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Task: Who are you?

- Get in touch with your seat neighbor
 - ▶ Who is he?
 - What is his background?
 - What does he expect to learn here?
- 2 minutes time
- Introduce your neighbor to the audience

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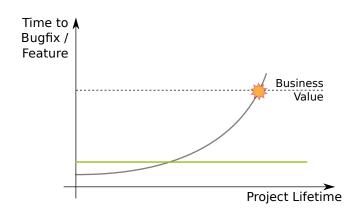
Part I

Testing





Why Test?



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Outline

Types

Unit tests

Example

Ways of testing

- Automatic vs. manual
- ► Developer vs. tester
- Internal vs. external
- Back end vs. front end
- Code vs. appearance
- Functional vs. non-functional
- ► Dynamic vs. static

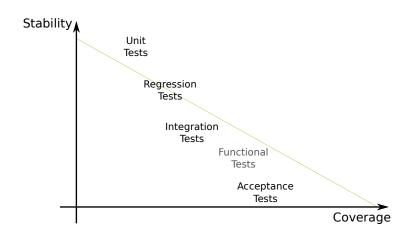
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Test methods

- Unit tests
- Integration tests
- Regression tests
- Acceptance tests

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Types

Unit tests

Example



Unit tests

- Purpose
 - Validate functionality
 - Test a single unit of code
 - Avoid regressions
- Applications
 - Verify interfaces (public API)
 - Test bugs dedicatedly
- Benefits
 - Force code modularization
 - Ensures backwards compability
 - Migrate safely

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Test Driven Development (TDD)

- Test Driven Development
 - 1) Write (& document) interfaces
 - 2) Write tests
 - 3) Write implementation
- Benefits
 - A lot less defects in code
 - Faster development after a couple of projects
 - More developer satisfaction
 - Less code

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Consequences

- Consequences of unit testing
 - Testing of units requires replacing dependencies
 - Stable well-designed API
 - Ensures backwards compability

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Example

Developing a weather service



Requirements

- Fetch weather for a city
- Relevant data:
 - Condition
 - Temperature
 - Wind
- Be service-agnostic
 - Weather service come and go
 - Data licenses may change
- Log service failures
- Make it possible to add service fallbacks later

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Class diagram

Loader

+_construct(Service, Logger)
+addFallbackService(Service)
+getWeatherForLocation(Location)

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Task: What tests do you want?

- Group with 3-4 people
- Discuss:
 - What types of tests do you have in your projects?
 - What types of tests do you desire for the future?
- 5 minutes time
- Collect the most common answers

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Part II

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Outline

Testing issues

Conclusion



The Example

```
<?php
class WeatherLoader
    public function getWeatherForLocation ( Location $location )
        $xml = $this->fetchData( $location->city );
        Logger::logDebug( 'Fetched_XML', $xml );
        return $this -> parseData( $xml ):
    protected function fetchData( $city )
        \url = sprintf('http://...?city=%s', $city);
        return $this -> fetchFromUrl( $url );
    protected function parseData( $xml )
        $weather = new Weather():
        $weather->conditions = $this->parseConditions( $xml );
        $weather->windSpeed = $this->milesToKilometers(
            $this->parseWindSpeed( $xml )
        ):
        return $weather;
    /* ... */
```

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Issue #1

```
<?php
class WeatherLoader
    public function getWeatherForLocation ( Location $location )
        $xml = $this->fetchData( $location->city );
        Logger::logDebug( 'Fetched_XML', $xml );
        return $this->parseData( $xml );
    protected function fetchData ( $city )
        \url = sprintf('http://...?city=%s', $city);
        return $this -> fetchFromUrl( $url );
    protected function parseData( $xml )
        $weather = new Weather():
        $weather->conditions = $this->parseConditions( $xml );
        $weather->windSpeed = $this->milesToKilometers(
            $this->parseWindSpeed( $xml )
        return $weather;
    /* ... */
```

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Protected to Public

```
<?php
class Weather
    public funct
                        WeatherForL
                                              Location $location )
        xml = th
                           hData (
                                         ion -> city );
        Logger::logD
                             Feto
                                           $xml );
        return $this -
    public function fetch
                                   city )
        $url = sprintf
                                     ? city=%s', $city );
        return $this -
                                      $url );
    public function
                           Data (
        $weather
                        Weather():
                      ditions = $this
        $weath
                                              Conditions ( $xml );
        $weat
                     ndSpeed = $this->
                                               Kilometers (
                    parseWindSpeed( $xm
                 weather;
    /* ... */
```

