

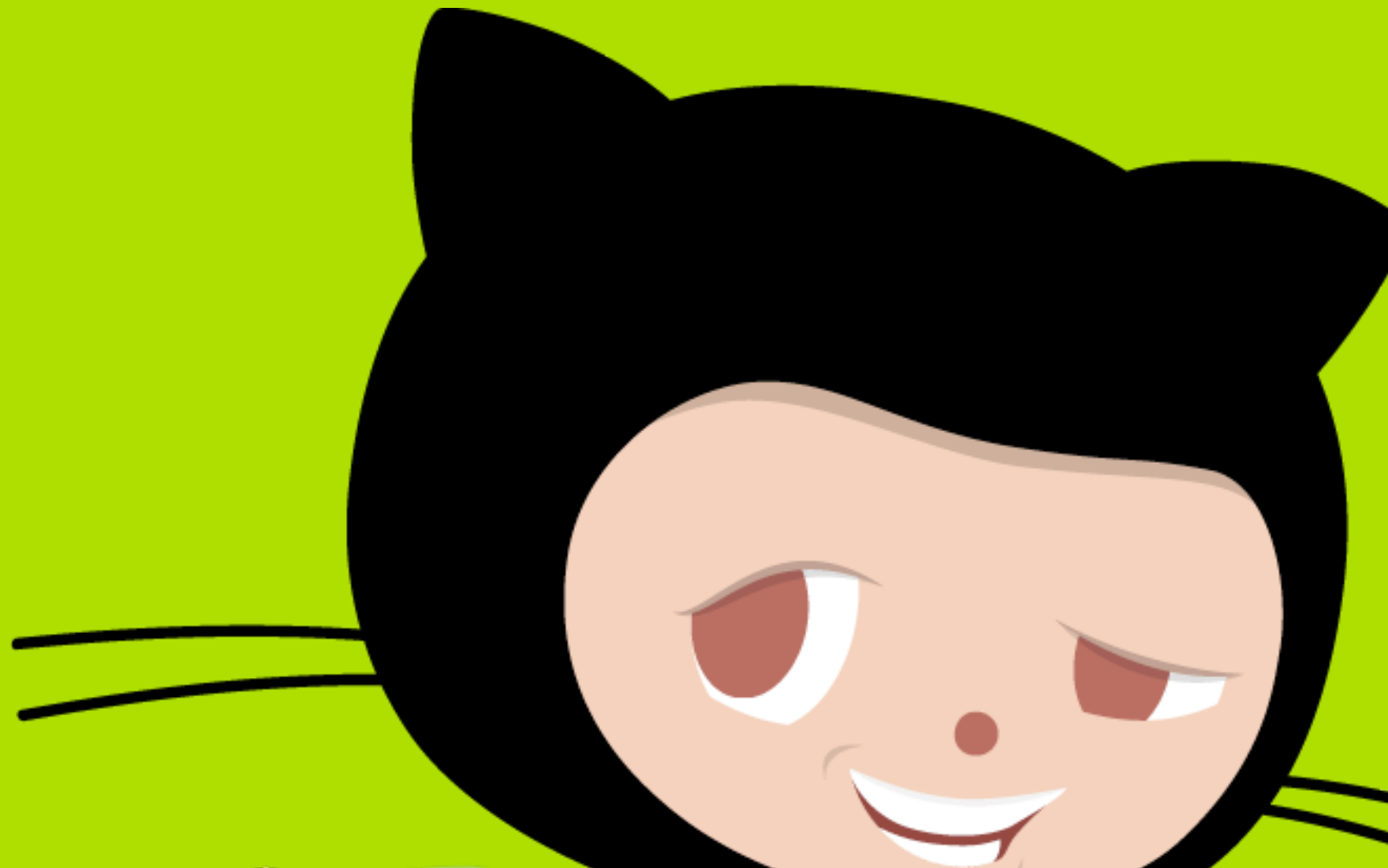


WHY OUR CODE SMELLS

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/kanaka/3480201136/>

 github.com/bkeepers

 [@bkeepers](https://twitter.com/bkeepers)



**I AM TIRED OF
WRITING
BAD CODE.**

**I AM TIRED OF
MAINTAINING
BAD CODE.**

**“Code doesn’t lie. If
you’re not listening,
you won’t hear the
truths it tells.”**

Kent Beck
Smalltalk Best Practice Patterns

**A CODE SMELL
USUALLY INDICATES
A DEEPER PROBLEM
IN THE SYSTEM.**

REFACTORING

IMPROVING THE DESIGN
OF EXISTING CODE

MARTIN FOWLER

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CODE SMELLS ARE
HEURISTICS TO
SUGGEST WHEN TO
REFACTOR AND WHAT
TECHNIQUES TO USE.

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Refactoring:

Identify everything that changes for a particular cause and use **Extract Class** to put them all together.

**OUR CODE SMELLS IN
THE 21 WAYS THAT
BECK AND FOWLER
DESCRIBE, BUT...**

our code smells when

**UNIT TESTS ARE
COMPLEX & SLOW.**

**IT IS TIGHTLY COUPLED
TO A FRAMEWORK.**

our code smells when

**UNIT TESTS
ARE COMPLEX.**

**TDD IS A
DESIGN
PROCESS.**

WHY DO WE WRITE TESTS?

