=1, b=2)`

😊 **Semantic methods**

`builder.withXY(old.x()+1, old.y()+1)...` // hand-crafted builder

`var copy = old.moveBy(1, 1);` // or semantic "with-er"

😊 **Discover new types**

`var copy = old.moveTo(new Point(2, 3));`



# Confused Variable

This code lies to us!

```
1 double avg = 0;
2 for (sum employee e : employees) {
3     avg += e.getSalary();
4 }
log.debug(sum("Average:" + avg));
avg = avg / employees.size();
```

Recycled variable

sum

sum

sum

≠ 0

Here avg means "sum"

Define a new var

Don't reassign local variables.

IntelliJ can automatically add **final** everywhere possible: [link](#)

**final**  
**const**  
**val**

IDE warns you

Error Prone can fail compilation unless it's annotated with @Var

```
long averageEmpAge = emplo
```

Reassigned local variable

# Confused Variable

Different meaning throughout its scope

```
handle(Form form) {  
    form = validate(form);  
    form = normalize(form);  
    ...  
    form = process(form);  
    audit(form);  
}
```

immutable 😊

Reordering  
lines

produces bugs

```
handle(Form form) {  
    var valid = validate(form);  
    var normal = normalize(valid);  
    ...  
    var withId = process(normal);  
    audit(withId);  
}
```

Don't reassign local variables

# Temporal Coupling

the order of operations  
matters

for mysterious reasons

for  
while

$2 \times 2 =$   
 $3 \times 3 =$   
 $4 \times 4 =$   
 $5 \times 5 =$   
 $6 \times 6 = 36$   
 $7 \times 7 =$

EUROPE

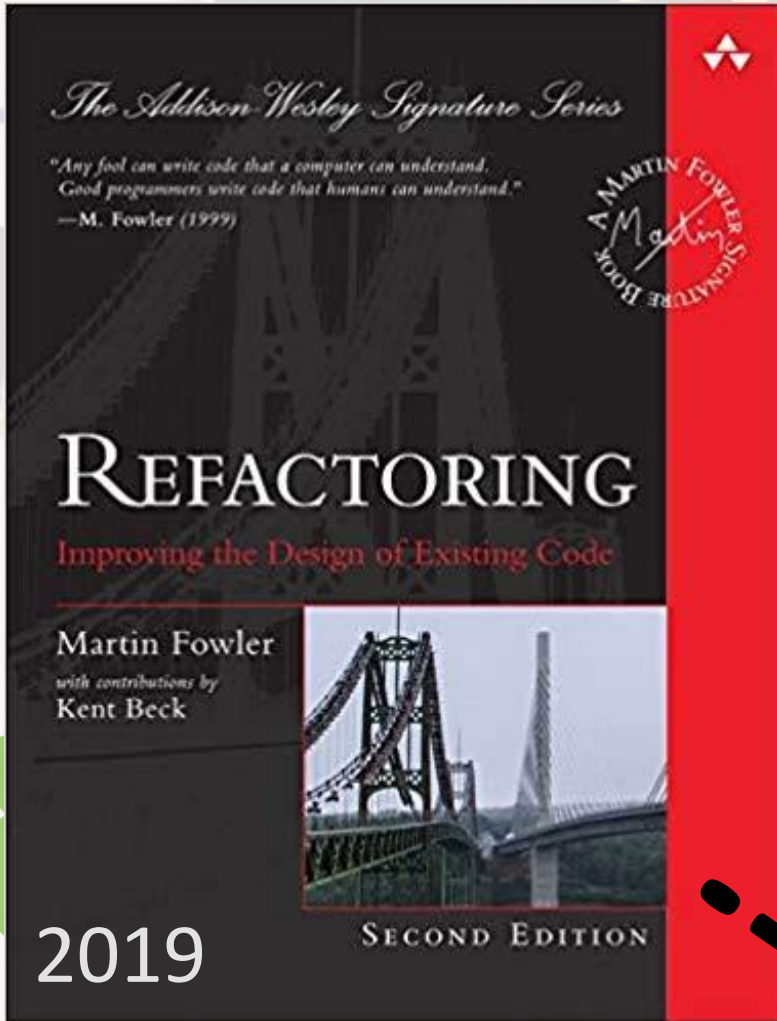


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HEEP





Loop

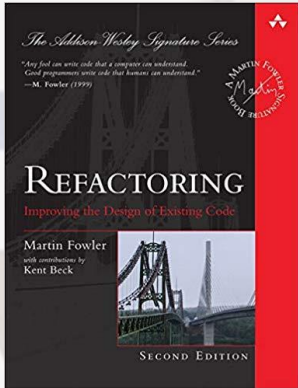
for

while

is a

Code Smells

- A large loop might break SRP
- A FP pipeline is simpler: `.filter`, `.map`...