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Mocking the Subject

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Protected to Public

- Exposed functionality will be used
- Creates public API that is hard to change
- Internal dependencies might break

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The Real Issue

E_TOO_MANY_RESPONSIBILITIES





The Fix



The Fix

- Never test private/protected explicitely
- ► Test them implicitely ...
- ▶ ...or change the code

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Issue #2



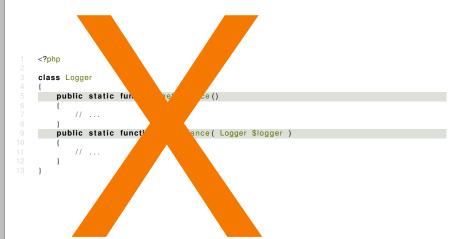
Test Code in Production

```
<?php
class Logger
    public static fun
                                      $message, $data )
    public static functi
                                  rTesting()
```





Test Code in Production - continued







The Real Issue

E_STATIC_DEPENDENCY





The Fix

```
class WeatherLoader

public function __construct(
    WeatherParser $parser

Logger $logger )

// ...

public function getWeatherForLocation ( Location $location )

{
    $data = $this->service->getWeather( $location );
    $this->logger->logDebug( 'Fetched_data', $data );
    return $this->parser->parseData( $data );
}
```

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The Fix

- Never use static access
- Always inject dependencies
- Maybe use a dependency injection container (DIC)

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Issue #3



Mocking to Mock

```
<?php
class Weather
                     Test extends PHP
                                               nework_TestCase
    public funct
                        tGetWeather.
                                        ck( 'HttpClient');
        $httpClient
                           $this-
        $httpClientMe
                                       is ->once())
                            pec
            ->method(
            /* ... */;
        $appRegistryMock
                                   >getMock( 'AppRegistry');
        $appRegistryMog
                                     $this -> once())
            ->method (
            /* ...
        $service
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                                          appRegistryMock );
        $this ->a
                        uals (
                     ->getWeather( new
                                               on () )
```

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Using Productive Code in Tests

```
<?php
class Weather
                      est extends PHP
                                              mework_TestCase
    public functi
                         GetWeather
        $httpClientN
                            $this
                                        ck( 'HttpClient');
        $httpClientMo
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             ->method(
             /* ... */;
        $appRegistry =
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        $appRegistry ->
                                      ient', $httpClientMock );
        $service =
                           ather
                                          $appRegistry );
        $this -> ass
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        );
```

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The Real Issue

 ${\sf E_REACHING_THROUGH_OBJECTS}$



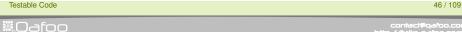
The Fix

The Fix

- ▶ Do not pull dependencies ...
- ▶ ...push them
- Do not reach through objects

Issue #4

```
<?php
class Logger
    public function __construct( $fileName )
        // ... error checks ...
        $this ->fileHandle = fopen( $fileName, 'a');
    public function logDebug( $message, $data )
        fwrite (
            $this->fileHandle,
            sprintf (
                 "%s ∟(%s) \n",
                $message,
                $data
        );
```



Accessing File System in Tests

```
<?php
                          PHPUnit_Fr
class LoggerTes
                                             _TestCase
    public function
                           gDebug
        $tmpLogFile
                                       FileName();
        $logger = new L
                                    pLogFile );
        $logger->logDebug
                                   message.', 'with_data' );
        $this -> assertE
             "Some_me
                                        )\n",
             file_ge#
                                         File )
                            nts (
        unlink (
                         File );
```

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Accessing File System in Tests

- ► No file access in unit tests (slow!)
- Maintaining temporary files sucks
 - Creating
 - Cleanup
 - System differences

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The Virtual File System

```
<?php
class LoggerT
                      nds PHPUnit_Fram
                                               estCase
    public functi
                         LogDebugSu
        vfsStream::
                             test
                                       .est') . '/message.log';
        $logFile = v
        $logger = new
                                   File );
        $logger->logDebuc
                                  Lmessage.', 'with_data');
        $this -> assert T
             vfsStream
                                       t()->hasChild( 'message.log')
        $this->asg
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             file
                        ntents ($lot
        );
```

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The Virtual File System

► Works, but ...

The Real Issue

E_HARD_SYSTEM_DEPENDENCY



The Fix



The Fix

- Abstract system dependencies . . .
- ▶ ...as low as possible

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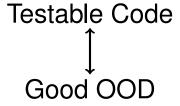
What have we seen?

