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# **Effective and Clean Java Code? Tips and Tricks from the Real World**

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# Software is a Craft





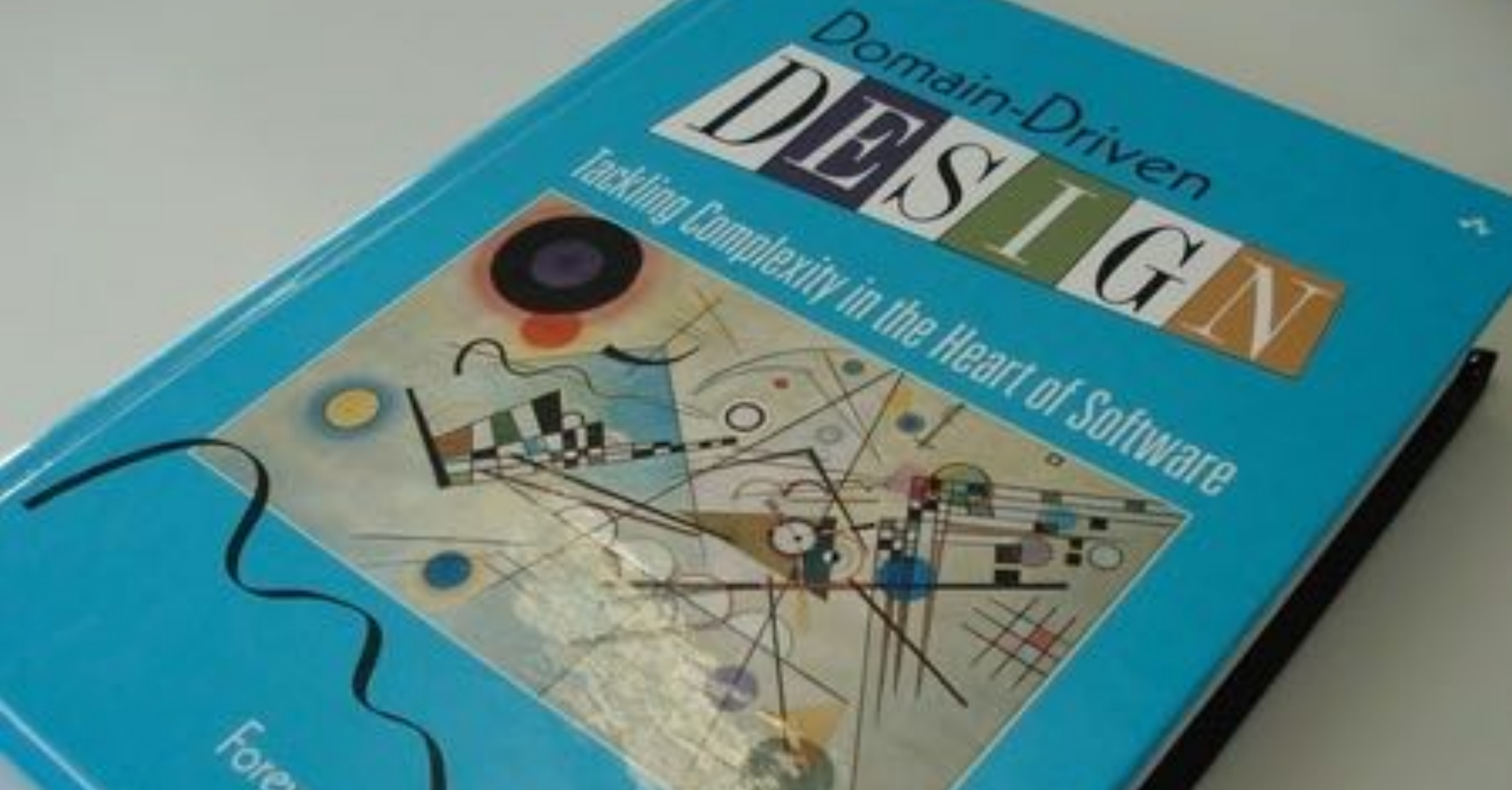
*“...computer programming is an art,  
because it applies accumulated  
knowledge to the world, because it  
requires skill and ingenuity, and  
especially because it produces objects  
of beauty”*

–Donald E. Knuth

*“No matter what other methods you apply to achieve competence in a social system, in the end it all depends on whether people actually care.”*

–Jurgen Appelo







# Code Smells

A close-up photograph of a woman with blonde hair and blue eyes, wearing a pink and white striped shirt. She is holding her right hand up to her nose, appearing to smell it. The background is a solid light blue.



