

# Your code sucks, let's fix it!

Object Calisthenics and Code readability

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# Does it look like this?

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else{
    mysql_select_db("*****", $list);
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    $id=mysql_num_rows(mysql_query("SELECT * FROM allnews"));
    $count=0;
    for($i=0;$i<6;$i++){
        while(mysql_query("SELECT language FROM allnews WHERE id=$id-$count")!="he")$count++;
        $best[$i]=mysql_query("SELECT id FROM allnews WHERE id=$id-$count");}
    $id=$id-$count;
    $maxdate=mktime(0,0,0,date('m'),date('d')-7,date('Y'));
    while(mysql_query("SELECT date FROM allnews WHERE id=$id-$count")>=$maxdate){
        if(mysql_query("SELECT language FROM allnews WHERE id=$id-$count")=="he"){
            $small=$best[0];
            while($i=0;$i<6;$i++){
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                if(mysql_query("SELECT score FROM allnews WHERE id=$small")<mysql_query("SELECT score FROM allnews WHERE id=$id-$count")){
                    while($i=0;$i<6;$i++){
                        if($small==$best[i])$best[i]=mysql_query("SELECT id FROM allnews WHERE id=$id-$count");}}}}
        while($i=0;$i<6;$i++)
        echo '<a href="news-page.php?id='.$best[i].'"><div class="box '.mysql_query("SELECT type FROM allnews WHERE id=$best[i]").'>'.mysql_query("SELECT title FROM allnews WHERE id=$best[i]").'<div class="img" style="background-image:url(images/'.mysql_query("SELECT image1 FROM allnews WHERE id=$best[i]").');"></div></div></a>';
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If Rebecca Black was a developer

# How do we fix it?

# Object Calisthenics

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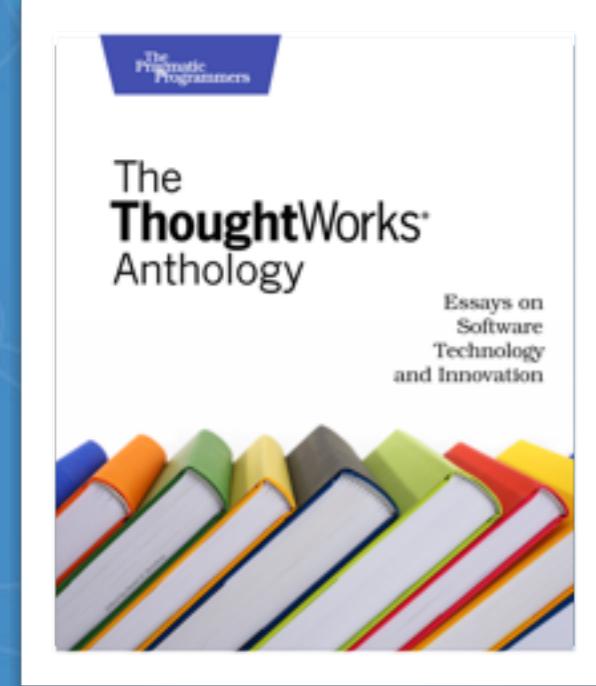
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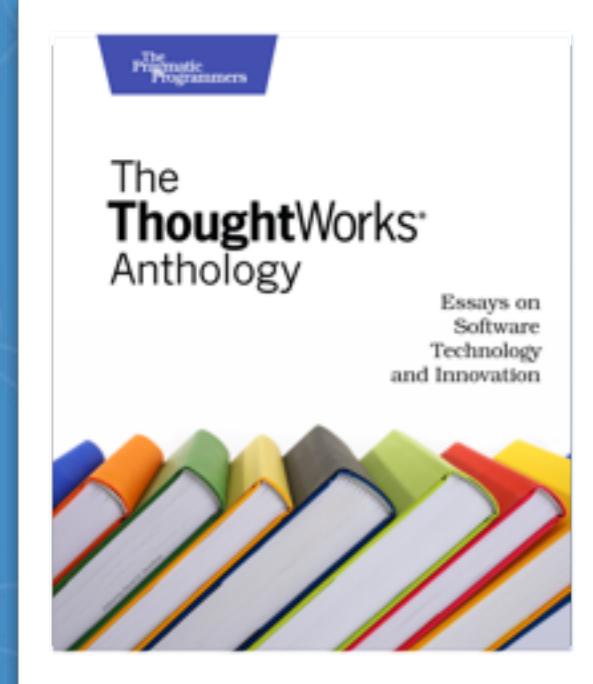
A variety of **simple**, often **rhythmical**, exercises to achieve **better** OO and **code quality**



