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# **GILDING THE ROSE**

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**Terry Hughes**

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it blows my mind how popular the Gilded Rose kata is, thanks  
[@NotMyself](#) for exposing it to the world. also, laugh everytime i read the  
setup

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Terry Hughes did not create the Gilded Rose Kata. The Gilded Rose Kata is a coding exercise that was originally created by Emily Bache in 2011. It is a refactoring exercise designed to help developers practice their skills in working with legacy code. Since its creation, the kata has gained popularity and has been adapted and modified by many developers and organizations.

# Kata: Gilded Rose<sup>33</sup>

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<sup>33</sup>With thanks to Terry Hughes, who originally designed this Kata, for permission to include it here.

Hi and welcome to team Gilded Rose.  
As you know, we are a small inn with  
a prime location in a prominent city  
ran by a friendly innkeeper named  
Allison.





We also buy and sell only the finest goods. Unfortunately, our goods are constantly degrading in quality as they approach their sell by date.

We have a system in place that updates our inventory for us. It was developed by a no-nonsense type named Leeroy, who has moved on to new adventures.

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Your task is to add the new feature to our system so that we can begin selling a new category of items.



It's a trap!

First an introduction to our system:

- ❖ All items have a SellIn value which denotes the number of days we have to sell the item
- ❖ All items have a Quality value which denotes how valuable the item is
- ❖ At the end of each day our system lowers both values for every item

Pretty simple, right?



Well this is where it gets interesting:

- ❖ Once the sell by date has passed, Quality degrades twice as fast
- ❖ The Quality of an item is never negative
- ❖ “Aged Brie” actually increases in Quality the older it gets
- ❖ The Quality of an item is never more than 50

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- ❖ “Sulfuras”, being a legendary item, never has to be sold or decreases in Quality
- ❖ “Backstage passes”, like aged brie, increases in Quality as it’s SellIn value approaches; Quality increases by 2 when there are 10 days or less and by 3 when there are 5 days or less but Quality drops to 0 after the concert

We have recently signed a supplier of conjured items.  
This requires an update to our system:

- ❖ “Conjured” items degrade in Quality twice as fast as normal items

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A dark, atmospheric photograph of Stonehenge in the background, with the words "technical debt" overlaid in large white text. The scene is dimly lit, suggesting dusk or dawn, with the stone structures silhouetted against a slightly lighter sky.

technical  
neglect

A dark, atmospheric photograph of Stonehenge in England. The ancient stone structures are silhouetted against a very dark, overcast sky, creating a somber and mysterious mood. The foreground is a flat, dark field, and the overall lighting is low, emphasizing the textures and shapes of the weathered stones.





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public class GildedRose
{
    public IList<Item> Items;

    public void UpdateQuality()
    {
        for (var i = 0; i < Items.Count; i++)
        {
            if (Items[i].Name != "Aged Brie" && Items[i].Name != "Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert")
            {
                if (Items[i].Quality > 0)
                {
                    if (Items[i].Name != "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros")
                    {
                        Items[i].Quality = Items[i].Quality - 1;
                    }
                }
            }
            else
            {
                if (Items[i].Quality < 50)
                {
                    Items[i].Quality = Items[i].Quality + 1;

                    if (Items[i].Name == "Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert")
                    {
                        if (Items[i].SellIn < 11)
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public class Item
{
    public string Name { get; set; }
    public int SellIn { get; set; }
    public int Quality { get; set; }
}

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Feel free to make any changes to the `UpdateQuality` method and add any new code as long as everything still works correctly.

However, do not alter the `Item` class or `Items` property as those belong to the goblin in the corner who will insta-rage and one-shot you as he doesn't believe in shared code ownership (you can make the `UpdateQuality` method and `Items` property static if you like, we'll cover for you).

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works correctly?

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public class GildedRoseTests
{
    [Test]
    public void Example_of_existing_functionality()
    {
        var gildedRose = new GildedRose()
        {
            Items = new List<Item>
            {
                new Item {Name = "+5 Dexterity Vest", SellIn = 10, Quality = 20},
                new Item {Name = "Aged Brie", SellIn = 2, Quality = 0},
                new Item {Name = "Elixir of the Mongoose", SellIn = 5, Quality = 7},
                new Item {Name = "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros", SellIn = 0, Quality = 80},
                new Item {Name = "Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert", SellIn = 15, Quality = 20},
            }
        };

        gildedRose.UpdateQuality();

        var items = gildedRose.Items;
        Assert.AreEqual(9, items[0].SellIn);
        Assert.AreEqual(19, items[0].Quality);
        Assert.AreEqual(1, items[1].SellIn);
        Assert.AreEqual(1, items[1].Quality);
        Assert.AreEqual(4, items[2].SellIn);
        Assert.AreEqual(6, items[2].Quality);
        Assert.AreEqual(0, items[3].SellIn);
        Assert.AreEqual(80, items[3].Quality);
        Assert.AreEqual(14, items[4].SellIn);
        Assert.AreEqual(21, items[4].Quality);
    }
    ...
}
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    ...
}
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public class GildedRoseTests
{
    ...
    [Test]
    [Ignore("Not yet implemented")]
    public void Example_of_proposed_functionality()
    {
        var gildedRose = new GildedRose()
        {
            Items = new List<Item>
            {
                new Item {Name = "+5 Dexterity Vest", SellIn = 10, Quality = 20},
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                new Item {Name = "Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert", SellIn = 15, Quality = 20},
                new Item {Name = "Conjured Mana Cake", SellIn = 3, Quality = 6}
            }
        };
        gildedRose.UpdateQuality();
        var items = gildedRose.Items;
        Assert.AreEqual(2, items[5].SellIn);
        Assert.AreEqual(4, items[5].Quality);
    }
}
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# Compatibility Rule

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## Goblin Rule

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Just one more thing...



Just for clarification, an item can never have its Quality increase above 50, however “Sulfuras” is a legendary item and as such its Quality is 80 and it never alters.









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            }
        }
    }
    else
    {
        if (Items[i].Quality < 50)
        {
            Items[i].Quality = Items[i].Quality + 1;

            if (Items[i].Name == "Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert")
            {
                if (Items[i].SellIn < 11)
                {
                    if (Items[i].Quality < 50)
                    {
                        Items[i].Quality = Items[i].Quality + 1;
                    }
                }

                if (Items[i].SellIn < 6)
                {
                    if (Items[i].Quality < 50)
                    {
                        Items[i].Quality = Items[i].Quality + 1;
                    }
                }
            }
        }
    }
}

if (Items[i].Name != "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros")
{
    Items[i].SellIn = Items[i].SellIn - 1;
}

```

```

if (Items[i].SellIn < 0)
{
    if (Items[i].Name != "Aged Brie")
    {
        if (Items[i].Name != "Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert")
        {
            if (Items[i].Quality > 0)
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if (Items[i].SellIn < 0)
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}
}

```

```
for (var i = 0; i < Items.Count; i++)
{
    if (Items[i].Name != "Aged Brie" && Items[i].Name != "Backstage passes to a TAFKAL88ETC concert")
    {
        if (Items[i].Quality > 0)
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                    }
                }
            }
        }
    }
}
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if (Items[i].Name != "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros")
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}
```

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if (Items[i].SellIn < 0)
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# item[i].Quality

```
for (var i = 0; i < Items.Count; i++)
{
    if (Items[i].Name != "Aged Brie" && Items[i].Name != "Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert")
    {
        if (Items[i].Quality > 0)
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            }
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}
}
```

# item[i].Quality = ...

```

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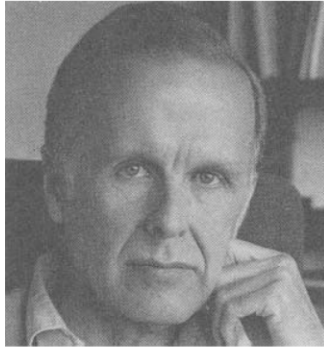
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}

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An alternative functional style of programming is founded on the use of combining forms for creating programs. Functional programs deal with structured data, are often nonrepetitive and nonrecursive, are hierarchically constructed, do not name their arguments, and do not require the complex machinery of procedure declarations to become generally applicable. Combining forms can use high level programs to build still higher level ones in a style not possible in conventional languages.

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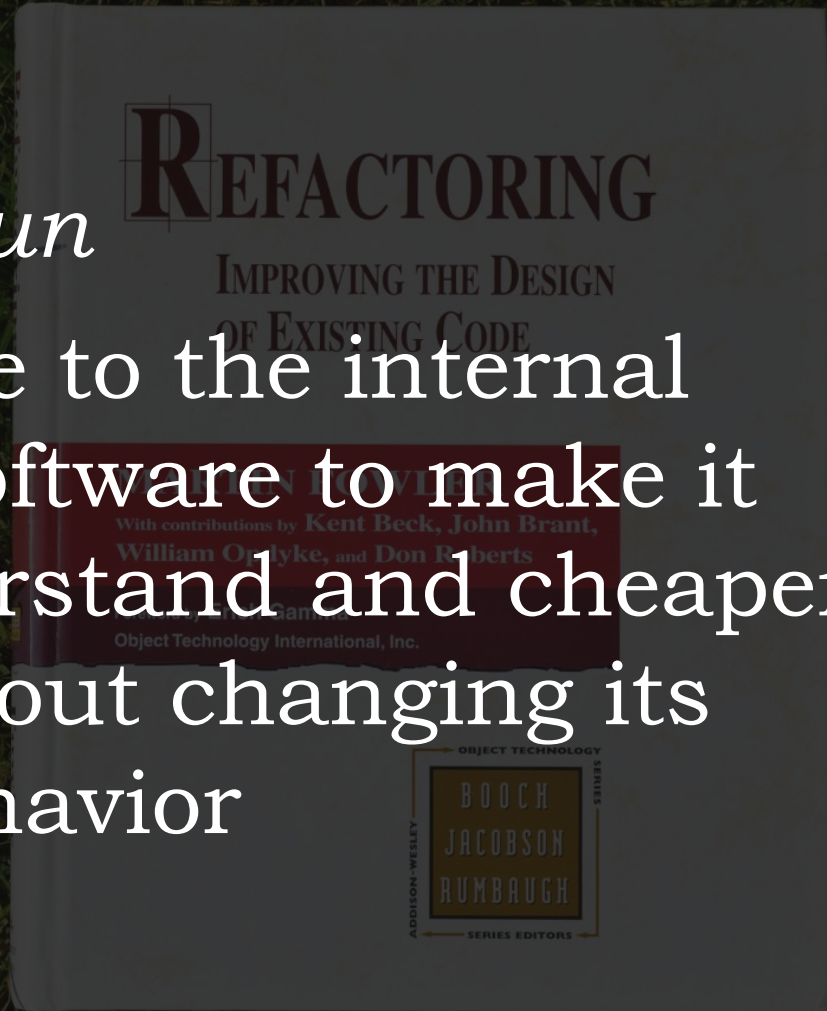
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```
namespace GildedRose_spec ...
  public class The_quality_of_a_normal_item ...
    public void decreases_by_1_every_day_before_its_sell_by_date(...)
    public void decreases_by_2_every_day_past_its_sell_by_date(...)
    public void never_decreases_below_0(...)
  public class The_quality_of_aged_brie ...
    public void increases_by_1_every_day_before_its_sell_by_date(...)
    public void increases_by_2_past_its_sell_by_date(...)
    public void never_increases_beyond_50(...)
  public class The_quality_of_backstage_passes ...
    public void increases_by_2_every_day_between_10_and_5_days_before_its_sell_by_date(...)
    public void increases_by_3_every_day_within_5_days_of_its_sell_by_date(...)
    public void drops_to_0_after_its_sell_by_date(...)
    public void never_increases_beyond_50(...)
  public class The_quality_of_sulfuras ...
    public void never_changes_and_never_has_to_be_sold(...)
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A failing test should tell you *exactly* what is wrong *quickly*, without you having to spend a lot of time analyzing the failure.

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Each test should test one thing.



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Use meaningful, descriptive names.

Don't just describe what the test does either (we can read the code), tell us why it does this.

