

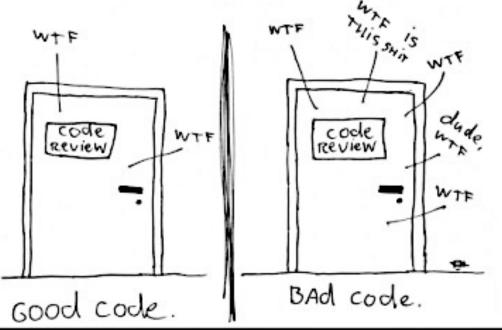
CS3213 Project – Week 10

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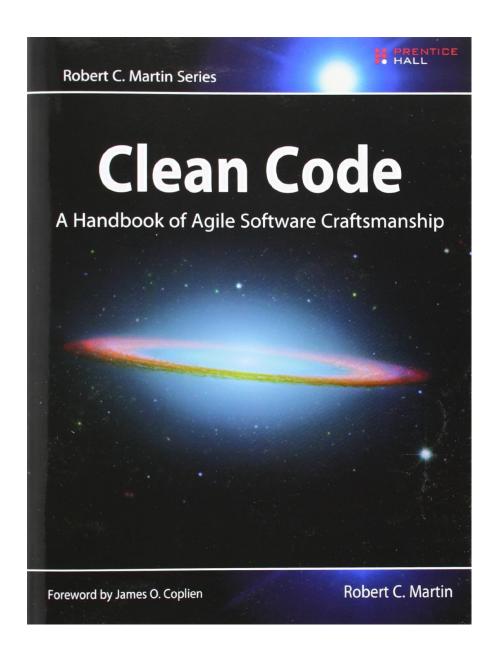
"One bad programmer can easily create two new jobs a year."

David Parnas

The ONLY VALID MEASUREMENT OF COOLE QUALITY: WTFs/minute



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Robert C. "Uncle Bob" Martin: Clean Code: A Handbook of Agile Software Craftsmanship

Prentice Hall, 2008

Contents of the Clean Code Book vs. Contents Covered Today

- 1. Meaningful Names
- 2. Functions
- 3. Comments
- 4. Formatting
- 5. Objects and Data Structures
- 6. Error Handling

Boundaries

7. Unit Tests

8. Classes

Systems

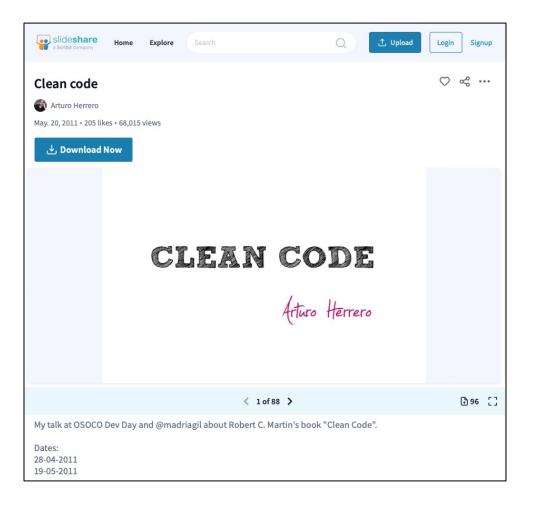
Emergence

Concurrency

Acknowledgment

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http://www.slideshare.net/arturoherrero/clean-code-8036914



1. Meaningful Names

Use Intention-Revealing Names



```
int d; // elapsed time in days
```



```
int elapsedTimeInDays;
int daysSinceCreation;
int daysSinceModification;
int fileAgeInDays;
```

Use Intention-Revealing Names (cont'd)



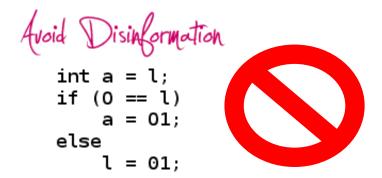
```
public List<int[]> getThem() {
    List<int[]> list1 = new ArrayList<int[]>();
    for (int[] x : theList)
        if (x[0] == 4)
            list1.add(x);
    return list1;
}
```

Use Intention-Revealing Names



```
public List<Cell> getFlaggedCells() {
    List<Cell> flaggedCells = new ArrayList<Cell>();
    for (Cell cell : gameBoard)
        if (cell.isFlagged())
            flaggedCells.add(cell);
    return flaggedCells;
}
```

Disinformation and Distinction



Make Meaningful Distinctions

```
public static void copyChars(char a1[], char a2[]) {
    for (int i = 0; i < a1.length; i++) {
        a2[i] = a1[i];
    }
}</pre>
```