1. To ensure that the code works as intended.

2. To catch bugs early in the development process.

3. To document the expected behavior of the code.

4. To make it easier to refactor code.

5. To provide a safety net for new features.

6. To improve the overall quality of the code.

7. To reduce the time and cost of development.

8. To make the code more maintainable.

9. To ensure that the code is secure.

10. To provide a clear path for future development.

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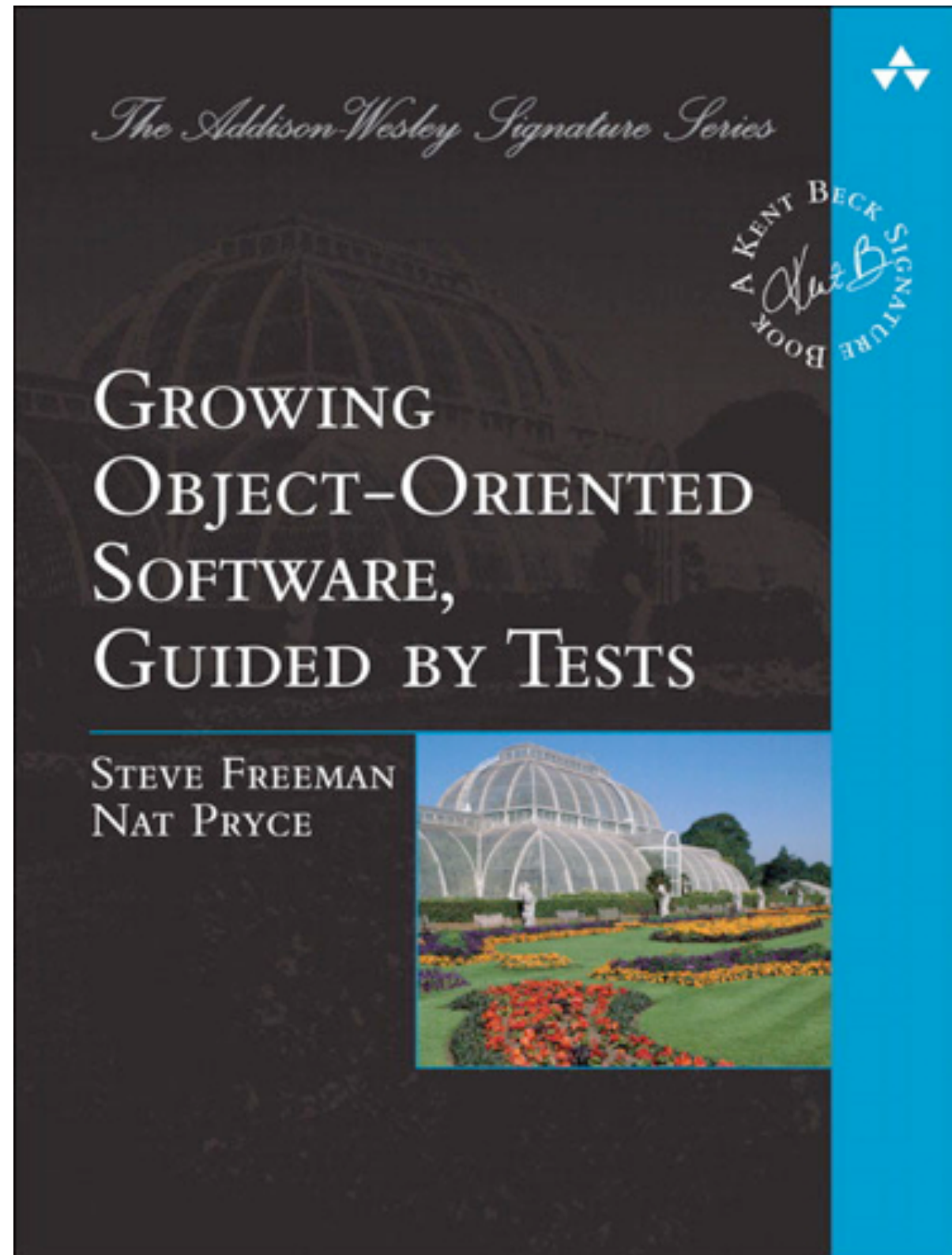
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WHY DO WE WRITE TESTS?

1. Guard against regressions
2. Gain confidence to change
3. Discover better designs

WARNING

*Excessive use of
quotations ahead.*



“We find that the effort of writing a test first also gives us rapid feedback about the quality of our design ideas—that making code accessible for testing often drives it towards being cleaner and more modular.”

Steve Freeman, Nat Pryce
Growing Object-Oriented Software, Guided by Tests

unit tests can be complex when

**OBJECTS ARE
TOO TIGHTLY
COUPLED.**

Exhibit A: GitHub Notifications

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    @handlers = [Notifications::EmailHandler.new]
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      @summary, @comment, @handlers)
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“When we find a feature that’s difficult to test, we don’t just ask ourselves how to test it, but also why is it difficult to test.”

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unit tests can be complex when

**OBJECTS ARE
DOING TOO
MUCH.**

“An element’s **cohesion is a measure of whether its responsibilities form a meaningful unit...Think of a machine that washes both clothes and dishes—it’s unlikely to do both well.”**

Steve Freeman, Nat Pryce
Growing Object-Oriented Software, Guided by Tests

SINGLE RESPONSIBILITY PRINCIPLE

Every class should have a single responsibility, and that responsibility should be entirely encapsulated by the class.

“Our heuristic is that we should be able to describe what an object does without using any conjunctions (‘and,’ ‘or’).”

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```
jQuery(function($) {  
    $('#new-status').on('submit', function() {  
        $.ajax({  
            url: '/statuses',  
            type: 'POST',  
            dataType: 'json',  
            data: {text: $(this).find('textarea').val()},  
            success: function(data) {  
                $('#statuses').append('<li>' + data.text + '</li>');  
            }  
        });  
        return false;  
    });  
});
```

The test tells me the code is complex.

```
describe("Updating my status", function() {  
    var $form, $statuses;  
  
    beforeEach(function(){  
        $form = affix('form#new-status');  
        $form.affix('textarea').val('sniffing code');  
        $statuses = affix('#statuses');  
  
        spyOn($, "ajax");  
  
        $form.trigger('submit');  
    });  
  
    it("posts status to the server", function() {  
        expect($.ajax).toHaveBeenCalledWith({  
            url: '/statuses',  
            data: {text: 'sniffing code'},  
            success: jasmine.any(Function)  
        });  
    });  
});
```

```
});
```

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```

```
describe("with a successful response", function() {  
    beforeEach(function() {  
        $.ajax.mostRecentCall.args[0].success({  
            text: "This is starting stink!"  
        });  
    });  
});
```

```
it("appends text", function() {  
    expect($statuses).toHaveHtml(  
        '<div>This is starting stink!</div>');  
    });  
});  
});
```

Why is this hard to test?

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});
```

2. user event

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2. user event

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6. HTML templating

`return false;`

`});`

`});`

So we start to refactor...

