Test Driven Development & Code Smells

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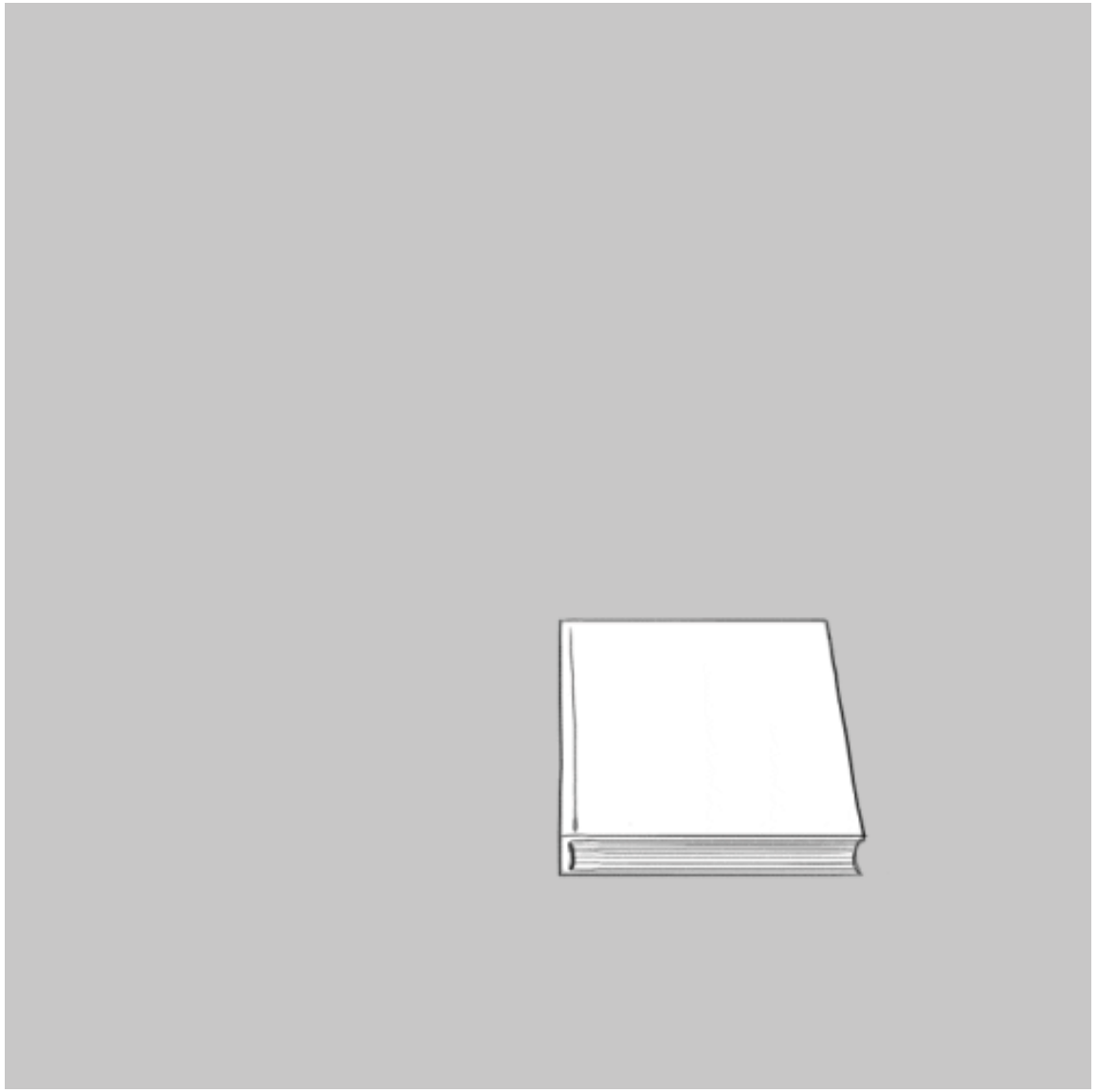
Introduction

- General workflow for creating tests
- Why and how to refactor
- Code smells & examples

