

Comparing TicTacToe implementations in C# and F#

The C# implementation is the one we created during the course. It was implemented in a test-driven manner while respecting the rules of Object Calisthenics.

The F# implementation is based on the C# implementation in order to be as similar as possible while utilizing F#'s type system

OBJECT CALISTHENICS APPLIED TO F#

A lot of the rules of Object Calisthenics is directly applicable to F# which isn't that surprising given that F# is a "functional-first, general purpose, strongly typed, multi-paradigm programming language that encompasses functional, imperative, and object-oriented programming methods" - Wikipedia.

I. Only One Level Of Indentation Per Method

Extracting methods and composing them can be done with the |> operator: user |> Authenticate |> Authorize |> SignIn

2. Don't Use The ELSE Keyword

Instead of using an early return we can just use types like Option, Result or Choice; user

> Option.map (fun user -> user.Name)
> Option.defaultValue "John Doe"

- 3. Wrap All Primitives And Strings type FirstName = FirstName of string
- 4. First Class Collections type Name = Name of string list with static member StartsWith letter users =
- 5. One Dot Per Line
- 6. Don't Abbreviate

Not only can we avoid abbreviations, we can avoid PascalCasing as well: let ``This is an actual function name - call me with your name to get a greeting`` = sprintf "Hello, %s!"

- 7. Keep All Entities Small
- 8. No Classes With More Than Two Instance Variables
- 9. No Getters/Setters/Properties

C# TicTacToe.cs	Board.cs	Player.cs
<pre>mespace src public class TicTacToe { private Player _currentPlayer = Player.X; private readonly Board _board = new(); public Player GetCurrentPlayer() => _currentPlayer; public void PlaceMarker(Square square) { </pre>	<pre>namespace src { internal class Board { private Player[] _playedSquares = new Player[9]; private Square[][] _winningConditions = { new[] {TopLeft, TopMiddLe, TopRight}, new[] {MiddLeLeft, Center, MiddLeRight}, new[] {BottomLeft, Center, BottomRight}, new[] {TopLeft, Center, BottomRight}, new[] {TopLeft, Center, BottomLeft}, new[] {TopLeft, MiddLeLeft, BottomLeft}, new[] {TopLeft, MiddLeLeft, BottomLeft},</pre>	<pre>namespace src { public enum Player { None = 0, X, 0, } }</pre>
<pre>if(_board.IsSquarePlayed(square)) return; _board.PlaceMarker(square, urrentPlayer); AlternatePlayer(); } nrivate_void_AlternatePlayer()</pre>	<pre>new[] {TopMiddLe, Center, BottomMiddLe}, new[] {TopRight, MiddLeRight, BottomRight} }; public bool IsSquarePlayed(Square square) => _playedSquares[(int) square] != Player.None; public void PlaceMarker(Square square, Player player) => _playedSquares[(int) square] = player;</pre>	Square.cs
<pre> f (</pre>	<pre>public Player GetWinner() { foreach (var winningCondition in _winningConditions) { var player = GetPlayerAtSquare(winningCondition[0]); if (HasSamePlayer(winningCondition, player)) return player; } return Player.None; } private bool HasSamePlayer(Square[] winningCondition, Player player) { return winningCondition.Select(GetPlayerAtSquare).All(p => p == player); } </pre>	<pre>namespace src { public enum Square { TopLeft, TopMiddle, TopRight, MiddLeleft, Center, MiddLeRight, BottomLeft, BottomMiddle, BottomRight } }</pre>
	<pre>, private Player GetPlayerAtSquare(Square square) => playedSquares[(int) square]; } </pre>	

