

Refactoring

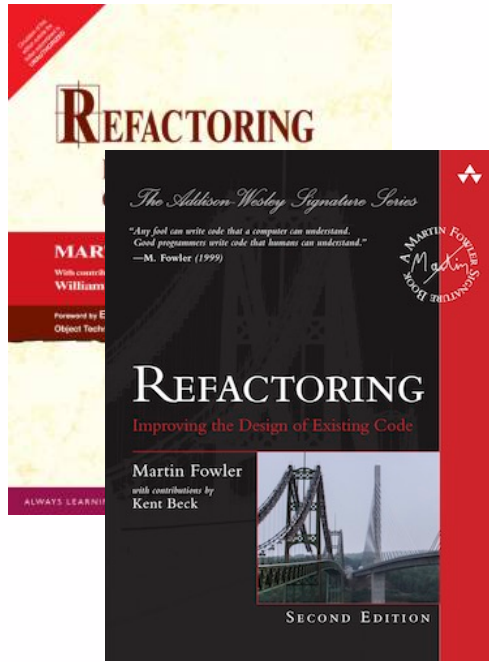
Software Evolution – L4T2

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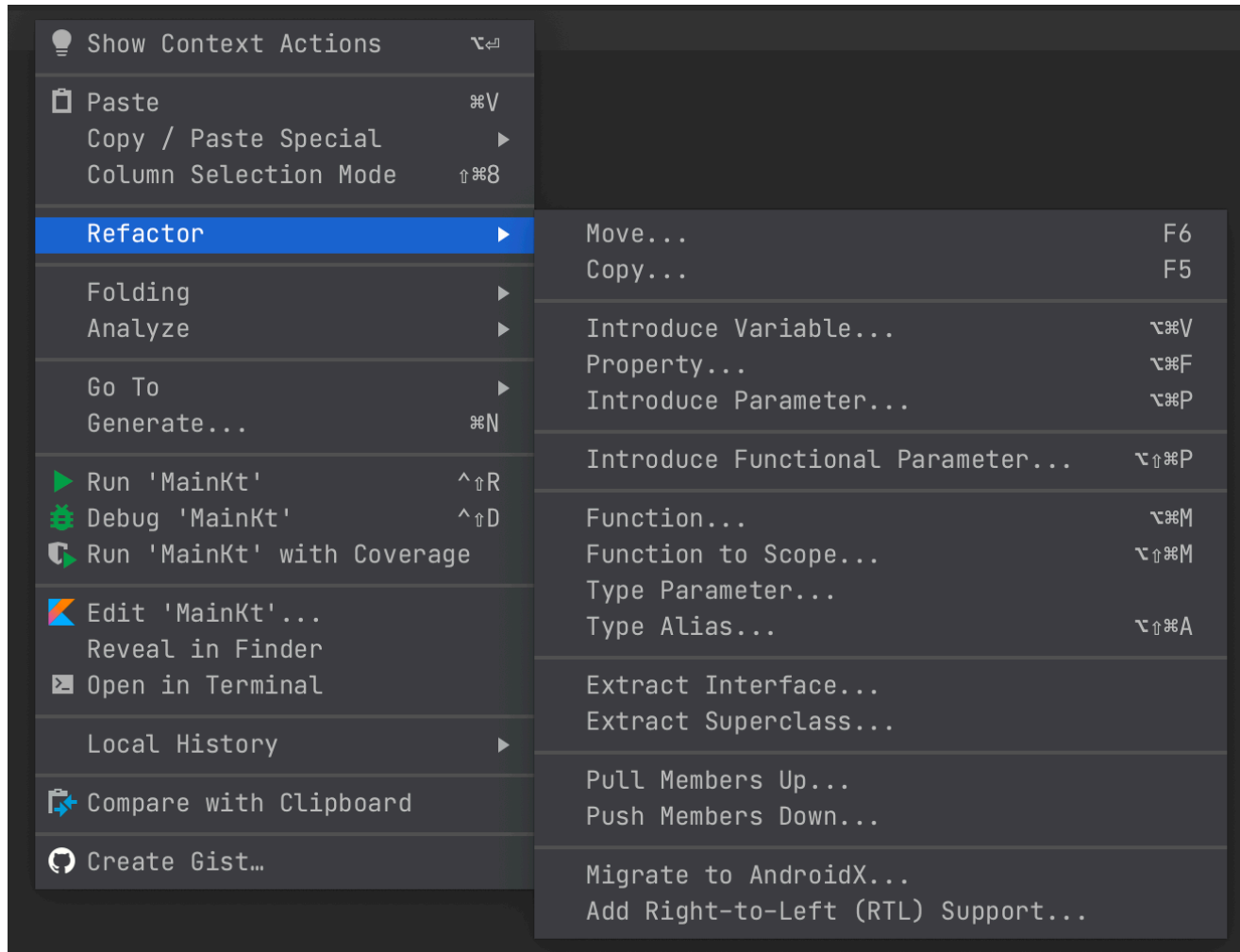
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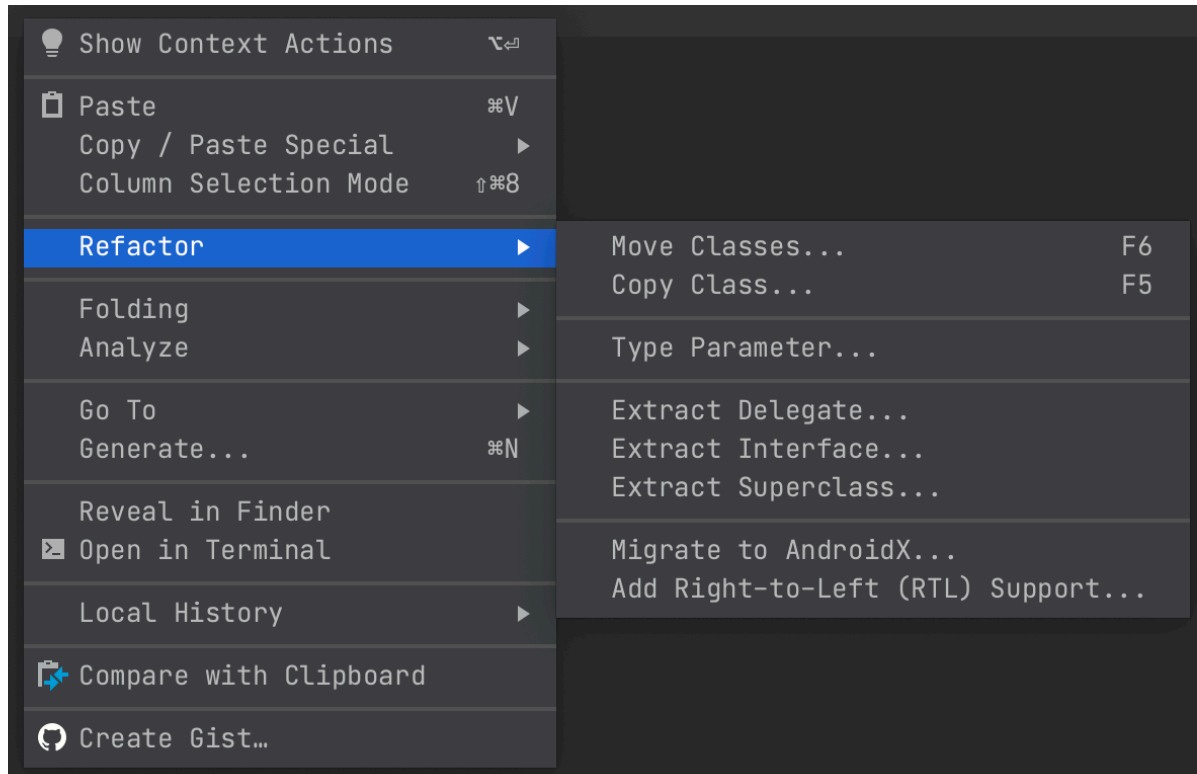


