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Introduction

Nowadays, the quality of code plays a crucial role in the overall success of any project. This leads to the concept of "friendly coding," which simply refers to writing code that is easy to read and understand. The main idea is to make codes clear for other developers, so that they can also understand what the author wanted to explain

What is Friendly Coding?

At its core, friendly coding refers to the practice of writing software in a clear, organized, and human-friendly way. The goal of using friendly coding is to ensure that the code is understandable and that it avoids unnecessary complexity

This practice is built on a few key points.

The main point of friendly coding is **Readability**: the code should be easy to understand for a developer. This is supported by **Simplicity**, which helps the author to avoid over-complicated solutions. Finally, **Documentation** is important, allowing authors to write comments on the place where it is necessary.

To see the difference, consider this "unfriendly" code:

```
4443 function (Ide(startAt, showSessionRoot, iHtmlEncVal, ordActionsVal, iStringVal, seqProp, htmlEncodeRegEx) {
4444   if ($util.dateDisplayType === 'relative') {
4445     iRange();
4446   } else {
4447     iSetArtinType();
4448   }
4449   iStringVal = notifyWindowTab;
4450   startAt = addSessionConfig.stRange();
4451   showSessionRoot = addSessionConfig.stHiddenVal();
4452   var headerDataPrevious = function(tabArray, iNb) {
4453     iPredicateVal.SBDB.orderCurrentSessionActivityVal(function(eraWindowMatchedTabArray) {
4454       if (iHtmlEncodeRegEx || htmlEncodeRegEx === iContextTo) {
4455         iPredicateVal.SBDB.normalizeTabList(function(appMsg) {
4456           if (!htmlEncodeRegEx || htmlEncodeRegEx === iContextTo) {
4457             iPredicateVal.SBDB.detailTab(function(eraWindowMatchedTabArray) {
4458               if (!htmlEncodeRegEx || htmlEncodeRegEx === iContextTo) {
4459                 iPredicateVal.SBDB.neutralizeWindowFocus(function(iTokenAddedCallback) {
4460                   if (!htmlEncodeRegEx || htmlEncodeRegEx === iContextTo) {
4461                     iPredicateVal.SBDB.evalSessionConfig2(function(sessionMsg) {
4462                       if (!htmlEncodeRegEx || htmlEncodeRegEx === iContextTo) {
4463                         iPredicateVal.SBDB.getWindowTabId(function(iURLStringVal) {
4464                           if (!htmlEncodeRegEx || htmlEncodeRegEx === iContextTo) {
4465                             iPredicateVal.SBDB.id7Val(undefined, iStringVal, function(getWindowIndex) {
4466                               if (!htmlEncodeRegEx || htmlEncodeRegEx === iContextTo) {
4467                                 addTabList:getWindowIndex.rows, iStringVal, showSessionRoot && showSessionRoot.length > 0 ? show
4468                                   if (!htmlEncodeRegEx || htmlEncodeRegEx === iContextTo) {
4469                                     eval$AllowLogging(tabArray, iStringVal, showSessionRoot && showSessionRoot.length > 0 ?
4470                                       if (!htmlEncodeRegEx || htmlEncodeRegEx === iContextTo) {
4471                                         BrowserAPI.getAllWindowsAndTabs(function(iSessionVal) {
4472                                           if (!htmlEncodeRegEx || htmlEncodeRegEx === iContextTo) {
4473                                             SBDB.currentSessionSrc:iSessionVal.underlined, function(initCurrentSe
4474                                               if (!htmlEncodeRegEx || htmlEncodeRegEx === iContextTo) {
4475                                                 addSessionConfig.render(matchNext(iSessionVal, iStringVal, era
4476                                                   let 13,
4477                                                   urFilteredWindowCount: initCurrentSessionCache,
4478                                                   filteredWindowCount: iCtrl,
4479                                                   urFilteredTabCount: parseTabConfig,
4480                                                   filteredTabCount: nullRegisterValueVal
4481                                                 } : []), cacheSessionWindow, eraRateActionClassifier, undefined,
4482                                                 if (seqProp) {
4483                                                   seqProp();
4484                                                 }
4485                                             });
4486                                           });
4487                                         });
4488                                       });
4489                                     });
4490                                   });
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4493                             });
4494                           });
4495                         });
4496                       });
4497                     });
4498                   });
4499                 });
4500               });
4501             });
4502           });
4503         });
4504       });
4505     });
4506   }
4507   showSessionRoot && showSessionRoot.length > 0 ? showSessionRoot : startAt ? [startAt] : [];
4508 }
4509 }
4510 }
4511 }
```

Friendly Code

This "friendly" version is functionally identical but far more readable.

```
public class IndentationExample{  
    //Indentation  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        for(int i=0;i<5;i++) {  
            System.out.println(i);  
        }  
        System.out.println("Hello World");  
    }  
}
```

Benefits of Friendly Coding

- Easier **Bug and Error Detection**: Clean code makes it easier to find bugs and errors.
- Faster **Introduction for New Employees**: New team members can understand the codebase more quickly.
- Improving **Collaboration with Colleagues**: Readability is key to better teamwork and collaboration.
- Reduced **Maintenance Costs**: The practice leads to decreased time and expense for servicing the code

Conclusion

Friendly coding is a fundamental practice that enhances teamwork, efficiency, and long-term software quality. By using clean coding, developers contribute to projects that are more manageable, scalable, and reliable. Whether in academic assignments or professional environments, friendly coding remains an essential skill.