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            }  
        });  
        return false;  
    });  
});
```

Refactor to use a model

```
jQuery(function($) {  
    var statuses = new Collection.Statuses();  
  
    $('#new-status').on('submit', function() {  
        statuses.create({text: $(this).find('textarea').val()});  
        return false;  
    });  
  
    statuses.on('add', function(status) {  
        $('#statuses').append(  
            '<li>' + status.get('text') + '</li>');  
    });  
});
```

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RESPONSIBILITY:

Sync state with server

Refactor handling of user input

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        return false;  
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        $('#statuses').append(  
            '<li>' + status.get('text') + '</li>');  
    });  
});
```

Refactor handling of user input

```
jQuery(function($) {  
    var statuses = new Collection.Statuses();  
  
    new View.PostStatus({collection: statuses});  
  
    statuses.on('add', function(status) {  
        $('#statuses').append(  
            '<li>' + status.get('text') + '</li>');  
    });  
});
```

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    statuses.on('add', function(status) {  
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            '<li>' + status.get('text') + '</li>');  
    });  
});
```

RESPONSIBILITY:

Create statuses from user input

Refactor templating

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jQuery(function($) {  
    var statuses = new Collection.Statuses();  
  
    new View.PostStatus({collection: statuses});  
  
    statuses.on('add', function(status) {  
        $('#statuses').append(  
            '<li>' + status.get('text') + '</li>');  
    });  
});
```

Refactor templating

```
jQuery(function($) {  
    var statuses = new Collection.Statuses();  
  
    new View.PostStatus({collection: statuses});  
    new View.StatusList({collection: statuses});  
});
```

Refactor templating

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jQuery(function($) {  
    var statuses = new Collection.Statuses();  
  
    new View.PostStatus({collection: statuses});  
    new View.StatusList({collection: statuses});  
});
```

RESPONSIBILITY:

Render statuses to the page

```
jQuery(function($) {  
    var statuses = new Collection.Statuses();  
  
    new View.PostStatus({collection: statuses});  
    new View.StatusList({collection: statuses});  
});
```

RESPONSIBILITY:

Initialize application on page load

Our tests only have one concern

```
describe("View.StatusList", function() {  
  beforeEach(function() {  
    $el = $('<ul></ul>');  
    collection = new Backbone.Collection();  
    view = new View.StatusList({  
      el: $el,  
      collection: collection  
    });  
  });  
});  
  
it("appends newly added items", function() {  
  collection.add({text: 'this is fun!'});  
  expect($el.find('li').length).toBe(1);  
  expect($el.find('li').text()).toEqual('this is fun!');  
});  
});
```

**PAY ATTENTION TO
TESTING PAINS AND
ADJUST THE DESIGN
ACCORDINGLY.**

Poor quality tests can slow development to a crawl, and poor internal quality of the system being tested will result in poor quality tests.

Steve Freeman, Nat Pryce
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“If you write bad unit tests, you might find that you gain none of the benefits, and instead are stuck with a bunch of tests that are time-consuming and hard to maintain.”

Christian Johansen
Test-Driven JavaScript Development

our code smells when

**UNIT TESTS
ARE SLOW.**

```
$ bx rake test:units
```

Finished in 274.623286 seconds.

2273 tests, 6765 assertions, 0 failures, 0 errors

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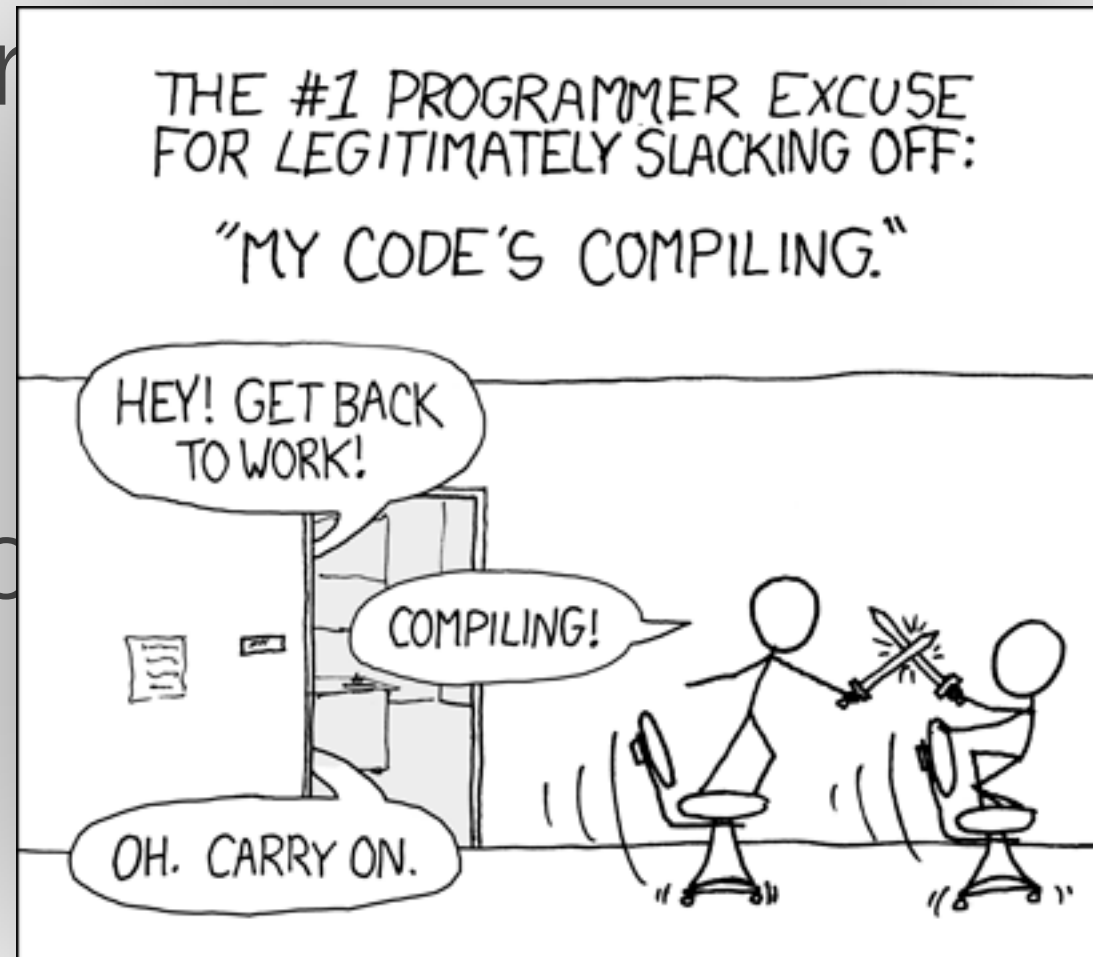
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You commit failing changes

You lose the rapid feedback cycle

unit tests can be slow when they

**INTERACT
WITH SLOW
COMPONENTS.**

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  setup do
    @comment = Issue.make! # create record in database
    @settings = Notifications::Settings.new(-1)
    @message = Notifications::Emails::Message.new(
      @comment, @settings)
  end

  test "#to uses global email" do
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  test "#body includes comment body" do
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  end
end
```

```
$ ruby test/unit/notifications/emails/message_test.rb
```

```
.....
```

```
Finished in 3.517926 seconds.
```

```
19 tests, 24 assertions, 0 failures, 0 errors
```

```
context Notifications::Emails::Message do
  setup do
    @comment      = Issue.make # create in memory
    @comment.id   = -1         # make it appear persisted
    @settings     = Notifications::Settings.new(-1)
    @message      = Notifications::Emails::Message.new(
                        @comment, @settings)
  end

  test "#to uses global email" do
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$ ruby test/unit/notifications/emails/message_test.rb
```

```
.....
```

```
Finished in 0.073752 seconds.
```