Pronounceable Names

```
class DtaRcrd102 {
    private Date genymdhms;
    private Date modymdhms;
    private final String pszqint = "102";
    /* ... */
};
```

Use Pronounceable Names



```
class Customer {
    private Date generationTimestamp;
    private Date modificationTimestamp;;
    private final String recordId = "102";
    /* ... */
};
```

Searchable Names



```
for (int j = 0; j < 34; j++) {
    s += (t[j] * 4) / 5;
}</pre>
```

Use Searchable Names



```
int realDaysPerIdealDay = 4;
const int WORK_DAYS_PER_WEEK = 5;
int sum = 0;
for (int j = 0; j < NUMBER_OF_TASKS; j++) {
   int realTaskDays = taskEstimate[j] *
realDaysPerIdealDay;
   int realTaskWeeks = (realdays / WORK_DAYS_PER_WEEK);
   sum += realTaskWeeks;
}</pre>
```

Avoid Encodings

```
public class Part {
    private String m_dsc; // The textual description
    void setName(String name) {
        m_dsc = name;
    }
}
```

```
public class Part {
    String description;
    void setDescription (String description) {
        this.description = description;
    }
}
```





PhoneNumber phone;

Mental Mapping

```
for (a = 0; a < 10; a++)
for (b = 0; b < 10; b++)
```

Avoid Mental Mapping

for (i = 0; i < 10; i++)for (j = 0; j < 10; j++)



Method Names

```
postPayment, deletePage, save
// methods should have verb or verb phrase names

string name = employee.getName();
customer.setName("mike");
if (paycheck.isPosted())...

Complex fulcrumPoint = Complex.fromRealNumber(23.0);
// is generally better than
Complex fulcrumPoint = new Complex(23.0);
```

One Word Per Concept; Don't Pun

```
Fick One Word per Concept

fetch, retrieve, get // as equivalent methods

controller, manager, driver // confusing
```

Don't Pun

// avoid using the same word for two purposes

Use Solution Domain Names and Context

Use Solution Domain Names

AccountVisitor, JobQueue
// people who read your code will be programmers

Add Meaningful Context

firstName, lastName, street, city, state, zipcode
// a better solution
addrFirstName, addrLastName, addrState
// a better solution
Class Address

No Gratuitous Context



```
Address
// is a fine name for a class

AccountAddress, CustomerAddress
// are fine names for instances of the class Address
// but could be poor names for classes
```

PostalAddress, MAC, URI

2. Functions

Size and Scope

```
// rules of functions:
// 1. should be small
// 2. should be smaller than that
// < 150 characters per line
// < 20 lines

// FUNCTIONS SHOULD DO ONE THING. THEY SHOULD DO IT WELL.
```

// THEY SHOULD DO IT ONLY.

Level of Abstraction and Reading Direction

```
One level of Abstraction per Function

// high level of abstraction
getHtml()

// intermediate level of abstraction
String pagePathName = PathParser.render(pagePath);

// remarkably low level
.append("\n")
```



Reading Code from Top to Bottom

// the Stepdown Rule

Switch/Case-Based Functions

```
class Employee...
  int payAmount() {
    switch (getType()) {
        case EmployeeType.ENGINEER:
            return _monthlySalary;
        case EmployeeType.SALESMAN:
            return _monthlySalary + _commission;
        case EmployeeType.MANAGER:
            return _monthlySalary + _bonus;
        default:
            throw new Exception("Incorrect Employee");
    }
```



```
class EmployeeType...
   abstract int payAmount(Employee emp);

class Salesman...
   int payAmount(Employee emp) {
     return emp.getMonthlySalary() + emp.getCommission();
   }

class Manager...
   int payAmount(Employee emp) {
     return emp.getMonthlySalary() + emp.getBonus();
   }
```

Names and Arguments

Use Descriptive Names

testableHtml => includeSetupAndTeardownPages

includeSetupAndTeardownPages, includeSetupPages, includeSuiteSetupPage, includeSetupPage // what happened to includeTeardownPages, includeSuiteTeardownPage, includeTeardownPage



Function Arguments

// the ideal number of arguments for a function is zero

Monadic Forms

Common Monadic Forms

```
// if a function is going to transform its input argument,
// the transformation should appear as the return value

StringBuffer transform(StringBuffer in)
// is better than
void transform(StringBuffer out)

// asking a question about that argument
boolean fileExists("MyFile")

// operating on that argument, transforming and returning it
InputStream fileOpen("MyFile")

// event, use the argument to alter the state of the system
void passwordAttemptFailedNtimes(int attempts)
```