- Single Responsibility Principle
- ► Open Close Principle
- Law of Demeter
- Dependency Inversion Principle

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SOLID

- S Single Responsibility Principle
- O Open / Close Principle
- L Liskov Substitution Principle
- I Interface Segregation Principle
- D Dependency Inversion Principle

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Task: Define a Component to be Designed

- Full audience
- Define a component to design
 - Not too big for today
 - Not too small to be trivial
- ▶ Ideas?

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Task: Design the Component

- Group with 3-4 people
- For the component we just defined
- Create an Object Oriented Design (OOD)
 - Name classes
 - Method stubs
 - Draw fancy pictures
- Pay attention to
 - SOLID
 - Law of Demeter
 - Testability

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Part III

Metrics

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Outline

What are metrics?

Classic software metrics

Object oriented software metrics

Conclusion



Software metrics

- A software metrics is a measure for a quality aspect of object oriented software
 - "A software metric is a measure of some property of a piece of software or its specifications" (Wikipedia)
 - "You cannot control what you cannot measure." (Tom DeMarco)
 - Has been relativized by now.

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Scale metrics

- Sums over software artifacts
 - Lines Of *

LOC Lines Of Code
ELOC Executable Lines Of Code
CLOC Comment Lines Of Code
NCLOC Non-Comment Lines Of Code

Number Of *

NOC Number Of Classes NOM Number Of Methods NOP Number Of Packages

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Lines Of *, Number Of *

```
1  <?php
namespace foo\bar;
3
abstract class FooBar {
    abstract function bar();
}

class Foo extends FooBar {
    /* Does this ... */
    public function bar() {}
    /* Does that ... */
    public function baz() {}
}

class Bar extends Foo {
    public function foo(Foo $f) {}
}</pre>
```

```
Lines Of *

LOC 16

ELOC 3

CLOC 2

NCLOC 14
```

Number Of *

NOC 3

NOM 4

NOP 1

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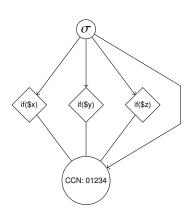
Complexity metrics

- Control structures are the key point to complexity
 - ▶ if, elseif, for, while, foreach, catch, case, xor, and, or, &&, ||, ?:
- Cyclomatic Complexity (CCN)
 - Number of branches
- NPath Complexity
 - Number of execution paths
 - Minds the structure of blocks

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Cyclomatic Complexity

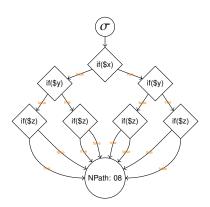


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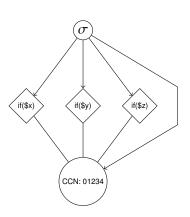
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NPath Complexity

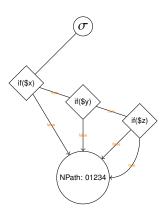




Cyclomatic Complexity



NPath Complexity







Sensible limits

- Numbers do not tell anything by themselves
- ► To judge you need limiting values
 - Cyclomatic Complexity
 - ▶ 1-4: low, 5-7: medium, 8-10: high, 11+: hell
 - NPath Complexity
 - ▶ 200: critical mass
- Limiting values are at your discretion

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Combine metrics

Combined metrics allow deep insight in complex products

- ► LOC: 300; CCN: 42; NOC: 5; NOM: 15
 - ► CCN / LOC = 0,14
 - Every sixth line is a control structure
 - ► LOC / NOC = 60
 - Procedural code or big classes
 - ▶ LOC / NOM = 20
 - Big methods or procedural code
 - CCN / NOM = 2,8
 - Highly complex methods

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Combine metrics: CRAP

Is your code CRAP?

$$CRAP(m) = \begin{cases} ccn(m)^2 + ccn(m), & \text{if } cov(m) = 0\\ ccn(m), & \text{if } cov(m) \ge .95\\ ccn(m)^2 * (1 - cov(m))^3 + ccn(m), & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

Change Risk Anti Patterns

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Task: Analyze your source with PDepend

- Group with 3-4 people
- Install PDepend
 - http://pdepend.org/
- Analyze your code
 - What are the top / bottom methods?
 - Did you expect the complexity?
 - How could you attempt to solve it?
- ► How to?
 - \$ pdepend --summary=summary.xml srcDir/
 - Helpful script: http://stuff.qafoo.com/pListTop.txt

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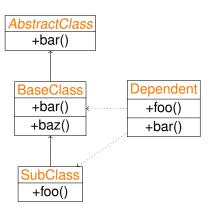
Chidamber & Kemerer