This can help decide whether a test should be updated in line with changed functionality or whether an actual failure that should be fixed has been found.

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```
public class The_quality_of_a_normal_item
{
    [TestCase("+5 Dexterity Vest", 10, 20)]
    [TestCase("Elixir of the Mongoose", 5, 7)]
    public void decreases_by_1_every_day_before_its_sell_by_date(string name, int sellIn, int quality)
    ...
    [TestCase("+5 Dexterity Vest", 0, 10)]
    [TestCase("Elixir of the Mongoose", -1, 2)]
    public void decreases_by_2_every_day_past_its_sell_by_date(string name, int sellIn, int quality)
    ...
    [TestCase("+5 Dexterity Vest", 1, 0)]
    [TestCase("Elixir of the Mongoose", -5, 0)]
    public void never_decreases_below_0(string name, int sellIn, int quality)
    ...
}
```

```
public class The_quality_of_a_normal_item
{
    [TestCase("+5 Dexterity Vest", 10, 20)]
    [TestCase("Elixir of the Mongoose", 5, 7)]
    public void decreases_by_1_every_day_before_its_sell_by_date(string name, int sellIn, int quality)
    ...
    [TestCase("+5 Dexterity Vest", 0, 10)]
    [TestCase("Elixir of the Mongoose", -1, 2)]
    public void decreases_by_2_every_day_past_its_sell_by_date(string name, int sellIn, int quality)
    ...
    [TestCase("+5 Dexterity Vest", 1, 0)]
    [TestCase("Elixir of the Mongoose", -5, 0)]
    public void never_decreases_below_0(string name, int sellIn, int quality)
    ...
}
```

```
public class The_quality_of_a_normal_item
{
    [TestCase("+5 Dexterity Vest", 10, 20)]
    [TestCase("Elixir of the Mongoose", 5, 7)]
    [TestCase("Morning Potion", 1, 1)]
    [TestCase("Sour Bread with Rye Humour and Cold Vengeance", 3, 5)]
    public void decreases_by_1_every_day_before_its_sell_by_date(string name, int sellIn, int quality)
    ...
    [TestCase("+5 Dexterity Vest", 0, 10)]
    [TestCase("Elixir of the Mongoose", -1, 2)]
    [TestCase("Morning Potion", 0, 2)]
    [TestCase("Sour Bread with Rye Humour and Cold Vengeance", -2, 2)]
    public void decreases_by_2_every_day_past_its_sell_by_date(string name, int sellIn, int quality)
    ...
    [TestCase("+5 Dexterity Vest", 1, 0)]
    [TestCase("Elixir of the Mongoose", -5, 0)]
    [TestCase("Morning Potion", 0, 1)]
    [TestCase("Sour Bread with Rye Humour and Cold Vengeance", -2, 1)]
    public void never_decreases_below_0(string name, int sellIn, int quality)
    ...
}
```

```
public class The_quality_of_a_normal_item
{
    [TestCase("+5 Dexterity Vest", 10, 20)]
    [TestCase("Elixir of the Mongoose", 5, 7)]
    [TestCase("Morning Potion", 1, 1)]
    [TestCase("Sour Bread with Rye Humour and Cold Vengeance", 3, 5)]
    public void decreases_by_1_every_day_before_its_sell_by_date(string name, int sellIn, int quality)
    {
        var typicalItem = new Item {Name = name, SellIn = sellIn, Quality = quality};
        var gildedRose = new GildedRose() {Items = new List<Item> {typicalItem}};

        gildedRose.UpdateQuality();

        Assert.AreEqual(sellIn - 1, typicalItem.SellIn);
        Assert.AreEqual(quality - 1, typicalItem.Quality);
    }
    ...
    public void decreases_by_2_every_day_past_its_sell_by_date(string name, int sellIn, int quality)
    ...
    public void never_decreases_below_0(string name, int sellIn, int quality)
    ...
}
```

3As structuring of  
test-case narrative

## Arrange

Set up initial state and  
objects involved in the test

## Act

Perform the operation  
that is the central focus of  
the test case

## Assert

Assert on the expected  
values and outcomes of  
performing the test

BDD structuring of  
scenarios and tests

## Given

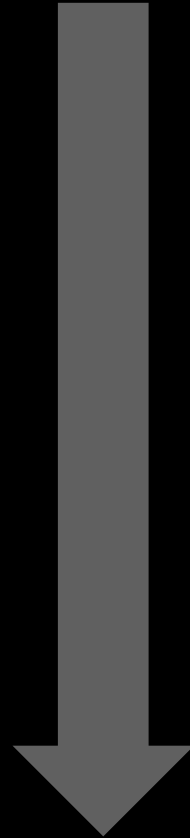
... a particular set-up and  
initial state...

## When

... a particular operation is  
performed...

## Then

... a particular outcome is  
expected



```
public class The_quality_of_any_item
{
    [Test]
    public void changes_independently_of_other_items()
    {
        var dexterityVest = new Item {Name = "+5 Dexterity Vest", SellIn = 10, Quality = 20};
        var agedBrie = new Item {Name = "Aged Brie", SellIn = 2, Quality = 0};
        var elixir = new Item {Name = "Elixir of the Mongoose", SellIn = 5, Quality = 7};
        var sulfuras = new Item {Name = "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros", SellIn = 0, Quality = 80};
        var backstagePasses = new Item {Name = "Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert", SellIn = 15, Quality = 20};
        var gildedRose = new GildedRose()
        {
            Items = new List<Item> {dexterityVest, agedBrie, elixir, sulfuras, backstagePasses}
        };

        gildedRose.UpdateQuality();

        Assert.AreEqual(9, dexterityVest.SellIn);
        Assert.AreEqual(19, dexterityVest.Quality);
        Assert.AreEqual(1, agedBrie.SellIn);
        Assert.AreEqual(1, agedBrie.Quality);
        Assert.AreEqual(4, elixir.SellIn);
        Assert.AreEqual(6, elixir.Quality);
        Assert.AreEqual(0, sulfuras.SellIn);
        Assert.AreEqual(80, sulfuras.Quality);
        Assert.AreEqual(14, backstagePasses.SellIn);
        Assert.AreEqual(21, backstagePasses.Quality);
    }
}
```



## Normal Items

Elixir of the Mongoose

+5 Dexterity Vest

## Items

Aged Brie

## Backstage Passes

Backstage passes to a  
TAFKAL80ETC concert

Sulfuras

## Items

### Normal Items

Elixir of the Mongoose

+5 Dexterity Vest

Aged Brie

### Backstage Passes

Backstage passes to a  
TAFKAL80ETC concert

### Legendary Item

Sulfuras, Hand  
of Ragnaros

## Normal Items

Elixir of the Mongoose

+5 Dexterity Vest

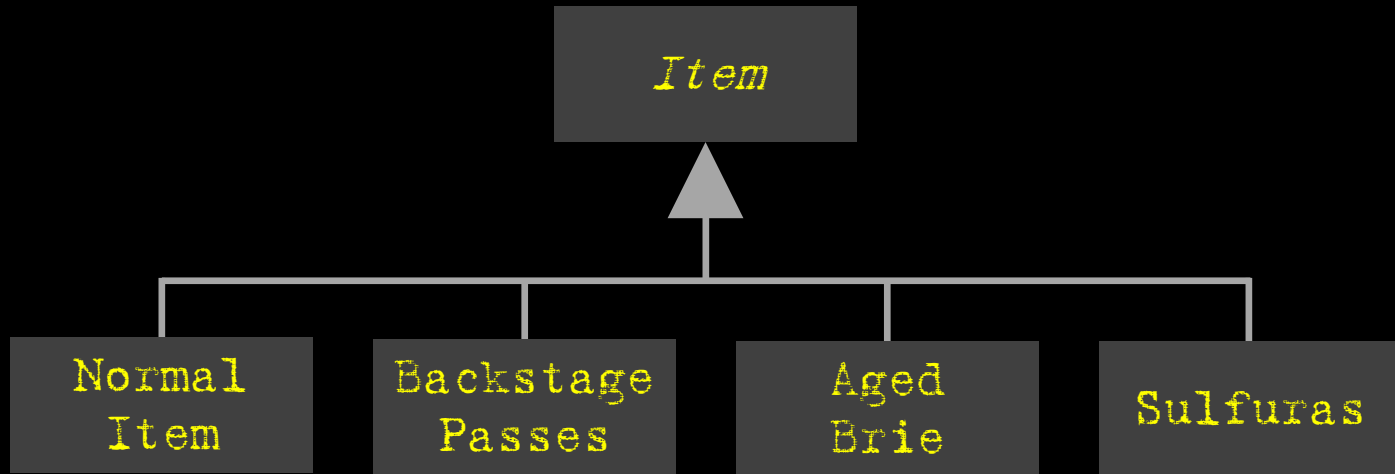
## Items

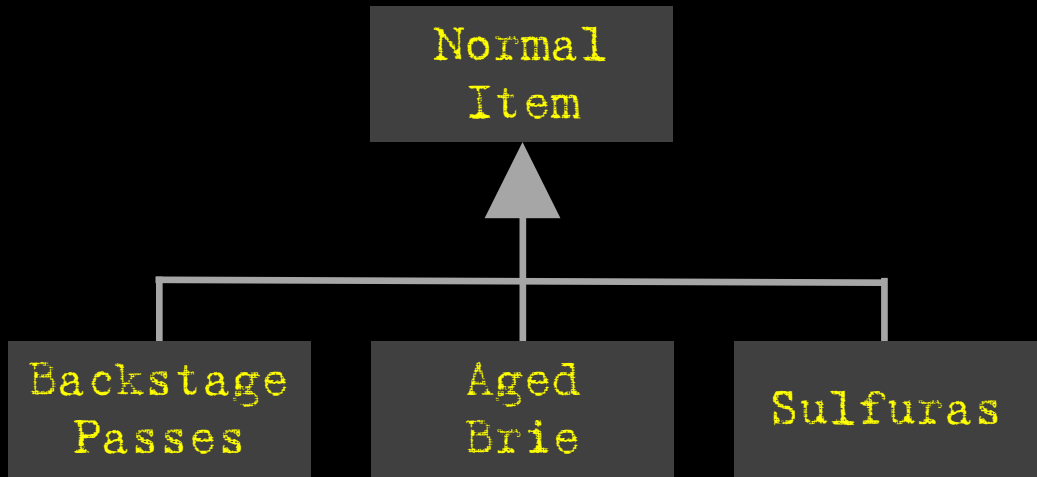
Aged Brie

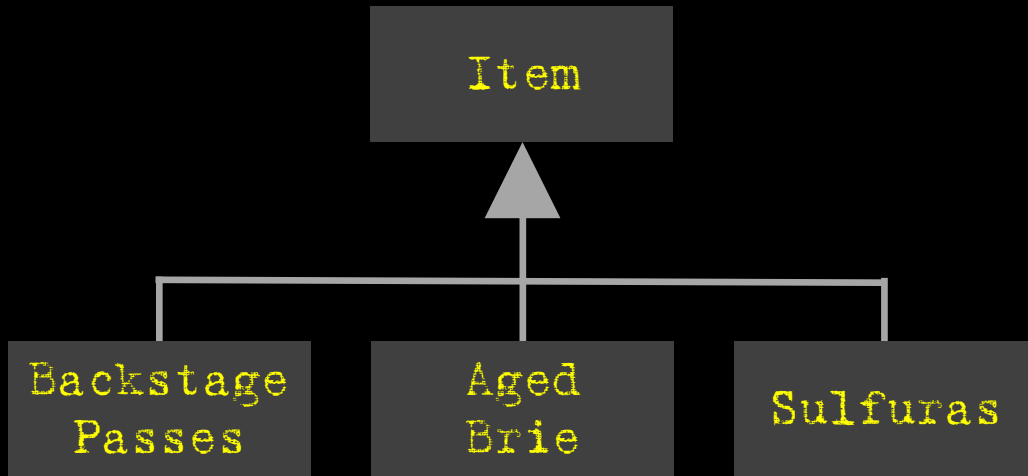
## Backstage Passes

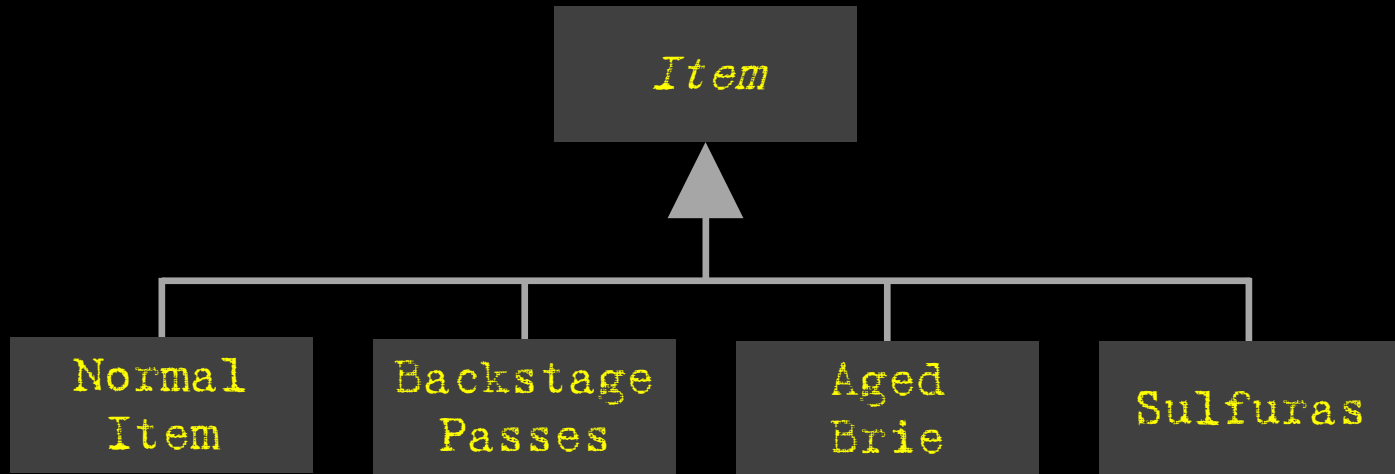
Backstage passes to a  
TAFKAL80ETC concert

Sulfuras







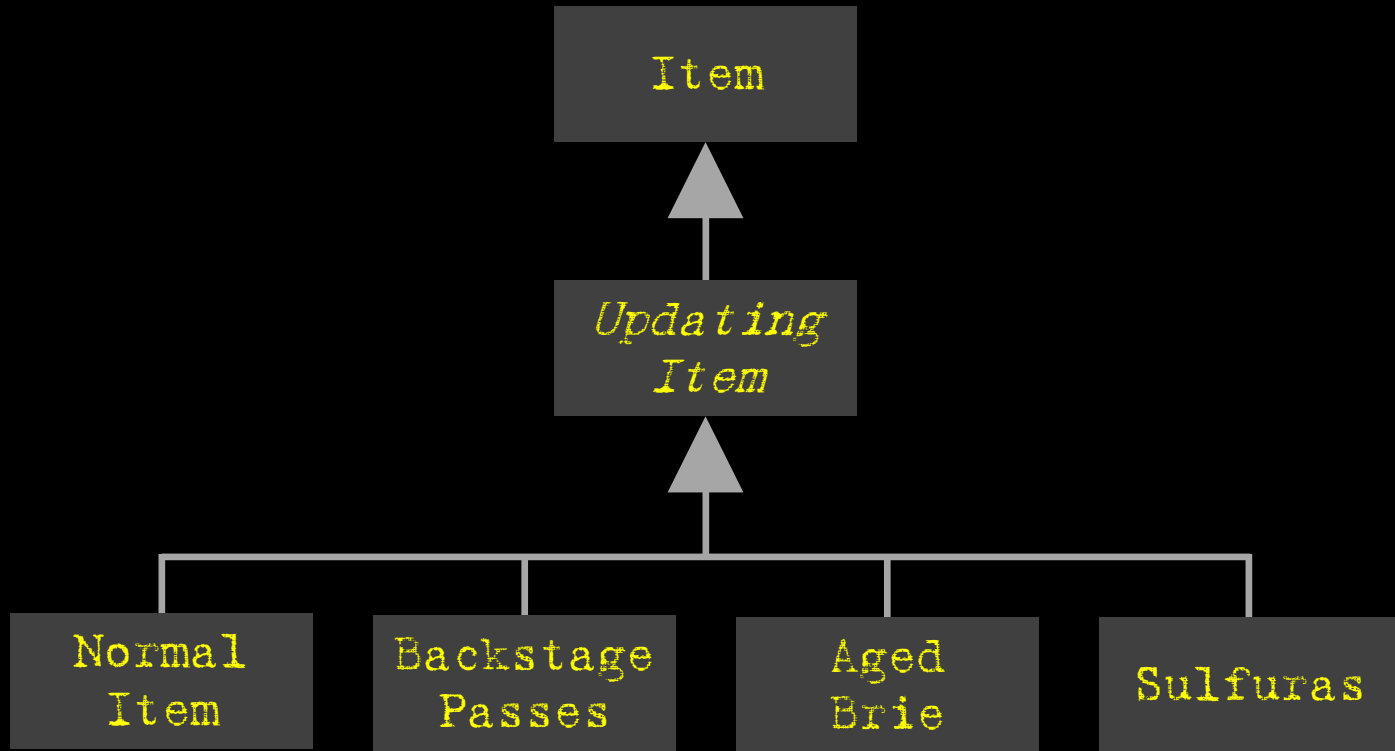


## Goblin Rule

Do not alter the Item class or Items property as those belong to the goblin in the corner who will instigate and one-shot you as he doesn't believe in shared code ownership.







I have yet to see any problem,  
however complicated, which,  
when you looked at it in the  
right way, did not become still  
more complicated.

Anderson's Law