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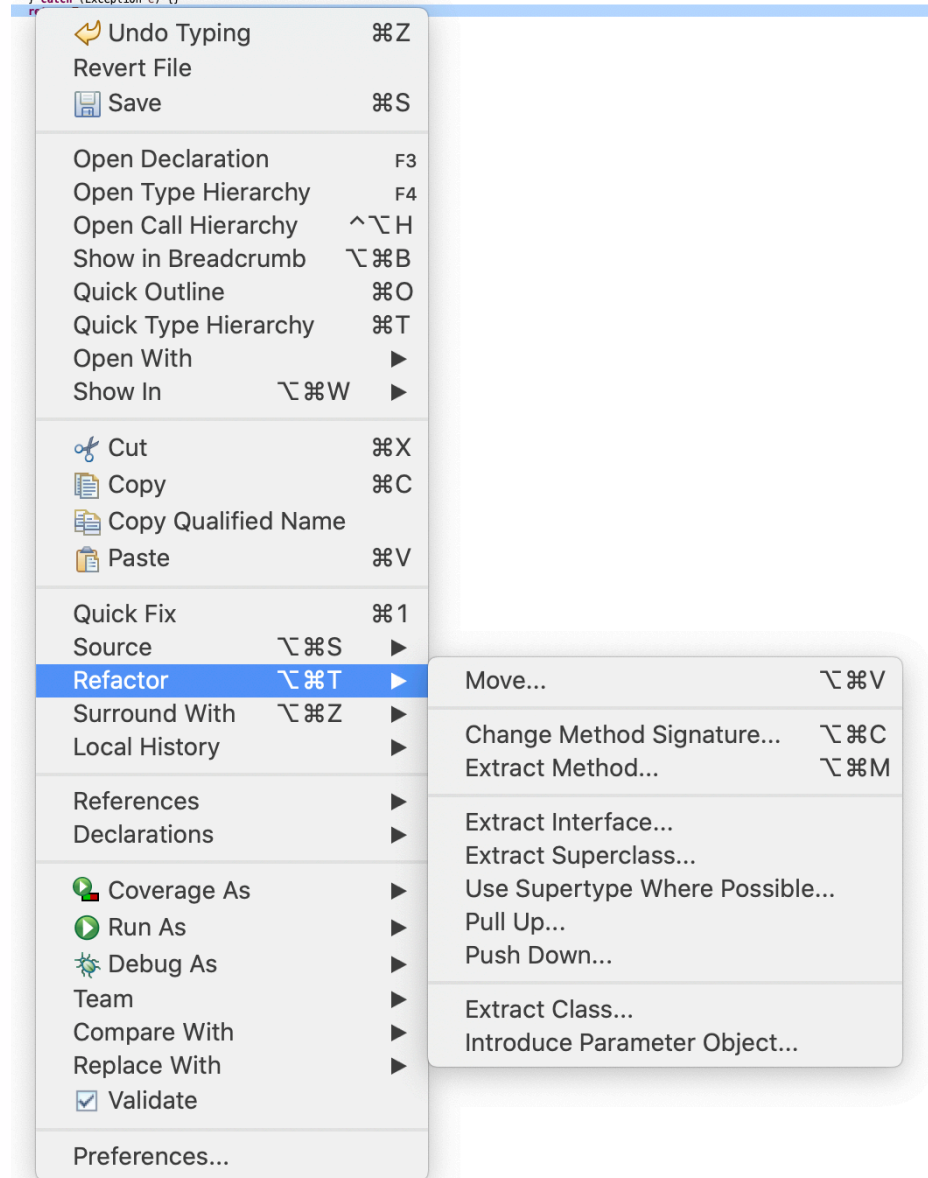
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