(Avoid) Flag Arguments



renderForSuite()
renderForSingleTest()



Dyadic Functions and Triads

```
Dyadic Functions

writeField(name)
// is easier to understand than
writeField(outputStream, name)

// perfectly reasonable
Point p = new Point(0,0)

// problematic
assertEquals(expected, actual)
```

riads

assertEquals(message, expected, actual)



Argument Objects, Verbs and Keywords

Argument Objects

Circle makeCircle(double x, double y, double radius);
Circle makeCircle(Point center, double radius);

Verbs and Keywords
write(name)
writeField(name)

assertEquals(expected, actual)
assertExpectedEqualsActual(expected, actual)

No Side Effects

```
Have No Side Effects

// do something or answer something, but not both
public boolean set(String attribute, String value);

setAndCheckIfExists

if (attributeExists("username")) {
    setAttribute("username", "unclebob");
    ...
}
```

DRY and Structured Programming

Don't Repeat Yourself (DRY)

// duplication may be the root of all evil in software

Structured Programming

```
// Edsger Dijkstra's rules
// one entry
// one exit

// functions small
// occasional multiple return, break, or continue statement
// can sometimes even be more expressive Dijkstra's rules
```



3. Comments

Explain Yourself in Code

Comments Do Not Make Up for Bad Code

(/ don't comment bad code, rewrite it!

```
// Check to see if the employee is eligible for full benefits if ((employee.flags & HOURLY_FLAG) && (employee.age > 65))
```

if (employee.isEligibleForFullBenefits())



Legal and Informative Comments

```
Legal Comments
```

```
// Copyright (C) 2011 by Osoco. All rights reserved.
// Released under the terms of the GNU General Public
License // version 2 or later.
```



Informative Comments

```
// Returns an instance of the Responder being tested.
protected abstract Responder responderInstance();
// renaming the function: responderBeingTested

// format matched kk:mm:ss EEE, MMM dd, yyyy
Pattern timeMatcher = Pattern.compile(
"\\d*:\\d*:\\d* \\w*, \\w* \\d*, \\d*");
```

Explanation of Intent and Clarification (Good)

```
Explanation of Intent
```

```
//This is our best attempt to get a race condition
//by creating large number of threads.
for (int i = 0; i < 25000; i++) {
    WidgetBuilderThread widgetBuilderThread =
    new WidgetBuilderThread(widgetBuilder, text, failFlag);
    Thread thread = new Thread(widgetBuilderThread);
    thread.start();
}</pre>
```



Clarification

```
assertTrue(a.compareTo(b) == -1); // a < b
assertTrue(b.compareTo(a) == 1); // b > a
```

Warnings and TODOs

Warning of Consequences

```
public static SimpleDateFormat makeStandardHttpDateFormat() {
    //SimpleDateFormat is not thread safe,
    //so we need to create each instance independently.
    SimpleDateFormat df = new SimpleDateFormat("dd MM yyyy");
    df.setTimeZone(TimeZone.getTimeZone("GMT"));
    return df;
}
```



TODO Comments

```
//TODO-MdM these are not needed
// We expect this to go away when we do the checkout mode
```

Amplification and JavaDoc in Public APIs

Amplification

```
String listItemContent = match.group(3).trim();
// the trim is real important. It removes the starting
// spaces that could cause the item to be recognized
// as another list.
new ListItemWidget(this, listItemContent, this.level + 1);
return buildList(text.substring(match.end()));
```

// there is nothing quite so helpful and satisfying
// as a well-described public API



Mumbling

Redundant Comments



Redundant Comments (cont'd)



Mandated Comments

Journal Comments



Noise Comments

```
/**
 * Default constructor.
protected AnnualDateRule() { }
/** The day of the month. */
private int dayOfMonth;
/**
 * Returns the day of the month.
 * @return the day of the month.
public int getDayOfMonth() {
    return dayOfMonth;
```



Scary Noise

```
/** The name. */
private String name;

/** The version. */
private String version;

/** The licenceName. */
private String licenceName;

/** The version. */
private String info;
```

Function and/or Variable Over Comment

```
Don't Use a Comment When You Can Use a Function or a Variable

// does the module from the global list <mod> depend on the

// subsystem we are part of?

if (smodule.getDependSubsystems()

.contains(subSysMod.getSubSystem()))
```



```
// this could be rephrased without the comment as
ArrayList moduleDependees = smodule.getDependSubsystems();
String ourSubSystem = subSysMod.getSubSystem();
if (moduleDependees.contains(ourSubSystem))
```