```

public class GildedRose
{
    public IList<Item> Items;

    public void UpdateQuality()
    {
        for (var i = 0; i < Items.Count; i++)
        {
            if (Items[i].Name != "Aged Brie" && Items[i].Name != "Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert")
            {
                if (Items[i].Quality > 0)
                {
                    if (Items[i].Name != "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros")
                    {
                        Items[i].Quality = Items[i].Quality - 1;
                    }
                }
            }
            else
            {
                if (Items[i].Quality < 50)
                {
                    Items[i].Quality = Items[i].Quality + 1;

                    if (Items[i].Name == "Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert")
                    {
                        if (Items[i].SellIn < 11)
                        {
                            if (Items[i].Quality < 50)
                            {
                                Items[i].Quality = Items[i].Quality + 1;
                            }
                        }
                        if (Items[i].SellIn < 6)
                        {
                            if (Items[i].Quality < 50)
                            {
                                Items[i].Quality = Items[i].Quality + 1;
                            }
                        }
                    }
                }
            }

            if (Items[i].Name != "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros")
            {
                Items[i].SellIn = Items[i].SellIn - 1;
            }

            if (Items[i].SellIn < 0)
            {
                if (Items[i].Name != "Aged Brie")
                {
                    if (Items[i].Name != "Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert")
                    {
                        if (Items[i].Quality > 0)
                        {
                            if (Items[i].Name != "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros")
                            {
                                Items[i].Quality = Items[i].Quality - 1;
                            }
                        }
                    }
                    else
                    {
                        Items[i].Quality = Items[i].Quality - Items[i].Quality;
                    }
                }
            }
            else
            {
                if (Items[i].Quality < 50)
                {
                    Items[i].Quality = Items[i].Quality + 1;
                }
            }
        }
    }

    public class Item
    {
        public string Name { get; set; }
        public int SellIn { get; set; }
        public int Quality { get; set; }
    }
}

```

```

public class GildedRose
{
    public IList<Item> Items;

    public void UpdateQuality()
    {
        foreach (var item in Items)
        {
            item.Update();
        }
    }

    public class Item
    {
        public string Name { get; set; }
        public int SellIn { get; set; }
        public int Quality { get; set; }
    }

    public void AddItem(string name, int sellIn, int quality)
    {
        if (name == "Aged Brie")
        {
            Items.Add(new AgedBrie { Name = name, SellIn = sellIn, Quality = quality});
        }
        else if (name == "Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert")
        {
            Items.Add(new BackstagePasses { Name = name, SellIn = sellIn, Quality = quality});
        }
        else if (name == "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros")
        {
            Items.Add(new Sulfuras { Name = name, SellIn = sellIn, Quality = quality});
        }
        else
        {
            Items.Add(new NormalItem { Name = name, SellIn = sellIn, Quality = quality});
        }
    }

    public abstract class UpdatingItem : GildedRose.Item
    {
        public abstract void Update();
    }

    public class NormalItem : UpdatingItem
    {
        public override void Update()
        {
            return SellIn-- > 0 ? -1 : -2;
        }
    }

    public class AgedBrie : UpdatingItem
    {
        public override void Update()
        {
            return SellIn-- > 0 ? 1 : 2;
        }
    }

    public class BackstagePasses : UpdatingItem
    {
        public override void Update()
        {
            --SellIn;

            if (SellIn >= 10)
                return 1;
            else if (SellIn >= 5)
                return 2;
            else if (SellIn >= 0)
                return 3;
            else
                return -Quality;
        }
    }

    public class Sulfuras : UpdatingItem
    {
        public override void Update()
        {
        }
    }
}

```




# Compatibility Rule

Make any changes to the UpdateQuality method and add any new code as long as everything still works correctly.



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Things to Start Being More  
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**Feel Stuck? Use the Rule of 5 Little Things to Start Being More Productive, Focused, and Happier**

Sometimes seeing the seemingly impenetrable forest can keep you from seeing all the trees you can easily fix. 📌

He said, “Pick five little things that really bother you, we’ll fix them, and then you can listen to it again.” I picked five that he didn’t think detracted from the song.


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# Feel Stuck? Use the Rule of 5 Little Things to Start Being More Productive, Focused, and Happier

So we fixed them. Some were just a half-second long, but they bothered me. And it turned out great. That was a really good lesson.

Sometimes seeing the seemingly impenetrable forest can keep you from seeing all the trees you can easily fix. 

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O Tests are neither  
expressive nor  
extensive enough

```
public class GildedRoseTests ...  
    public void Example_of_existing_functionality()
```

```
namespace GildedRose_spec ...
  public class The_quality_of_a_normal_item ...
    public void decreases_by_1_every_day_before_its_sell_by_date(...)
    public void decreases_by_2_every_day_past_its_sell_by_date(...)
    public void never_decreases_below_0(...)
  public class The_quality_of_aged_brie ...
    public void increases_by_1_every_day_before_its_sell_by_date(...)
    public void increases_by_2_past_its_sell_by_date(...)
    public void never_increases_beyond_50(...)
  public class The_quality_of_backstage_passes ...
    public void increases_by_2_every_day_between_10_and_5_days_before_its_sell_by_date(...)
    public void increases_by_3_every_day_within_5_days_of_its_sell_by_date(...)
    public void drops_to_0_after_its_sell_by_date(...)
    public void never_increases_beyond_50(...)
  public class The_quality_of_sulfuras ...
    public void never_changes_and_never_has_to_be_sold(...)
  public class The_quality_of_any_item ...
    public void changes_independently_of_other_items()
```



Counting *for* loop  
used to iterate  
collection content

```
for (var i = 0; i < Items.Count; i++)
{
    if (Items[i].Name != "Aged Brie" && Items[i].Name != "Backstag
    {
        if (Items[i].Quality > 0)
        {
            if (Items[i].Name != "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros")
            {
                Items[i].Quality = Items[i].Quality - 1;
            }
        }
    }
    ...
}
```

```
foreach (var item in Items)
{
    if (item.Name != "Aged Brie" && item.Name != "Backstage passes")
    {
        if (item.Quality > 0)
        {
            if (item.Name != "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros")
            {
                item.Quality = item.Quality - 1;
            }
        }
    }
    ...
}
```

# 2 Non-idiomatic arithmetic