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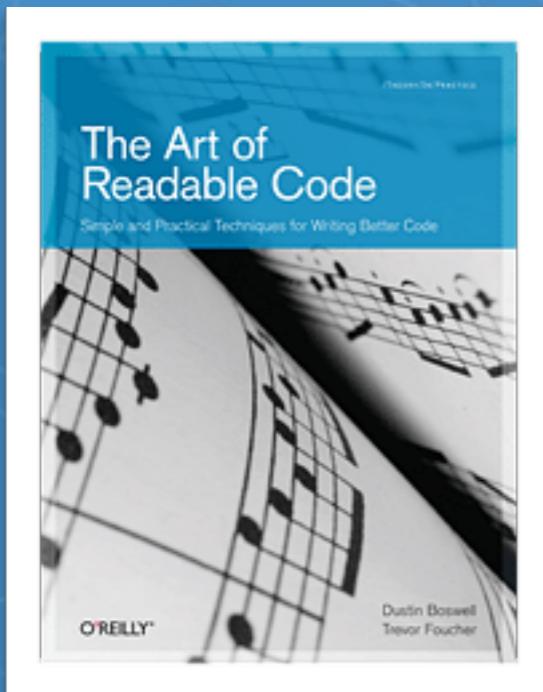
**PHP != JAVA**

Adaptations will be done

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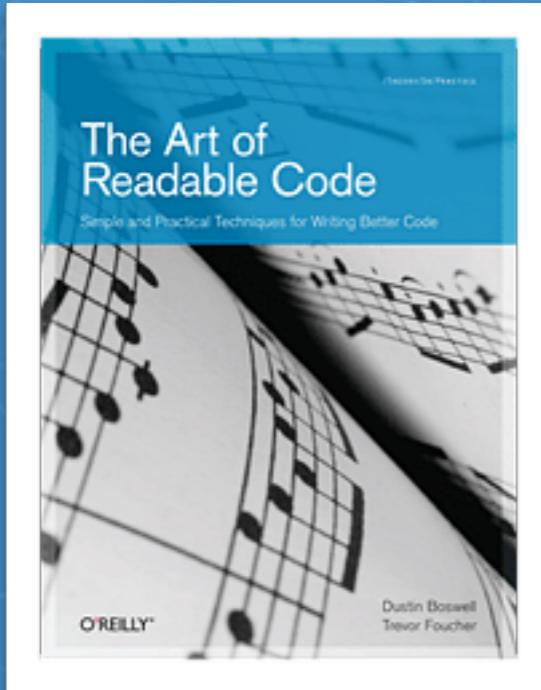
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## Disclaimer:

“These are ~~guidelines~~ exercises,  
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# OC #1

“Only one indentation  
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C (native) functions are  
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# Key Benefits

- Single Responsibility Principle (S in SOLID)
- Increases re-use

# OC #2

“Do **not** use the ‘**else**’  
keyword”

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{
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    $form->bind($request);

    if ($form->isValid()){

        $repository = $this->getRepository('MyBundle:Post');
        if (! $repository->exists($entity) ) {
            $repository->save($entity);
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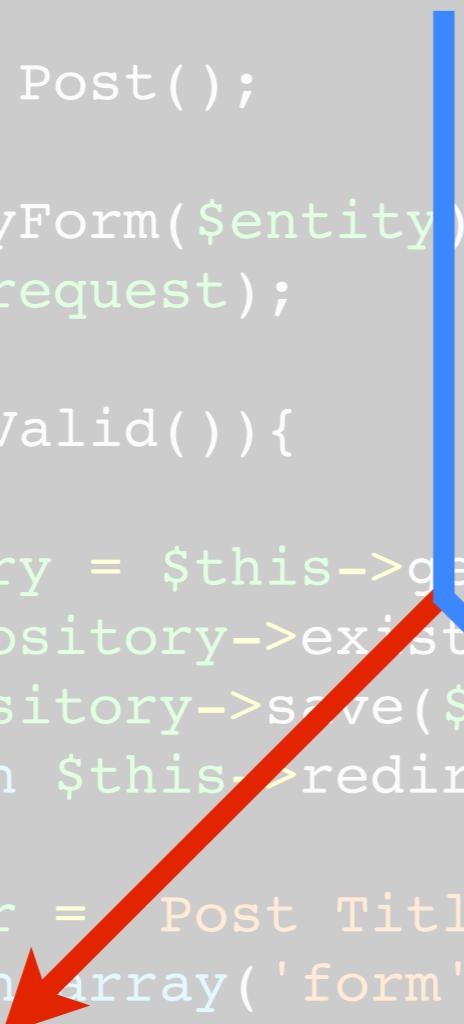
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    $form->bind($request);

