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REFACTORING

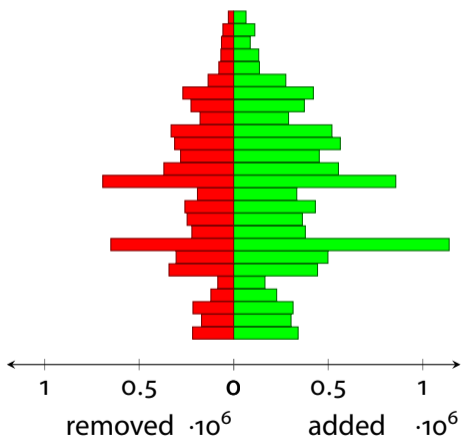
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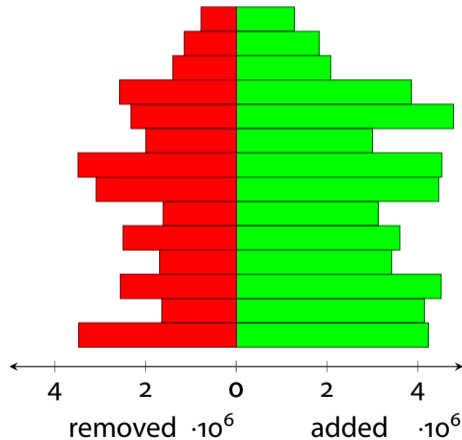
Never Change a Running System?

Code Evolution

Wine (since 1993)



Linux (since 2005)



Changes

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Qualitative improvements:

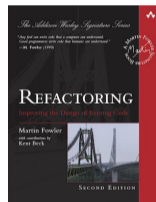
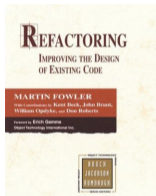
- Readability
- Maintainability
- Extensibility
- Safety
 - Behaviour when we're running outside of the 'official' spec
- Resource utilisation
- ...

Changes that don't affect *observable* behaviour

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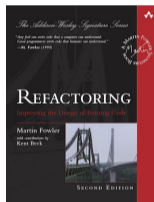
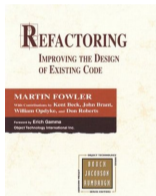
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noun: a change made to the internal structure of software to make it easier to understand and cheaper to modify without changing its observable behavior

verb: to restructure software by applying a series of refactorings without changing its observable behavior.

— Martin Fowler, 19 years later

Readability

dlls/wininet/dialogs.c

```
64  */
65  static BOOL WININET_GetProxyServer( HINTERNET hRequest, LPWSTR szBuf, DWORD sz )
66  {
-   http_request_t *lpwhr;
-   http_session_t *lpwhs = NULL;
67  +   http_request_t *request;
68  +   http_session_t *session = NULL;
69  appinfo_t *hIC = NULL;
70  BOOL ret = FALSE;
71  LPWSTR p;
72
-   lpwhr = (http_request_t*) get_handle_object( hRequest );
-   if (NULL == lpwhr)
73  +   request = (http_request_t*) get_handle_object( hRequest );
74  +   if (NULL == request)
75  return FALSE;
76
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External APIs

- Project **P1**, org. C1:
 - $f \rightarrow g$
- Project **P2**, org. C2:
 - Calls operation f

The 'Rename' refactoring

<https://refactoring.com/catalog/renameVariable.html>

Rename Variable

name  nm

```
let a = height * width;
```



```
let area = height * width;
```

When to Refactor?

Refactoring: 'Replace Magic Literal'

Replace Magic Literal

2 * 3.14 * radius



```
function potentialEnergy(mass, height) {  
  return mass * 9.81 * height;  
}
```