```
...
if (item.SellIn < 0)
{
    if (item.Name != "Aged Brie")
    {
        if (item.Name != "Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert")
        {
            if (item.Quality > 0)
            {
                if (item.Name != "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros")
                {
                    item.Quality = item.Quality - 1;
                }
            }
        }
    }
    else
    {
        item.Quality = item.Quality - item.Quality;
    }
}
else
{
    if (item.Quality < 50)
    {
        item.Quality = item.Quality + 1;
    }
}
}
...
```

```
...
if (item.SellIn < 0)
{
    if (item.Name != "Aged Brie")
    {
        if (item.Name != "Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert")
        {
            if (item.Quality > 0)
            {
                if (item.Name != "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros")
                {
                    --item.Quality;
                }
            }
        }
    }
    else
    {
        item.Quality = 0;
    }
}
else
{
    if (item.Quality < 50)
    {
        ++item.Quality;
    }
}
}
...
```



# 3 Clumsy conditional logic and structure

```
foreach (var item in Items)
{
    if (item.Name != "Aged Brie" && item.Name != "Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert")
    {
        if (item.Quality > 0)
        {
            if (item.Name != "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros")
            {
                --item.Quality;
            }
        }
    }
    else
    {
        if (item.Quality < 50)
        {
            ++item.Quality;

            if (item.Name == "Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert")
            {
                if (item.SellIn < 11)
                {
                    if (item.Quality < 50)
                    {
                        ++item.Quality;
                    }
                }

                if (item.SellIn < 6)
                {
                    if (item.Quality < 50)
                    {
                        ++item.Quality;
                    }
                }
            }
        }
    }
}
}
```

```
if (item.Name != "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros")
{
    --item.SellIn;
}

if (item.SellIn < 0)
{
    if (item.Name != "Aged Brie")
    {
        if (item.Name != "Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert")
        {
            if (item.Quality > 0)
            {
                if (item.Name != "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros")
                {
                    --item.Quality;
                }
            }
        }
        else
        {
            item.Quality = 0;
        }
    }
    else
    {
        if (item.Quality < 50)
        {
            ++item.Quality;
        }
    }
}
}
```

```
if (item.Name != "Aged Brie" && item.Name != "Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert")
{
    if (item.Quality > 0)
    {
        if (item.Name != "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros")
        {
            --item.Quality;
        }
    }
}
else
{
    if (item.Quality < 50)
    {
        ++item.Quality;

        if (item.Name == "Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert")
        {
            if (item.SellIn < 11)
            {
                if (item.Quality < 50)
                {
                    ++item.Quality;
                }
            }

            if (item.SellIn < 6)
            {
                if (item.Quality < 50)
                {
                    ++item.Quality;
                }
            }
        }
    }
}
```

```
if (item.Name != "Aged Brie" && item.Name != "Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert")
{
    if (item.Quality > 0)
        if (item.Name != "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros")
            --item.Quality;
}
else
{
    if (item.Quality < 50)
    {
        ++item.Quality;

        if (item.Name == "Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert")
        {
            if (item.SellIn < 11)
                if (item.Quality < 50)
                    ++item.Quality;

            if (item.SellIn < 6)
                if (item.Quality < 50)
                    ++item.Quality;
        }
    }
}
```



# De Morgan's Laws

$$\neg(P \vee Q) \Leftrightarrow (\neg P) \wedge (\neg Q)$$

$$\neg(P \wedge Q) \Leftrightarrow (\neg P) \vee (\neg Q)$$

```
if (!(item.Name == "Aged Brie" || item.Name == "Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert"))
{
    if (item.Quality > 0)
        if (item.Name != "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros")
            --item.Quality;
}
else
{
    if (item.Quality < 50)
    {
        ++item.Quality;

        if (item.Name == "Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert")
        {
            if (item.SellIn < 11)
                if (item.Quality < 50)
                    ++item.Quality;

            if (item.SellIn < 6)
                if (item.Quality < 50)
                    ++item.Quality;
        }
    }
}
```

```
if (item.Name == "Aged Brie" || item.Name == "Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert")
{
    if (item.Quality < 50)
    {
        ++item.Quality;

        if (item.Name == "Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert")
        {
            if (item.SellIn < 11)
                if (item.Quality < 50)
                    ++item.Quality;

            if (item.SellIn < 6)
                if (item.Quality < 50)
                    ++item.Quality;
        }
    }
}
else
{
    if (item.Quality > 0)
        if (item.Name != "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros")
            --item.Quality;
}
```

```
if (item.Name == "Aged Brie" || item.Name == "Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert")
{
    if (item.Quality < 50)
    {
        ++item.Quality;

        if (item.Name == "Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert")
        {
            if (item.SellIn < 11)
                if (item.Quality < 50)
                    ++item.Quality;

            if (item.SellIn < 6)
                if (item.Quality < 50)
                    ++item.Quality;
        }
    }
}
else
{
    if (item.Name != "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros")
        if (item.Quality > 0)
            --item.Quality;
}
```

```
if (item.Name == "Aged Brie" || item.Name == "Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert")
{
    if (item.Quality < 50)
    {
        ++item.Quality;

        if (item.Name == "Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert")
        {
            if (item.SellIn < 11)
                if (item.Quality < 50)
                    ++item.Quality;

            if (item.SellIn < 6)
                if (item.Quality < 50)
                    ++item.Quality;
        }
    }
}
else if (item.Name != "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros")
{
    if (item.Quality > 0)
        --item.Quality;
}
```

```
if (item.Name == "Aged Brie")
{
    if (item.Quality < 50)
    {
        ++item.Quality;

        if (item.Name == "Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert")
        {
            if (item.SellIn < 11)
                if (item.Quality < 50)
                    ++item.Quality;

            if (item.SellIn < 6)
                if (item.Quality < 50)
                    ++item.Quality;
        }
    }
}
else if (item.Name == "Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert")
{
    if (item.Quality < 50)
    {
        ++item.Quality;

        if (item.Name == "Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert")
        {
            if (item.SellIn < 11)
                if (item.Quality < 50)
                    ++item.Quality;

            if (item.SellIn < 6)
                if (item.Quality < 50)
                    ++item.Quality;
        }
    }
}
else if (item.Name != "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnarok")
```

```
if (item.Name == "Aged Brie")
{
    if (item.Quality < 50)
    {
        ++item.Quality;

        if (item.Name == "Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert")
        {
            if (item.SellIn < 11)
                if (item.Quality < 50)
                    ++item.Quality;

            if (item.SellIn < 6)
                if (item.Quality < 50)
                    ++item.Quality;
        }
    }
}
else if (item.Name == "Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert")
{
    if (item.Quality < 50)
    {
        ++item.Quality;

        if (item.Name == "Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert")
        {
            if (item.SellIn < 11)
                if (item.Quality < 50)
                    ++item.Quality;

            if (item.SellIn < 6)
                if (item.Quality < 50)
                    ++item.Quality;
        }
    }
}
else if (item.Name == "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnarok")
```

# DRY?

```
if (item.Name == "Aged Brie")
{
    if (item.Quality < 50)
    {
        ++item.Quality;

        if (item.Name == "Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert")
        {
            if (item.SellIn < 11)
                if (item.Quality < 50)
                    ++item.Quality;

            if (item.SellIn < 6)
                if (item.Quality < 50)
                    ++item.Quality;
        }
    }
}
else if (item.Name == "Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert")
{
    if (item.Quality < 50)
    {
        ++item.Quality;

        if (item.Name == "Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert")
        {
            if (item.SellIn < 11)
                if (item.Quality < 50)
                    ++item.Quality;

            if (item.SellIn < 6)
                if (item.Quality < 50)
                    ++item.Quality;
        }
    }
}
else if (item.Name == "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnarok")
```

# WET!

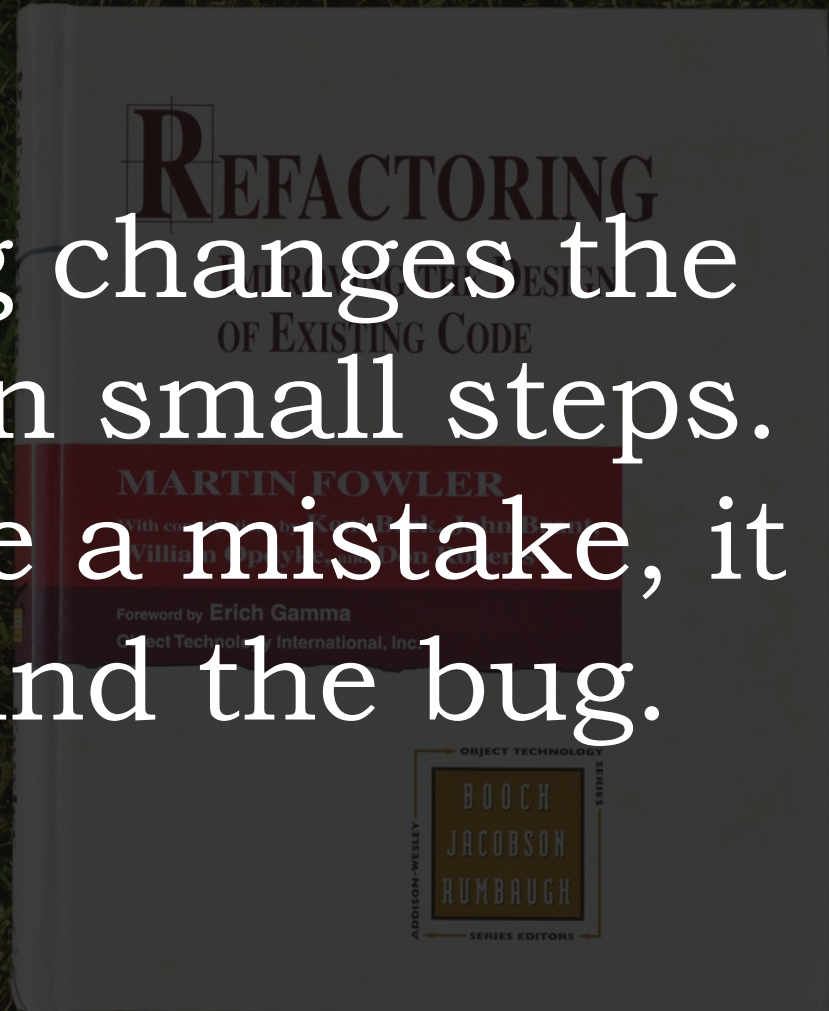


```
if (item.Name == "Aged Brie")
{
    if (item.Quality < 50)
        ++item.Quality;
}
else if (item.Name == "Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert")
{
    if (item.Quality < 50)
    {
        ++item.Quality;

        if (item.SellIn < 11)
            if (item.Quality < 50)
                ++item.Quality;

        if (item.SellIn < 6)
            if (item.Quality < 50)
                ++item.Quality;
    }
}
else if (item.Name != "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros")
{
    if (item.Quality > 0)
        --item.Quality;
}
```

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



```
foreach (var item in Items)
{
    if (item.Name == "Aged Brie")
    {
        if (item.Quality < 50)
            ++item.Quality;
    }
    else if (item.Name == "Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert")
    {
        if (item.Quality < 50)
        {
            ++item.Quality;

            if (item.SellIn < 11)
                if (item.Quality < 50)
                    ++item.Quality;

            if (item.SellIn < 6)
                if (item.Quality < 50)
                    ++item.Quality;
        }
    }
    else if (item.Name != "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros")
    {
        if (item.Quality > 0)
            --item.Quality;
    }

    if (item.Name != "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros")
    {
        --item.SellIn;
    }
}
```

```
if (item.SellIn < 0)
{
    if (item.Name != "Aged Brie")
    {
        if (item.Name != "Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert")
        {
            if (item.Quality > 0)
            {
                if (item.Name != "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros")
                {
                    --item.Quality;
                }
            }
        }
    }
    else
    {
        item.Quality = 0;
    }
}
else
{
    if (item.Quality < 50)
    {
        ++item.Quality;
    }
}
}
```

```
}
```

```
if (item.SellIn < 0)
{
    if (item.Name != "Aged Brie")
    {
        if (item.Name != "Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert")
        {
            if (item.Quality > 0)
            {
                if (item.Name != "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros")
                {
                    --item.Quality;
                }
            }
        }
    }
    else
    {
        item.Quality = 0;
    }
}
else
{
    if (item.Quality < 50)
    {
        ++item.Quality;
    }
}
}
```