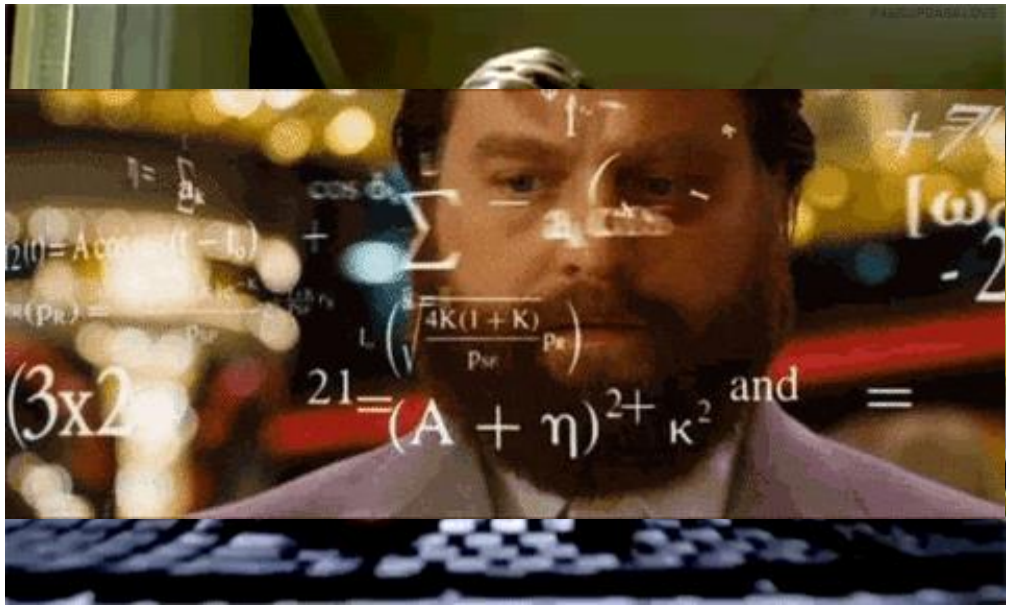


Workflow for creating tests

- Write **test** validation code (assert) that **checks expected** vs **computed value**
- Create **calling code** (act) that fetches the **computed value**
- Initialize necessary **input parameters** (arrange)

Why refactor?

- We **read** more code than we **write** (**90**-**10**)
- Hence, reading is the bottleneck
- Understand code better -> improve readability

