Test-Driven Development (TDD)

A Comprehensive Overview

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Introduction to TDD

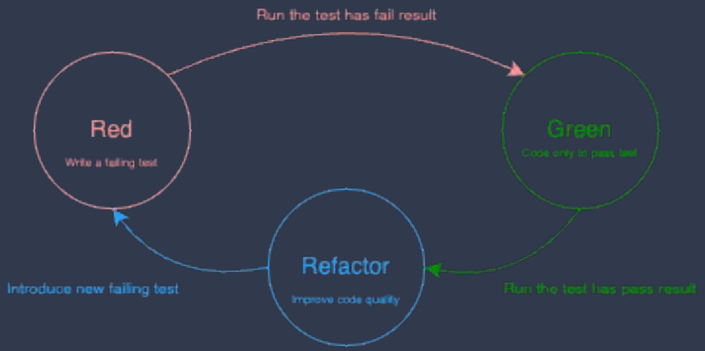
Importance of TDD in Software Development:

TDD is a software development methodology where developers write automated tests before writing the actual code.

TDD emphasizes the continuous validation of code through automated testing.

Kent Beck, a renowned software engineer and author, is credited with formalizing the TDD methodology in the early 2000s as part of Extreme Programming (XP).

TDD Process


Run the test has fail result
Red
Write a failing test
Green
Code only to pass test
Refactor
Improve code quality
Introduce new failing test
Run the test has pass result

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- **Red**: In this phase, write the test that we suppose to fail
- **Green**: When a test passes, write the code necessary to pass the test
- **Refactor**: improve the code quality and reduce complexities

Key Benefits of TDD

TDD holds significant importance in software development due to its ability to:

- **Early Issue Detection**: TDD catches defects and design flaws at an early stage breaking code behaviour
- **Enhanced Code Quality:** promotes the creation of modular, well-structured code that is easier to understand and maintain
- **Accelerated Debugging:** It speeds up debugging by quickly identifying regressions when tests fail and aiding in pinpointing issues
- **Improved Collaboration:** by providing clear specifications through test cases, enhancing communication within development teams
- **Confidence in Changes:** Developers can confidently make changes knowing that passing tests validate the correctness of their modifications

TDD Habits

Practicing TDD consistently and maintaining a focus on test-driven development as a fundamental part of the development process

- **Running Tests Frequently:** Frequent test execution is crucial for detecting issues early.
- **Refactoring Regularly:** Refactoring involves improving code without altering its functionality.
- **Keeping Test Cases Up-to-Date**: As the codebase evolves, tests must evolve with it.

MOB Programming

Collaborative Excellence

MOB Programming is a software development technique where an entire team collaboratively works on a single task or user story using a single computer.

How It Works:

- **All the team** gather around one workstation, with one person at the keyboard (the "driver").
- **The driver:** writes code based on the team's discussions and decisions.
- **The navigator:** helps guide the direction of the code and ensures it aligns with the team's goals and standards, he also asks questions and research solutions.
- **Other team members:** actively participate by offering suggestions, discussing solutions, and reviewing code.
- **Periodically rotation:** of roles to ensure everyone's involvement.

