The author of the article “Act with Prudence” tells us about the technical debt and problems, which it can make.

There are two ways to create a working application: “doing it right” and “doing it quick”. And programmers choose “doing it quick” very often. They make a promise to themselves to fix all problems later, but then they have new tasks and become focused on them. This approach to work is called technical debt.

It grows in time like a real money debt. If it is not repaid, it can accumulate interest and makes harder to evolve a project. And you have no choice but to pay it at one beautiful moment. Needless to say, it is often so hard to fix that you can’t afford the time or the risk. Sometimes, just starting all from beginning seems easier.

However, there are times when you have to incur technical debt to meet a deadline or implement a feature. In that situations you need to track it and pay it back as soon as possible.

Despite all that things, technical debt can encourage development of our project but only in rare cases.