# Primitive Obsession

A close-up photograph of a primitive knife resting on a dark, moss-covered log. The knife has a long, white, bone-like handle with a smooth, slightly curved shape. The grip area is wrapped in several layers of light-colored, thin wooden strips, creating a textured, spiral pattern. The blade is not visible, but the handle tapers to a point. The background is a dark, textured surface covered in green moss.



# When to Make a Type

Martin Fowler

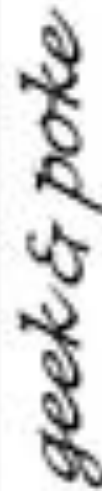
**W**hen I started programming computers, I began with fairly primitive languages, such as Fortran 4 and various early flavors of Basic. One of the first things you learn using such languages—indeed, even using more up-to-date languages—is which types your language supports. Being oriented toward number crunching, Fortran supported integer and real types, with the interesting rule that any variable whose name started with the letters I through N was an integer, and all other variables were floats. I'm glad that convention hasn't caught on, although Perl is close. Furthermore, using object-oriented languages, you can define your own types and in the best languages, they act just as well as built-in ones.



My favorite example is money. A lot of computer horsepower is dedicated to manipulating money, accounting, billing, trading, and so forth—few things burn more cycles. Despite all this attention, no mainstream language has a built-in type for money. Such a type could reduce errors by being currency aware, helping us, for example, avoid embarrassing moments of adding our dollars to our yen. It can also avoid more insidious rounding errors. It would not only remove the temptation to use floats for money (never, ever do that) but also help us deal with tricky problems such as how to split \$10 equally between three people. In addition, it could simplify a lot of printing and parsing code. For more on this (why write the column if I can't plug my books?), see *Patterns of Enterprise Application Architecture* (Addison-Wesley, 2002).

The nice thing about OO programs is that you can easily define a type like this if





DOCTOR?  
HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF A  
"NullPointerException"?



**SHUT UP AND**



**SHOW ME THE  
CODE**



# Immutables

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Java annotation processors to generate simple, safe and consistent value objects. Do not repeat yourself, try Immutables, the most comprehensive tool in this field!

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```
import org.immutables.value.Value;
// Define abstract value type
@Value.Immutable
public interface ValueObject {
    String name();
    List<Integer> counts();
    Optional<String> description();
}

// Or you can configure different @Value.Style
@Value.Immutable
abstract class AbstractItem {
    abstract String getName();
    abstract Set<String> getTags();
    abstract Optional<String> getDescription();
}
```

```
// Use generated immutable implementation
ValueObject valueObject =
    ImmutableValueObject.builder()
        .name("My value")
        .addCounts(1)
        .addCounts(2)
        .build();

// Use generated value object
Item namelessItem = Item.builder()
    .setName("Nameless")
    .addTags("important", "relevant")
    .setDescription("Description provided")
    .build();

Item namedValue = namelessItem.withName("Named");
```

## Values and Builders

With *Immutables* you can generate state of the art immutable objects and builders. Type safe, null safe and thread

## Easy to use

Just add jar to classpath and use. No required runtime dependencies! Guava is supported, but not required. Works

## Feature packed

Lazy, derived and optional attributes. Comprehensive support for collections as attributes, including Guava

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## Clean code

*Immutables* has much higher standards for code readability than other generators. Generated APIs are carefully





## Concept in Code

A new powerful collection library saves us from  
`source.stream().really("?").collect(sink())` pipelines.

```
List<String> names = persons  
    .filter(p -> p.age > 12)  
    .map(Person::getName);
```

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