CPS 108, Fall 2007

- **Object oriented programming and design, we'll use Java and ... (javascript, GWT, XML, TLA)**
  
  - *Language independent* concepts including design patterns, e.g., Model-View-Controller, iterator, factory, strategy, ...
  
  - *Design independent* concepts, e.g., coupling, cohesion, testing, refactoring, profiling, ...

- **Non OO programming and design, we'll use whatever is appropriate**
  
  - Could be php, javascript, python, J2EE
  
  - From classes to functions, from hashes to maps
Goals for students in Compsci 108

- Adept at solving problems requiring programming
  - Design, test, implement, release, revise, maintain

- Reasonably facile with basic Java idioms/libraries
  - How to read the API, knowing what to ignore
  - Basic language features, basic libraries

- How to find, use, extend APIs
  - When DIY is appropriate
  - Is wheel-reinvention good, bad, ugly, other?
More goals for 108 students

- **Know patterns catalog, vocabulary and use**
  - Instead of GOF, use Shalloway Trott

- **Experience working in teams**
  - How to accommodate team needs, balance against individual needs (and goals)

- **Comfort in working alone, how to get and use help**
  - Peers, UTAs, TA, prof, Internet, ...
Administrivia

- **check website and bulletin board regularly**
  - See links to bulletin board and other stuff

- **Grading (see web pages)**
  - group projects: small and large
  - mastery programs (solo or semi-solo endeavors)
  - readings and summaries
  - Tests (one in-class, one take-home)
Administrivia (continued)

- Evaluating team projects, role of TA, UTA, consultants
  - face-to-face evaluation, early feedback

- Compiling, tools, environments, Linux, Windows, Mac
  - Java 6, we’ll use features of this release
  - GWT, which is based on Java 4
  - Eclipse in all environments
  - CVS or SVN (tbd)
Lofty Goals and Real Work

- How do we make a tag cloud?
Starting: Blank Screen Phenomenon

- **What will we do first?**
  - How will we know it’s right?
  - What’s the next step?

- **How do we get help?**
  - Where do we look?
  - What do we look for?

- **What’s the next step?**
Classes: Review/Overview

- **A class encapsulates state and behavior**
  - Behavior first when designing a class
  - Information hiding: who knows state/behavior?

- **State is private; some behavior is public**
  - Private/protected helper functions
  - A class is called an *object factory*, creates lots of instances
How do classes and objects work?

● **Classes communicate and collaborate**
  - Parameters: *use-a*, send and receive
  - Containment: *has-a*, aggregate, responsible for
  - Inheritance: *is-a*, extends, specializes

● **Understanding inheritance and interfaces**
  - What is polymorphism?
  - When is polymorphism not appropriate?
  - What is an interface in Java (C++, Ruby)?
Design Criteria

*Good design comes from experience, experience comes from bad design*

Fred Brooks

- **Design with goals:**
  - ease of use
  - portability
  - ease of re-use
  - efficiency
  - first to market
  - ??????
How to code

- Coding/Implementation goals:
  - Make it run
  - Make it right
  - Make it fast
  - Make it small

- spiral design (or RAD or !waterfall or ...)
  - what’s the design methodology?
XP and Refactoring

*(See books by Kent Beck (XP) and Martin Fowler (refactoring))*

- **eXtreme Programming (XP) is an agile design process**
  - Communication: unit tests, pair programming, estimation
  - Simplicity: what is the simplest approach that works?
  - Feedback: system and clients; programs and stories
  - Courage: throw code away, dare to be great/different

- **Refactoring**
  - Change internal structure without changing observable behavior
  - Don’t worry (too much) about upfront design
  - Simplicity over flexibility (see XP)
Software Design

Modules, design, coding, refactor, XP

- Make it run, make it right, make it fast, make it small
- Do the simplest thing that can possibly work (XP)
  - Design so that refactoring is possible
  - Don’t lose sight of where you’re going, keep change in mind, but not as the driving force [it will evolve]

- Refactor: functionality doesn’t change, code does
  - Should mean that new tests aren’t written, just re-run
  - Depends on modularity of code, testing in pieces

- What’s a module in Java?
  - Could be a class, a file, a directory, a package, a jar file
  - We should, at least, use classes and packages
Design Heuristics: class/program/function

(see text by Arthur Riel)

● **Coupling**
  ➢ classes/modules are independent of each other
  ➢ goal: minimal, loose coupling
  ➢ do classes collaborate and/or communicate?

● **Cohesion**
  ➢ classes/modules capture one abstraction/model
  ➢ keep things as simple as possible, but no simpler
  ➢ goal: strong cohesion (avoid kitchen sink)

● **The open/closed principle**
  ➢ classes/programs: open to extensibility, closed to modification
Eric Raymond

- Open source evangelist
  - The Cathedral and the Bazaar
    http://www.catb.org/~esr/writings/cathedral-bazaar/
  - How to construct software
    “Good programmers know what to write. Great ones know what to rewrite (and reuse).”
- How to convince someone that guns are a good idea? Put this sign up:

- THIS HOME IS A GUN-FREE ZONE
David Parnas (ACM fellow)

I would advise students to pay more attention to the fundamental ideas rather than the latest technology. The technology will be out-of-date before they graduate. Fundamental ideas never get out of date. However, what worries me about what I just said is that some people would think of Turing machines and Goedel's theorem as fundamentals. I think those things are fundamental but they are also nearly irrelevant. I think there are fundamental design principles, for example structured programming principles, the good ideas in "Object Oriented" programming, etc.