## Complex Loop

doing unrelated things

```
for (e : list) {  
    results.add(...)  
    total += ...  
    sideEffect(e);  
}
```

```
f(...){  
    ...  
}
```

## Accumulator Loop

gathering data via a loop

```
var results = new ArrayList();  
for (e : list) {  
    results.add(f(...))  
}
```

Split Loop

```
var results =  
list.stream()...collect(...)
```

```
int total = 0;  
for (e : list) {total += ...}
```

```
var total = list.stream()...sum()
```

```
for (e : list) sideEffect(e);
```

```
list.forEach(e -> sideEffect(e));
```

! NO performance hit (see next slide)

! Order of side-effects CAN

# Myth: One extra for will hurt performance

- You loop on a **large** collection of **objects** you have in **memory**
- The **loop does 2+ unrelated things** => split the for by SRP?
- Will it run slower? 😬
- Where did the large collection come from?
  - a) Remote machine: DB query, API call, S3 file ... <★ usually
    - Overhead of +1 for = neglectable compared to time to download dataset
  - b) File on local disk (rare) -> measure
  - c) Memory (~cache)
    - In 300+ projects in 150 companies, I only met **two projects** that proved a production perf impact:

In the hot path of HFT [stock trading systems](#) having response times of 20-40  $\mu\text{s}$  99%th ( $20 \times 10^{-6}\text{s}$ )

**Note:** in those flows you were not allowed to allocate any memory

**Note:** their automatic test pipeline ran benchmarks on each commit

**MYTH  
BUSTED!**

# Split Loop can cause Bugs

```

    [a, b] = 4
    for (e : list) {
        op1(e);
        op2(e);
    }
  
```

Split

The order of operations changes !

before: op1(a)-op2(a)-op1(b)-op2(b)

after: op1(a)-op1(b)-op2(a)-op2(b)

```

    for (e : list) op1(e);
  
```

```

    for (e : list) op2(e);
  
```

Also, mind the flow control breakers !

**break**, **continue**, **return**, **throw**



# Mutant Pipeline

avoidable **side-effects** in a FP pipe

```
// TODO: Σtotal active orders price
int total = 0;
orders.stream()
    .filter(order → order.isActive())
    .forEach(order → {
        total += order.getPrice();
    });
```

Order::isActive 😎

## compilation fails

lambdas cannot change variables on thread stack (Java Language limitation)

## Hack

move mutable state on heap

## Correct

compute and return

```
sum += order.getTotalPrice();
```

💡 Avoid mutation using Stream API 'sum()' operation

```
atomic.incrementAndGet(price);
```

```
total[0] += price;
```

```
ref.total += price;
```

```
this.total += price;
```

```
int total = orders.stream()
    .filter(Order::isActive)
    .mapToInt(Order::getPrice)
    .sum(); ✓
```

```
.reduce(0, Integer::sum); ✗
```



# FP

**Correct**  
compute and  
return

# Mutant Pipeline

```
stream.forEach(e → ...):void  
optional.ifPresent(e → ...):void
```

✗ **Code smells** when used to accumulate data:

- ✗ .forEach(e → map.put(e.id(), e)); □ .collect(toMap()):Map
- ✗ .forEach(e → atomic.increment(e)); □ .sum():int
- ✗ .ifPresent(e → list.add(e)); □ .flatMap(Optional::stream)

✓ **OK** for external side effects:

- ✓ .forEach(m → sender.send(m)); □ sender.sendAll(list)
- ✓ .forEach(e → e.setStartedAt(now()));
- ✓ .ifPresent(e → repo.save(e)); □ repo::save



# Key Point

Avoid side-effects

Meanwhile:

```
.peek(list::add)
```

```
.map(e -> {list.add(e); return e;})
```



**Side-effects are Evil**

(but often necessary)

Functional Programming

<<**Misuse and Abuse**>>

# Functional Chainsa



```
List<Product> streamWreck(List<Order> orders) {  
    return orders.stream() Order::isRecent  
        .filter(o → o.getCreationDate().isAfter(now().minusYears(1)))  
        .flatMap(o → o.getOrderLines().stream())  
        .collect(groupingBy(OrderLine::getProduct,  
            summingInt(OrderLine::getItemCount)))  
        .entrySet() var frequentProducts =  
        .stream()  
        .filter(e → e.getValue() ≥ 10)  
        .map(Entry::getKey)  
        .filter(p → !p.isDeleted())  
        .filter(p → !productRepo.findByHiddenTrue().contains(p))  
        .collect(toList());  
}
```

□ extract explanatory  
**variables and functions**  
after every ~ 3-4 operators ("dots")

**Expression Functions** 💖  
entire body is a single expression  
**fun** x(...) = <expr> .kt  
x = (...) => <expr> .ts

Complexity  
obscures  
a performance issue

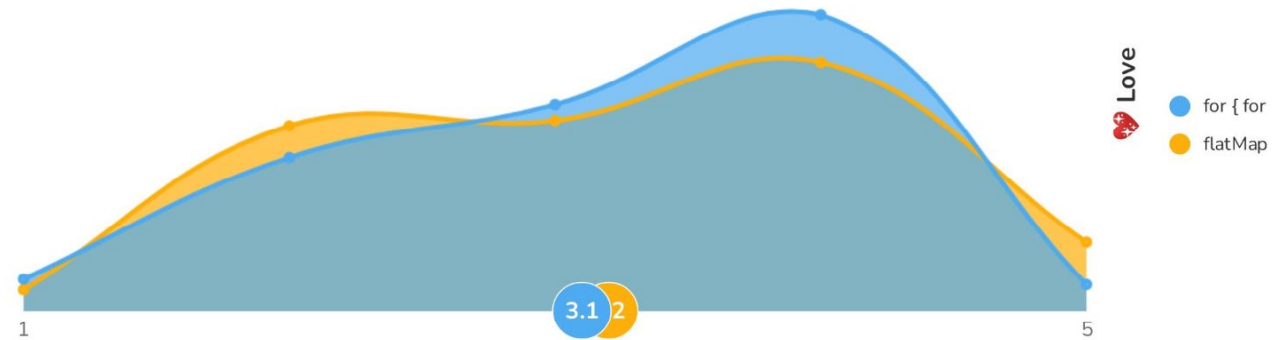


# 1. Cross-Product

**for { for { add**

```
var results = new ArrayList<Pair>();
for (String s1 : list1) {
    for (String s2 : list2) {
        results.add(new Pair(s1, s2));
    }
}
return results;
```

