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Precise ABAP

From art to engineering

Clean Code tells a story...

```
DATA: xf_makwa(7) TYPE c.  
DATA: xf_trp(1) TYPE c.  
WRITE pw_afolg-matnr TO xf_objctkey.  
xf_tab = 'MARA'.  
xf_classnum = 'PW'.  
CALL FUNCTION 'BAPI_OBJCL_GETDETAIL'  
TABLES  
  ALLOCVALUESNUM = lt_ALLOCVALUESNUM  
  RETURN = lt_baret.  
LOOP AT lt_ALLOCVALUESCHAR INTO  
  lw_ALLOCVALUESCHAR.  
  IF lw_ALLOCVALUESCHAR-charact EQ  
    'PW_GRADEINTELLUNG1'.  
  WRITE lw_ALLOCVALUESCHAR-value_neutral TO  
  IF pw_afvu-slwid EQ 'ZPP0002'.
```

```
CHECK is_user_authorized( ).  
  
todays_orders = get_sales_orders( today ).  
  
DATA(preferences) = get_user_preferences( ).  
  
SORT todays_orders BY (preferences-sorting).  
  
display( todays_orders ).
```


Precise ABAP developers...

- Look beyond the SAP ecosystem
- Leverage existing library functions
- Avoid writing generic solution
- Design solutions with reusability in mind
- Do not maintain a "clean" and an "unclean" style
- Do not maintain a "performant" and a "default" style

Sequencing I – Fail fast!

IF is_check_a_succesful().

IF is_check_b_succesful().

...

do_the_processing().

...

ELSE.

RAISE EXCEPTION TYPE cx_exception_b.

ENDIF.

ELSE.

RAISE EXCEPTION TYPE cx_exception_a.

ENDIF.

CASE abap_false. **A CASE**_____

WHEN is_check_a_succesful().

RAISE EXCEPTION TYPE cx_exception_a.

WHEN is_check_b_succesful().

RAISE EXCEPTION TYPE cx_exception_b.

ENDCASE.

...

do_the_processing().

...

Sequencing II – Check at method start!

```
METHOD perform_action.
```

```
...
```

```
ENDMETHOD.
```

```
...
```

```
IF is_valid( input ).
```

```
    perform_action( input ).
```

```
ENDIF.
```

```
...
```

```
METHOD perform_action.
```

```
    CHECK is_valid( input ).
```

```
...
```

```
ENDMETHOD.
```

```
...
```

```
perform_action( input ).
```

```
...
```


Sequencing III – Do the expensive things late!

slow_method().

fast_method ().

fast_method().

slow_method().

Sequencing IV – Declare inline!

DATA my_document **TYPE REF TO** z_cl_document.

DATA my_rest_service **TYPE REF TO** rest_service.

...

my_rest_service = rest_service=>get_instance().

my_document = read_document_from_db().

DATA(my_rest_service) = rest_service=>get_instance().

read_document_from_db(

IMPORTING document = **DATA**(my_document)).

Parameters – Keep the signature slim!

```
create_order(  
    IMPORTING customer_order = DATA(customer_order)  
    EXPORTING  
        data = 'T. Ergin'  
        item = 'Pencil'  
        amount = 2 )  
    CHANGING number_of_orders = number_of_orders.
```

```
DATA(customer_order) = create_order(  
    VALUE order(  
        customer = 'T. Ergin'  
        item = 'Pencil'  
        amount = 2 ) ).  
    increase_number_of_orders( number_of_orders ).
```


Error handling I – Exceptions should stay exceptional!

IF retrieve_lock() = abap_false.

RAISE EXCEPTION TYPE no_lock_exception.

ENDIF.

IF retrieve_lock() = abap_false.

issue_message('Can not lock...').

RETURN.

ENDIF.

Error handling II – Rather a dump than an undefined application state!

TRY.

DATA(guid) = cl_system_uuid=>create_uuid_x16_static().

CATCH cx_uuid_error **INTO** DATA(guid_exception).

"to be done

ENDTRY.

DATA(guid) = cl_system_uuid=>create_uuid_x16_static().

Error handling III – Enable the where-used-list!

```
issue_message( 'Something went wrong' ).
```

```
MESSAGE e000(FIRU_DCS) "Something went wrong  
INTO DATA(error_message).  
issue_message(error_message ).
```

Error handling IV – Use specific messages

```
MESSAGE e001(O1) WITH 'No authorization'. "&1 &2 &3 &4
```

```
MESSAGE e604(42). "No authorization
```


Resilience – Retry!

```
status = send_http_request( ).
```

```
IF status = not_send.
```

```
...
```

```
ENDIF.
```

```
WHILE status = not_send AND sy-index <= max_retries.
```

```
    status = send_http_request( ).
```

```
ENDDO.
```

```
IF status = not_send.
```

```
...
```

```
ENDIF.
```

Resilience – Timeout!

```
WHILE status = not_send.
```

```
    status = send_http_request( ).
```

```
ENDDO.
```

```
timeout = cl_abap_context_info=>get_system_time( ) + 5_seconds.
```

```
WHILE status = not_send AND cl_abap_context_info=>get_system_time( ) < timeout.
```

```
    status = send_http_request( ).
```

```
ENDDO.
```