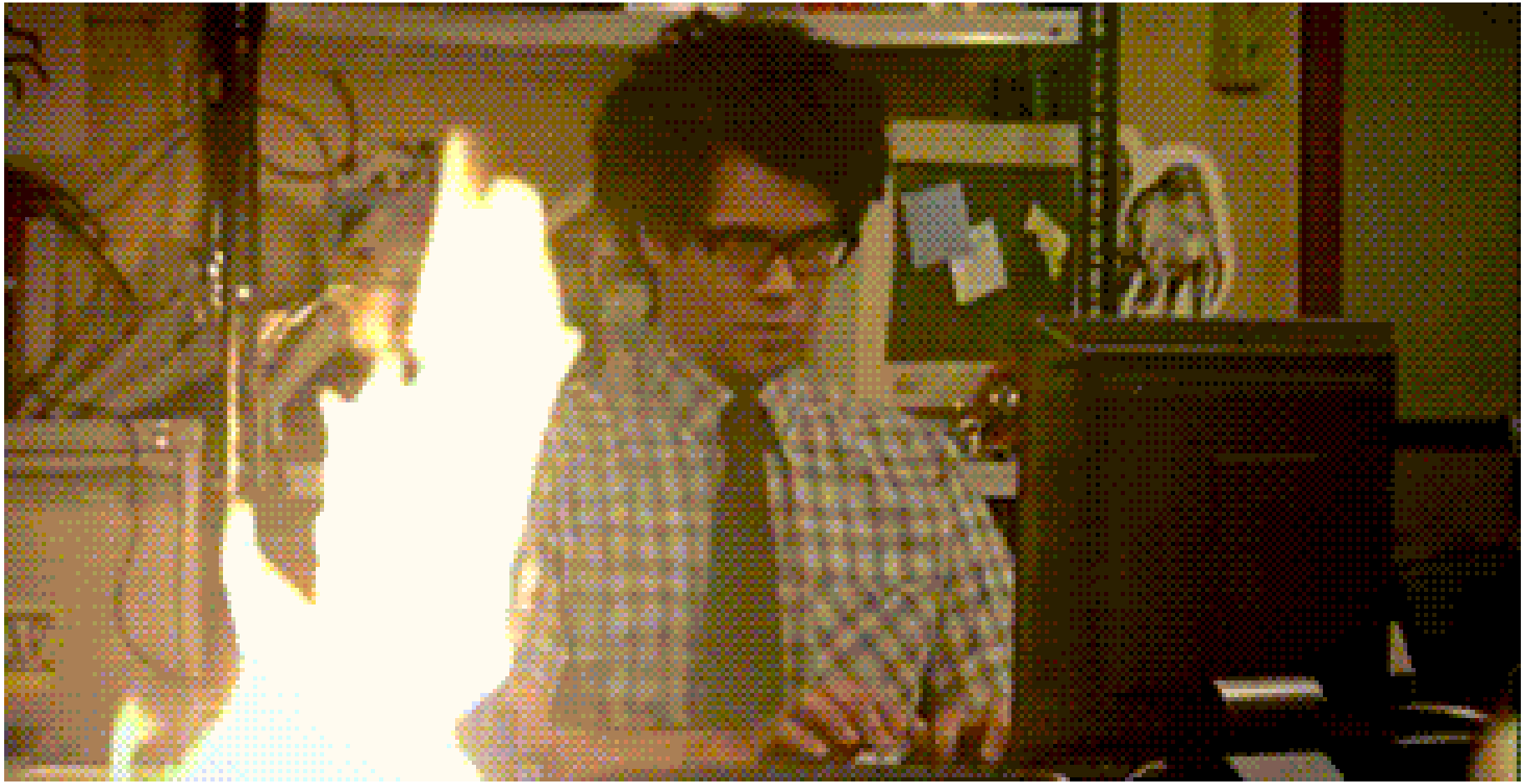


- Use 20 % effort to improve readability by 80 % (Pareto principle)
- Refactor if it makes sense business wise
- Don’t refactor code that is rarely used
- Refactor readability before design

How to refactor?

- Classes, methods, variables, etc can be **renamed**, **extracted**, **inlined** and **moved**
- This improves **readability**, sets the right level of **complexity / abstractions**, and keeps code where it is relevant to it’s job / **responsibility**
- Do parallel change (expand, migrate, contract) -> keep old implementation and test new one -> then switch internal usage

Dont refactor while your tests are **red**

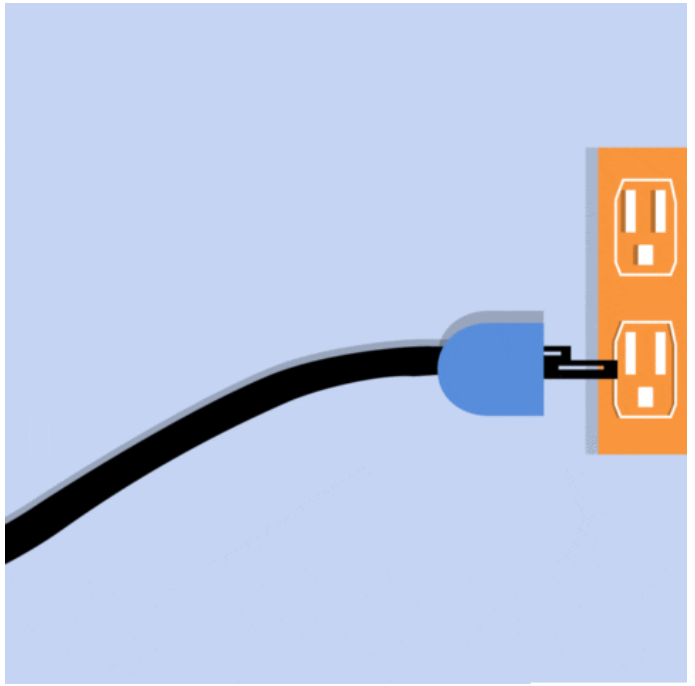


Code Smells

- Be understanding of creators of code smells -> blame the workflow instead
- Code smells indicate a bigger issue underneath
- **First** -> Readability, complexity, responsibility and duplication
- **Next** -> Introduce new abstractions (ie. new types) if needed

Avoid rigid code

- Code should be **open-closed**, ie. flexible / modular / plug&play-able
- **New functionality** should not require changes to **old code**
- Dont cut corners -> increases **viscosity of design** -> higher technical debt -> harder to maintain
- Lower **viscosity of environment** -> Avoid manual steps with releases -> slows you down -> might forget them



Example Bloaters

- Too many input parameters -> create a data class instead

Before

```
public static int Ones(int d1, int d2, int d3, int d4, int d5)
{
  var sum = 0;
  if (d1 == 1) sum++;
  if (d2 == 1) sum++;
  if (d3 == 1) sum++;
  if (d4 == 1) sum++;
  if (d5 == 1)
    sum++;

  return sum;
}
```

