

Understanding TDD and Refactoring with LEGO

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Why TDD

- It improves the lives of the users of your software.
- It lets your teammates count on you, and you on them.
- It feels good to write it.



The Mantra Red - Green - Refactor

Exercise - 3 Partners!

- Break into groups of two for this next exercise.
- When developers do this we call it Pair Programming
- Berkley photo from the web



New Requirements

- Your new program needs to have:
 - A person
 - A house
 - A tree
 - An animal
 - A vehicle

Let's Practice!

- Work together to come up with some new tests
- Keep building to minimally pass tests
- Don't worry about Refactoring for now
- Here's a few if you get stuck:
 - Is the house at least x inches/cm tall?
 - Is the tree the same size as the house?
 - Is the animal smaller than the person?



Refactoring

 Refactoring is the process of changing a software system in such a way that it does not alter the external behavior of the code yet improves its internal structure.
Martin Fowler

LEGO Refactoring

Build our program

- Stack bricks like this:
- gray-red-white-whitered-green-blue-redgreen
- gray on top and green at the very bottom



Class and Methods

- Your group of Lego bricks represents a class
- Each one of these colour bands represents a **method**



Duplication

 Notice how there are repeats of the same colour bands. This is duplication in our code. Let's fix this!



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Before and After



Exercise 4 - Team Build

- Each team will come up with a large structure to build.
- You will be working in pairs, contributing to a large structure (the build).

Decide on an idea

Keep it to yourselves for now

Break it into components

- Take a minute to write out each of the components that need to be built.
- Do this in sprints
 - 2 min for planning, 6 min for executing, and 2 for review
- Build in pairs and then integrate

Demo time!

- Each team will now present their creation.
- Please share a few tests that you came up with.
- Admire your work
 - Take a photo.
 - Upload to Twitter or Facebook.
 - Brag to your friends.

Review

- Test-Driven Development / Design
- Refactoring
- Pair Programming

For Sprint 1

- Planning Poker on user stories
 - Use the one story that you implemented from Sprint 0 as an anchor
- Have Product Owner prioritize stories
- · Select user stories to be implemented
- · Get details by talking to the Product Owner
- · Create test cases (or plans) first
- · All while using agile development