Position Markers and Closing Brace Comments

```
Closing Brace Comments
```

```
while ((line = in.readLine()) != null) {
    lineCount++;
    charCount += line.length();
    String words[] = line.split("\\W");
    wordCount += words.length;
} //while
```



Attributions, Bylines and Commented-Out Code

Attributions and Bylines
/* Added by Rick */



Commented-Out Code



```
InputStreamResponse response = new InputStreamResponse();
response.setBody(formatter.getResultStream(),
formatter.getByteCount());
// InputStream resultsStream = formatter.getResultStream();
// StreamReader reader = new StreamReader(resultsStream);
// response.setContent(reader.read(formatter.getByteCount()));
```

HTML Comments

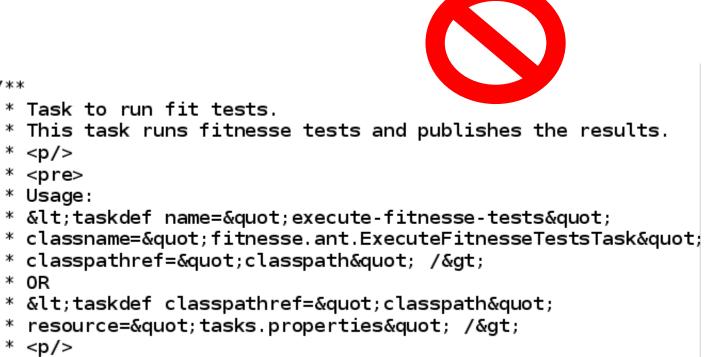
/**

* * * Usage:

* 0R

*

* <execute-fitnesse-tests



Too Much Information

```
RFC 2045 - Multipurpose Internet Mail Extensions (MIME)
Part One: Format of Internet Message Bodies section 6.8.
Base64 Content-Transfer-Encoding
The encoding process represents 24-bit groups of input bits as output strings of 4 encoded characters. Proceeding from left to right, a 24-bit input group is formed by concatenating 3 8-bit input groups.
These 24 bits are then treated as 4 concatenated 6-bit groups, each of which is translated into a single digit in the base64 alphabet.
When encoding a bit stream via the base64 encoding, the bit stream must be presumed to be ordered with the most-significant-bit first.
*/
```



Inobvious Connection and Function Headers

Inobvious Connection





Function Headers

// short functions don't need much description

4. Formatting

Formatting

```
The Purpose of Formatting
```



```
The Newspaper Metaphor

// high-level -> details
```

```
Vertical Openness Between Concepts

// each blank line is a visual cue
// that identifies a new and separate concept
```

Vertical Density

```
// vertical density implies close association
/**
 * The class name of the reporter listener
 */
private String m_className;

/**
 * The properties of the reporter listener
 */
private m_properties = new ArrayList();
```



Horizontal Openness and Density



```
private void measureLine(String line) {
    lineCount++;
    int lineSize = line.length();
    totalChars += lineSize;
    lineWidthHistogram.addLine(lineSize, lineCount);
    recordWidestLine(lineSize);
}

public static double root2(int a, int b, int c) {
    double determinant = determinant(a, b, c);
    return (-b - Math.sqrt(determinant)) / (2*a);
}
```

Horizontal Alignment

```
public class FitNesseExpediter implements ResponseSender
    private
              Socket
                              socket:
    private
              InputStream
                              input;
    private
              OutputStream
                              output;
    private
              Request
                              request;
    private
              Response
                              response;
              FitNesseContext context;
    private
    protected long
                              requestParsingTimeLimit;
                              requestProgress;
    private
              long
                              requestParsingDeadline;
    private
              long
    private
              boolean
                              hasError:
    . . .
```

Horizontal Alignment (cont'd)

```
public class FitNesseExpediter implements ResponseSender
{
    private Socket socket;
    private InputStream input;
    private OutputStream output;
    private Request request;
    private Response response;
    private FitNesseContext context;
    protected long requestParsingTimeLimit;
    private long requestProgress;
    private long requestParsingDeadline;
    private boolean hasError;
    ...
}
```

Breaking Indentation





Agree on Formatting Rules

Team Rules

```
// every programmer has his own favorite formatting rules
// but if he works in a team
// then the team rules
```

5. Objects and Data Structures

Data Abstraction

```
public class Point {
    public double x;
    public double y;
}
```





```
public interface Point {
    double getX();
    double getY();
    void setCartesian(double x, double y);
    double getR();
    double getTheta();
    void setPolar(double r, double theta);
}
```

Data Abstraction (cont'd)

```
public interface Vehicle {
   double getFuelTankCapacityInGallons();
   double getGallonsOfGasoline();
}
```



```
public interface Vehicle {
    double getPercentFuelRemaining();
}
```