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3.517926

÷ 0.073752

~50 X FASTER

unit tests can be slow when they

**DON'T TEST
OBJECTS IN
ISOLATION.**

```
context Notifications::Emails::CommitMention do
  setup do
    @repo = Repository.make!
    readonly_example_repo :notification_mentions, @repo
    @commit = @repo.commit('a62c6b20')

    @comment = CommitMention.new(:commit_id => @commit.sha)

    @message = Emails::CommitMention.new(@comment)
  end

  test 'subject' do
    expected = "[testy] hello world (#{@comment.short_id})"
    assert_equal expected, @message.subject
  end
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```
context Notifications::Emails::CommitMention do
  setup do
    @commit = stub(
      :sha           => Sham.sha,
      :short_id      => '12345678',
      :short_message => 'hello world',
      :message       => 'goodbye world'
    )
    @comment = CommitMention.new(:commit_id => @commit.sha)

    @comment.stubs(:commit => @commit)

    @message = Emails::CommitMention.new(@comment)
  end

  test 'subject' do
    expected = "[testy] hello world (#{@comment.short_id})"
    assert_equal expected, message.subject
  end
end
```

BEFORE

```
$ ruby test/unit/notifications/emails/commit_mention_test.rb
```

```
....
```

```
Finished in 0.576135 seconds.
```

AFTER

```
$ ruby test/unit/notifications/emails/commit_mention_test.rb
```

```
....
```

```
Finished in 0.052412 seconds.
```

0.576135

÷ 0.052412

~10 X FASTER

unit tests can be slow when they

**BOOTSTRAP
HEAVY
FRAMEWORKS.**


```
$ time ruby test/unit/notifications/email_handler_test.rb
```

```
$ time ruby test/unit/notifications/email_handler_test.rb
```

```
.....
```

```
Finished in 0.084729 seconds.
```

```
8 tests, 10 assertions, 0 failures, 0 errors
```

```
$ time ruby test/unit/notifications/email_handler_test.rb
```

```
.....
```

```
Finished in 0.084729 seconds.
```

```
8 tests, 10 assertions, 0 failures, 0 errors
```

```
real    0m7.065s
```

```
user    0m4.948s
```

```
sys 0m1.961s
```

test/fast/notifications/web_handler.rb

```
require 'notifications/summary_store'  
require 'notifications/memory_indexer'  
require 'notifications/web_handler'
```

```
context Notifications::WebHandler do
```

```
  def web
```

```
    @web ||= WebHandler.new(  
      :indexer => MemoryIndexer.new,  
      :store   => SummaryStore.new  
    )
```

```
  end
```

```
  def test_insert_increments_count
```

```
    assert_equal 0, web.count(1)
```

```
    web.add build_summary, 1
```

```
    assert_equal 1, web.count(1)
```

```
  end
```

```
$ time ruby test/fast/notifications/web_handler_test.rb
```

```
....
```

```
Finished in 0.001577 seconds.
```

```
4 tests, 22 assertions, 0 failures, 0 errors
```

```
real    0m0.139s
```

```
user    0m0.068s
```

```
sys 0m0.063s
```

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“We can’t use test doubles because we’ll lose confidence that it still works.”

