

Objectives

- Project: Do-over Preliminary Implementation Demo
- Design discussion – Assignment 10, Assignment 11

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PRELIMINARY IMPLEMENTATION – DO OVER

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Plan Through Dec 18?

- Final Implementation
 - Team deadline?
 - Decision on 3 extensions?
- “Post-mortem Analysis” – Due Dec 18, 5 p.m.
 - Overview
 - Planning
 - Status/Details
 - Conclusions
 - Collaboration
 - Future Work

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ASSIGNMENT 10 DISCUSSION

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Observations

- Many similar critiques, solutions
 - Lack of comments
 - Long methods
 - Extract method
 - Difficult to test!
 - Easier with extracted methods
- Many variations on designs
 - Even though a small project/assignment, there are lots of design decisions!

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Excerpts from Good Critiques

- The majority of the bin-fitting process was handled inside the main method. This probably made the code easy to write, but is disadvantageous for a number of reasons:
 - Readability: ...
 - Maintainability: ...
 - Testing: *unit testing does not break down into small pieces to test*. There is just one big main method
 - Debugging: ...

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Excerpts from Good Critiques

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public Disk(int id) {
    this();
    myId = id;
}
```



```
public Disk() {
    myId = idCount++;
}
```

- Added a static field "ID" to track the ID of a disk rather than wasting the extra code lines of having an extra constructor to specify the ID and forcing [others to] track the IDs of the disks it is creating...

What are the tradeoffs to this approach?

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- The downside of this approach is that we can't directly specify what we want the ID of a disk to be. On the other hand, it is a much more direct and efficient way to ensure that we are always getting a *unique set* of IDs for a set of disks.

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```
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    System.out.println("worst-fit decreasing method");
    System.out.println("number of pq used: " + pq.size());
    while (!pq.isEmpty()) {
        System.out.println(pq.poll());
    }
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}
```

What is the issue? Why is it a problem?

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Unexpected side effect of method
Symptom of a poorly designed API

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Excerpts from Good Critiques

- I thought about how this *program is likely to change*. Right now we have two different methods to fit files onto disks; however, these two are certainly not the only two methods, and in the future *perhaps we will want to use other methods* in the Bins class. For this reason, I decided to make the fitFilesToDisk method abstract in the Bins class and to make a WorstFit class that inherits from the Bin class....

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Excerpts from Good Code Critiques

- After looking back over the code and the changes I've made, I think there will *almost always be more changes possible*. For example, the code for the different heuristic types could be extracted to a separate class that's [sic] *only job* is to define the heuristics.
- Also, the Disk class could be changed to accommodate any type of storage media, not just DVDs.

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Testing Conundrum

```
@Test
public void TestWorstFit(){
    List<Integer> results = Bins.readData("data/
example.txt");
    Method t = Bins.worstFit(results, "test fill");
    assertEquals(t.getName(), "test fill");
    assertEquals(t.getTotal(), 1950000);
    PriorityQueue<Disk> pq = t.getPq();
    assertEquals(pq.poll().toString(), "2\t850000:\t
150000");
    assertEquals(pq.poll().toString(), "0\t100000:\t
700000 200000");
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What is an issue in this code?

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Rule of Thumb: when you're having trouble testing, refactor to make it easier to test.

Problem: Difficult to test, relies on formatted String
Fix: Add better equals method for Disk

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Comparing APIs

```
/** @param arg file name
 * @return String list of file sizes from text file
 */
public static List<Integer> readData(String arg)
```

```
/** @param arg Scanner that reads data from a text file
 * @return String list of file sizes from text file
 */
public static List<Integer> readData(Scanner arg)
```

- Which API would you prefer to use as a user?

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Static, Static, Static?

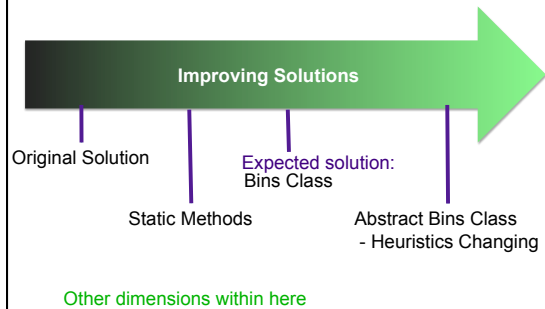
- Some of your refactored classes had all static methods
- What are the tradeoffs of having a class with all static methods versus creating a class that can be instantiated?

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Reviewing Refactoring: Bins



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Course Evaluations

- On Sakai
 - Anonymous → I'll see a submission number
 - At the end, it says "Submit for Grading", but you won't be graded
 - Won't be viewed until after grades submitted
- Let me know if anything doesn't work, and we'll switch to paper
- Two evaluations:
 - "Course Evaluation"
 - "Supplemental Evaluation"—Specific to this course and improving for next time
- "Rationale" box is for comments related to the question
- Incentive: all four complete both surveys: 5% off the total points possible for the assignments grade

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