Hate X



**flatMap**

```
return list1.stream()
    .flatMap(String s1 → list2.stream()
        .map(String s2 → new Pair(s1, s2)))
    .toList();
```



# Reactive Programming



```

@Bean
public Function<Flux<LikeEvent>, Flux<LikedPosts>> onLikeEvent() {
    return flux → flux
        .doOnNext(event → postLikes.put(event.postId(), event.likes()))
        .doOnNext(event → eventSink.tryEmitNext(event))
        .map(LikeEvent::postId)
        .buffer(ofSeconds(1))
        .flatMap(ids → postRepo.findAllById(ids)
            .map(Post::title)
            .collectList())
        .map(LikedPosts::new)
        .onErrorContinue((x, e) → log.error(STR."Ignore {x} for {e}"))
        .doOnNext(message → log.info("Sending: " + message));
}

```

**NOT**

**Mandatory Chaining**

to ensure exactly one

subscriber

**Goodbye Variables**

of type Publisher (same reason)

**Never Throw**

(only return)

**Master 100+ operators**

(forget everything you knew!)

\* there are some coding survival best practices, that I teach in my Reactive Programming class.

```
// Reactive Programming with rxJava/Reactor (2017)
public Mono<ABC> abc(int id) {
    return api.a(id) // Mono from WebClient.get()...
        .flatMap(a -> api.b(a).flatMap(
            b -> api.c(a, b).map(
                c -> new ABC(a, b, c)))));
}
```

```
// Virtual Threads with Java 21+
public ABC abc(int id) {
    var a = api.a(id);
    var b = api.b(a);
    var c = api.c(a, b);
    return new ABC(a, b, c);
}
```

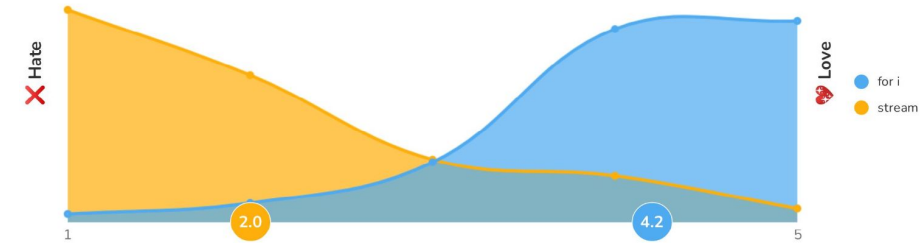
## a) for i

```
var words : String[] = PATTERN.split(line);
for (int i = 0; i < words.length; i++) {
    String word = words[i];
    if (word.length() > 13) {
        return i + ":" + word;
    }
}
throw new NoSuchElementException();
```

## 2. Zip with Index



### 2. Zip With Index



## b) stream

```
record Indexed<T>(int index, T word) {}
AtomicInteger atomicInteger = new AtomicInteger();
return PATTERN.splitAsStream(line)
    .map(String word → new Indexed<>(atomicInteger.getAndIncrement(), word)) // (a)
    // .map(new ZipWithIndex<>()) // (b) encapsulated in a stateful transformation
    // .gather(zipWithIndex()) // (c) parallelStream-safe in Java 24+
    .filter(Indexed<String> indexed → indexed.word.length() > 13)
    .map(Indexed<String> indexed → indexed.index + ":" + indexed.word)
    .findFirst()
    .orElseThrow(NoSuchElementException::new);
```

# 3. Add One More



## loop + list.add

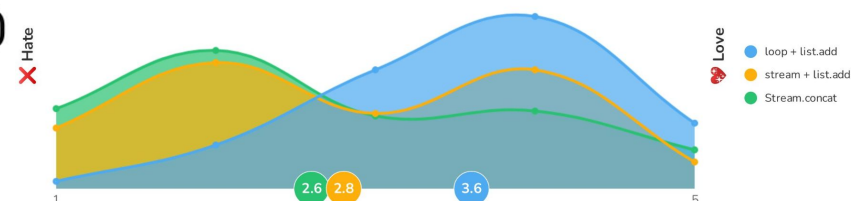
```
List<LocalDate> list = new ArrayList<>();  
for (Order order : orders) {  
    list.add(order.creationDate());  
}  
list.add(parse(text: "2025-03-03"));  
return list;
```

## stream + list.add

```
List<LocalDate> dates = orders.stream()  
    .map(Order::creationDate)  
    .collect(toList()); // returns mutable ArrayList  
dates.add(parse(text: "2025-03-03"));  
return dates;
```

## Stream.concat

```
return Stream.concat(  
    orders.stream().map(Order::creationDate),  
    Stream.of(parse(text: "2025-03-03"))  
).toList();
```