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TEST, CHANGE AND
REUSE.**



assets



controllers



helpers



mailers



models



views

God Objects

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```
class Issue < ActiveRecord::Base
```

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class Issue < ActiveRecord::Base
  # validations
  validates_presence_of :title, :user_id, :repository_id
```

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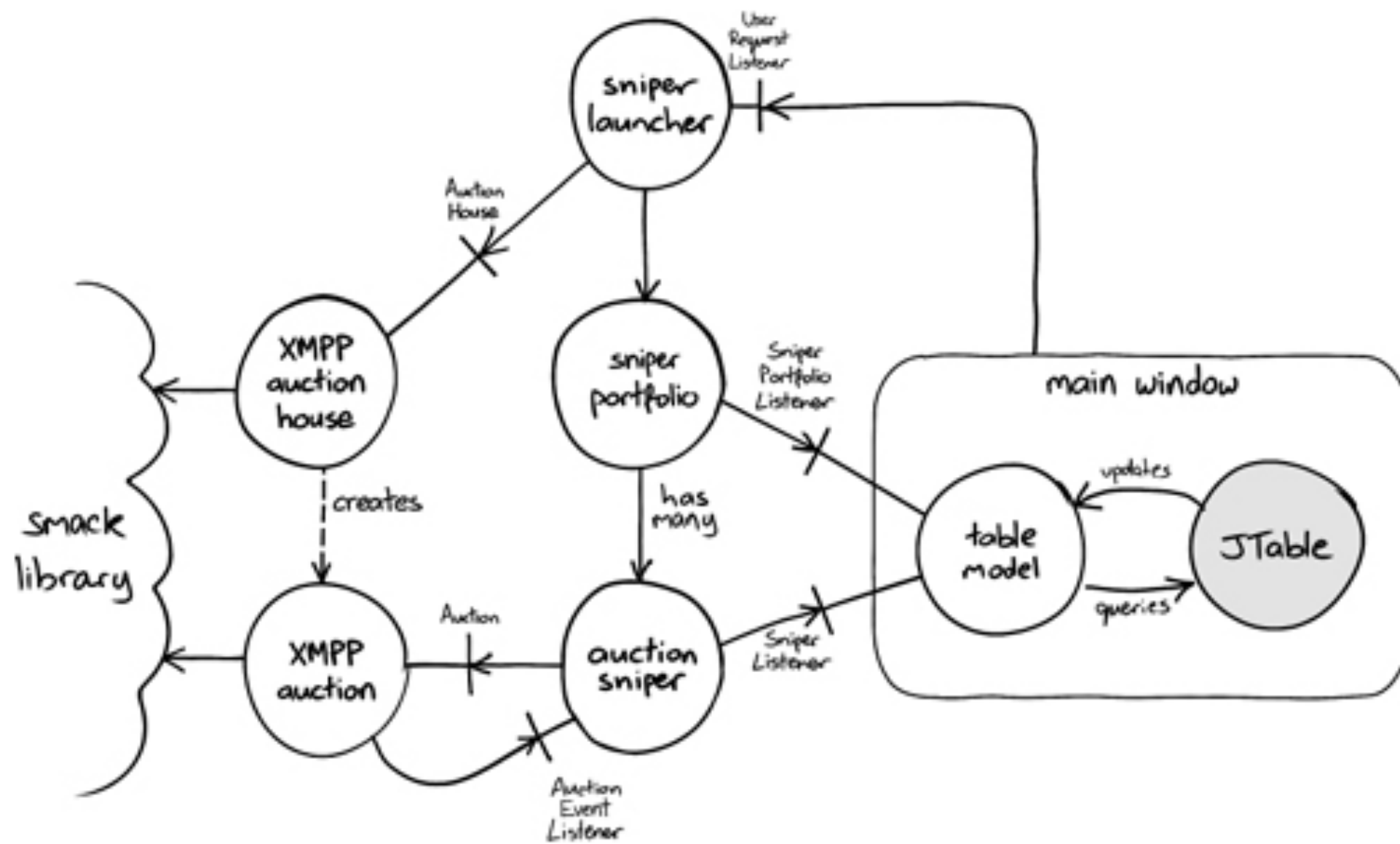
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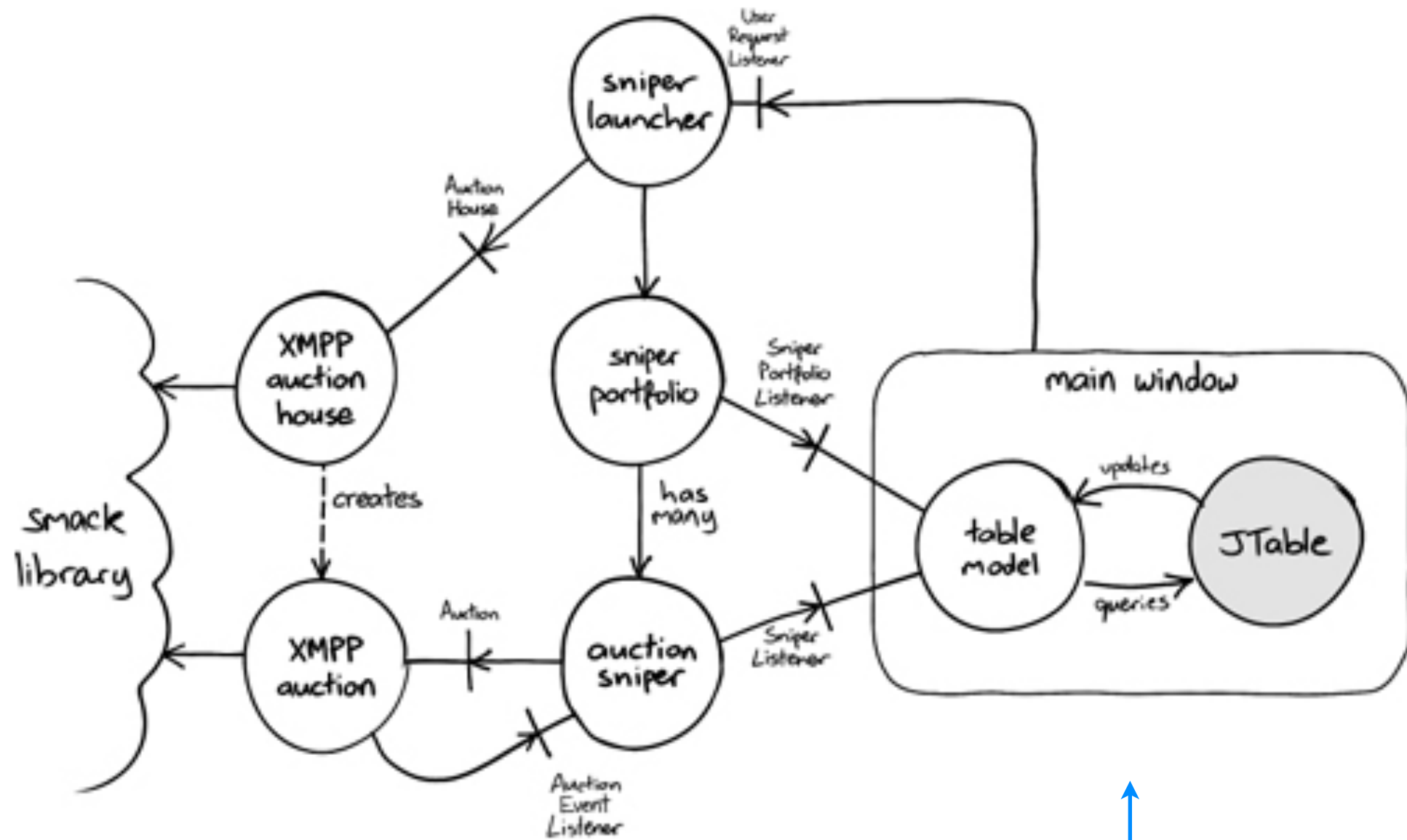
  # domain logic
  def active_participants
    [self.user] + watchers + commentors
  end
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```