```
if (item.SellIn < 0)
{
    if (item.Name == "Aged Brie")
    {
        if (item.Quality < 50)
            ++item.Quality;
    }
    else if (item.Name == "Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert")
    {
        item.Quality = 0;
    }
    else if (item.Name != "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros")
    {
        if (item.Quality > 0)
            --item.Quality;
    }
}
```

```

foreach (var item in Items)
{
    if (item.Name == "Aged Brie")&& item.Name != "Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert")
    {
        if (item.Quality < 50)
        {
            ++item.Quality;
        }
        if (item.Name != "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros")
        else if (item.Name == "Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert")
        {
            ++item.Quality;
        }
        if (item.Quality < 50)
        {
            ++item.Quality;
        }
        else
        {
            if (item.SellIn < 11)
            {
                if (itemif(item.Quality < 50)
                {
                    ++item.Quality;
                }
                if (item.SellIn < 6)
                {
                    if (item.Quality < 50)e passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert")
                    {
                        ++item.Quality;
                    }
                    if (item.SellIn < 11)
                    {
                        ++item.Quality;
                    }
                }
            }
            else if (item.Name != "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros")
            {
                if (item.Quality > 0)m.Quality;
                --item.Quality;
            }
        }
    }
    if (item.Name != "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros")
    {
        --item.SellIn; (item.Quality < 50)
    }
    ++item.Quality;
    if (item.SellIn < 0)
    {
        }
        if (item.Name == "Aged Brie")
        {
            if (item.Quality < 50)
            {
                ++item.Quality;
            }
        }
        if (item.Name == "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros")
        {
            else if (item.Name == "Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert")
            {
                item.SellIn;
                item.Quality = 0;
            }
        }
        else if (item.Name != "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros")
        {
            {
                if (item.Quality > 0)ie")
                {
                    --item.Quality;
                }
                if (item.Name != "Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert")
                {
                    {
                        if (item.Quality > 0)
                        {
                            {
                                if (item.Name != "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros")
                                {
                                    --item.Quality;
                                }
                            }
                        }
                    }
                }
            }
            else
            {
                {
                    item.Quality = 0;
                }
            }
        }
        else
        {
            {
                if (item.Quality < 50)
                {
                    ++item.Quality;
                }
            }
        }
    }
}
}

```

# 4 Limiting of *Quality* value is verbose

```
if (item.Name == "Aged Brie")
{
    if (item.Quality < 50)
        ++item.Quality;
}
else if (item.Name == "Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert")
{
    if (item.Quality < 50)
    {
        ++item.Quality;

        if (item.SellIn < 11)
            if (item.Quality < 50)
                ++item.Quality;

        if (item.SellIn < 6)
            if (item.Quality < 50)
                ++item.Quality;
    }
}
else if (item.Name != "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros")
{
    if (item.Quality > 0)
        --item.Quality;
}

if (item.Name != "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros")
{
    --item.SellIn;
}

if (item.SellIn < 0)
{
    if (item.Name == "Aged Brie")
    {
        if (item.Quality < 50)
            ++item.Quality;
    }
    else if (item.Name == "Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert")
    {
        item.Quality = 0;
    }
    else if (item.Name != "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros")
    {
        if (item.Quality > 0)
            --item.Quality;
    }
}
}
```



```
if (item.Name == "Aged Brie")
{
    if (item.Quality < 50)
        ++item.Quality;
}
else if (item.Name == "Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert")
{
    if (item.Quality < 50)
    {
        ++item.Quality;

        if (item.SellIn < 11)
            if (item.Quality < 50)
                ++item.Quality;

        if (item.SellIn < 6)
            if (item.Quality < 50)
                ++item.Quality;
    }
}
else if (item.Name != "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros")
{
    if (item.Quality > 0)
        --item.Quality;
}

if (item.Name != "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros")
{
    --item.SellIn;
}

if (item.SellIn < 0)
{
    if (item.Name == "Aged Brie")
    {
        if (item.Quality < 50)
            ++item.Quality;
    }
    else if (item.Name == "Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert")
    {
        item.Quality = 0;
    }
    else if (item.Name != "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros")
    {
        if (item.Quality > 0)
            --item.Quality;
    }
}
}
```

```
if (item.Name == "Aged Brie")
{
    item.Quality = Min(item.Quality + 1, 50);
}
else if (item.Name == "Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert")
{
    item.Quality = Min(item.Quality + 1, 50);

    if (item.SellIn < 11)
        item.Quality = Min(item.Quality + 1, 50);

    if (item.SellIn < 6)
        item.Quality = Min(item.Quality + 1, 50);
}
else if (item.Name != "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros")
{
    item.Quality = Max(item.Quality - 1, 0);
}

if (item.Name != "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros")
{
    --item.SellIn;
}

if (item.SellIn < 0)
{
    if (item.Name == "Aged Brie")
        item.Quality = Min(item.Quality + 1, 50);
    else if (item.Name == "Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert")
        item.Quality = 0;
    else if (item.Name != "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros")
        item.Quality = Max(item.Quality - 1, 0);
}
```

5

*Quality* is repeatedly  
readjusted for  
backstage passes

```
if (item.Name == "Aged Brie")
{
    item.Quality = Min(item.Quality + 1, 50);
}
else if (item.Name == "Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert")
{
    item.Quality = Min(item.Quality + 1, 50);

    if (item.SellIn < 11)
        item.Quality = Min(item.Quality + 1, 50);

    if (item.SellIn < 6)
        item.Quality = Min(item.Quality + 1, 50);
}
else if (item.Name != "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros")
{
    item.Quality = Max(item.Quality - 1, 0);
}

if (item.Name != "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros")
{
    --item.SellIn;
}

if (item.SellIn < 0)
{
    if (item.Name == "Aged Brie")
        item.Quality = Min(item.Quality + 1, 50);
    else if (item.Name == "Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert")
        item.Quality = 0;
    else if (item.Name != "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros")
        item.Quality = Max(item.Quality - 1, 0);
}
```

```
if (item.Name == "Aged Brie")
{
    item.Quality = Min(item.Quality + 1, 50);
}
else if (item.Name == "Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert")
{
    item.Quality = Min(item.Quality + 1, 50);

    if (item.SellIn < 11)
        item.Quality = Min(item.Quality + 1, 50);

    if (item.SellIn < 6)
        item.Quality = Min(item.Quality + 1, 50);
}
else if (item.Name != "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros")
{
    item.Quality = Max(item.Quality - 1, 0);
}

if (item.Name != "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros")
{
    --item.SellIn;
}

if (item.SellIn < 0)
{
    if (item.Name == "Aged Brie")
        item.Quality = Min(item.Quality + 1, 50);
    else if (item.Name == "Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert")
        item.Quality = 0;
    else if (item.Name != "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros")
        item.Quality = Max(item.Quality - 1, 0);
}
```

```
if (item.Name == "Aged Brie")
{
    item.Quality = Min(item.Quality + 1, 50);
}
else if (item.Name == "Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert")
{
    int qualityAdjustment = 1;

    if (item.SellIn < 11)
        ++qualityAdjustment;

    if (item.SellIn < 6)
        ++qualityAdjustment;

    item.Quality = Min(item.Quality + qualityAdjustment, 50);
}
else if (item.Name != "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros")
{
    item.Quality = Max(item.Quality - 1, 0);
}

if (item.Name != "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros")
{
    --item.SellIn;
}

if (item.SellIn < 0)
{
    if (item.Name == "Aged Brie")
        item.Quality = Min(item.Quality + 1, 50);
    else if (item.Name == "Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert")
        item.Quality = 0;
    else if (item.Name != "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros")
        item.Quality = Max(item.Quality - 1, 0);
}
```

```
if (item.Name == "Aged Brie")
{
    item.Quality = Min(item.Quality + 1, 50);
}
else if (item.Name == "Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert")
{
    int qualityAdjustment;

    if (item.SellIn > 10)
        qualityAdjustment = 1;
    else if (item.SellIn > 5)
        qualityAdjustment = 2;
    else
        qualityAdjustment = 3;

    item.Quality = Min(item.Quality + qualityAdjustment, 50);
}
else if (item.Name != "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros")
{
    item.Quality = Max(item.Quality - 1, 0);
}

if (item.Name != "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros")
{
    --item.SellIn;
}

if (item.SellIn < 0)
{
    if (item.Name == "Aged Brie")
        item.Quality = Min(item.Quality + 1, 50);
    else if (item.Name == "Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert")
        item.Quality = 0;
    else if (item.Name != "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros")
        item.Quality = Max(item.Quality - 1, 0);
}
```

```
if (item.Name == "Aged Brie")
{
    item.Quality = Min(item.Quality + 1, 50);
}
else if (item.Name == "Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert")
{
    int qualityAdjustment =
        if (item.SellIn > 10)
            1
        else if (item.SellIn > 5)
            2
        else
            3;

    item.Quality = Min(item.Quality + qualityAdjustment, 50);
}
else if (item.Name != "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros")
{
    item.Quality = Max(item.Quality - 1, 0);
}

if (item.Name != "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros")
{
    --item.SellIn;
}

if (item.SellIn < 0)
{
    if (item.Name == "Aged Brie")
        item.Quality = Min(item.Quality + 1, 50);
    else if (item.Name == "Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert")
        item.Quality = 0;
    else if (item.Name != "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros")
        item.Quality = Max(item.Quality - 1, 0);
}
```





```
if (item.Name == "Aged Brie")
{
    item.Quality = Min(item.Quality + 1, 50);
}
else if (item.Name == "Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert")
{
    int qualityAdjustment =
        item.SellIn > 10 ?
            1
        : item.SellIn > 5 ?
            2
        :
            3;

    item.Quality = Min(item.Quality + qualityAdjustment, 50);
}
else if (item.Name != "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros")
{
    item.Quality = Max(item.Quality - 1, 0);
}

if (item.Name != "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros")
{
    --item.SellIn;
}

if (item.SellIn < 0)
{
    if (item.Name == "Aged Brie")
        item.Quality = Min(item.Quality + 1, 50);
    else if (item.Name == "Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert")
        item.Quality = 0;
    else if (item.Name != "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros")
        item.Quality = Max(item.Quality - 1, 0);
}
```

```
if (item.Name == "Aged Brie")
{
    item.Quality = Min(item.Quality + 1, 50);
}
else if (item.Name == "Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert")
{
    int qualityAdjustment = (() =>
        {
            if (item.SellIn > 10)
                return 1;
            else if (item.SellIn > 5)
                return 2;
            else
                return 3;
        })();
    item.Quality = Min(item.Quality + qualityAdjustment, 50);
}
else if (item.Name != "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros")
{
    item.Quality = Max(item.Quality - 1, 0);
}

if (item.Name != "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros")
{
    --item.SellIn;
}

if (item.SellIn < 0)
{
    if (item.Name == "Aged Brie")
        item.Quality = Min(item.Quality + 1, 50);
    else if (item.Name == "Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert")
        item.Quality = 0;
    else if (item.Name != "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros")
        item.Quality = Max(item.Quality - 1, 0);
}
```



```
if (item.Name == "Aged Brie")
{
    item.Quality = Min(item.Quality + 1, 50);
}
else if (item.Name == "Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert")
{
    Func<int> qualityAdjustment = () =>
    {
        if (item.SellIn > 10)
            return 1;
        else if (item.SellIn > 5)
            return 2;
        else
            return 3;
    };
    item.Quality = Min(item.Quality + qualityAdjustment(), 50);
}
else if (item.Name != "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros")
{
    item.Quality = Max(item.Quality - 1, 0);
}

if (item.Name != "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros")
{
    --item.SellIn;
}

if (item.SellIn < 0)
{
    if (item.Name == "Aged Brie")
        item.Quality = Min(item.Quality + 1, 50);
    else if (item.Name == "Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert")
        item.Quality = 0;
    else if (item.Name != "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros")
        item.Quality = Max(item.Quality - 1, 0);
}
```

Developers are drawn to complexity like moths to a flame, often with the same outcome.

Neal Ford