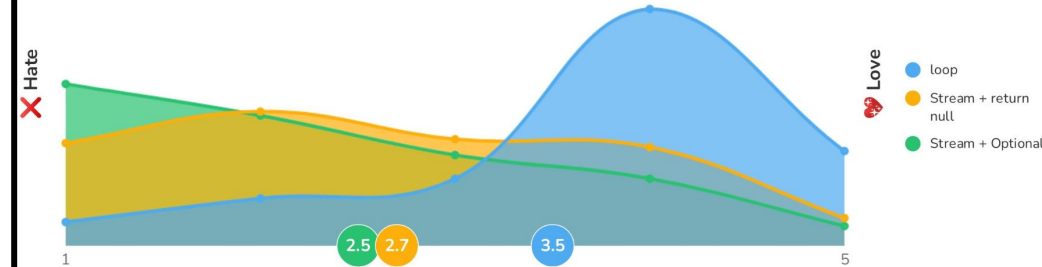
## loop

```
String line = reader.readLine();
while (line != null) {
    try {
        transfers.add(Transfer.of(line));
    } catch (NumberFormatException _) {
    }
    line = reader.readLine();
}
```

## Stream + return null

```
List<Transfer> transfers = Files.lines(path)
    .map(String csvLine → {
        try {
            return Transfer.of(csvLine);
        } catch (NumberFormatException _) {
            return null;
        }
    })
    .filter(Predicate.not(Objects::isNull))
    .toList();
```

## 4. Ignore Exceptions per Element



## Stream + Optional

```
return Optional.of(Transfer.of(csvLine));
```

```
return Optional.<Transfer>empty();
```

```
.flatMap(Optional::stream)
```

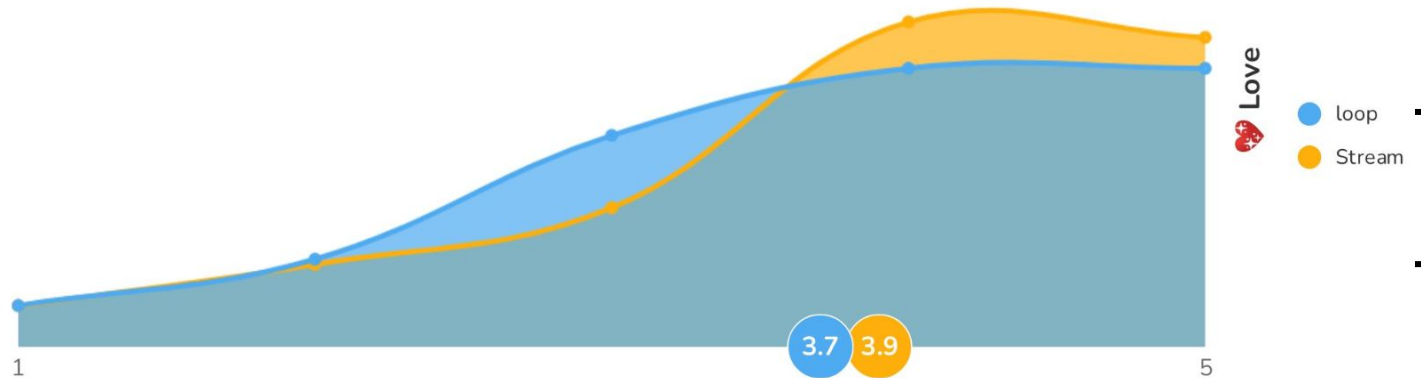
# 5. Aggregate values by key



## loop

```
Map<User, Double> incomePerUser = new HashMap<>();  
for (Transfer transfer : transfers) {  
    incomePerUser.merge(transfer.recipient(), transfer.amount(), Double::sum);  
}
```

Hate  
X



## Stream

```
Map<User, Double> incomePerUser = transfers.stream()  
    .collect(groupingBy(Transfer::recipient, summingDouble(Transfer::amount)));
```

# 6. Group map keys by values

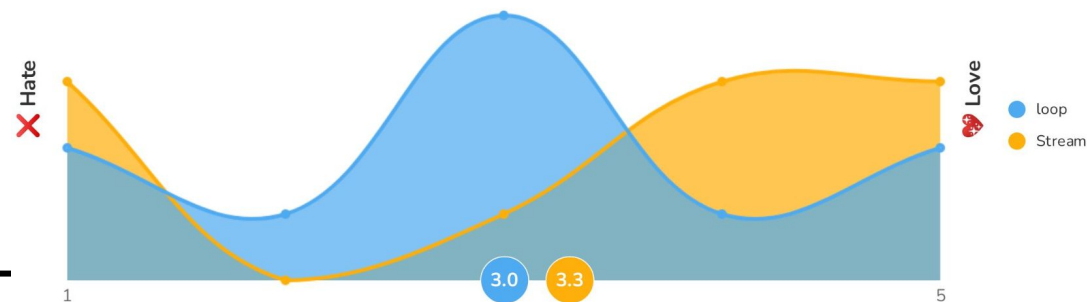


## a) loop

```
TreeMap<Double, List<User>> usersPerIncome = new TreeMap<>();  
for (Map.Entry<User, Double> entry : incomePerUser.entrySet()) {  
    List<User> users = usersPerIncome.computeIfAbsent(entry.getValue(), Double k → new ArrayList<>());  
    users.add(entry.getKey());  
}
```