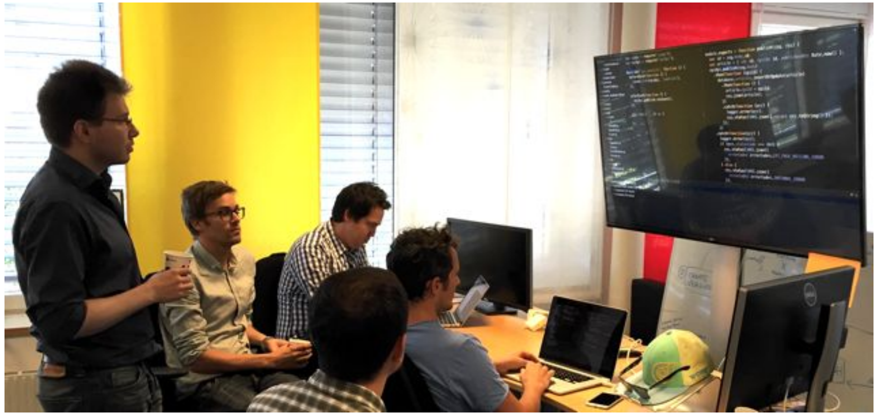
MOB Programming

Benefits

- **Enhanced Collaboration:** MOB Programming fosters real-time communication and knowledge sharing among team members, resulting in stronger collaboration and a shared understanding of the codebase.
- **Reduced Silos:** Team members become familiar with different aspects of the project, reducing dependencies on individual experts and siloed knowledge.
- **Higher Code Quality:** Continuous peer review and collective decision-making lead to improved code quality, fewer bugs, and better design decisions.
- **Rapid Problem Solving:** Issues are addressed promptly as the entire team brainstorms solutions, leading to faster problem-solving and quicker development cycles.
- **Increased Learning:** Team members can learn from each other, accelerating the onboarding of new team members and skill development.
- **Ownership and Accountability**: The team collectively owns the code, fostering a sense of shared responsibility and accountability.

Challenges

- **Resource Intensive:** MOB Programming may require additional resources, such as extra workstations.
- **Role Fatigue:** The driver may experience mental fatigue if not rotated frequently.



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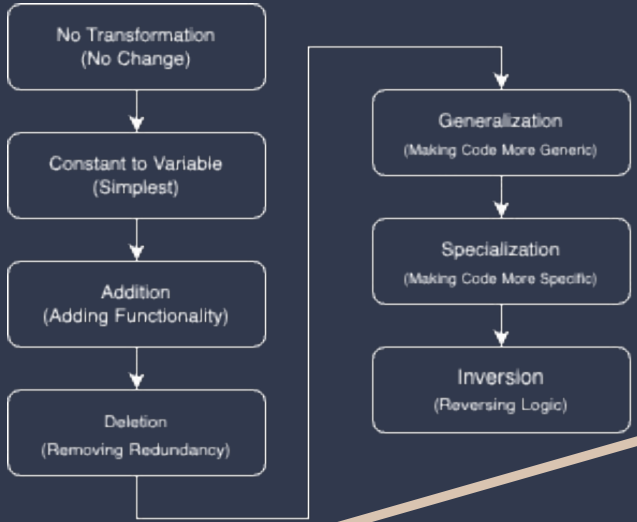
Transformation Priority Premise



TPP defines a hierarchy of transformations that should be followed in TDD:

- TPP suggests that there is an ideal sequence for transforming code to achieve simplicity and maintainability incrementally.
- Following this transformation hierarchy in TDD helps developers make incremental changes to their code while maintaining working tests.

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Object Calisthenics

Principles for Cleaner Code for Cleaner Code

Object Calisthenics is a set of ten guiding principles aimed at promoting clean, maintainable, and efficient code. These principles help developers write code that is more readable, modular, and less error-prone

1. **One Level of Indentation Per Method**: Keep your methods focused and easy to understand by limiting the number of nested blocks.
2. **Avoid the ELSE Keyword**: Reduce code complexity by finding ways to structure your conditionals without using "else."
3. **Wrap All Primitives and Strings**: Encapsulate primitive data types in custom classes to enhance code readability and maintainability.
4. **First-Class Collections**: Wrap collections in your own classes to encapsulate behavior and promote reusable code.
5. **One Dot Per Line**: Limit the chaining of method calls to enhance code clarity and reduce complexity.
6. **No Abbreviations**: Use descriptive names for variables and functions to improve code comprehension.
7. **Keep All Entities Small**: Maintain small classes and methods to simplify debugging and maintenance.
8. **Limit Instance Variables**: Avoid classes with more than two instance variables to ensure focused and cohesive classes.
9. **No Public Getters/Setters/Properties**: Encapsulate data within your classes and avoid exposing internal state.
10. **All Classes Must Have State**: Ensure that each class has a specific, meaningful purpose and encapsulates relevant state.

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Conclusion

We covered key points related to Test-Driven Development (TDD):

TPP helps developers make incremental changes to their code in a systematic way, prioritizing simplicity and maintainability.

By understanding these key points, developers can harness the power of TDD, cultivate effective habits, and apply the Transformation Priority Premise to create high-quality, maintainable software.

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