Object-Oriented Design Heuristics

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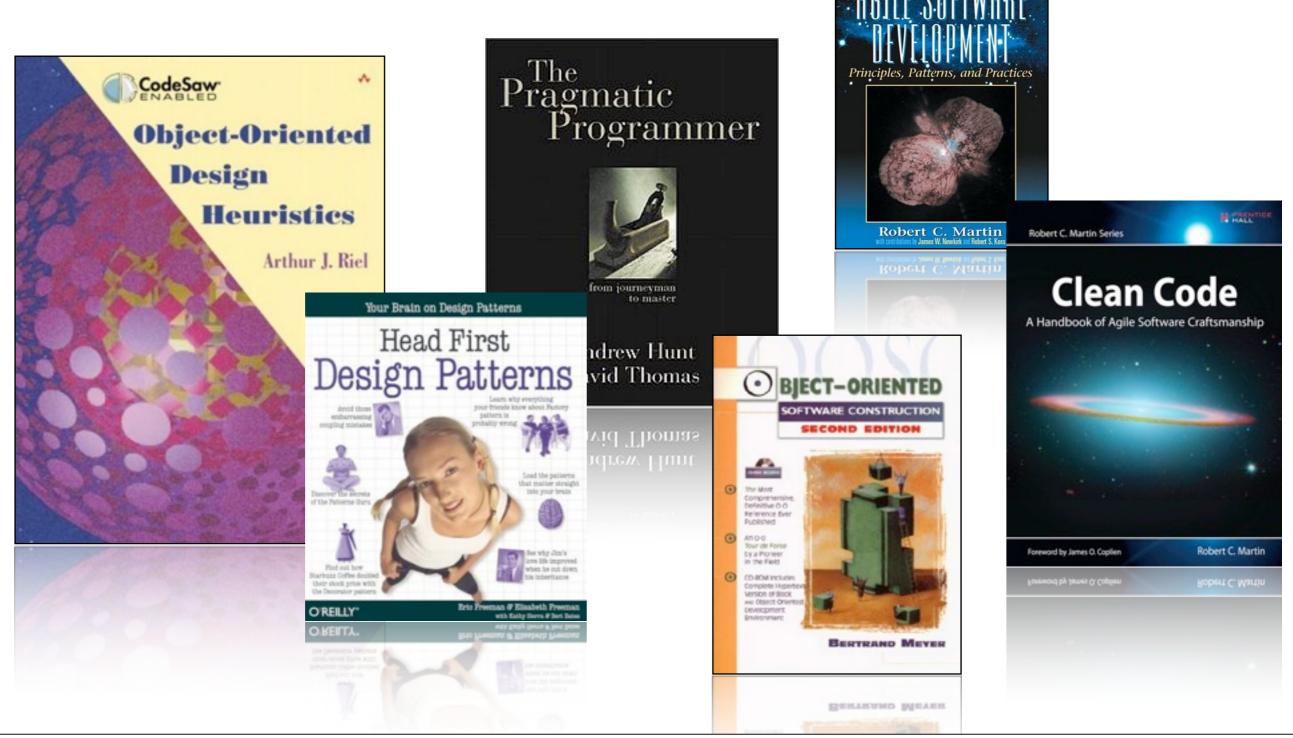
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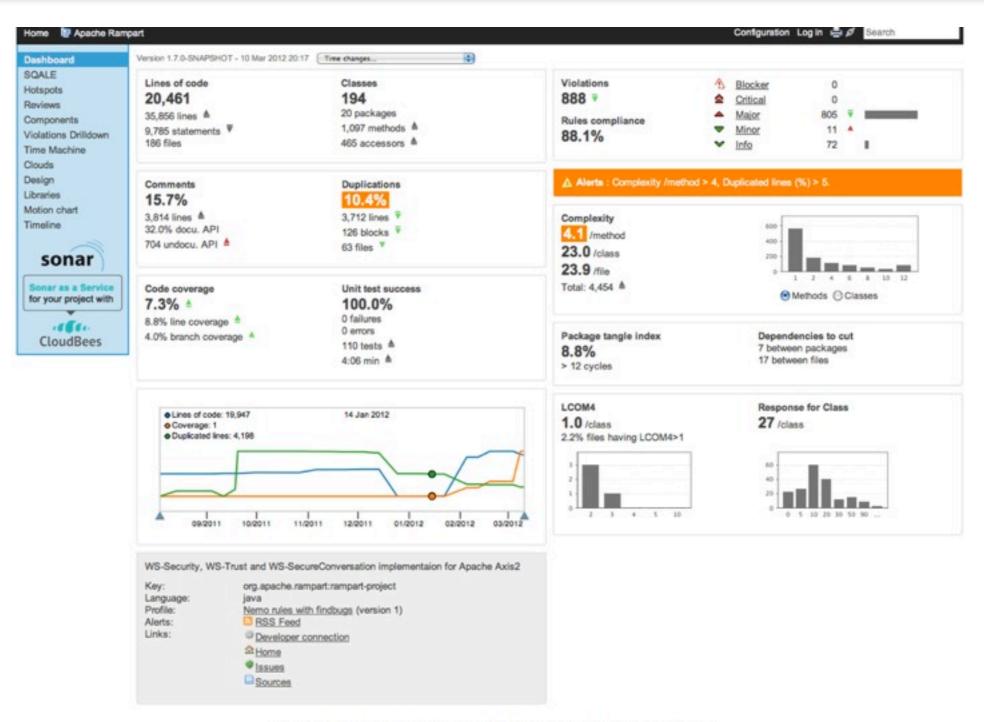


What are Design Heuristics?

- Conserved senior developer experience
- Guidelines / Rules of thumb
- Warning bells that ring when violated
- Can be checked by tools



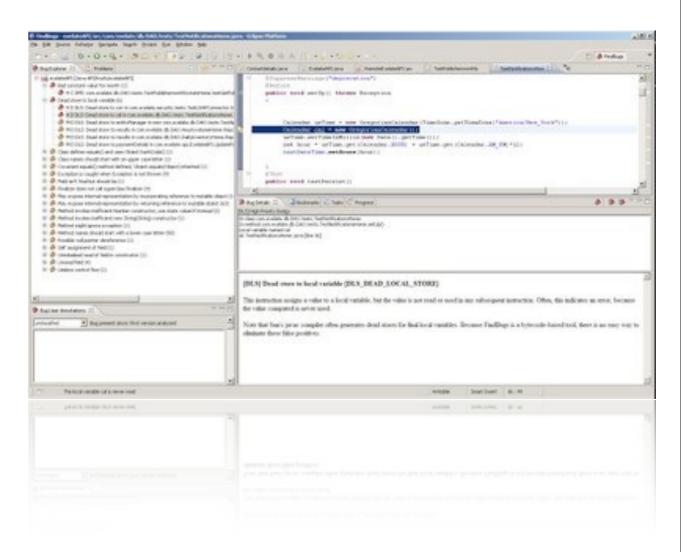
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Examples

- A class should capture one and only one key abstraction.
- Classes should not contain more objects than a developer can fit in his or her short term memory. A favorite value for this number is six.

Goals of this Lecture

- Get familiar with Riel's design heuristics
- Learn how to find real design violations in real software with common software engineering tools
- Improve the object-oriented design of an existing system



Excercise / Homework

- (a) Short (written) discussion
- (b) Trade-Offs between heuristics
- (c) Come up with (automated) detection strategies
- (d) Find design violations in the wild...
- (e) ...and re-factor them!

hand in your solutions until 21.03, giger@ifi.uzh.ch