```
if (item.Name == "Aged Brie")
{
    item.Quality = Min(item.Quality + 1, 50);
}
else if (item.Name == "Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert")
{
    int qualityAdjustment;

    if (item.SellIn > 10)
        qualityAdjustment = 1;
    else if (item.SellIn > 5)
        qualityAdjustment = 2;
    else
        qualityAdjustment = 3;

    item.Quality = Min(item.Quality + qualityAdjustment, 50);
}
else if (item.Name != "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros")
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if (item.Name != "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros")
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    --item.SellIn;
}

if (item.SellIn < 0)
{
    if (item.Name == "Aged Brie")
        item.Quality = Min(item.Quality + 1, 50);
    else if (item.Name == "Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert")
        item.Quality = 0;
    else if (item.Name != "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros")
        item.Quality = Max(item.Quality - 1, 0);
}
```

❖ ...

❖ “Aged Brie” actually increases in Quality the older it gets


❖ ...

❖ “Backstage passes”, like aged brie, increases in Quality as it’s SellIn value approaches; Quality increases by 2 when there are 10 days or less and by 3 when there are 5 days or less...



# Feel Stuck? Use the Rule of 5 Little Things to Start Being More Productive, Focused, and Happier

Instead of starting over, fix a few things that bug you. Often you'll find those little fixes totally change your perception of the whole.

Sometimes seeing the seemingly impenetrable forest can keep you from seeing all the trees you can easily fix. 

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Joe Satriani

6

Generalise use of  
*qualityAdjustment*

```
if (item.Name == "Aged Brie")
{
    item.Quality = Min(item.Quality + 1, 50);
}
else if (item.Name == "Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert")
{
    int qualityAdjustment;

    if (item.SellIn > 10)
        qualityAdjustment = 1;
    else if (item.SellIn > 5)
        qualityAdjustment = 2;
    else
        qualityAdjustment = 3;

    item.Quality = Min(item.Quality + qualityAdjustment, 50);
}
else if (item.Name != "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros")
{
    item.Quality = Max(item.Quality - 1, 0);
}

if (item.Name != "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros")
{
    --item.SellIn;
}

if (item.SellIn < 0)
{
    if (item.Name == "Aged Brie")
        item.Quality = Min(item.Quality + 1, 50);
    else if (item.Name == "Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert")
        item.Quality = 0;
    else if (item.Name != "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros")
        item.Quality = Max(item.Quality - 1, 0);
}
```



```
int qualityAdjustment;

if (item.Name == "Aged Brie")
{
    item.Quality = Min(item.Quality + 1, 50);
}
else if (item.Name == "Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert")
{
    if (item.SellIn > 10)
        qualityAdjustment = 1;
    else if (item.SellIn > 5)
        qualityAdjustment = 2;
    else
        qualityAdjustment = 3;

    item.Quality = Min(item.Quality + qualityAdjustment, 50);
}
else if (item.Name != "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros")
{
    item.Quality = Max(item.Quality - 1, 0);
}

if (item.Name != "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros")
{
    --item.SellIn;
}

if (item.SellIn < 0)
{
    if (item.Name == "Aged Brie")
        item.Quality = Min(item.Quality + 1, 50);
    else if (item.Name == "Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert")
        item.Quality = 0;
    else if (item.Name != "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros")
        item.Quality = Max(item.Quality - 1, 0);
}
```

```
int qualityAdjustment;

if (item.Name == "Aged Brie")
{
    item.Quality = Min(item.Quality + 1, 50);
}
else if (item.Name == "Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert")
{
    if (item.SellIn > 10)
        qualityAdjustment = 1;
    else if (item.SellIn > 5)
        qualityAdjustment = 2;
    else
        qualityAdjustment = 3;

    item.Quality = Min(item.Quality + qualityAdjustment, 50);
}
else if (item.Name == "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros")
{
}
else
{
    item.Quality = Max(item.Quality - 1, 0);
}

if (item.Name != "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros")
{
    --item.SellIn;
}

if (item.SellIn < 0)
{
    if (item.Name == "Aged Brie")
        item.Quality = Min(item.Quality + 1, 50);
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        item.Quality = 0;
    else if (item.Name != "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros")
        item.Quality = Max(item.Quality - 1, 0);
}
```

```
int qualityAdjustment;

if (item.Name == "Aged Brie")
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    if (item.SellIn > 10)
        qualityAdjustment = 1;
    else if (item.SellIn > 5)
        qualityAdjustment = 2;
    else
        qualityAdjustment = 3;
}
else if (item.Name == "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros")
{
    qualityAdjustment = 0;
}
else
{
    qualityAdjustment = -1;
}

if (qualityAdjustment != 0)
{
    item.Quality = Max(Min(item.Quality + qualityAdjustment, 50), 0);
    --item.SellIn;
}

if (item.SellIn < 0)
{
    if (item.Name == "Aged Brie")
        item.Quality = Min(item.Quality + 1, 50);
    else if (item.Name == "Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert")
        item.Quality = 0;
    else if (item.Name != "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros")
        item.Quality = Max(item.Quality - 1, 0);
}
```

```
int qualityAdjustment;

if (item.Name == "Aged Brie")
{
    qualityAdjustment = 1;
}
else if (item.Name == "Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert")
{
    if (item.SellIn > 10)
        qualityAdjustment = 1;
    else if (item.SellIn > 5)
        qualityAdjustment = 2;
    else
        qualityAdjustment = 3;
}
else if (item.Name == "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros")
{
    qualityAdjustment = 0;
}
else
{
    qualityAdjustment = -1;
}

if (qualityAdjustment != 0)
{
    item.Quality = Clamp(item.Quality + qualityAdjustment, 0, 50);
    --item.SellIn;
}

if (item.SellIn < 0)
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    if (item.Name == "Aged Brie")
        item.Quality = Min(item.Quality + 1, 50);
    else if (item.Name == "Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert")
        item.Quality = 0;
    else if (item.Name != "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros")
        item.Quality = Max(item.Quality - 1, 0);
}
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Further *Quality*  
adjustment should  
not depend on  
changing *SellIn*

```
int qualityAdjustment;

if (item.Name == "Aged Brie")
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    qualityAdjustment = 1;
}
else if (item.Name == "Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert")
{
    if (item.SellIn > 10)
        qualityAdjustment = 1;
    else if (item.SellIn > 5)
        qualityAdjustment = 2;
    else
        qualityAdjustment = 3;
}
else if (item.Name == "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros")
{
    qualityAdjustment = 0;
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{
    qualityAdjustment = -1;
}

if (qualityAdjustment != 0)
{
    item.Quality = Clamp(item.Quality + qualityAdjustment, 0, 50);
    --item.SellIn;
}

if (item.SellIn < 0)
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        item.Quality = Min(item.Quality + 1, 50);
    else if (item.Name == "Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert")
        item.Quality = 0;
    else if (item.Name != "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros")
        item.Quality = Max(item.Quality - 1, 0);
}
```

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int qualityAdjustment;

if (item.Name == "Aged Brie")
{
    qualityAdjustment = 1;
}
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{
    if (item.SellIn > 10)
        qualityAdjustment = 1;
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        qualityAdjustment = 2;
    else
        qualityAdjustment = 3;
}
else if (item.Name == "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros")
{
    qualityAdjustment = 0;
}
else
{
    qualityAdjustment = item.SellIn > 0 ? -1 : -2;
}

if (qualityAdjustment != 0)
{
    item.Quality = Clamp(item.Quality + qualityAdjustment, 0, 50);
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}

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        item.Quality = 0;
}
}
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int qualityAdjustment;

if (item.Name == "Aged Brie")
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}
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    else
        qualityAdjustment = -item.Quality;
}
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{
    qualityAdjustment = 0;
}
else
{
    qualityAdjustment = item.SellIn > 0 ? -1 : -2;
}

if (qualityAdjustment != 0)
{
    item.Quality = Clamp(item.Quality + qualityAdjustment, 0, 50);
    --item.SellIn;
}
```

```
foreach (var item in Items)
{
    int qualityAdjustment;

    if (item.Name == "Aged Brie")
    {
        qualityAdjustment = item.SellIn > 0 ? 1 : 2;
    }
    else if (item.Name == "Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert")
    {
        if (item.SellIn > 10)
            qualityAdjustment = 1;
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            qualityAdjustment = 2;
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        if (item.SellIn > 10)
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await	0
break	0
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for	0
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return	0
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throw	0
try	0
while	0
yield	0

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}

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default 0
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goto 0
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lock 0
return 0
switch 0
throw 0
try 0
while 0
yield 0

```



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foreach (var item in Items)
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foreach (var item in Items)
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    }
    else if (item.Name == "Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert")
    {
        if (item.SellIn > 10)
            qualityAdjustment = 1;
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    {
        qualityAdjustment = 0;
    }
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    if (qualityAdjustment != 0)
    {
        item.Quality = Clamp(item.Quality + qualityAdjustment, 0, 50);
        --item.SellIn;
    }
}
```

# **Refactor**, *verb*

to restructure software by applying a series of refactorings without changing the observable behavior of the software





# Generalise matching of Sulfuras and backstage passes

## Normal Items

Elixir of the Mongoose

+5 Dexterity Vest

## Items

Aged Brie

## Backstage Passes

Backstage passes to a  
TAFKAL80ETC concert

Sulfuras

## Normal Items

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## Items

Aged Brie

Backstage passes to a  
TAFKAL80ETC concert

Sulfuras,  
Hand of  
Ragnaros



Never trust a test you  
haven't seen fail.

Marit van Dijk

“Use Testing to Develop Better Software Faster”