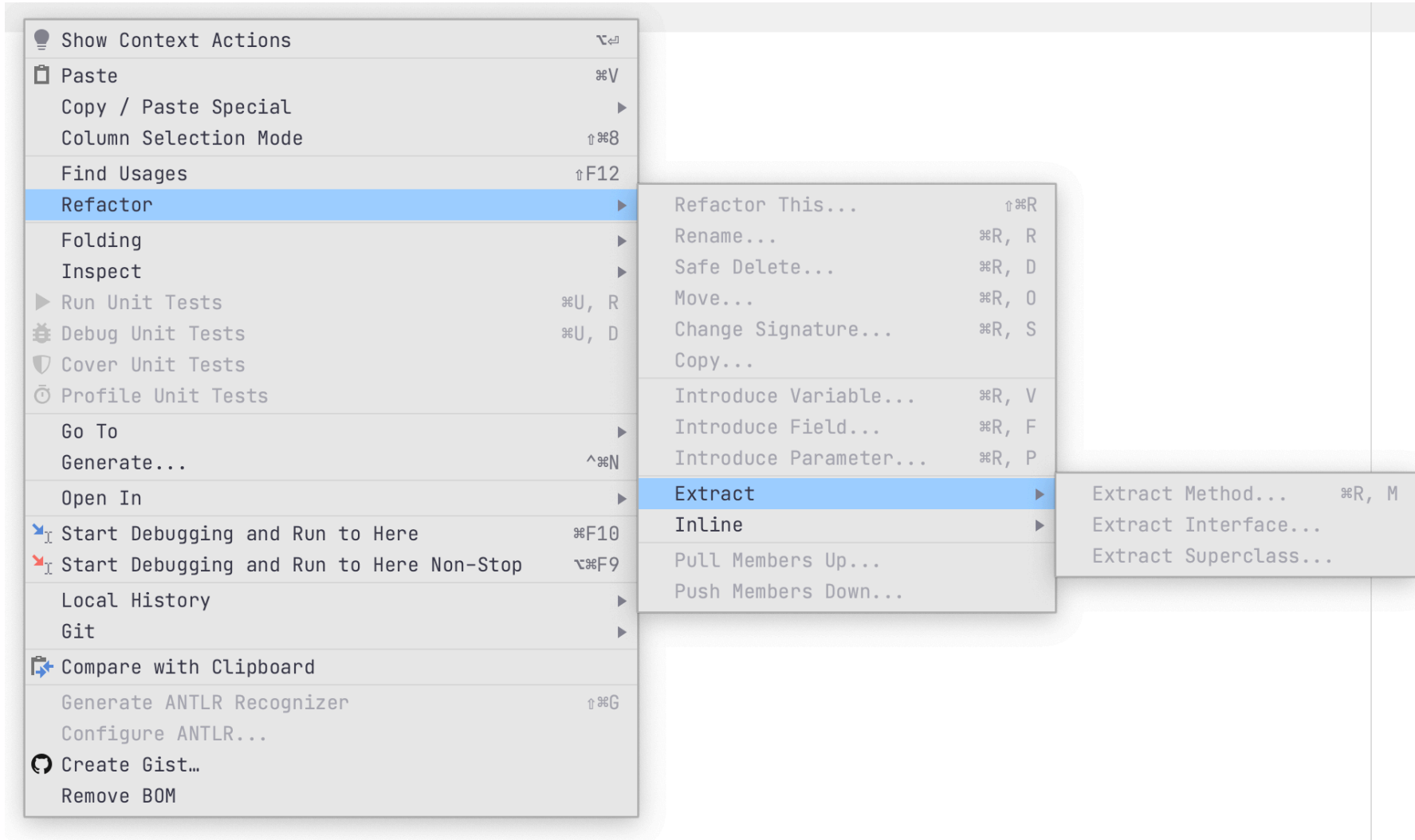
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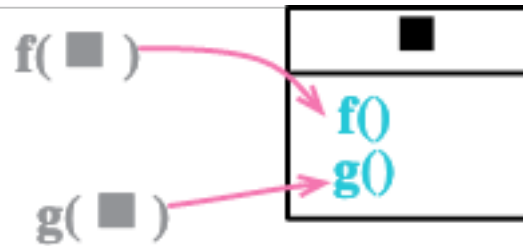


