

# CLEAN CODE CHEAT SHEET

## **Boy Scout rule**

leave the code cleaner as you found it!

## **Follow conventions**

follow existing coding conventions  
to help others read and understand the code faster!

## **DRY**

Don't Repeat Yourself!  
Rather use functions and call them various times.

## **Tell, don't ask**

Tell an object what to do,  
instead of asking for its inner state and then act on it.

## **YAGNI**

Only implement what is really necessary.  
Develop code step by step instead of implementing  
lots of features from the beginning.

## **No Magic Numbers!**

Do not put numbers in code.  
A number's meaning should not be a guessing game.  
Use variables or even a function instead!

## **The code is the best comment!**

The code should be readable in a way, that there are (almost) no comments needed.  
Use self-explanatory variable, function and class names to achieve that.

## **Do one thing and do it well!**

Functions should either answer something or do something, but not both.  
They should in general only do one thing and they should be well implemented.

## **Don't comment out dead code, delete it!**

If the code is maybe needed in the future,  
that's what version control is for.

## **Declare Variables close to where they're used!**

For small functions, this is usually at the top of the function.

## **POLA – Principle of least astonishment**

Any component of the system should behave in a way  
that (most) users will expect it to behave.

## **One Assert per Test!**

Don't use more than one assert per test when testing.

## **Use Pep8 style guide for Python**

-> class names: CamelCase  
-> variable names: snake\_case  
-> function names: snake\_case  
-> module names: snake\_case  
-> constant names: snake\_case and all uppercase  
(<https://peps.python.org/pep-0008/>)