- A Metrics Suite for Object Oriented Design
 - Weighted Methods per Class (WMC)
 - Sum of method complexities
 - Limiting value: 20 50
 - Number Of Children (NOC)
 - Number of class extension
 - Indicator for wrong use of abstraction / inheritance
 - Depth of Inheritance Tree (DIT)
 - Inheritance can increase software complexity
 - Limiting value: ≤ 5
 - Commonly limited at component boundary

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Object oriented software metrics



► AbstractClass

WMC 0

▶ BaseClass

WMC 2 DIT 1

DII

SubClass

WMC 1

DIT 2

Dependent

WMC 2

DIT 0

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Coupling

- Excessive coupling is one of the key problems in modern Object-Oriented Softaresystems
- So what kinds of dependencies do we know?
 - Artifacts that utilize other artifacts (outgoing dependency)
 - Artifacts that are used by other parts of the system (incoming dependency)
 - Poorly designed artifacts do both excessively
- Dependencies between artifacts are established by:
 - Object instantiations
 - Static method calls
 - Method parameters
 - Thrown and catched exceptions

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Coupling

- Coupling Between Objects (CBO)
 - Describes the number of outgoing dependencies
 - Introduced in Chidamber's & Kemerer's Metrics Suite for OOD
 - Limiting value: ≤ 14
 - Classes and interfaces within the same inheritance hierarchy are no dependencies
 - Software artifacts with high coupling tend to be error-prone
 - ► This metric is also known as Efferent Coupling (C_E)
 - Because UncleBob has used that name in his Design Quality Metrics paper

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Coupling

- ▶ Afferent Coupling (C_A)
 - Describes the number of incoming dependencies
 - High afferent coupling indicates code reuse
 - But also implies requires stable and well defined APIs
 - Classes and interfaces within the same inheritance hierarchy are no dependencies

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Instability

- What other coupling based quality aspects can we measure?
- Idea:
 - A component becomes more error-prone the higher the coupling to other objects is
 - We can say, the component reacts more and more instable to external changes
 - A component with a high afferent coupling has a greater impact
 - We can say, the component is responsible for the entire systems stability
- A new metric, which is an indicator for the component's responsibility in the entire system
 - Instability:

$$I = Efferent/(Efferent + Afferent)$$

► The range of this metric is [0,1]

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Abstractness

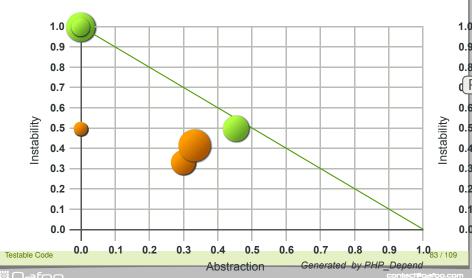
- Define a formula for abstractness:
 - Abstractness:

$$A = Abstracts/(Abstracts + Concretes)$$

- The range of this metric is [0,1]
- What stability could we expect for an abstract class or an interface?
 - An instability of 0, because something totally abstract describes normally an API (no outgoing dependencies)
- On the other hand we have a 100% concrete component, what stability can we expect here?
 - Here we can expect an instability of nearly 1 (no incoming dependencies)
- This means that there is an expected relation between the instability of a component and its abstraction

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Abstractness & Instability





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CodeRank

- ▶ Based on Googles PageRankTM
- Maps software to a graph
 - A node (π) for each software artifact
 - ► Package, Class, Method
 - An edge (ρ) for each relation
 - Inheritance, Call, Parameter, Exceptions
- CodeRank:

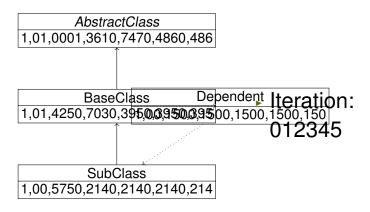
$$CR(\pi_i) = \sum_r r((1-d) + d\sum_r r(CR(\pi_r)/\rho_r))$$

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CodeRank



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CodeRank

- Incorporates indirect dependencies
- ► Locates elements with high effect on the whole system
- Reverse CodeRank:
 - Shows dependent components

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Metrics are ...