```
const STANDARD_GRAVITY = 9.81;  
function potentialEnergy(mass, height) {  
  return mass * STANDARD_GRAVITY * height;  
}
```


Renaming IDE support

The screenshot shows an IDE interface with a menu open over the 'Rename...' option. The menu items and their keyboard shortcuts are:

- Rename... (Shift+Alt+R)
- Move...
- Change Method Signature... (Shift+Alt+C)
- Extract Method... (Shift+Alt+M)
- Extract Local Variable... (Shift+Alt+L)
- Extract Constant...
- Inline... (Shift+Alt+I)
- Convert Local Variable to Field...
- Convert Anonymous Class to Nested...
- Move Type to New File...
- Extract Interface...
- Extract Superclass...
- Use Supertype Where Possible...
- Pull Up...
- Push Down...
- Extract Class...
- Introduce Parameter Object...
- Introduce Indirection...
- Introduce Factory...
- Introduce Parameter...
- Encapsulate Field...
- Generalize Declared Type...
- Infer Generic Type Arguments...
- Migrate JAR File...
- Create Script...

The background shows a code editor with the following Java code snippet:

```
AbstractHandler {  
    AbstractHandler(  
        String oldname) {  
        = new HashSet<>();  
    }  
    methods() {  
        getElementName();  
    }  
}  
  
charArray();  
  
if (numoffset - 1 >= '0' && chars[numoffset - 1] <= '9') {  
  
    char ch() {  
        .substring(0, numoffset);  
        return oldname.substring(numoffset, oldname.length());  
    }  
}
```

Refactoring Tools

	Eclipse	IntelliJ	NetBeans	Visual Studio	Wing IDE
Java	yes	yes	yes		
C	some	AppCode		yes	
C++	some	AppCode		yes	
Python	PyDev	PyCharm			yes
JavaScript		WebStorm			
Fortran	Photran				

Some Common Refactorings

- Extract Variable
- Extract Function / Extract Method
- Move
- Convert Function ↔ Method
- Split Temporary
- Change Function Declaration
- Remove Dead Code

Most Popular Refactorings

'A Comparative Study of Manual and Automated Refactorings', by Stas Negara, Nicholas Chen, Mohsen Vakilian, Ralph E. Johnson, and Danny Dig (ECOOP 2013)

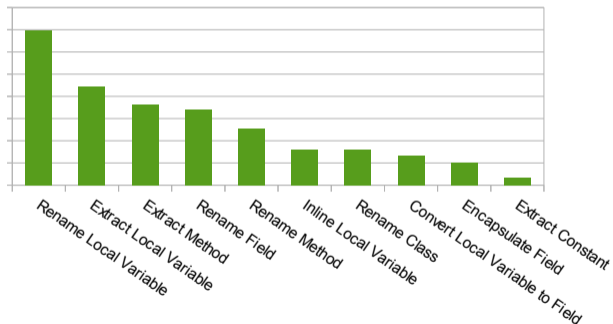


Fig. 4. Popularity of refactorings.

Object Orientation

- Programming strategy
- Often with language support
- Idea:
 - Group operations with most relevant data record
 - Hierarchically structure data records (e.g., Employee, Manager, SW Engineer)
 - Specialise operations for each variant (e.g., computeBonus())
- Requirements:
 - *Inheritance*
 - *Dynamic Dispatch*
 - *Subtyping*
- Usually combined with *Encapsulation*
- [http://ee402.eeng.dcu.ie/introduction/
chapter-1---introduction-to-object-oriented-programming](http://ee402.eeng.dcu.ie/introduction/chapter-1---introduction-to-object-oriented-programming)

Grading Criteria

- Make 16 points' worth of refactoring commits
 - Simple refactoring (rename etc.): 1 point
 - Complex refactoring: 3 points
 - At least 2 complex refactorings
 - Jesper Öqvist maintains list of refactorings, categories on Canvas
 - Jesper needs repository access
 - You submit commit IDs to Canvas
- Stored as:
 - *A single commit*
 - Names the refactoring that you used
 - Use names from Fowler's catalogue whenever possible

Moved `Example1.circleSize` into `Circle` class

Applied the "Move Method" refactoring in preparation for generalising our size computation to other shapes.