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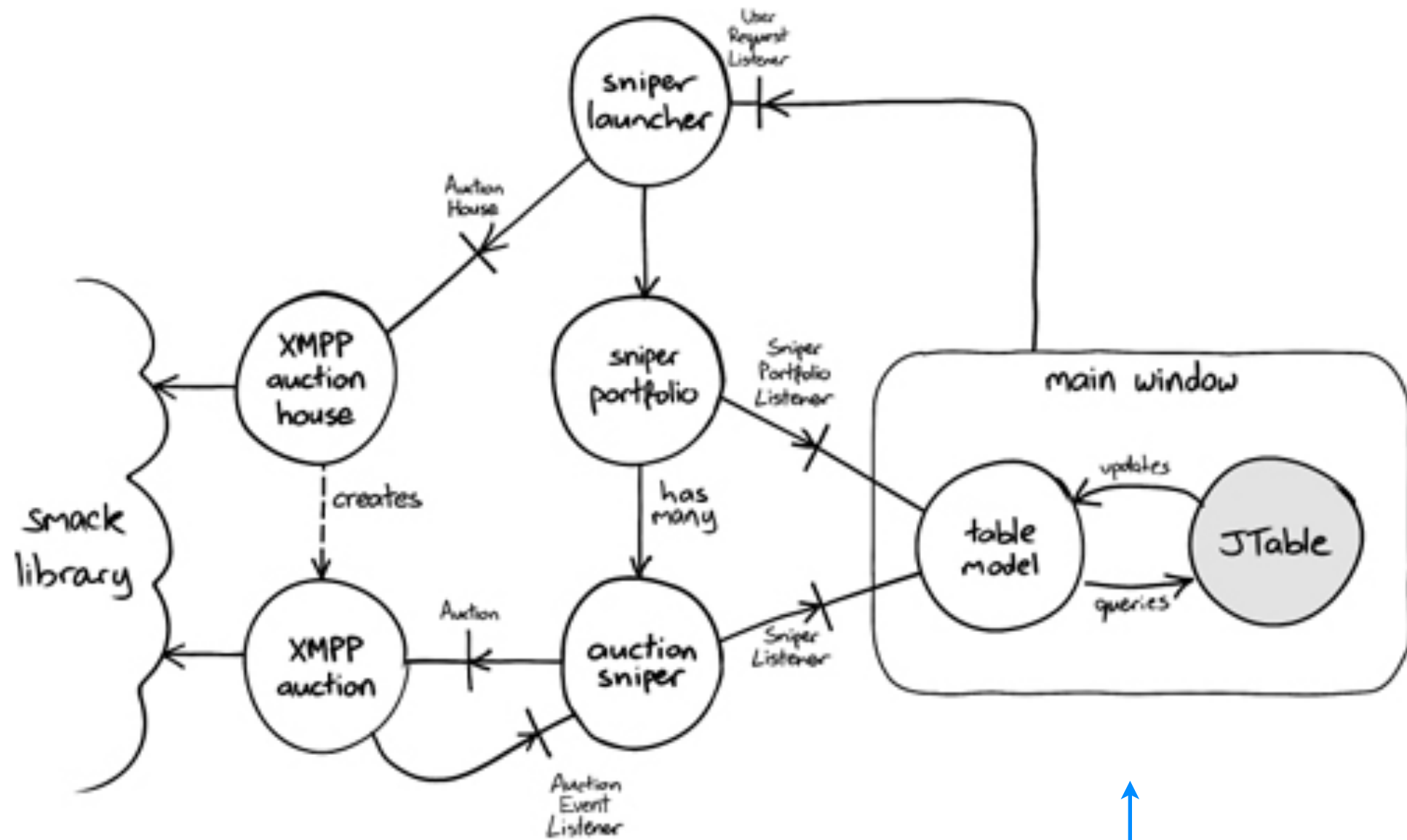


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A typical Rails controller...

```
class SessionsController < ApplicationController
  def create
    user = User.authenticate(params[:username],
                             params[:password])

    if user
      self.current_user = user
      redirect_to root_path, success: 'You are signed in!'
    else
      render :new, warning: 'Wrong username or password.'
    end
  end
end
```

...and model

```
class User < ActiveRecord::Base
  def self.authenticate(username, password)
    user = find_by_username(username)
    user if user && user.authenticated?(password)
  end

  def authenticated?(password)
    encrypt(password, self.salt) == self.encrypted_password
  end

  def encrypt(password, salt)
    Digest::SHA1.hexdigest(password+salt)
  end
end
```

Why does this depend on ActiveRecord?