[medium.com/97-things/use-testing-to-develop-better-software-faster-9dd2616543d3](https://medium.com/97-things/use-testing-to-develop-better-software-faster-9dd2616543d3)

```
public class The_quality_of_backstage_passes
{
    [TestCase("Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert", 11, 0)]
    public void increases_by_1_every_day_up_to_10_days_before_its_sell_by_date(...)
    ...
    [TestCase("Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert", 10, 0)]
    public void increases_by_2_every_day_between_10_and_5_days_before_its_sell_by_date(...)
    ...
    [TestCase("Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert", 5, 0)]
    public void increases_by_3_every_day_within_5_days_of_its_sell_by_date(...)
    ...
    [TestCase("Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert", 0, 10)]
    public void drops_to_0_after_its_sell_by_date(string name, int sellIn, int quality)
    ...
    [TestCase("Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert", 1, 49)]
    public void never_increases_beyond_50(string name, int sellIn, int quality)
    ...
}
```



```
public class The_quality_of_backstage_passes
{
    [TestCase("Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert", 11, 0)]
    [TestCase("Backstage passes to a Brian Mage gig", 20, 10)]
    public void increases_by_1_every_day_up_to_10_days_before_its_sell_by_date(...)
    ...
    [TestCase("Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert", 10, 0)]
    [TestCase("Backstage passes to a Blood Moon show", 8, 10)]
    public void increases_by_2_every_day_between_10_and_5_days_before_its_sell_by_date(...)
    ...
    [TestCase("Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert", 5, 0)]
    [TestCase("Backstage passes to a Blood Moon show", 1, 10)]
    public void increases_by_3_every_day_within_5_days_of_its_sell_by_date(...)
    ...
    [TestCase("Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert", 0, 10)]
    [TestCase("Backstage passes to an All-Seeing Eye performance", -1, 5)]
    public void drops_to_0_after_its_sell_by_date(...)
    ...
    [TestCase("Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert", 1, 49)]
    [TestCase("Backstage passes to a Brian Mage gig", 6, 49)]
    [TestCase("Backstage passes to a Blood Moon show", 11, 50)]
}
```

```
int qualityAdjustment;

if (item.Name == "Aged Brie")
{
    qualityAdjustment = item.SellIn > 0 ? 1 : 2;
}
else if (item.Name == "Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert")
{
    if (item.SellIn > 10)
        qualityAdjustment = 1;
    else if (item.SellIn > 5)
        qualityAdjustment = 2;
    else if (item.SellIn > 0)
        qualityAdjustment = 3;
    else
        qualityAdjustment = -item.Quality;
}
else if (item.Name == "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros")
{
    qualityAdjustment = 0;
}
else
{
    qualityAdjustment = item.SellIn > 0 ? -1 : -2;
}

if (qualityAdjustment != 0)
{
    item.Quality = Clamp(item.Quality + qualityAdjustment, 0, 50);
    --item.SellIn;
}
```

```
int qualityAdjustment;

if (item.Name == "Aged Brie")
{
    qualityAdjustment = item.SellIn > 0 ? 1 : 2;
}
else if (item.Name.StartsWith("Backstage passes"))
{
    if (item.SellIn > 10)
        qualityAdjustment = 1;
    else if (item.SellIn > 5)
        qualityAdjustment = 2;
    else if (item.SellIn > 0)
        qualityAdjustment = 3;
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if (qualityAdjustment != 0)
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public class The_quality_of_backstage_passes
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    [TestCase("Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert", 11, 0)]
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    ...
    [TestCase("Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert", 5, 0)]
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    public void increases_by_3_every_day_within_5_days_of_its_sell_by_date(...)
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    [TestCase("Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert", 0, 10)]
    [TestCase("Backstage passes to an All-Seeing Eye performance", -1, 5)]
    public void drops_to_0_after_its_sell_by_date(...)
    ...
    [TestCase("Backstage passes to a TAFKAL80ETC concert", 1, 49)]
    [TestCase("Backstage passes to a Brian Mage gig", 6, 49)]
    [TestCase("Backstage passes to a Blood Moon show", 11, 50)]
}
```

```
public class The_quality_of_sulfuras
{
    [TestCase("Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros", 0, 80)]
    [TestCase("Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros", -1, 80)]
    public void never_changes_and_never_has_to_be_sold(...)
    ...
}
```

```
public class The_quality_of_sulfuras
{
    [TestCase("Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros", 0, 80)]
    [TestCase("Sulfuras", 1, 80)]
    [TestCase("Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros", -1, 80)]
    public void never_changes_and_never_has_to_be_sold(...)
    ...
}
```

```
int qualityAdjustment;

if (item.Name == "Aged Brie")
{
    qualityAdjustment = item.SellIn > 0 ? 1 : 2;
}
else if (item.Name.StartsWith("Backstage passes"))
{
    if (item.SellIn > 10)
        qualityAdjustment = 1;
    else if (item.SellIn > 5)
        qualityAdjustment = 2;
    else if (item.SellIn > 0)
        qualityAdjustment = 3;
    else
        qualityAdjustment = -item.Quality;
}
else if (item.Name == "Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros")
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    qualityAdjustment = 0;
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}

if (qualityAdjustment != 0)
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    item.Quality = Clamp(item.Quality + qualityAdjustment, 0, 50);
    --item.SellIn;
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int qualityAdjustment;

if (item.Name == "Aged Brie")
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        qualityAdjustment = 1;
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        qualityAdjustment = 2;
    else if (item.SellIn > 0)
        qualityAdjustment = 3;
    else
        qualityAdjustment = -item.Quality;
}
else if (item.Name.StartsWith("Sulfuras"))
{
    qualityAdjustment = 0;
}
else
{
    qualityAdjustment = item.SellIn > 0 ? -1 : -2;
}

if (qualityAdjustment != 0)
{
    item.Quality = Clamp(item.Quality + qualityAdjustment, 0, 50);
    --item.SellIn;
}
```



```
public class The_quality_of_sulfuras
{
    [TestCase("Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros", 0, 80)]
    [TestCase("Sulfuras", 1, 80)]
    [TestCase("Sulfuras, Hand of Ragnaros", -1, 80)]
    public void never_changes_and_never_has_to_be_sold(...)
    ...
}
```

