

How I Code and Why

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How do You Code and Why?

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Examples That Stick/Stuck

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C++ Solution Station (?)

BoostCon/C++Now (2013?)





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Single Responsibility Principle
Open/Closed Principle
Liskov Substitution Principle
Interface Segregation Principle
Development Inversion Principle

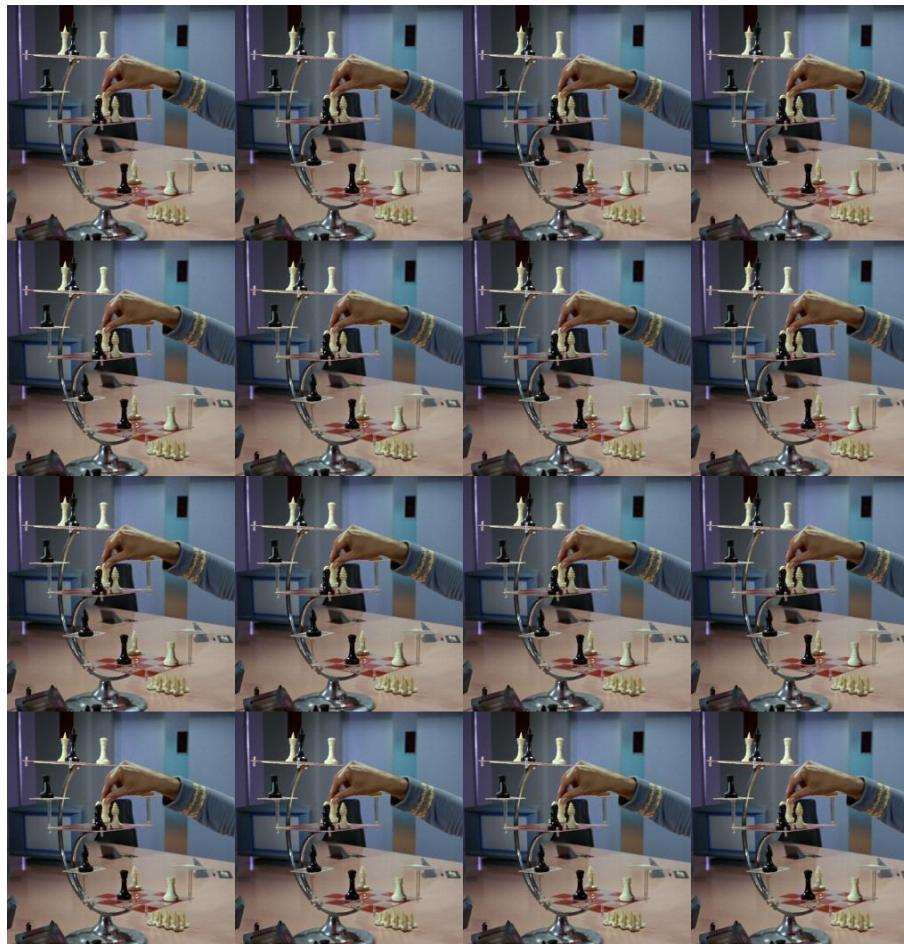


“Thanks”



P.S. github.com/blackberry/Boost

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Thus...

My favourite comment word is
Otherwise.



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Think about other code that needs to disable the popup menu.
Does it also set `_disablePopupMenu`? or `popupMenu.disable()`? who resets it?

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Alternatively, think about other code
that needs to set **_movedSinceDown**...

...Hopefully there is none!

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case DOWNHOVER: // or some better name  
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case UP:  
    ...  
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```

Thus...

“Separation of Concerns”



```
if ( !_disablePopupMenu)
```

Thus...

Avoid Double Negatives



How a Button invokes a ‘click’ action:

- virtual Button::invokeAction()
- virtual Invokeable::invokeAction() // Button : private Invokeable {};
- (*invokeAction)(theirdata) // C styles
- _listener->invokeAction()
- boost::function
- “callable” // template<typename F> onClick(F f); // converts to function<> for you
- os/framework_sendmessage(destId, buttonId, actionPerformed, etc)
- os/framework_postmessage(destId, buttonId, actionPerformed, etc) //**
- queue a boost::function to a threaded work queue //**
- condvar //**
- boost::signal<>, Qt signal, framework signal
- member.invokeAction() where Button<T> has a T member.
- Base::invokeAction() // template <typename Base> Button : Base {};
- invokeAction()



```
template <typename ActionFramework>
class Button : ActionFramework // use CRTP?
{
    ...
    void handleInput(...)
    {
        if (...decide to invoke...)
        {
            invokeAction();
        }
    }
};
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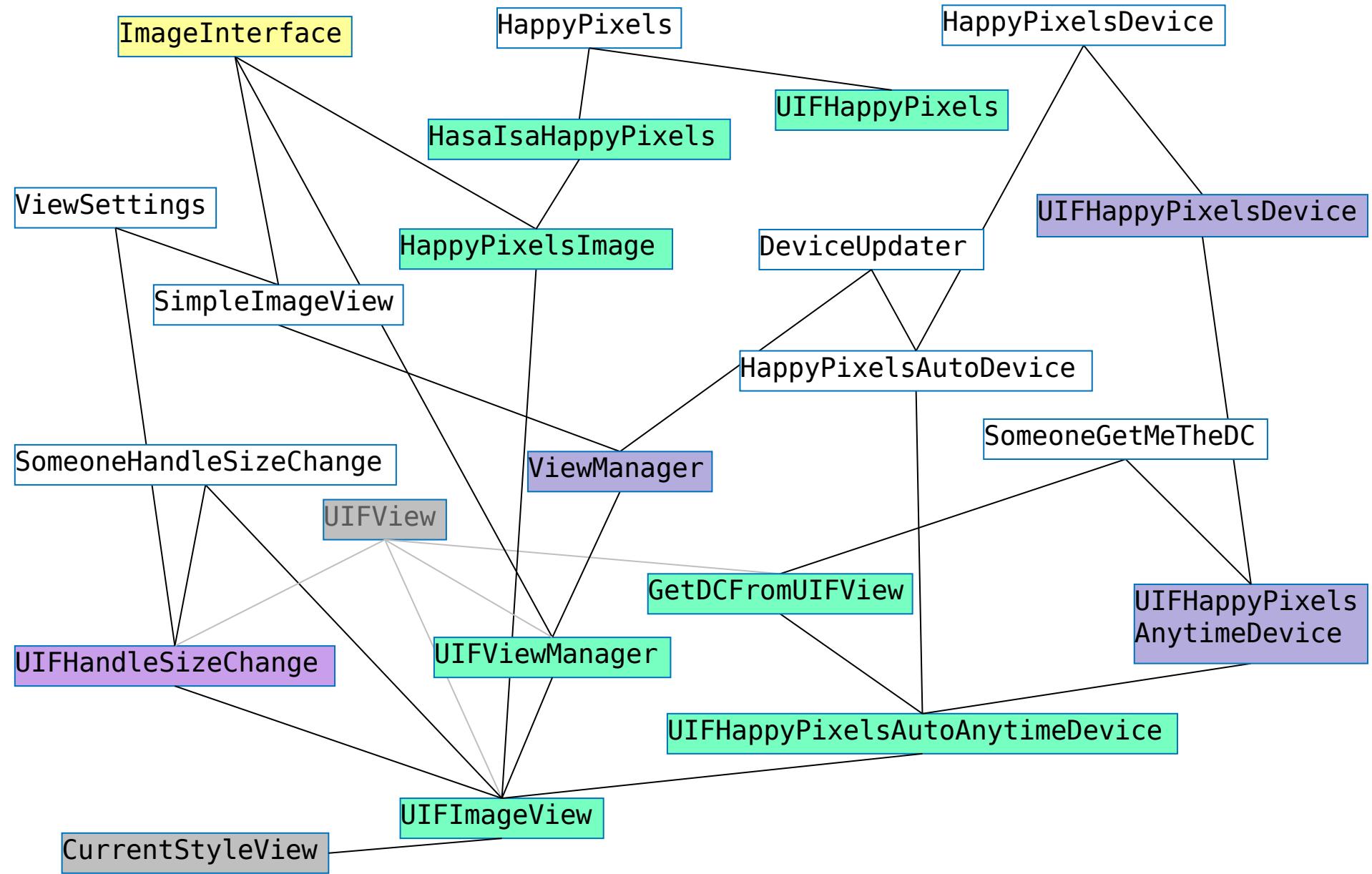
Separation of Concerns (?)

Inversion of Everything (?)

Top Down (?)

I don't care / not my problem





Thus...

?!



Speaking of Buttons...



```
class CheckBox
{
public:
    bool isChecked()
    {
        ...
    }
};
```

Sean Parent (paraphrased)

CheckBox::isChecked()
you're doing it wrong.



Speaking of Sean Parent...

No raw loops



How to go from Java to C++...

OH NO! Pointers!



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Value Types.



Speaking of Sean Parent...

Value Types /
“shared_ptr is as good as a global”



Speaking of Sean Parent...

Value Types “shared_ptr”



RPM®

Speaking of 'is'...



```
class LockFreeList
{
public:
    bool isEmpty()    // or just empty()
    {
        ...
    }
};
```

```
{  
if (!list.isEmpty())  
{  
    Foo foo = list.pop();  
    ...  
}  
};
```

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Thus...

was not is
in threaded programming.



Also...

from not to.



M + N vs M x N



M + N vs **M x N** is for Unit Tests



Examples That Suck

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“Structured Exception Handling”

(<http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/s58ftw19%28v=vs.80%29.aspx>)

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Portable

```
OS_TRY
{
    // guarded code
}
OS_CATCH()
{
    // exception handler code
}
```

```
class OSCatcher
{
    static atomic<jmp_buf*> _current;
    jmp_buf _local, *_prev;
    bool _ok;

    OSCatcher() : _ok(true)
    {
        _prev = _current.exchange(&_local);
        if (setjmp(_local)) { // example! not thread safe
            _ok = false;
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    }
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int main()
{
    signal(SIGINT, sigint_handler);
    ...
}

sigint_handler()
{
    longjmp(*OScatcher::_current, 1);
```

Thus...

Can != Should.



```
int func()
{
    static Once once;

    if (Once::Guard guard(once))
    {
        // init...
    }

    ...
}
```

```
#define once    static Once UNIQUE(once); \
               if (Once::Guard guard(once))

int func()
{
    once
    {
        // init...
    }

    ...
}
```

(Mostly unrelated actually...)

MACROS are evil



As Always...

Use Locks



Thus...

Experiment

Thank you for participating.