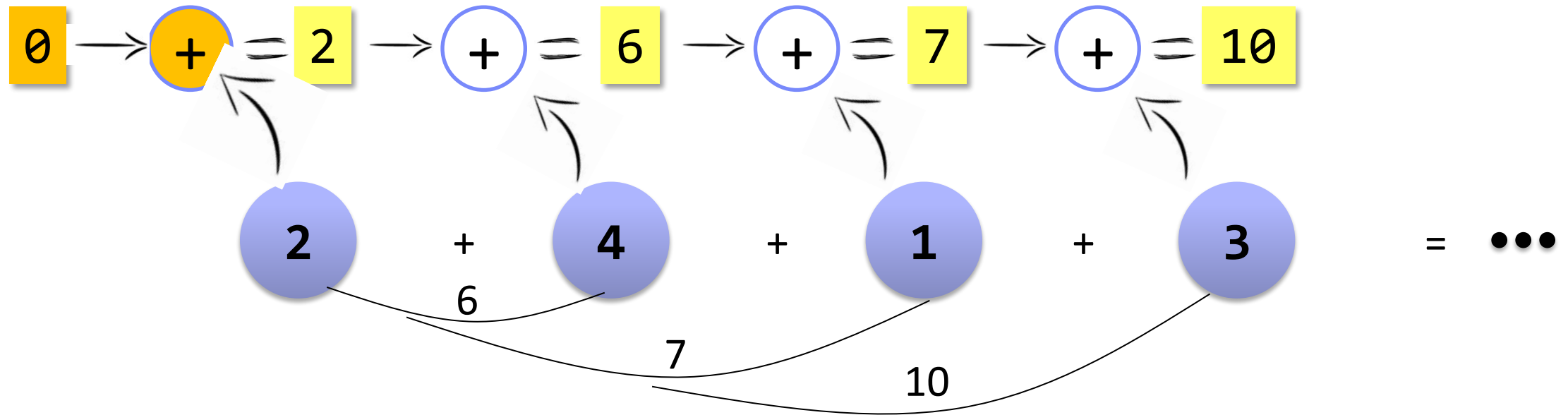
## b) Stream

```
TreeMap<Double, List<User>> usersPerIncome = incomePerUser.entrySet().stream()  
    .collect(Collectors.groupingBy(  
        Map.Entry::getValue,  
        TreeMap::new,  
        Collectors.mapping(Map.Entry::getKey,  
            Collectors.toList())));
```



# Folding

`.reduce(0, +)`



# Reduce Abuse

Complex fold expression

```
return list.reduce((prev, e) => // TypeScript  
  new Dec(prev?.price || 0).gte(e.price || 0) ? prev : e, undefined);
```

optional chaining

default

≥

ternary operator

✓ Simplify the reduce expression

```
const maxByPrice = (a, b) =>  
  new Dec(a.price).gte(b.price) ? a : b;  
return list.filter(order => order.price  
  .reduce(maxByPrice));
```

Performance!  
(+1 filter)

Have you  
measured?



# Reduce Abuse

```
return orders.stream().reduce(null, (previous, order) ->
    order.orderLines().stream().anyMatch(line -> line.product().isPremium()) &&
    (previous == null || order.creationDate().isAfter(prev.creationDate()))
    ? order : previous
);
```

✗ Instead of a complex `.reduce` expression 🖱️ :

✓ Transform the collection with `filter`, `map`, ...

✓ Use collectors: `toList`, `toMap`, `sum`, `max`, `average`, `anyMatch`, `findFirst...`

```
return orders.stream()
    .filter(Order::hasPremiumProduct)
    .max(comparing(Order::creationDate))
    .orElse(null);
```

# Calculating Multiple Results in **One Pass**

```
TotalBalance balance = transactionRepo.streamAll() // fetch as Stream<Tx>
    .reduce(
        new TotalBalance(0, 0, 0),
        (agg, tx) -> new TotalBalance( // +malloc
            agg.totalCredit() + tx.credit(),
            agg.totalDebit() + tx.debit(),
            agg.count() + 1),
        (agg1, agg2) -> new TotalBalance( // +malloc
            agg1.totalCredit() + agg2.totalCredit(),
            agg1.totalDebit() + agg2.totalDebit(),
            agg1.count() + agg2.count())
    );
```

```
+ OOP =
.reduce(
    TotalBalance.empty(),
    TotalBalance::addToTotal,
    TotalBalance::merge)
```

## Alternatives:

a) small collection => 3 x list.stream()...sum();

b) large collection =>  **SELECT SUM(T.CREDIT), SUM(T.DEBIT), COUNT(T.ID)**

# .reduce as a Last Resort


## ■ Unusual accumulation

- `.reduce(BigDecimal.ZERO, BigDecimal::add);`
- maximum average over a sliding window  $\pm$  reactive flows

## ■ Aggregate multiple results in one pass over data streamed on-the-fly from SQL/Spark

-  If iterating over an in-memory collection, repeating the iteration it won't hurt
-  Much faster if computed directly in DB

## ■ In JavaScript/TypeScript that lack collectors:

- but kept simple: `arr.reduce(0, (a, b) => a + b)`
- **Performance** (only if benchmarked )  Go raw (for/while) or SQL

