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- Object Calisthenics
- Code Smells
- Test Driven Development
- Transformation Priority Premise

Object Calisthenics

1. Use only one level of indentation per method
2. Don't use the else keyword
3. Wrap all primitives and strings
4. Use only one dot per line
5. Don't abbreviate
6. Keep all entities small
7. Don't use any classes with more than two instance variables
8. Use first-class collections
9. Don't use any getters/setters/properties

Object Calisthenics

Goal:

Best practices to empower full potential of object oriented programming languages

Do's:

- Katas
- High Quality Code

Don'ts:

- Take for granted
- Overusing

Code Smells

Bloaters



Dispensables



Change Preventers



Object-Orientation Abusers



Couplers



Code Smells

Goal:

Identify potentially bad-designed code by distinctive patterns

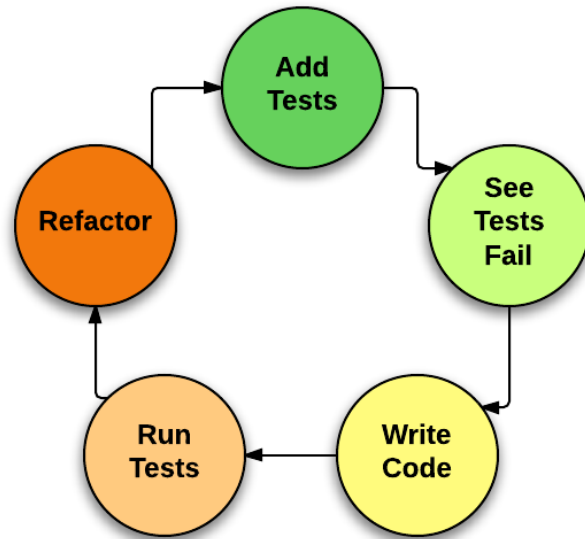
Usage:

- Refactoring
- Vocabulary extension in Pair/Mob
- Code Reviews

Pitfalls:

- Banning smells in general
- Ignoring smells for the right reasons

Test Driven Development



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Goal:

Guiding developer to focus on one thing at a time (test, implement, refactor)

Usage:

- Pair/Mob
- New features (greenfields)

Pitfalls:

- Legacy code
- Needs previous knowledge
- Doesn't guarantee good design

Transformation Priority Premise

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- (**nil** → **constant**)
- (**constant** → **constant+**)
- (**constant** → **scalar**)
- (**statement** → **statements**)
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Code complexity rises

Transformation Priority Premise

Goal:

Change behaviour of code by transform it from to specific into more generic

Usage:

- Complements TDD approach
- Cheat sheet
- Guideline after exposing a code smell

Pitfalls:

- Useless without concrete „bad“ example
- Don't confuse with Refactoring

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Summary

- Tool benefits may have similarities
- Each tool has different motivations
- Use the right tools in right context





*Sources:
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