Code Retreat Graz

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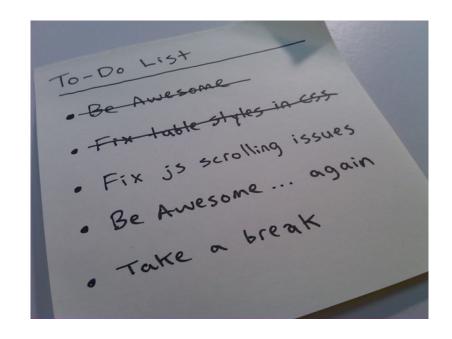
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Day Structure

- Introduction 15'
- 3 Sessions
 - coding 45'
 - retro/break 15'
- Lunch
- 3 Sessions
- Retrospective 30'



Coding Dojo Mindset

- Safe place outside work
- Mistakes are ok

We are here to learn

- Need to slow down
- Focus on doing it right



Code Retreat Principles

Learn through pairing (switch pairs)

Practice

Experiment

Have fun!



honing the craft together

Why repeat the same kata?

- de-emphasise the generation of code
- concentrate on
 - the process of writing the code
 - naming test cases
 - the Red/Green cycle

Why delete the code?

- No. Listen.
- Stop trying to go faster, start trying to go slower.
- Don't think about finishing, think about improving.
- Think about practicing. As a team.
- That's what this day is for. Nothing else.

Four Elements of Simple Design

Passes its tests

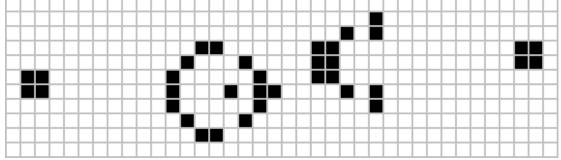
Minimizes duplication

Maximizes clarity

Has fewer elements

Conway's Game of Live

- infinite, two-dimensional grid of cells
- interacts with its eight neighbours
- at each step in time, transitions occur
- four rules for cells depending on number of live neighbours



http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Conway%27s_Game_of_Life

Rules of Cell Interaction

- Any live cell with fewer than two live neighbours dies by under-population.
- Any live cell with two or three live neighbours lives on to the next generation.
- Any live cell with more than three live neighbours dies, as if by overcrowding.
- Any dead cell with exactly three live neighbours becomes a live cell, by reproduction.

Don't Focus on Getting it Done. Focus on Doing It Perfectly.

Sessions

Our Sessions

- "Do your best"
- No Naked Primitives (e.g. int/String)
- Focus on Domain (names, biz rules)
- Ping Pong Mute
- Method does one thing (SRP/short)
- No Conditionals

Closing Circle

• What did you learn today?

What surprised you today?

• What will you do differently in the future?





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