F# TicTacToe.fs	module FSharp.Model type Player = X O Model.fs
odule FSharp.TicTacToe pen FSharp.Model ype TicTacToe() = let mutable currentPlayer = X	type Square = TopLeft TopMiddle TopRight MiddleLeft Center MiddleRight BottomLeft BottomMiddle BottomRight
let mutable playedSquares : PlayedSquares = []	type PlayedSquare = Square * Player
let tryGetFreeSquare (square : Square) =	type PlayedSquares = PlayedSquare list
<pre>> List.map fst > List tryEind ((=)square)</pre>	type WinCondition = PlayedSquares -> Player option
<pre>> Function Some> None</pre>	type WinConditions = WinCondition list
None -> Some square	type TryFindWinner = PlayedSquares -> WinConditions -> Player option
let placeMarker = Option.map (fun square -> playedSquares <- (square, currentPlayer) :: playedSquares square)	<pre>let winconditions - winconditions - let threeInRow row = List.map row >> List.choose id >> (function [player ; _ ; _] -> player > Some > None)</pre>
<pre>let alternatePlayer : Square option -> unit = Option.iter (fun> currentPlayer <- match currentPlayer with</pre>	<pre>[threeInRow (function TopLeft, X TopMiddle, X TopRight, X -> X > Some > None) threeInRow (function MiddleLeft, X Center, X MiddleRight, X -> X > Some > None) threeInRow (function BottomLeft, X BottomMiddle, X BottomRight, X -> X > Some > None) threeInRow (function TopLeft, X MiddleLeft, X BottomLeft, X -> X > Some > None) threeInRow (function TopLeft, X MiddleLeft, X BottomMiddle, X -> X > Some > None) threeInRow (function TopMiddle, X Center, X BottomMiddle, X -> X > Some > None) threeInRow (function TopRight, X MiddleRight, X BottomRight, X -> X > Some > None)</pre>
<pre>member x.GetCurrentPlayer() = currentPlayer</pre>	threeInRow (function TopLeft, X Center, X BottomRight, X -> X > Some > None) threeInRow (function TopLeft, 0 TopMiddle, 0 TopRight, 0 -> 0 > Some > None)
<pre>member x.PlaceMarker(square) = tryGetFreeSquare square > placeMarker > alternatePlayer</pre>	threeInRow (function MiddleLeft, 0 Center, 0 MiddleRight, 0 -> 0 > Some > None) threeInRow (function BottomLeft, 0 BottomMiddle, 0 BottomRight, 0 -> 0 > Some > None) threeInRow (function TopLeft, 0 MiddleLeft, 0 BottomLeft, 0 -> 0 > Some > None) threeInRow (function TopLeft, 0 MiddleLeft, 0 BottomMiddle, 0 -> 0 > Some > None) threeInRow (function TopMiddle, 0 Center, 0 BottomMiddle, 0 -> 0 > Some > None) threeInRow (function TopRight, 0 MiddleRight, 0 BottomRight, 0 -> 0 > Some > None)
<pre>member x.GetWinner() = tryFindWinner playedSquares winConditions</pre>	threeInRow (function TopRight, 0 Center, 0 BottomLeft, 0 -> 0 > Some > None) threeInRow (function TopLeft, 0 Center, 0 BottomRight, 0 -> 0 > Some > None)]

let tryFindWinner playedSquares winConditions

List.map (fun winCondition -> winCondition playedSquare

> List.choose id

> List.tryExactlyOne

F# TICTACTOE

- Very declarative
 - A player is either a cross or a nought
 - Squares can be formatted in a highly readable way
 - type Square = | TopLeft | TopMiddle | | MiddleLeft | Center |
 - BottomLeft | BottomMiddle | BottomRight
 - A played square can be expressed as a square with a player and all played squares becomes a no brainer
 - type PlayedSquare =
 Square * Player

type PlayedSquares = PlayedSquare list

- A winning condition is something that given a set of played squares will return either some player or none type WinCondition = PlayedSquares -> Player option
 - type WinConditions = WinCondition list
- This leads us to the winner. A winner can be expressed as something that given a set of played squares and a set of winning conditions will return either some player or none
 - type TryFindWinner = PlayedSquares -> WinConditions -> Player option
- No if.. then.. Else..
 - member x.PlaceMarker(square) =
 - tryGetFreeSquare square
 - |> placeMarker
 - |> alternatePlayer

OBJECT CALISTHENICS V F#

F# seems incredibly suitable to the rules of Object Calisthenics.

The focus of Object Calisthenics is "maintainability, readability, testability, and comprehensibility" and the 9 rules are almost built into F#.

1. Only One Level Of Indentation Per Method

This is really to avoid the indentation arrow problem. F# has solved this with Option, Result and so on.

- 2. Don't Use The ELSE Keyword Solved with Option, Result and so on.
- 3. Wrap All Primitives And Strings Powerful type system with sum types, product types, aliases and tupples
- 4. First Class Collections
 - Type system with static member functions
- 5. One Dot Per Line

F# separates data from behavior thus removing the problem with knowing the friends of your friends entirely.

6. Don't Abbreviate

``This is a valid function name in F#. No abbreviations here``.

As naming is the most difficult problem in software development it's nice not having to do them in PascalCase

- Keep All Entities Small
 F# has removed almost all boiler plate code which helps to keep things small
- 8. No Classes With More Than Two Instance Variables Well this might feel like cheating; F# tries to avoid classes, objects and variables all together. But it really helps when that is in fact what you try to avoid.
- 9. No Getters/Setters/Properties

With F# separating data and behavior and being immutable by default this becomes so easy

THANK YOU

I find that Object Calisthenics is a really helpful tool to use when refactoring. I can imagine it being useful when doing code-reviews as well.

Thanks to Allessandro and Marco for introducing us to it and guiding us along the way.

I really enjoyed this course and I hope I get to run and fly as well \odot

QUESTIONS?