Train Wrecks

```
Options opts = ctxt.getOptions();
File scratchDir = opts.getScratchDir();
final String outputDir = scratchDir.getAbsolutePath();
```



6. Error Handling

Exceptions Over Error Codes

```
if (deletePage(page) == E OK) {
 if (registry.deleteReference(page.name) == E_OK) {
    if (configKeys.deleteKey(page.name.makeKey()) == E_0K){
      logger.log("page deleted");
    } else {
      logger.log("configKey not deleted");
 } else {
    logger.log("deleteReference from registry failed");
} else {
 logger.log("delete failed");
                                            Prefer Exceptions to Returning Error Codes
 return E ERROR;
                                                try {
                                                    deletePage(page);
                                                    registry.deleteReference(page.name);
                                                    configKeys.deleteKey(page.name.makeKey());
                                                catch (Exception e) {
                                                    logger.log(e.getMessage());
```

Extract Try/Catch Blocks

```
public void delete(Page page) {
    try {
        deletePageAndAllReferences(page);
    } catch (Exception e) {
        logError(e);
    }
}

private void deletePageAndAllReferences(Page page) throws Exception {
    deletePage(page);
    registry.deleteReference(page.name);
    configKeys.deleteKey(page.name.makeKey());
}

private void logError(Exception e) {
    logger.log(e.getMessage());
}
```

Error Handling Is One Thing

```
// functions should do one thing
// error handing is one thing

// if the keyword try exists in a function
// it should be the very first word in the function and that
// there should be nothing after the catch/finally blocks
```

Define the Normal Flow





Don't Return Null

```
List<Employee> employees = getEmployees();
if (employees != null) {
    for(Employee e : employees) {
        totalPay += e.getPay();
    }
}
```





```
List<Employee> employees = getEmployees();
    for(Employee e : employees) {
        totalPay += e.getPay();
}

public List<Employee> getEmployees() {
    if( .. there are no employees .. )
        return Collections.emptyList();
}
```

Don't Pass Null



7. JUnit Tests

Three Laws of TDD (by Kent Beck)



Rule 1:

You may not write production code until you have written a failing unit test.



Rule 2:

You may not write more of a unit test than is sufficient to fail, and not compiling is failing.

Rule 3:

You may not write more production code than is sufficient to pass the currently failing test.

K. Beck. "Test Driven Development: By Example." Addison-Wesley Longman, 2002.

Clean Tests

```
// Leeping Tests Clean
// test code is just as important as production code
Clean Tests
// what makes a clean test? three things
// readability, readability, and readability
```



Single Assert and Single Concept Per Test

```
// tests come to a single conclusion
// that is quick and easy to understand

Single Concept per Test

// the best rule is that you should
// minimize the number of asserts per concept and
// test just one concept per test function
```

F.I.R.S.T.

```
// Fast
// Independent
// Repeatable
// Self-validating
// Timely
```



8. Classes

Class Organization and Size

Class Organization

```
// public static constants
// private static variables
// private instance variables
// public functions
// private utilities called by a public function right after
```

```
Classes Should Be Small!
```

```
// the first rule is that they should be small
// the second rule is that they should be smaller than that
```



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Single Responsibility and Cohesion

```
The Single Responsibility Principle SRP

// a class or module should have one, and only one,
// reason to change

// SRP is one of the more important concept in 00 design
```



Cohesion

// maintaining cohesion results in many small classes

Summary: Clean Code Strategies

Simple Design Rule 1: Runs All the Tests

Simple Design Rules 2: No Duplication

Simple Design Rules 3: Expressive

Simple Design Rules 4: Minimal Classes and Methods

More Readings

- □ "Clean Code: A Handbook of Agile Software Craftsmanship" by Robert C. "Uncle Bob" Martin, Prentice Hall, 2008
- "Effective Java" by Joshua Bloch, December 2017, Addison-Wesley Professional
- □ "Design Patterns. Elements of Reusable Object-Oriented Software." by Erich Gamma, Richard Helm, Ralph Johnson, and John Vlissides, Addison-Wesley Publishing Company (1995)
- https://www.uml-diagrams.org
 Examples and descriptions of various concepts.



Any remaining question about Clean Code or Implementation Aspects?

Conclusion

- Clean Code is a constructive method for software engineering.
- Keep deadlines in mind: Final Code submission.

Next Week (Project-Part) – Week 11: Integration Testing

- Integration Testing (Motivation, Approaches, Stubs and Drivers, Principles)
- Aspects of Version Control