- ... no magic, but simple measured values
- ... useless without limiting values
- ... scalable grow with project growth
- ... reproducible and automatable
- ... objective since calculated by software
- ... highly interpretable interpretation depends on viewer

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Task: Code Review

- ▶ Give us some code
- Don't be shy

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Part IV

Refactoring

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Refactoring

- Code refactoring is the "disciplined technique for restructuring an existing body of code, altering its internal structure without changing its external behavior"
 - Change code, but do not break it
 - (Functional) tests are really, really useful during refactoring.
- Goals
 - Increase maintainability (reduce complexity)
 - Increase testability
 - Increase re-usability

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Common techniques

- Rename method
 - Readability / maintainability
- Extract method
 - Move reused code into its own methods
 - Reduces complexity
- Extract class
 - Move code segments into its own class / implementation
 - ► See: Separation of Concerns, Interface Segregation Principle
- Extract module / component
 - Make code reusable across projects
 - See: Separation of Concerns, Interface Segregation Principle, Open Closed Principle

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static

- static is the single most pressing issue when it comes to testability
 - static access
 - Registries
 - Singletons

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The Problem

static access is the problem, not static methods.

- ► Most common use cases:
 - Logging
 - Configuration access
 - Cache access
 - Data storage access

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Locating the evil

► Shell

```
ack-grep --php '[A-Za-z0-9_]+::' | \
sed -e 's/.*[^A-Za-z0-9_]\([A-Za-z0-9_]\+\)::.*/\1/' | \
sort | uniq -c | sort -nr
```

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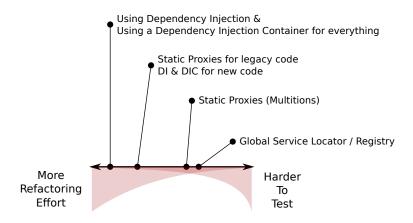
Push vs. Pull

- Pushing dependencies
 - The dependencies are provided during object construction
 - Legacy code might implicitely create objects, though.
- Pulling dependencies
 - Requesting global variable / Singleton
 - Requesting from a Single Type Container
 - Replacing dependencies is possible
 - Requesting from a Multiple Type Container (Service Locator)
 - Implicit dependency on the full system
 - Containers may be injected or accessed statically

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Refactoring Approaches



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Dependency Injection

- All dependencies are provided through constructor or setter injection
- No object construction except in the Dependency Injection Container (DIC)
 - Except for value objects and exceptions
- Bootstrap requests objects from DIC
 - ► The DIC is not passed to any class
 - Maybe except controllers

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Dependency Injection - Summary

- Benefits
 - Simple and effective Unit Testing
 - Exposes S.O.L.I.D. violations
- Drawbacks
 - Designing proxies for legacy code is a lot of work
 - Refactoring all code to use dynamic access is a lot of work
 - Solving S.O.L.I.D. violations is additional work

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Static Proxies

- Wrap code into static proxies with replacement option
- Class names of static calls must be adapted
- Optionally exchange used code in tests

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Static Proxies – Base Class

```
trait Proxy {
    use Singleton:
    protected static $target;
    final public static function getTarget()
        return isset ( static :: $target )
            ? static :: $target
            : static :: $target = static :: getDefaultInstance();
    protected static function getDefaultInstance()
        throw new \RuntimeException( "No_default_target_specified." );
    final public static function setTarget ( $target )
        static:: $target = $target;
    public static function __callStatic( $method, array $parameters )
        return call_user_func_array( array( self::getTarget(), $method ), $parameters );
```

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Static Proxies – Extensions

```
class DebugProxy {
    use Proxy;

protected static function getDefaultInstance() {
    return Debug::getInstance();
}

// Optionally define methods explicitely and proxy calls to make
    // mocking more obvious.
}

// Debug::log( "Hello World!" );
// changes to:
DebugProxy::log( "Hello_World!" );
```

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Static Proxies – Summary

- Benefits
 - Somehow testable, with dedicated replacements
 - Dependencies are still possible to extract
- Drawbacks
 - Complex test setups for proxied classes

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Global Service Locator

- One service locator to receive everything from
- Usually accessed statically

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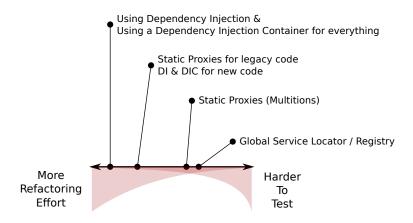
Global Service Locator - Summary

- Benefits
 - Somehow testable, but requires mocking the full system
- Drawbacks
 - Complex test setups
 - Implicit full system dependency

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Refactoring Approaches



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Summary

- All approaches suck in some way.
 - Choose wisely depending on ambitions and requirements

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Refactoring

- ► Give us some code
- ... let's look at it together.

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