Resilience – Circuit Breaker!

```
WHILE status = not_send.  
    status = send_http_request( ).  
ENDDO.
```

```
IF circuit_breaker->circuit_is_open( ).  
    status = send_http_request( ).  
ENDIF.
```

Resilience – Fallback!

```
DATA(user_language) = get_user_language( ).  
IF user_language IS INITIAL.  
    raise( 'No default language set for user.' ).  
ENDIF.
```

```
DATA(user_language) = get_user_language( ).  
IF user_language IS INITIAL.  
    user_language = cl_wb2_const=>english.  
ENDIF.
```


Implicit coding I – No IF!

IF customers IS NOT INITIAL.

READ customers WITH KEY country = 'ZA'.

IF sy-subrc = 0.

..

ENDIF.

ENDIF.

LOOP AT customers WHERE country = 'ZA'.

...

EXIT.

ENDLOOP.

Implicit coding II – Avoid explicit COMMIT and ROLLBACK!

IF NOT update_to_db().

ROLLBACK WORK.

ENDIF.

IF NOT update_to_db().

MESSAGE e500(>6).

ENDIF.

Implicit coding III – Don't CLEAR / UNASSIGN!

LOOP AT orders INTO REFERENCE DATA(order).

CLEAR order_header.

MOVE-CORRESPONDING order TO order_header #(order).

...

ENDLOOP.

LOOP AT orders INTO REFERENCE DATA(order).

order_header = CORRESPONDING #(order).

...

ENDLOOP.

Implicit coding IV – LIKE your variables!

DATA(all_clients) = get_clients_from_db().

DATA active_clients TYPE REF TO clients_collection.

active_clients = all_clients.

...

DATA(all_clients) = get_clients_from_db().

DATA active_clients LIKE all_clients.

active_clients = all_clients.

...

Code noise I – Modularize early!

```
result = print( document_1 ).
```

```
IF result->pages_printed < 1 OR result->status = failure.
```

```
    RAISE EXCEPTION TYPE unexpected result.
```

```
ENDIF
```

```
...
```

```
result = print( document_2 ).
```

```
IF result->pages_printed < 1 OR result->status = failure.
```

```
    RAISE EXCEPTION TYPE unexpected result.
```

```
ENDIF
```

```
check_result( print( document_1 ) ).
```

```
...
```

```
check_result( print( document_2 ) ).
```

```
...
```

```
METHOD check_result.
```

```
    CHECK result->pages_printed < 1 OR result->status = failure.
```

```
    RAISE EXCEPTION TYPE unexpected result.
```

```
ENDMETHOD.
```

Code noise II – Do not repeat yourself!

```
DATA(todays_orders) = read_orders(  
    cl_abap_context_info=>get_system_date( ) ).  
  
    check_orders( todays_orders ).  
    print_orders( todays_orders ).  
    ...  
DATA(todays_orders) = read_orders(  
    cl_abap_context_info=>get_system_date( ) - 1 ).  
  
    check_orders( yesterdays_orders ).  
    print_orders( yesterdays_orders ).
```

```
DATA(date) = cl_abap_context_info=>get_system_date( ) .
```

```
DO 2 TIMES.
```

```
    DATA(orders) = read_orders( date ).
```

```
    check_orders( orders ).
```

```
    print_orders(orders ).
```

```
    date -= 1.
```

```
ENDDO.
```


Code noise III – Focus on the function!

input-value = 42.

input-meaning = 'Purpose of life'.

input-source = 'The Hitchiker's Guide to the Galaxy'.

input-author = 'Douglas Adams'.

result = do_action(input).

CASE result.

WHEN ok_status.

...

WHEN failure_status.

...

WHEN unknwn_status.

ENDCASE.

input = setup_input().

result = do_action(input).

handle_result(result).

METHOD setup_input.

input-value = 42.

input-meaning = 'Purpose of life'.

input-source = 'The Hitchiker's Guide to the Galaxy'.

Frameworks

Instead of...

FUNCTION 'BAL_LOG_CREATE'.

FUNCTION 'SPBT_PARALLEL_PROCESSING'.

FUNCTION 'NUMBER_GET_NEXT'.

CALL FUNCTION 'XYZ' IN BACKGROUND TASK.

...

use...

CLASS cl_bal_logger

CLASS cl_abap_parallel

CLASS cl_numberrange_runtime

CALL FUNTION 'XYZ' IN BACKGROUND UNIT **unit**.

...

Tools

Instead of...

ABAP Workbench

Pretty Printer

SCI / SLIN

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Cross-transports

use...

Eclipse ADT

abap-cleaner

ATC + code-pal-for-abap

CoPilot4Eclipse

ABAPGIT

One for the road...

- **It's about the little things...**
- **Your best line of code is the line never written!**
- **If you are worried, something could break, it will break!**
- **Do not waste system resources!**
- **Get used to ABAP Cloud!**
- **Avoid toil!**