After

```
public static int Ones(Dice dice)
{
  return dice.CountWithValue(DieValue.One);
}
```

Example Data Clumps

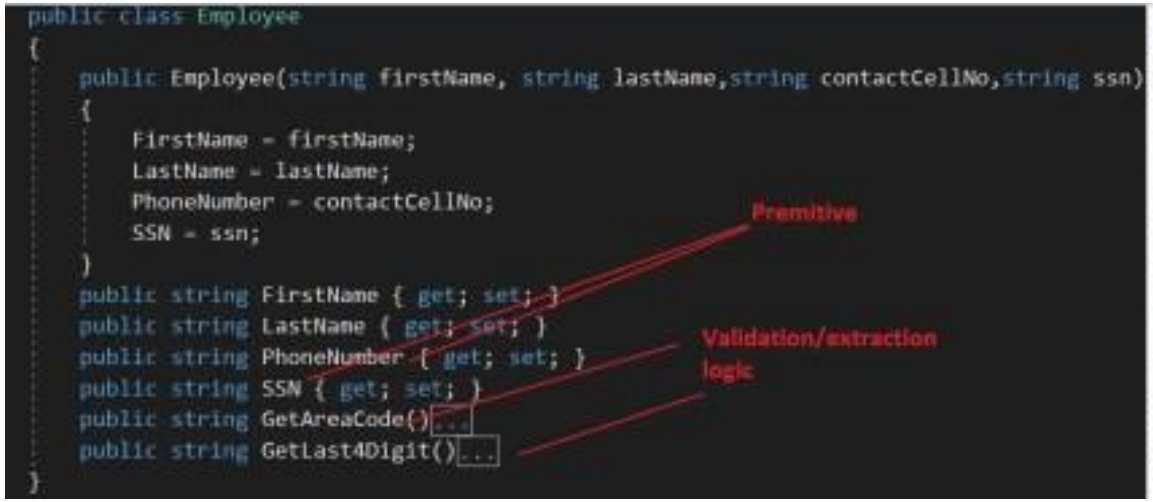
- Data that fit together should stay together
- Could add behaviour to data class -> ie. accept first and last names -> create StudentName value

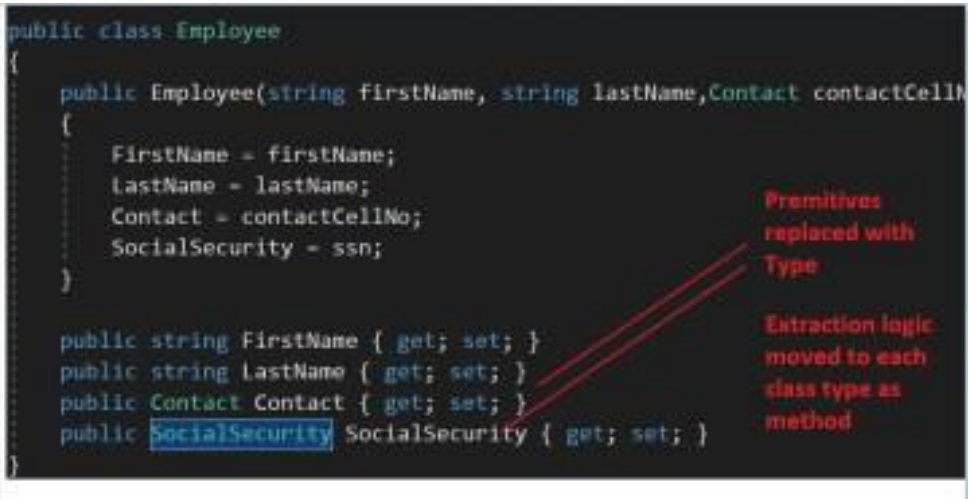
```
public class Student {

    private String firstName;
    private String lastName;

    private String country;
    private String city;
    private String street;
    private String postCode;
    //getter, setter
}
```

```
public class Student {

    private StudentName name;

    private Address address;
    //getter, setter
}
```

