Code Structure

CS 346: Application Development

Getting Started

How do you *actually* get started?

- You know that:
 - You need layers for your user-interface, domain and model.
 - You have features that are orthogonal to these layers e.g., your recipe application will probably need to fetch data (model and persistence), modify and repackage it into a useful structure (domain) and display it (view).

Do you write all your views first? Do you build models first?

Two approaches

- Technical Partitioning
 - Also called Horizontal slicing
 - Idea that you build all like-minded classes first.
 - i.e. create the views first, then hook them up!
- Domain partitioning
 - Also called Vertical slicing
 - Idea that you build complete features first.
 - i.e., create View, Model, etc. for a single feature.
 - Test that, then iterate on the next one.



Technical Partitioning

- Horizontal slicing
- Build all like-minded classes first.
- When to use it?
 - This is a great approach if you need to solidify aspects of your design early.
 - Beneficial with a high-risk layer e.g., service.
- Advantages?
 - You can deliver a standalone layer earlier.
 - You will need to test each layer independently (unit tests only).



Domain Partitioning

- Vertical slicing
- Build a complete feature first.
- When to use it?
 - This approach lets you test your full development stack with each feature!
 - No rush to complete any one layer.
- Advantages?
 - You get working features to demo.
 - You will reduce integration challenges which are a major source of risk in projects.
 - You can write complete tests, every iteration (i.e. unit + integration tests).



What does Domain partitioning look like?

Your approach will determine the structure of your packages and code.

Domain partitioning has subfolders for each significant feature.

 e.g. a recipe application with both a card (detail) view and a list (summary) view of recipe data.

You implement that feature in its entirety!

Classes shared across features can be stored in a shared package.

