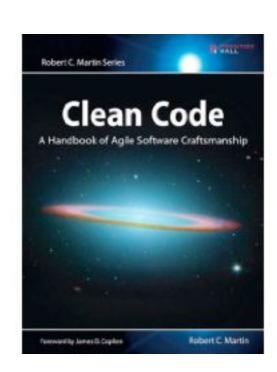
Programming in the Small

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Our Philosophy

- Write readable code
- Care about the detail
- Make it routine
- It's important



Explanation by Example

Mini-series of programming episodes

Interactive demo in Java

1. "Where to Start?"

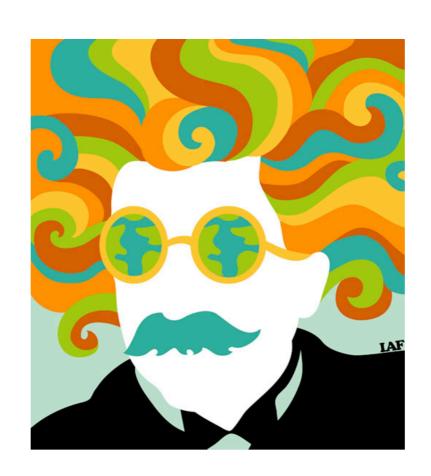


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- Look at the 1st example, Checker.java
- Read through the code, and think about what you'd like to do to it...



Thoughts?

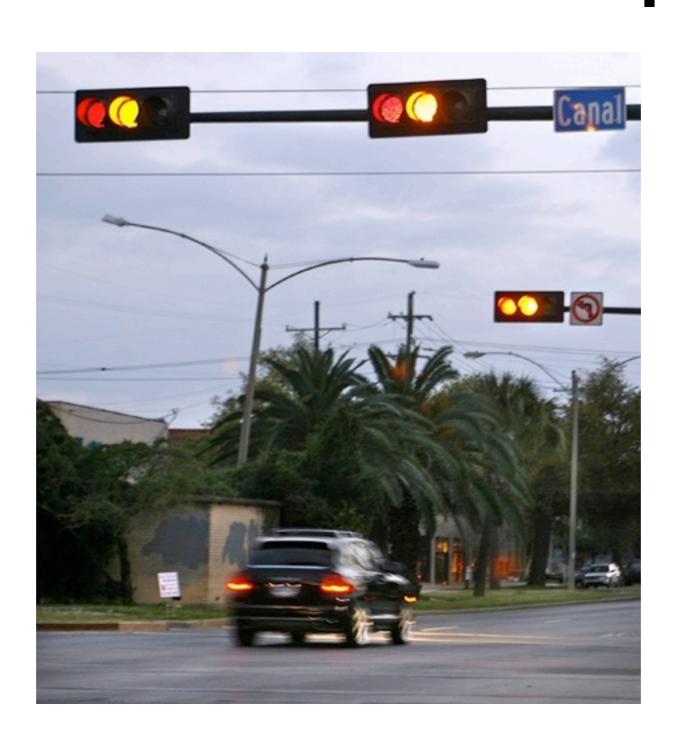


PITS Lessons (I)

- Start with small improvements:
 - Convert comments into code
 - Fix the formatting
 - Remove unnecessary code (use the IDE to warn you about this)



2. "When to Stop!"

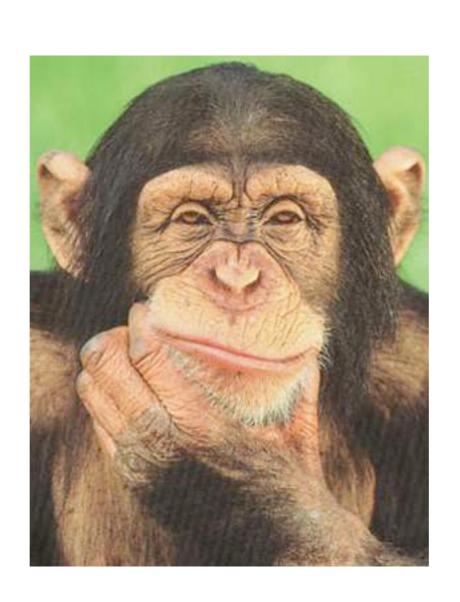


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- Look at the 2nd example, **Args.java**
- If you owned this code, what would you do to it?



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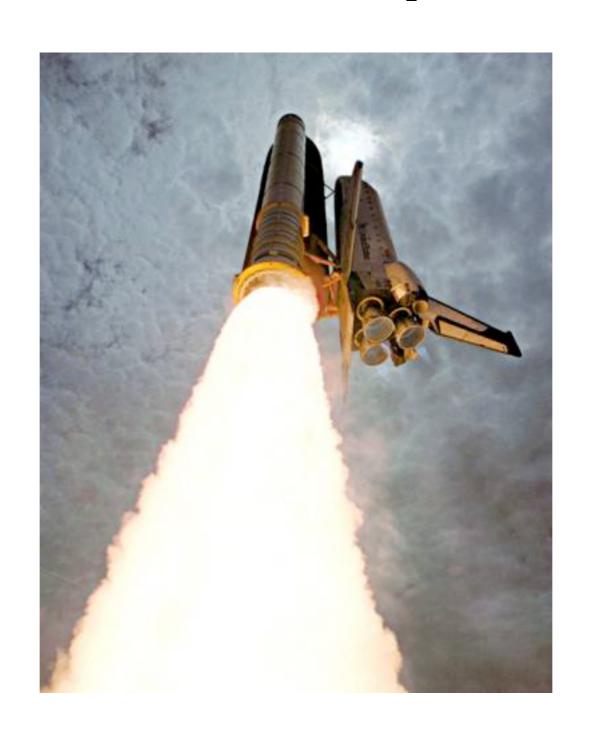


PITS Lessons (2)

- Attempt to remove all duplication even if small
- Multiple exits can improve readability (breaking structured programming rules)
- Make declarations as local as possible



3. "Don't stop now!"



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- Pair up
- Look at the 3rd example, BusinessDay.java
- Does this look ok to you?



Thoughts?



PITS Lessons (3)

- Simplify your conditionals
- Removing duplication sometimes requires the creation of tiny function/policy objects



Extra PITS

- Be discreet keep your privates private
- Avoid statics and NoJos in favour of objects with behaviour
- Hide your primitives inside domain objects

















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It's the PITS!



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