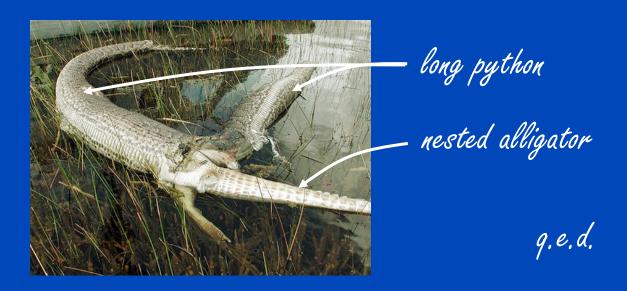
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Avoid long functions. Avoid deep nesting.

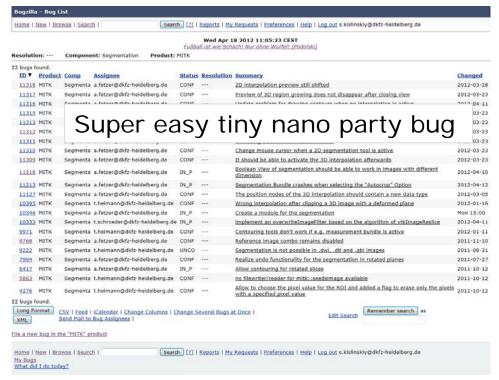


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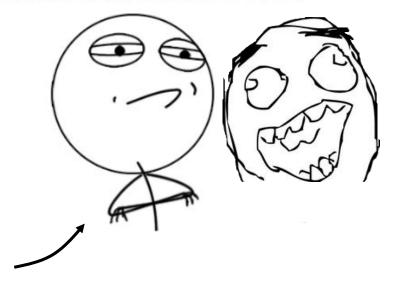
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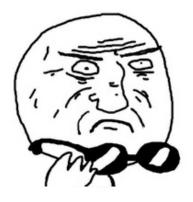


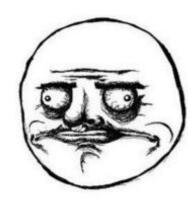
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611
          m Controls->refImageSelector->show();
612
         m Controls->lblReferenceImageSelectionWarning->hide();
613
614
          bool isBinary(false);
615
          selectedNode->GetBoolProperty("binary", isBinary);
616
         if ( isBinary )
617
618
           FireNodeSelected(selectedNode):
            selectedNode->SetVisibility(true);
619
620
621
          else if (node != m Controls->m ManualToolSelectionBox->GetToolManager()->GetReferenceData(0))
622
623
            if (m Controls->m ManualToolSelectionBox->GetToolManager()->GetReferenceData(0))
624
               \texttt{m\_Controls} - \texttt{xm\_ManualToolSelectionBox} - \texttt{SetToolManager()} - \texttt{>GetReferenceData(0)} - \texttt{>SetVisibility(false);} 
625
            if (m Controls->m ManualToolSelectionBox->GetToolManager()->GetWorkingData(0))
626
627
               \texttt{m\_Controls->m\_ManualToolSelectionBox->GetToolManager()->GetWorkingData(0)->SetVisibility(false);} \\
628
629
            FireNodeSelected(selectedNode);
630
            selectedNode->SetVisibility(true);
631
            SetToolManagerSelection(selectedNode, NULL);
632
633
634
       else
635
636
         m Controls->refImageSelector->hide();
637
         m_Controls->lblReferenceImageSelectionWarning->show();
638
639 )
640
641
642 void QmitkSegmentationView::OnShowMarkerNodes (bool state)
643
       mitk::SegTool2D::Pointer manualSegmentationTool;
645
       unsigned int numberOfExistingTools = m_Controls->m_ManualToolSelectionBox->GetToolManager()->GetTools().size();
646
647
648
       for (unsigned int i = 0; i < numberOfExistingTools; i++)
```

million LOC's in functions, trillion LOCs in file...

... stuffed with über-loops and mo-mo-mo-monster conditional branches

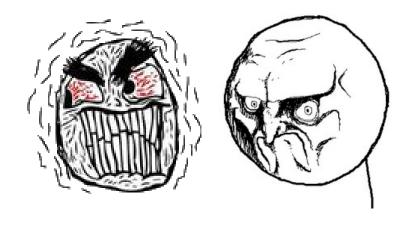
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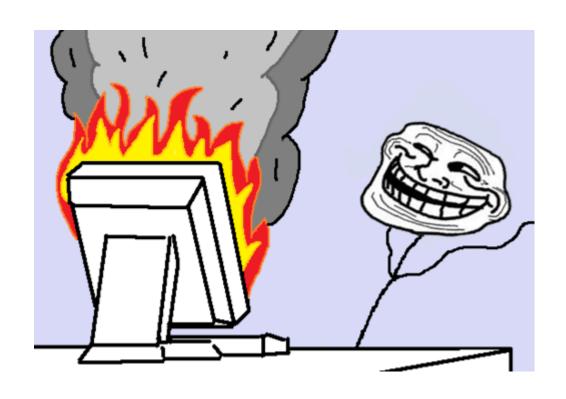


a few hours later...



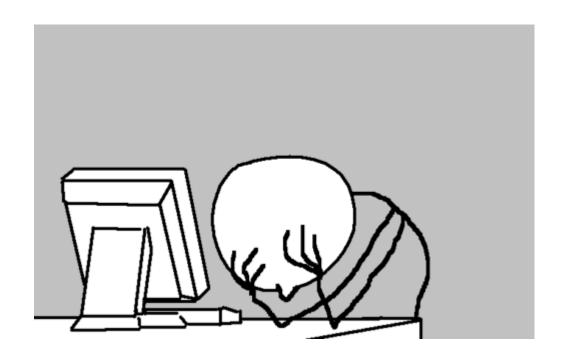


... later that day ...





Finally found truly super easy tiny nano ultra well hidden party bug...



... but somehow there is no satisfaction in the air. - THE END-

We can do better...



- Avoid long functions
 - Every function should be a coherent unit of work
 - One function one responsibility
- Avoid deep nesting
 - Rhetorical question: Have you ever found a closing brace in someone's code and wondered which of the many fors, whiles, or ifs it matched?

We really can do better...



- Prefer cohesion: Give one function one responsibility. No, really!
- Don't repeat yourself: Prefer named functions over C&P'ed code snippets.
- Prefer algorithms: Flatter than loops, and your/my code usually sucks compared to them. :-)

Useful tips



- Prefer writing nonmember nonfriend functions
 - Improve encapsulation
 - Break apart monolithic classes
 - Reduce dependencies / coupling
- Functions have pre- and post-conditions respect them!
 - Fail gracefully. If your function works only for 3D-Images, make sure input IS a 3D-image instead of crashing hard.



Refactoring... is it worth it?



- How many hours did you spend searching for bugs and how many hours did you spend to actually squash those nasty bitc... I mean bugs?
- Would that bug be even present when there would be shorter and flatter functions with single responsibilities instead of that monolithic "piece of ... code "?





We should endorse **code reading** and **(preemptive) refactoring** during bug squashing parties.

Thank you!:)