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end
```

The spec is already complex.

```
describe User do
  # ... a couple hundred lines of specs ...
  describe ".authenticate" do
    let!(:user) do
      create :user, :email => "bkeepers", :password => "testing"
    end
    it "returns user with case insensitive username" do
      User.authenticate('BKeepers', 'testing').should == @user
    end
    it "returns nil with incorrect password" do
      User.authenticate("bkeepers", "wrong").should be_nil
    end
    it "returns nil with unknown username" do
      User.authenticate('foobar@foobar.com', 'testing').should be_nil
    end
  end
end
# ... a couple hundred more lines of specs ...
```

Create objects to **model** the domain

```
class SessionsController < ApplicationController
  def create
    user = PasswordAuthentication.new(params[:username],
                                     params[:password]).user

    if user
      self.current_user = user
      redirect_to root_path, success: 'You are signed in!'
    else
      render :new, warning: 'Wrong username or password.'
    end
  end
end
```

Plain ol' Ruby class

```
class PasswordAuthentication
  def initialize(username, password)
    @username = username
    @password = password
  end

  def user
  end
end
```

```
require 'spec_helper'
```

```
describe PasswordAuthentication do
```

```
  describe 'user' do
```

```
    context 'with a valid username & password'
```

```
    context 'with an unknown username'
```

```
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```

```
  end
```

```
end
```

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describe PasswordAuthentication do
  describe 'user' do
    let!(:user) do
      create :user, :username => 'bkeepers',
                  :password => 'testing'
    end

    context 'with a valid username & password' do
      subject do
        PasswordAuthentication.new(user.username, 'testing')
      end

      it 'returns the user' do
        subject.user.should == user
      end
    end
  end
end
```

```
class PasswordAuthentication
  def initialize(username, password)
    @username = username
    @password = password
  end

  def user
    User.find_by_username(@username)
  end
end
```

```
context 'with an unknown username' do
  subject do
    PasswordAuthentication.new('unknown', 'testing')
  end

  it 'returns nil' do
    subject.user.should be_nil
  end
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```

No changes necessary

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class PasswordAuthentication
  def initialize(username, password)
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describe PasswordAuthentication do
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    context 'with an incorrect password' do
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      end

      it 'returns nil' do
        subject.user.should be_nil
      end
    end
  end
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end
```

```
class PasswordAuthentication
  # ...
  def user
    user = User.find_by_username(@username)
    user if user && authenticated?(user)
  end

  private

  def authenticated?(user)
    encrypt(@password, user.password_salt) ==
      user.encrypted_password
  end

  def encrypt(password, salt)
    Digest::SHA1.hexdigest(password+salt)
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describe PasswordAuthentication do
  describe 'user' do
    let!(:user) do
      create :user, :username => 'bkeepers',
                  :password => 'testing'

      # hits the DB :(
    end

    # ...
  end
end
```

```
describe PasswordAuthentication do
  describe 'user' do
    let!(:user) do
      double :user,
        :username => 'bkeepers',
        :encrypted_password => '...',
        :password_salt => '...'
    end

    before do
      User.stub(:find_by_username).
        with(user.username).
        and_return(user)
    end
  end
end
```

```
context 'with an unknown username' do
  before do
    User.should_receive(:find_by_username).
      with('unknown').
      and_return(nil)
  end

  subject do
    PasswordAuthentication.new('unknown', 'testing')
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POSITIVE FEEDBACK LOOP

Unit tests help us isolate our code and reduce coupling to frameworks, which makes our tests faster.