# 9 Add conjured items



**Functional**

**Operational**

**Developmental**

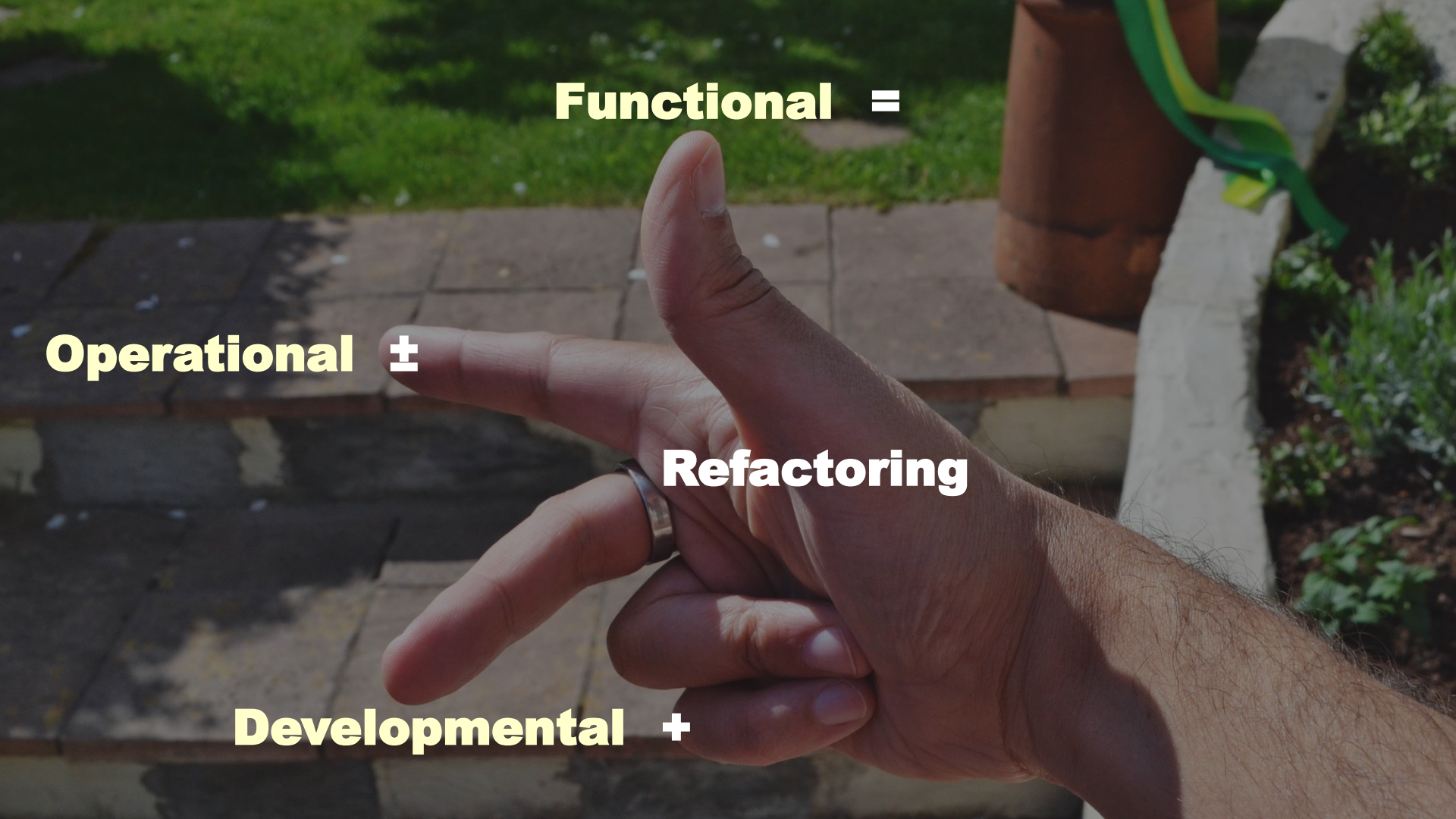


**Functional =**

**Operational ±**

**Refactoring**

**Developmental +**



**Functional =**

**Operational +**

**Optimisation**

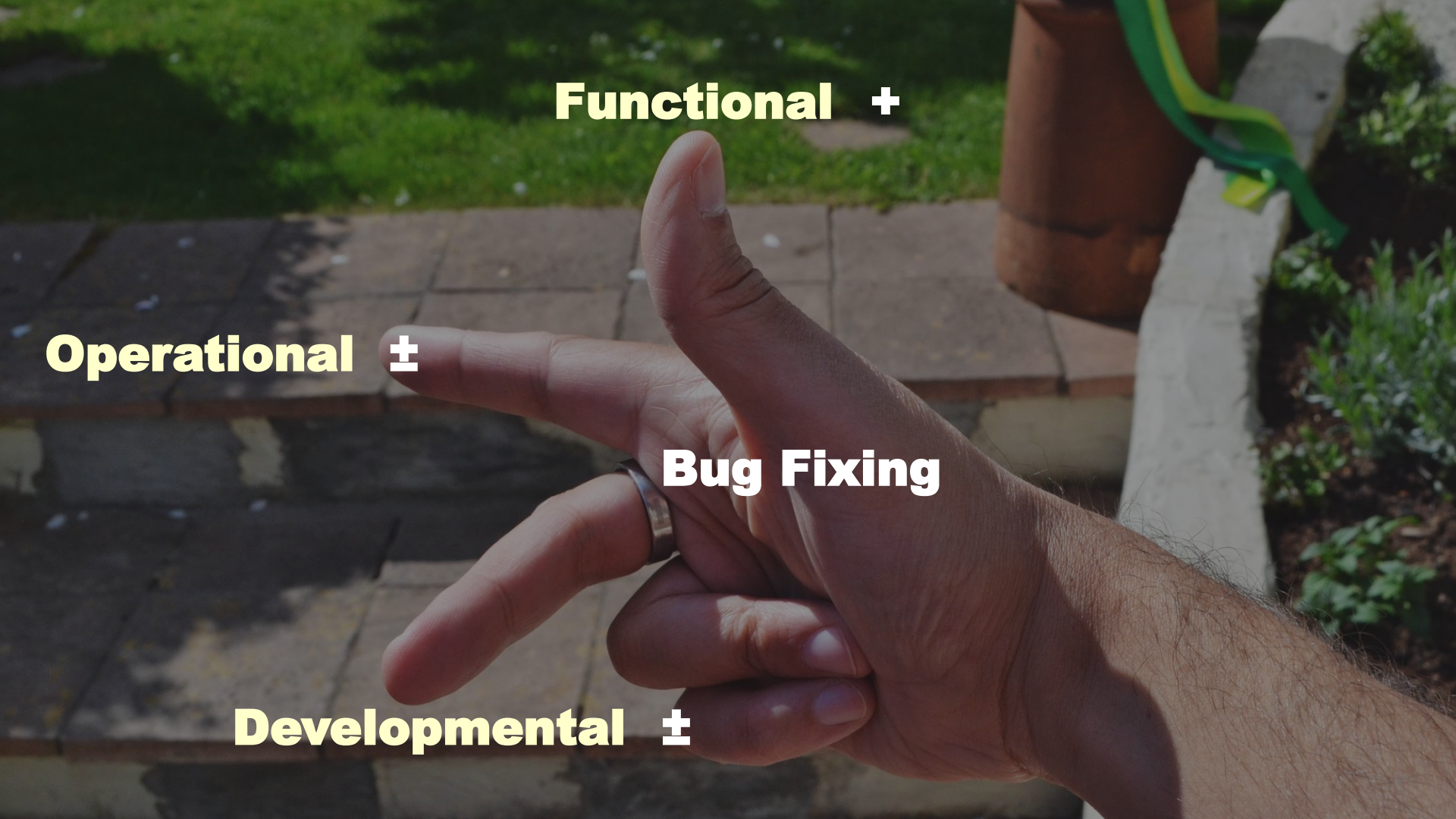
**Developmental ±**

**Functional +**

**Operational ±**

**Bug Fixing**

**Developmental ±**



**Functional +**

**Operational ±**

**Feature Addition**

**Developmental ±**





## Normal Items

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## Items

### Backstage Passes

Backstage passes to a  
TAFKAL80ETC concert

Aged Brie

### Conjured Items

Conjured Mana Cake

Sulfuras

```
public class The_quality_of_a_conjured_item
{
    [TestCase("Conjured Mana Cake", 10, 20)]
    [TestCase("Conjured Overnight Oats", 5, 7)]
    [TestCase("Conjured Spawn Spread", 1, 2)]
    [TestCase("Conjured Dry Seed", 3, 5)]
    public void decreases_by_2_every_day_before_its_sell_by_date(...)
    ...
    [TestCase("Conjured Mana Cake", 0, 10)]
    [TestCase("Conjured Overnight Oats", -1, 5)]
    [TestCase("Conjured Spawn Spread", 0, 4)]
    [TestCase("Conjured Dry Seed", -2, 4)]
    public void decreases_by_4_every_day_past_its_sell_by_date(...)
    ...
    [TestCase("Conjured Mana Cake", 1, 0)]
    [TestCase("Conjured Overnight Oats", -5, 2)]
    [TestCase("Conjured Spawn Spread", 0, 2)]
    [TestCase("Conjured Dry Seed", -2, 1)]
    public void never_decreases_below_0(...)
    ...
}
```

```
int qualityAdjustment;

if (item.Name == "Aged Brie")
{
    qualityAdjustment = item.SellIn > 0 ? 1 : 2;
}
else if (item.Name.StartsWith("Backstage passes"))
{
    if (item.SellIn > 10)
        qualityAdjustment = 1;
    else if (item.SellIn > 5)
        qualityAdjustment = 2;
    else if (item.SellIn > 0)
        qualityAdjustment = 3;
    else
        qualityAdjustment = -item.Quality;
}
else if (item.Name.StartsWith("Sulfuras"))
{
    qualityAdjustment = 0;
}
else
{
    qualityAdjustment = item.SellIn > 0 ? -1 : -2;
}

if (qualityAdjustment != 0)
{
    item.Quality = Clamp(item.Quality + qualityAdjustment, 0, 50);
    --item.SellIn;
}
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        qualityAdjustment = -item.Quality;
}
else if (item.Name.StartsWith("Conjured"))
{
    qualityAdjustment = item.SellIn > 0 ? -2 : -4;
}
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{
    qualityAdjustment = 0;
}
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{
    qualityAdjustment = item.SellIn > 0 ? -1 : -2;
}

if (qualityAdjustment != 0)
{
    item.Quality = Clamp(item.Quality + qualityAdjustment, 0, 50);
    --item.SellIn;
}
```

```
public class The_quality_of_a_conjured_item
{
    [TestCase("Conjured Mana Cake", 10, 20)]
    [TestCase("Conjured Overnight Oats", 5, 7)]
    [TestCase("Conjured Spawn Spread", 1, 2)]
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    [TestCase("Conjured Mana Cake", 0, 10)]
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    public void never_decreases_below_0(...)
    ...
}
```

10 Shift paradigm

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# The Paradigms of Programming

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**Paradigm**(pæ·radim, -dəim) . . . [a. F. *paradigme*, ad. L. *paradigma*, a. Gr. *παραδειγμα* pattern, example, f. *παραδεικνυ·ναι* to exhibit beside, show side by side. . .]

1. A pattern, exemplar, example.

1752 J. Gill *Trinity* v. 91

The archetype, paradigm, exemplar, and idea,  
according to which all things were made.

From the Oxford English Dictionary.

Today I want to talk about the paradigms of programming, how they affect our success as designers of computer programs, how they should be taught, and how they should be embodied in our programming languages.

A familiar example of a paradigm of programming is the technique of *structured programming*, which appears to be the dominant paradigm in most current treatments of programming methodology. Structured programming, as formulated by Dijkstra [6], Wirth [27, 29], and Parnas [21], among others, consists of two phases.

In the first phase, that of top-down design, or stepwise refinement, the problem is decomposed into a very small number of simpler subproblems. In programming the solution of simultaneous linear equations, say, the first level of decomposition would be into a stage of triangularizing the equations and a following stage of back-substitution in the triangularized system. This gradual decomposition is continued until the subproblems that arise are simple enough to cope with directly. In the simultaneous equation example, the back substitution process would be further decomposed as a backwards iteration of a process which finds and stores the value of the  $i$ th variable from the  $i$ th equation. Yet further decomposition would yield a fully detailed algorithm.

# The Paradigms of Programming

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I believe that the current state of the art of computer programming reflects inadequacies in our stock of paradigms, in our knowledge of existing paradigms, in the way we teach programming paradigms, and in the way our programming languages support, or fail to support, the paradigms of their user communities.

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Today, we are not sure of the paradigms of programming, how they affect our success as designers of computer programs, how they should be taught, and how they should be modified in our programming languages. One familiar example of a programming paradigm is the technique of *structured programming*, which appears to be the dominant paradigm in most current textbooks of programming with hierarchy. Structured programming, as formulated by Dijkstra [6], Wirth [27, 29], and Parnas [21], among others, consists of two

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public void UpdateQuality()
{
    foreach (var item in Items)
    {
        int qualityAdjustment;

        if (item.Name == "Aged Brie")
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            qualityAdjustment = item.SellIn > 0 ? 1 : 2;
        }
        else if (item.Name.StartsWith("Backstage passes"))
        {
            if (item.SellIn > 10)
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            else
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        }
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        {
            qualityAdjustment = item.SellIn > 0 ? -2 : -4;
        }
        else if (item.Name.StartsWith("Sulfuras"))
        {
            qualityAdjustment = 0;
        }
        else
        {
            qualityAdjustment = item.SellIn > 0 ? -1 : -2;
        }

        if (qualityAdjustment != 0)
        {
            item.Quality = Clamp(item.Quality + qualityAdjustment, 0, 50);
            --item.SellIn;
        }
    }
}
```

```
public void UpdateQuality()
{
    foreach (var item in Items)
    {
        int qualityAdjustment;

        if (IsMatch(item.Name, "^Aged Brie$"))
        {
            qualityAdjustment = item.SellIn > 0 ? 1 : 2;
        }
        else if (item.Name.StartsWith("Backstage passes"))
        {
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                qualityAdjustment = 1;
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        }
    }
}
```

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public void UpdateQuality()
{
    foreach (var item in Items)
    {
        Func<int> qualityAdjustment;

        if (IsMatch(item.Name, "^Aged Brie$"))
        {
            qualityAdjustment = () => item.SellIn > 0 ? 1 : 2;
        }
        else if (item.Name.StartsWith("Backstage passes"))
        {
            qualityAdjustment = () =>
            {
                if (item.SellIn > 10)
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```

```

private static (string rule, Func<Item, int> adjustment)[] qualityAdjustments =
{
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        }
    ),
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    ("^Sulfuras",      null),
    (".*",              item => item.SellIn > 0 ? -1 : -2),
};

public void UpdateQuality()
{
    foreach (var item in Items)
    {
        foreach (var matching in qualityAdjustments)
        {
            var (rule, adjustment) = matching;

            if (IsMatch(item.Name, rule))
            {
                if (adjustment != null)
                {
                    item.Quality = Clamp(item.Quality + adjustment(item), 0, 50);
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                }
                break;
            }
        }
    }
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};

public void UpdateQuality()
{
    foreach (var item in Items)
    {
        var adjustment = qualityAdjustments.First(matching => IsMatch(item.Name, matching.rule)).adjustment;

        if (adjustment != null)
        {
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The purpose of abstraction is not to be vague, but to create a new semantic level in which one can be absolutely precise.

Edsger W Dijkstra

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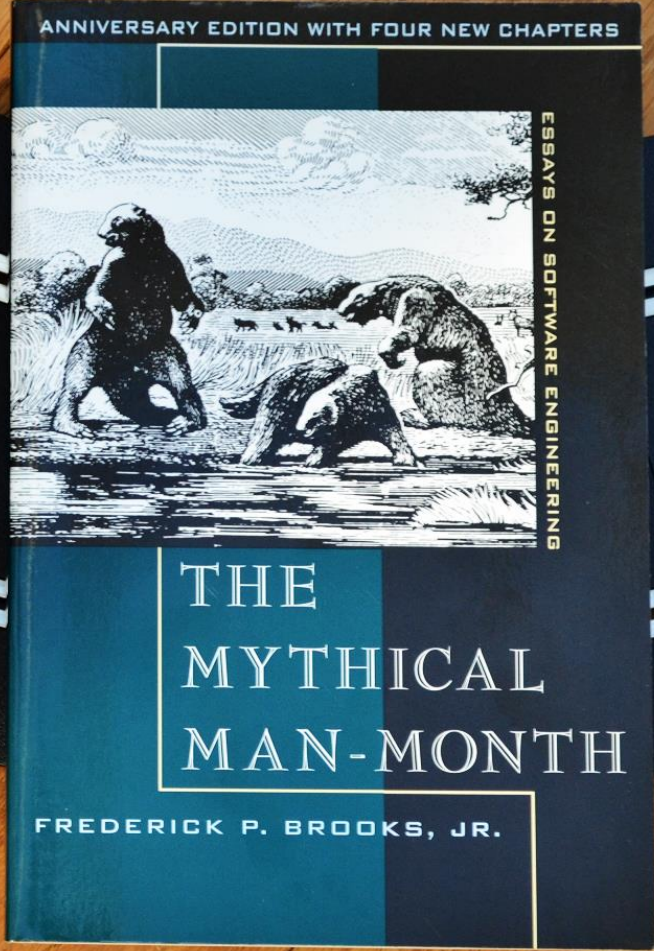
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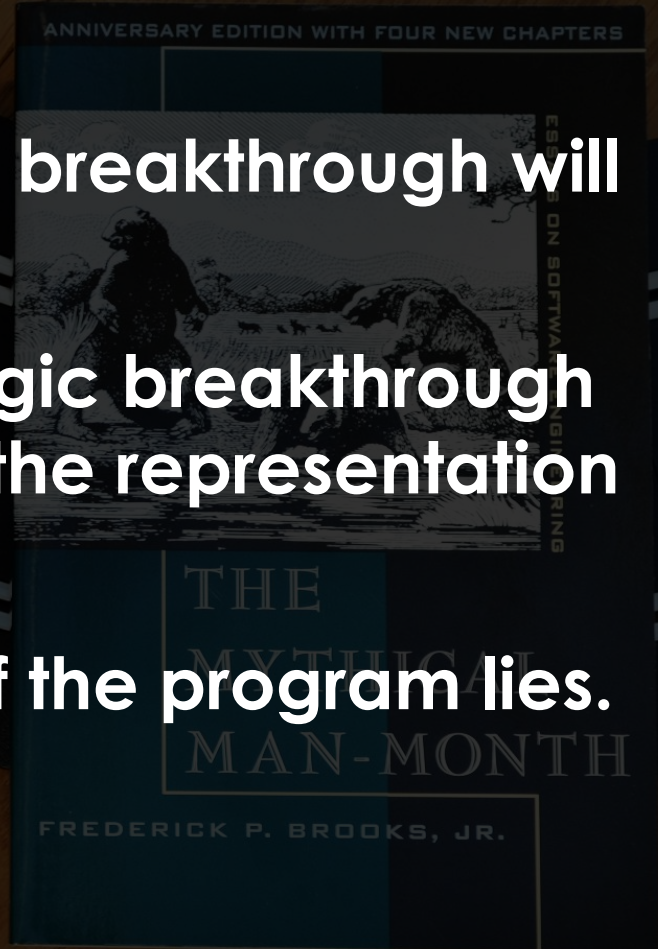




**Sometimes the strategic breakthrough will be a new algorithm.**

**Much more often, strategic breakthrough will come from redoing the representation of the data or tables.**

**This is where the heart of the program lies.**



Architecture is  
inhabited sculpture.

Constantin Brancusi

There is a beautiful angel in that block of marble, and I am going to find it. All I have to do is to knock off the outside pieces of marble, and be very careful not to cut into the angel with my chisel.

George F Pentecost  
“The Angel in the Marble”

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How we spend our  
days is, of course, how  
we spend our lives.

Annie Dillard



Isabella Beeton



There is no work like early work.

Clear as you go.

Muddle makes more muddle.

Not to wash plates and dishes soon  
after using makes more work.

Isabella Beeton

The only kind of  
writing is rewriting.

Ernest Hemingway