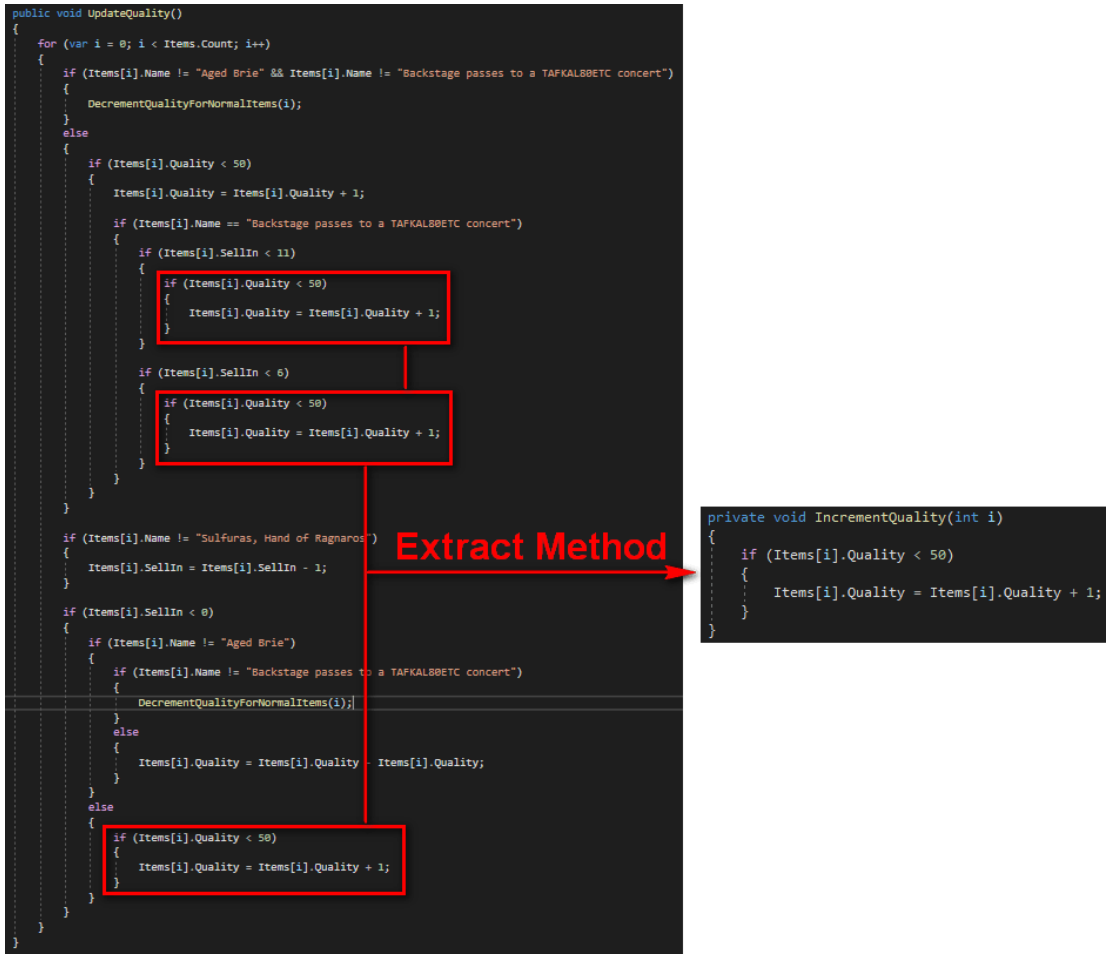
Example Primitive Obsession

- Avoid describing complex concepts with basic types
- Solution -> create a new type to represent that complex object





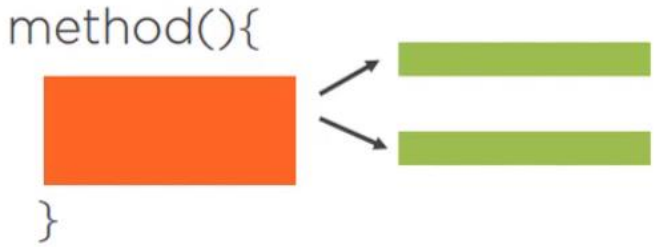
Example Long Method



- Too many lines -> hard to read
- Doing too much
- Should only do one thing
- Solution -> split up & extract

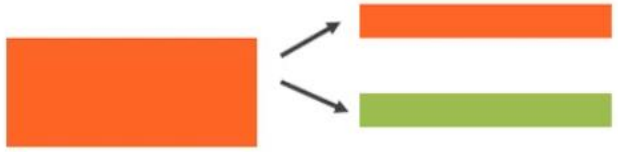
Example Divergent Class

- God class -> “One class to rule them all”
- Violates the 1st responsibility principle
- New change -> have to update multiple code blocks within the god class
- Solution -> Extract & decouple until class only does one thing