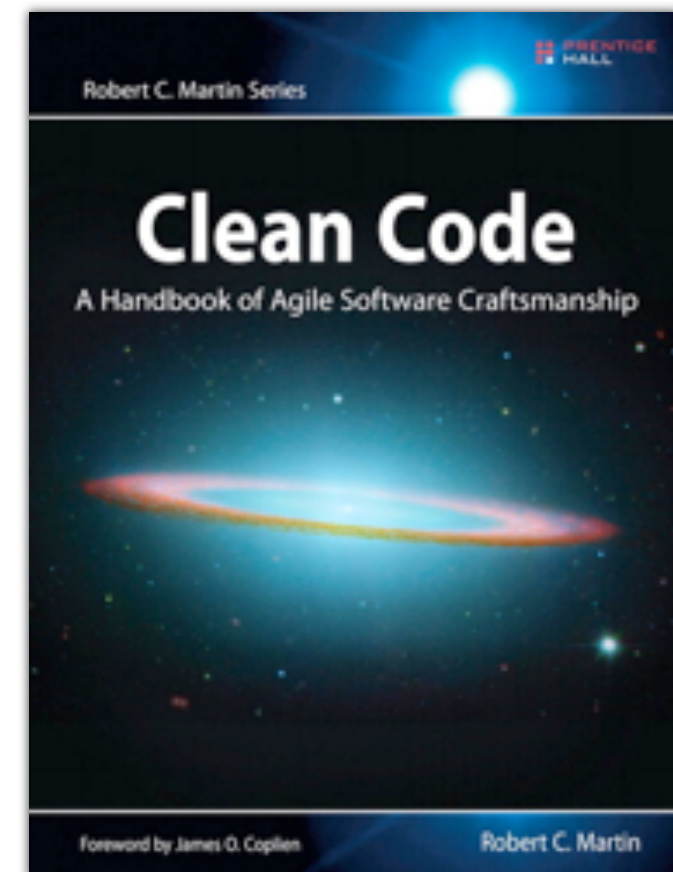
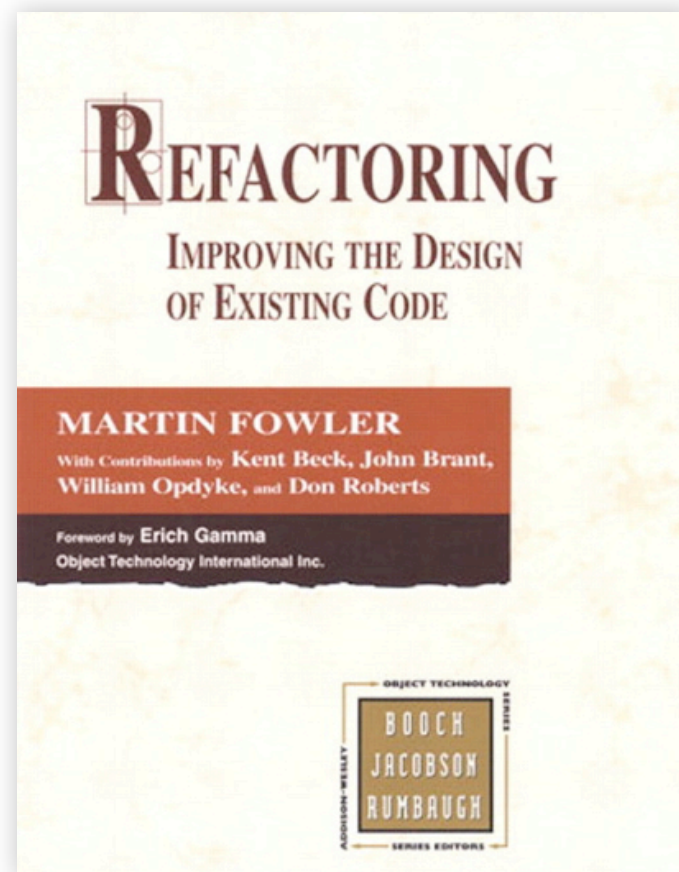
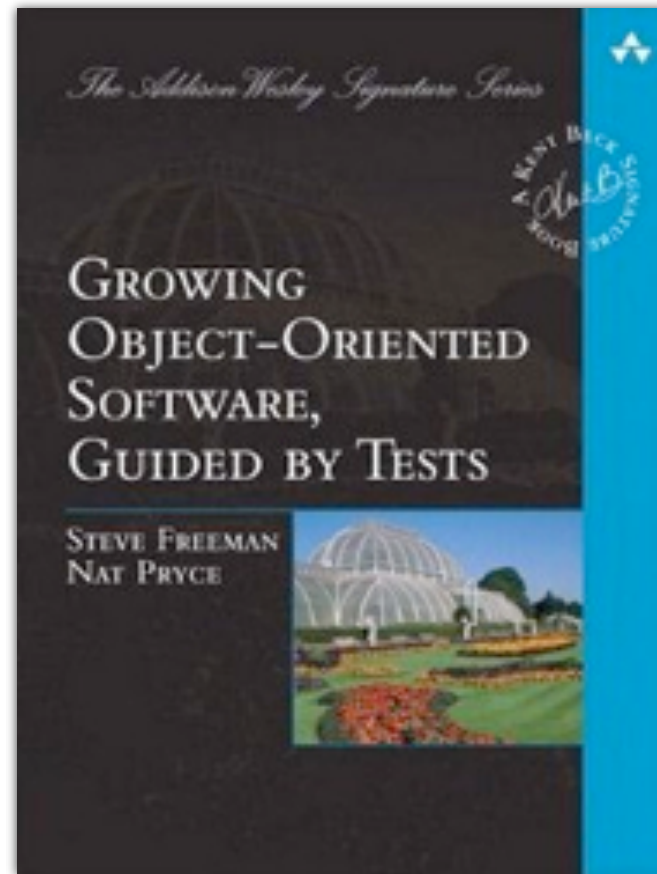
Before we part ways

EPILOGUE

“Writing clean code requires the disciplined use of a myriad little techniques applied through a painstakingly acquired sense of ‘cleanliness.’”

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Clean Code

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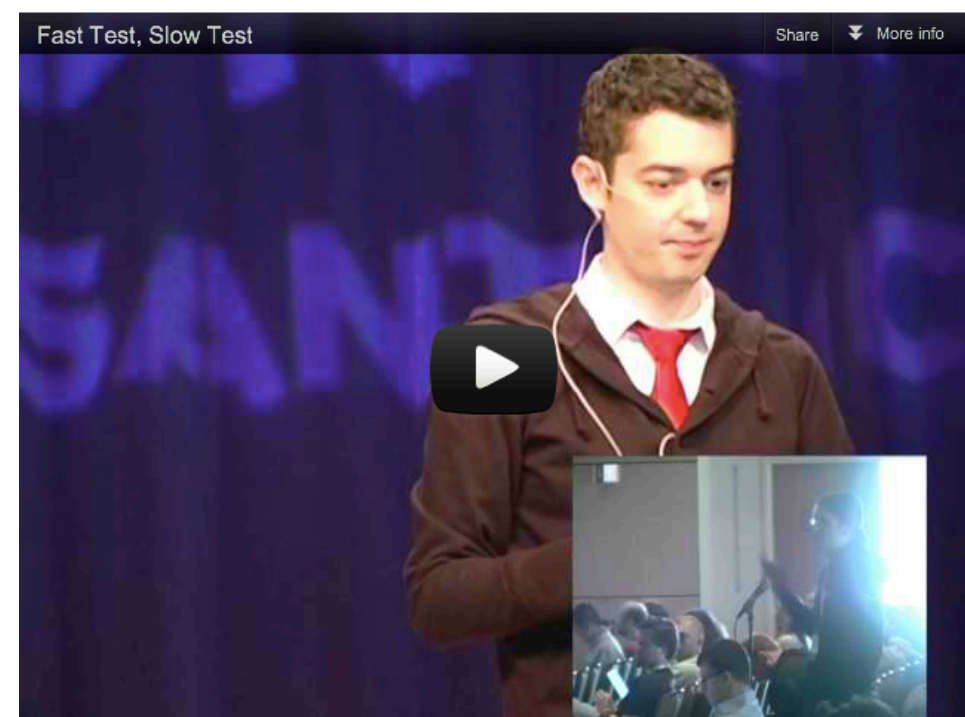


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QUESTIONS?

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