# Double-Edged Return

Returning result OR **technical** errors

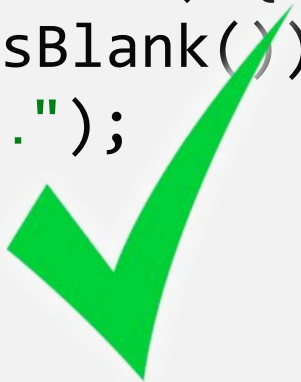
Use to:

- Return the **business** outcome
- Collect many errors in one pass

```
Long boring(Data data) {  
    String r = process(data);  
    log.info("X");  
    saveToDb(r);  
    audit(r);  
    return r.id();  
}
```

~~throws checked~~

```
String process(Data data) {  
    if (data.name().isBlank())  
        throw new Ex("...");  
    ...  
    return result;  
}
```



```
Try<Long> horrorFP(Data data) {  
    return process(data) // FP chain  
        .onSuccess(e -> log.info("X"))  
        .flatMap(repo::save)  
        .andThen(id -> audit(data));  
}  
if (result.failed())  
    return failed(..);
```

pollutes caller

```
Try<String> process(Data data) {  
    if (data.name().isBlank())  
        return Try.failure(new  
Ex("..."));  
    ...  
    return result;  
}
```

nostalgic 🙄 for  
Scala, Kotlin, Go

"In FP don't  
**throw**"

# Optional Use / Abuse

✓ **Return type** of methods, instead of returning null

- Especially methods used in complex logic
- Including getters of core structures, if not 90% optional 😊

✗ **Optional<collection>**  Use an empty collection

- Collection variables should never be left null

✗ **Optional parameter**  Split the function

- `f(a,b,c, opt<d>);`  `f(a,b,c);` `optD.isPresent(d->g(d));`

✗ **Optional field**  Split the structure if they stick together

- Tolerate null inside the class boundary.
- Use optional for fields in **records** or when mandated by some frameworks <sup>[1,2]</sup>

✗ **Fatal empty()** – when all callers (if known!) do `.orElseThrow(..)`

?

- `throw` from inside the method could be cleaner: `repo.findByIdOrThrow(13L);`

NEW

# Function Factory Frenzy

```
<T> Consumer<T> unchecked(ThrowingConsumer<T> f) {  
    return x -> {  
        try {  
            f.accept(x);  
        } catch (Throwable e) {  
            throw new RuntimeException(e);  
        }  
    }; // what does this do ?  
}
```

**returning** behavior is hard:

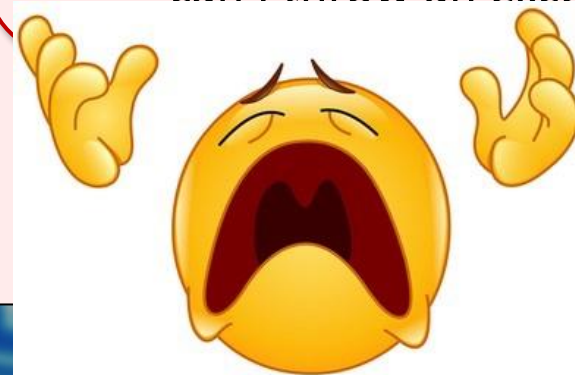
will it run?

how many times?

in what thread(s)?

in what transaction?

can I throw an exception?



```
.forEach(unchecked(fileWriter::write)); // caller
```

## function returning predicate

```
private Optional<OfferInfo> getOfferInfoFromRequest( CalculateTaxesRestRequest restRequest, 1 usage
                                                    FlightOfferTaxInfo offerTaxInfo )
{
    return restRequest.getFlightOfferInfos().stream()
        .filter( isFlightMatching( offerTaxInfo ) )
        .flatMap( FlightOfferInfo i -> i.getOffers().stream() )
        .filter( isOfferMatching( offerTaxInfo ) )
        .findFirst();
}

private Predicate<CalculateTaxesRestRequest.FlightOfferInfo> isFlightMatching( FlightOfferTaxInfo offerTaxInfo ) 1 usage
{
    return FlightOfferInfo i -> i.getOrigin().equals( offerTaxInfo.getOrigin() )
        && i.getDestination().equals( offerTaxInfo.getDestination() )
        && i.getFlightNumber() == offerTaxInfo.getFlightNumber()
        && i.getTravelDate().equals( offerTaxInfo.getTravelDate() );
}
```

# Less Mocks, More Functions

<https://levelup.gitconnected.com/less-mocks-more-functions-860aac67d4a7>

# Functional Programming Anti-Patterns

1. **Mutable Data**
2. **Fragmented Immutable**, `toBuilder()`
3. **Mutant Pipeline** – avoid side-effects in a FP pipeline
4. **Functional Chainsaw** (Massacre)
5. **Reduce Rodeo** – highly complex reduce expression
6. **Double-Edged Return** – returning a technical error
7. **Optional Abuse**
8. **Function Factory Frenzy**



# Dead Code

Ever  
met?

What's  
kind?


# Dead

## Not Referenced Code

A parameter, variable, method  Delete  
= Negligence / Lack of IDE?  

## Unreachable Code

How to find code never called in production?