Refactoring in a Narrow Sense

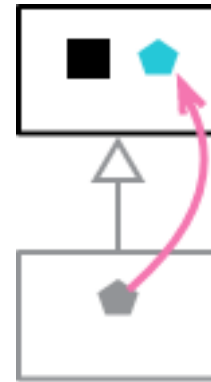
Remove Dead Code



Combine Functions into Class



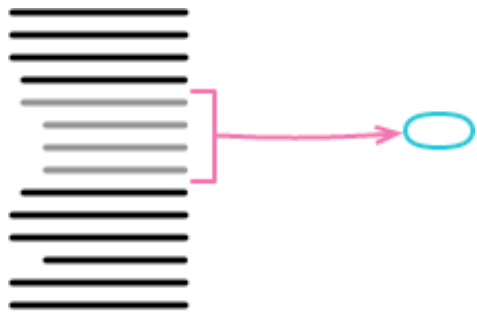
Collapse Hierarchy



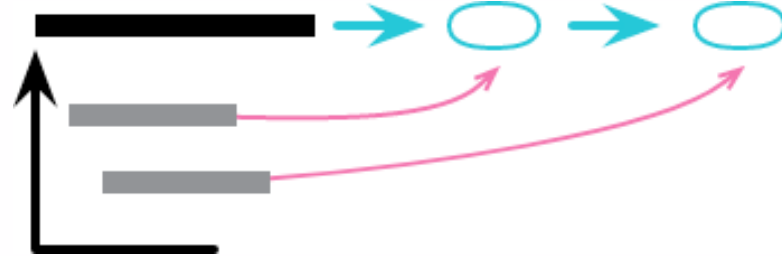
Inline Variable



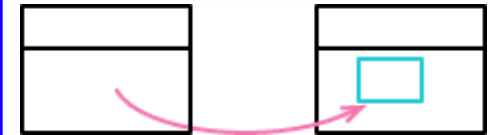
Extract Function



Replace Loop with Pipeline



Move Field



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Refactoring in a Narrow Sense



Before you start refactoring, make sure you have a solid suite of tests.



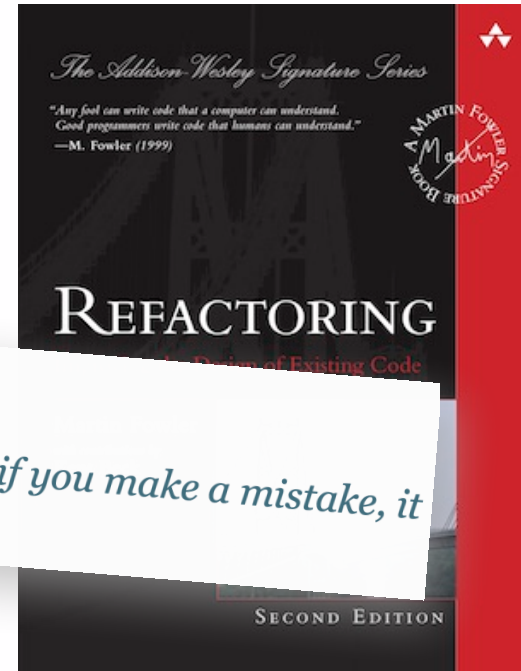
Refactoring changes the programs in small steps, so if you make a mistake, it is easy to find where the bug is.



When you have to add a feature to a program but the code is not structured in a convenient way, first refactor the program to make it easy to add the feature, then add the feature.



If someone says their code was broken for a couple of days while they are refactoring, you can be pretty sure they were not refactoring.



Refactoring in a Broad Sense

- Change the internals
 - usually for better quality
- Keep the externals
 - for interoperability
- Is not limited to code!
 - grammars
 - data
 - . . .

Conclusion

- Refactorings: in `IDE`, `narrow` sense, `broad` sense
- Some refactorings lack `any` sense
- “Refactoring” `without tests` is just changing stuff
- Q&A Sessions @ Canvas
 - \Rightarrow `v.zaytsev@utwente.nl`
 - \Rightarrow `https://discord.gg/n7VQAPNBPD`