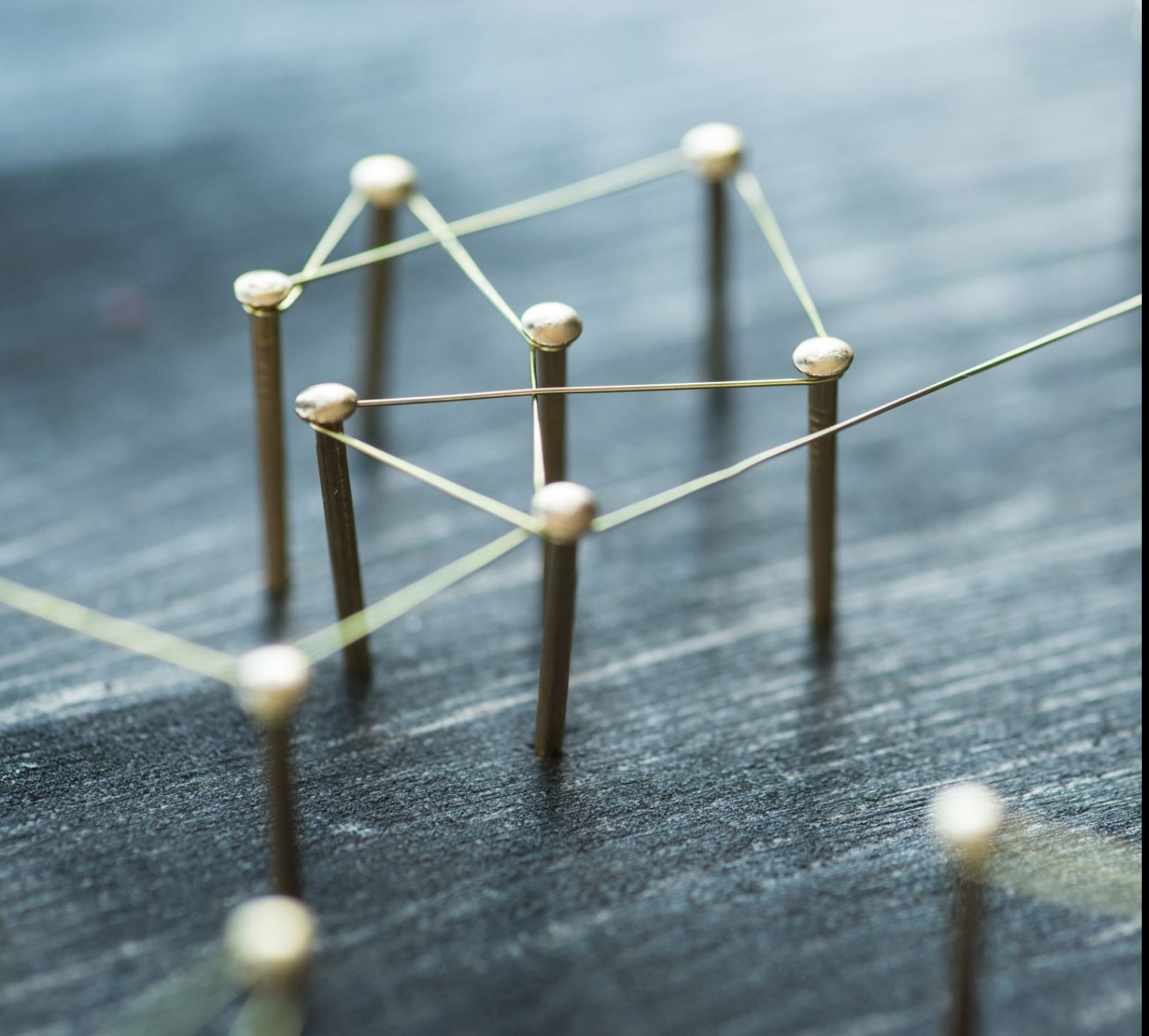

# KF6012 *Web Application Integration*

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# In this lecture

- Clean code
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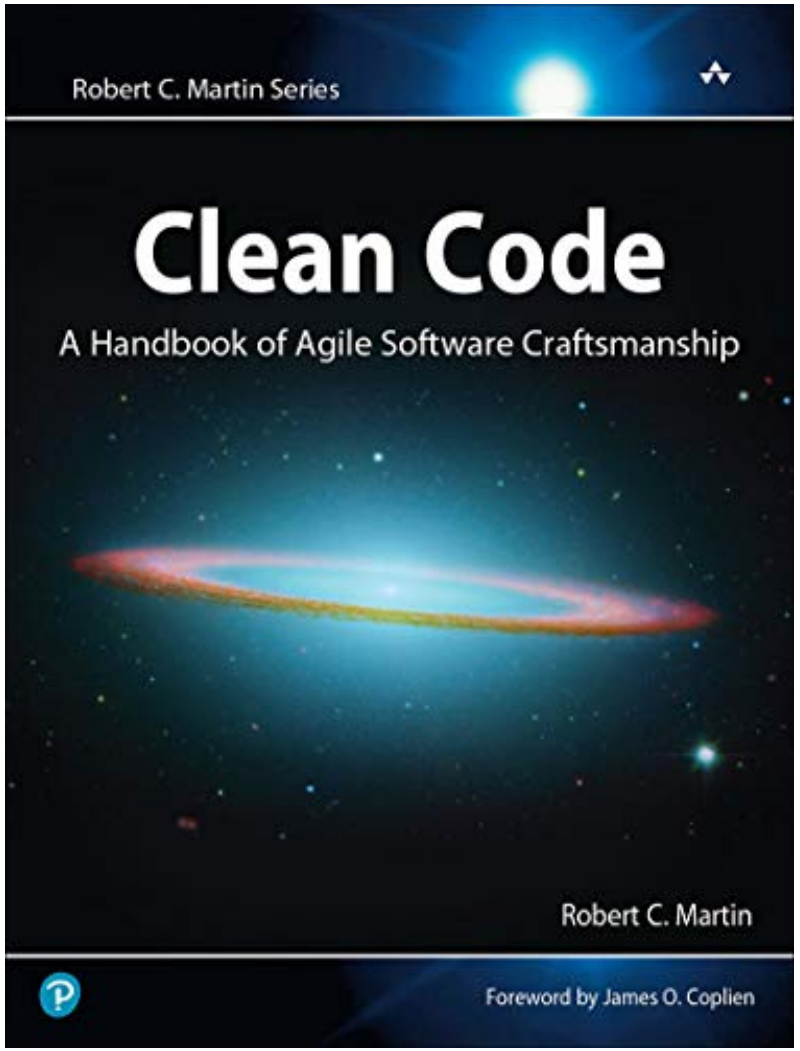
# Clean code

- Robert C. Martin in his book Clean Code describes what good code should look like.
- This book is in the library and makes a good read.



# Key characteristics of clean code (paraphrased)

- The code should be elegant and pleasing to read.
- Each function, class, module, etc. should focus on one thing.
- The code should be maintained to keep it simple and orderly as it grows.
- The code should be tested and all tests should pass.
- The code should have no duplication.
- The number of entities such as functions should be minimised.

# Functions

- Functions should do one thing
- Functions should be small.
- A function should not have more than 3 arguments and preferably none.
- Function names should describe what it is trying to achieve.
- Error handing is one thing (functions should do one thing).
- Don't use flag arguments to modify the behaviour of the function.

includes/hello.function.php

```php
<?php
 function hello($name) {
   return "Hello, " . $name . "!";
 }
?>
```

includes/hello.function.php

```php
<?php
 function goodbye($name) {
   return "Goodbye, " . $name . "!";
 }
?>
```

includes/htmlHeader.function.php

```
<?php
 function htmlHeader($title, $link) {
         return <<<HEADER
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang="en-gb">
 <head>
   <title>
     $title
   </title>
   <link rel="stylesheet" href=$link>
 </head>
 <body>
HEADER;
 }
?>
```

# Clean code

- Writing clean code is hard. Often people have different opinions on the best way to write code, and programming teams need to agree their style.

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