- Monitor API calls in prod
- git blame: if recent  > **Ask the author NOW!**  
(6 month later: *It works? Don't touch it!*™)
- `log.warn("Delete this code after Sep'24 if this message was not logger over the last 13 months")`

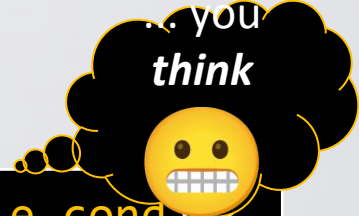


```
if (impossible)  
{  
  lots of code  
  lots of code  
}
```



Delete it 🎉🍾

# Dead



```
if (impossible_cond) {  
    20+ lines of code  
}
```

insert here

## // Commented Code

```
// KEEP for BF  
// < 15-50 lines of code... >
```

in dozens of places

- if (featureFlags.bf) {
- Move it to a "RIP branch"

## Code Not Referenced

= grayed out by most IDEs

Local Variables

Public methods/params (⚠️ lib clients?)

Private Method (⚠️ via reflection?)

Code Smells

Code only used by tests 😬😬😬

## Unreadable Code

How to find code never executed in production?

Always do:

- git blame > **Ask author now** if recent 🙏 !  
**6 month later: Don't touch it!™**
- Remove any feature flags that are ON/OFF for ages
- Strip to minimum any solutions from SO/AI

Risky:

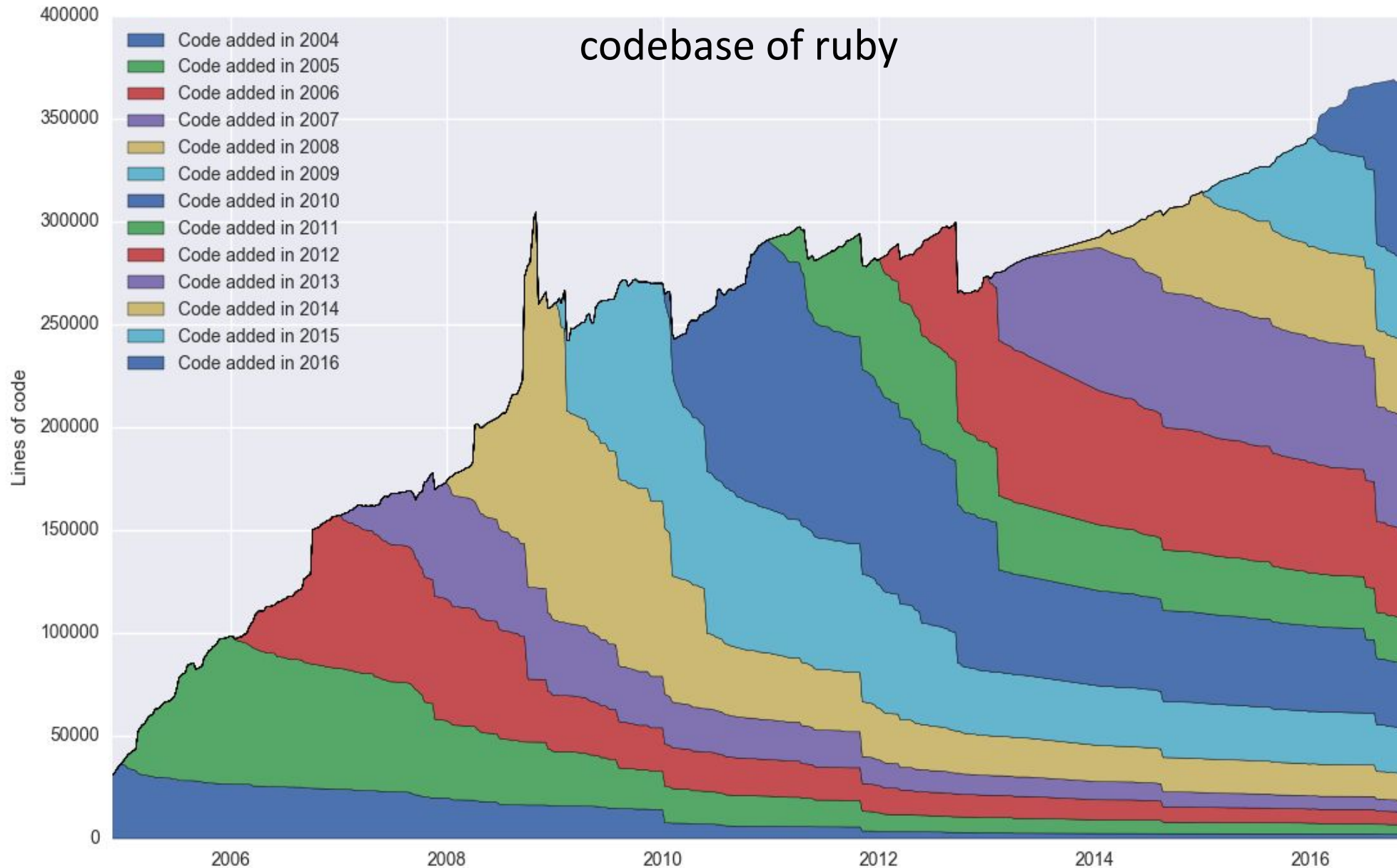
- Scream-test 😱: delete > deploy + blue/green, canary
- Record prod API calls (eg w/ Apache log)
  - log.warn("Delete this section after Oct 2026 if this line was not printed in last 13 months")
- Metrics.counter.increment() if log are not retained
- Profiler: ⚠️ can miss very fast / rarely called methods
- Coverage agent on 1 prod instance ⚠️ Performance




**Juniors are eager to write more code**  
**( to learn and experiment )**

**Seniors can't wait to delete it**  
**( because code hurts people )**

# Code is compressed/removed with time



Render a similar chart for your git using <https://github.com/erikbern/git-of-theseus>



I need  
a bike!