Extract Method

(split a method into several smaller methods)

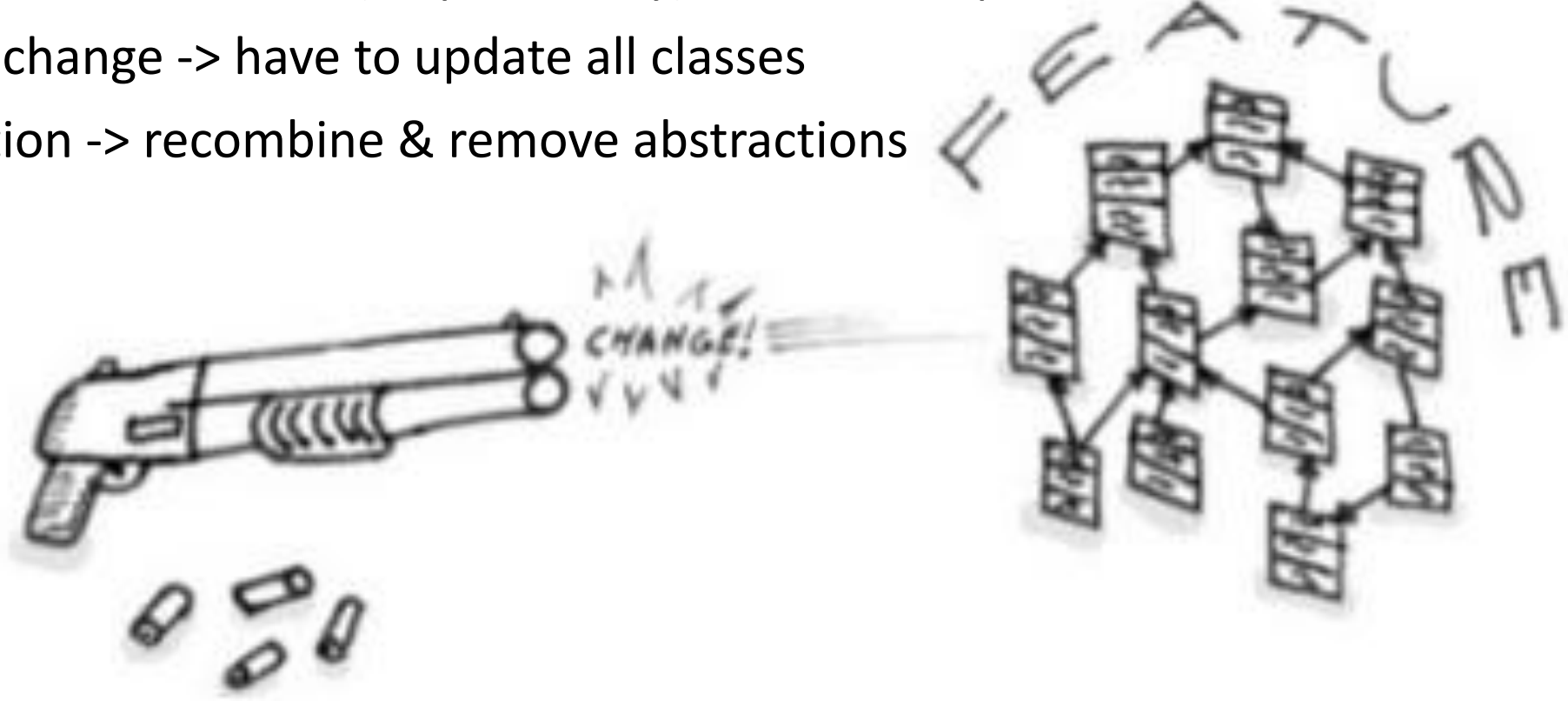


Extract Class

(Split into several smaller classes)

Example Shotgun Surgery

- Opposite of divergent change -> too many extractions
- Issue -> One feature (responsibility) is too decoupled
- New change -> have to update all classes
- Solution -> recombine & remove abstractions



Conclusions

- Refactor old code mainly to fix readability
- Design new code to avoid need for future refactoring
- Hence, refactoring fixes the past, design improvements fixes the future
- Solution to bloaters, data clumps and primitive obsession seem related, ie. new type / data class + some behaviour inside
- Divergent change and shotgun surgery are opposite extremes that we want to avoid

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