- biz

I need  
a bike!

- biz



Ever wrote code  
**anticipating a future  
requirement,**  
or a **hoping a wider use**  
(eg. a shared library)?

👍 Don't complicate today's code for a possible tomorrow

Ever wrote code  
**anticipating a future  
requirement,**  
or a **hoping a wider use**  
(eg. a shared library)?

**Yes!**

- a **bright  
developer**



## Speculative Generality

aka "Overengineering"

Keep It Short & Simple (**KISS**, **YAGNI**)

Common causes:

- long release cycle = Waterfall != Agile
- senior with better vision than business

But it's  
fun!!

Pet-proj  
ect!

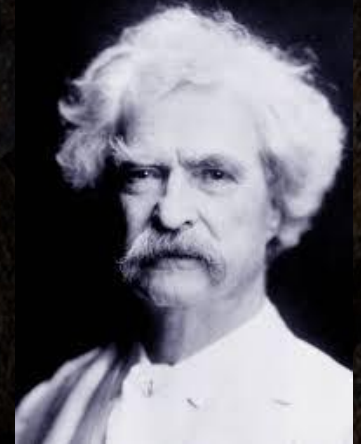


# Ship First Version

First attempt to a non-trivial problem is far from perfect

*“I didn’t have time to write a shorter letter,  
so I wrote a long one instead.”*

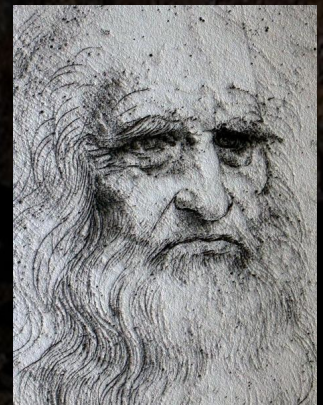
– Mark Twain




*“Nothing is more difficult than  
finding a simple solution to a complex problem.*

*Simplicity is the ultimate sophistication.”*

-- Leonardo DaVinci



A scenic view of a mountain peak at sunset or sunrise, with a quote overlaid on a dark banner. The background shows a rugged mountain range with a prominent peak on the left and a valley below. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue, suggesting the time is either dawn or dusk. The quote is centered on a dark, semi-transparent banner.

Perfection is achieved, not when there is nothing more to add, but when there is nothing left to take away.

Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

“ quote fancy



AWESOME  
*Since*  
1995  
*Aged to*  
PERFECTION



happening today, in modern languages like Kt, Scala, TS...

# Java Weaknesses

get-, set-, hashCode/equals, toString =

## Boilerplate Code

Lombok

records [17]

data class

@Nullable

Optional<

## null

s: String?

s=str?.toUpperCase()?"

f() throws ☹️ Exception

## Checked Exceptions

♥️ Runtime Exceptions

Builders

Overloading

## No Named or Default Params

f(y=2, y=3);

f(x:Int=0, y:Int=0) {

IRSHellper

StringUtils

## No Extension Functions

fun String.toCamel() = ...

interface MutableList<>  
extends List<> (immutable)

list.add(e)

## Mutable Collections

unmodifiableList(..)

List.of(..) [11]

ImmutableList (Guava)

.toList(..) [17]



Code Smells

Despite all that,

# Java Rocks



```
foo(m) {
  switch (m.type) {
    case A: ...
    case B: ...
    case C: ...
    ... default: throw ...
  }
}
```

1° extract method



case D:

2° protection against new cases

```
bar(m) {
  switch (m.type) {
    case A: ...
    case B: ...
    case C: ...
    ... default: throw ...
  }
}
```

case D:

```
gee(m) {
  switch (m.type) {
    case A: ...
    case B: ...
    case C: ...
    default: throw ...
  }
}
```



**RUNTIME EXCEPTION**

# repeated switches

vs Polymorphism

enum with abstract methods

enum with BiFunction<> fields

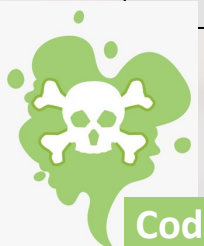
return switch(enum)



```
class D implements Letter {
  foo(){} bar(){} gee(){}
}
```

Functional Programming Patterns with Java 8  
([article](#) and [talk](#))

**COMPILATION FAILS**  
if missing a gee() for D



Code Smells

Java17, Kotlin, Scala, C#8, php8

CORE



Magic Values

Bad Names

Monster Method

God Class

Flags

Many Parameters

Complex Loop

Repeated Switch

Dead  Code

# Code Smell



AI hallucinations

OOP

Missing Type

Feature Envy

Anemic Data Class

Middle-Man

Temporary Field

Primitive Obsession

Overengineering  

FP

Mutable Data

Confused Variable

Accumulator Loop

Mutant Pipeline

FP Chainsaw

Reduce Abuse

Monad Mania

# Comments



We aren't saying that people should NOT write comments.

In our olfactory analogy, comments are a sweet smell.

The reason we mention comments as Code Smells is that comments are often used as a deodorant

- Refactoring 2<sup>nd</sup> by Martin Fowler, Kent Beck 2019



Chapter 3