    if ($form->isValid()){

        $repository = $this->getRepository('MyBundle:Post');
        if (! $repository->exists($entity) ) {
            $repository->persist($entity);
            $repository->flush();
            return array('success' => true, 'message' => 'Post created');
        } else {
            $error = "Post Title already exists";
            return array('form' => $form, 'error' => $error);
        }
    }
}
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Alternate solution:  
**Use Exceptions**

Separate code  
into **blocks**.

Its like using  
**Paragraphs**.

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Alternate solution:  
**Use Exceptions**

# Key Benefits

- Helps avoid code duplication
- Easier to read (single true path)
- Reduces cyclomatic complexity

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# OC #3

“Wrap primitive types  
and strings”

\* if there is behavior

```
//...
$component->repaint(false);
```

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unclear operation

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class UIComponent  
{  
//...  
    public function repaint($animate = true){  
        //...  
    }  
}
```

```
class UIComponent
{
    //...
    public function repaint( Animate $animate ){
        //...
    }
}

class Animate
{
    public $animate;

    public function __construct( $animate = true ) {
        $this->animate = $animate;
    }
}

//...
$component->repaint( new Animate(false) );
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```

This can now encapsulate all animation related operations

# Key Benefits

- Helps identify what should be an Object
- Type Hinting
- Encapsulation of operations

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# OC #4

“Only one-> per line”

\* getter chain or a fluent interface

```
$this->base_url = $this->CI->config->site_url().'/'.$this->CI->uri->segment(1).$this->CI->uri->slash_segment(2, 'both');

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- Hard to read and understand



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```

move everything to **uri** object

```
$this->getCI()->getUriBuilder()->getBaseUri('leading');
```

- Underlying encapsulation problem
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- Hard to read and understand



```
$filterChain->addFilter(new Zend_Filter_Alpha())
    ->addFilter(new Zend_Filter_StringToLower());
```

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operator alignment

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```

fluent interface

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only getters (no operations)

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return **null**?

# Key Benefits

- Readability
- Easier Mocking (Testing)
- Easier to Debug
- Demeter's Law

OC #5

“Do not Abbreviate”

```
if($sx >= $sy) {  
    if ($sx > $strSysMatImgW) {  
        $ny = $strSysMatImgW * $sy / $sx;  
        $nx = $strSysMatImgW;  
    }  
  
    if ($ny > $strSysMatImgH) {  
        $nx = $strSysMatImgH * $sx / $sy;  
        $ny = $strSysMatImgH;  
    }  
  
} else {  
  
    if ($sy > $strSysMatImgH) {  
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    }  
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## Underlying Problem!

You need to transfer those operations into a separate class.

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more than one  
responsibility?

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```
function startProcess() { ... }
```

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Use clearer names:  
**fetchPage()**  
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```
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```

Easy understanding, complete scope:  
**\$translatorService**

# Key Benefits

- Clearer communication and maintainability
- Indicates underlying problems

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## OC #6

“Keep your classes  
small”

**200** lines per class

**10** methods per class

**15** classes per package

Increased to include  
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read this as  
**namespace or folder**

# Key Benefits

- Single Responsibility
- Objective and clear methods
- Slimmer namespaces
- Avoids clunky folders

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## OC #7

“Limit the number of  
instance variables in a  
class (2 to 5)”

```
class MyRegistrationService
{
    protected $userService;
    protected $passwordService;
    protected $logger;
    protected $translator;
    protected $entityManager;
    protected $imageCropper;

    // ...
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```

All DB interaction  
should be in  
userService

Use an event based  
system and move this  
to listener

# Limit: 5

# Key Benefits

- Shorter dependency list
- Easier Mocking for unit test

OC #8

“Use first class  
collections”

## Doctrine: ArrayCollection

```
$collection->getIterator();
```

```
$collection->filter(...);
```

```
$collection->append(...);
```

```
$collection->map(...);
```

# Key Benefits

- Implements collection operations
- Uses SPL interfaces
- Easier to merge collections and not worry about member behavior in them

DROPPED

# OC #9

“Do not use getters/  
setters”

\* Use them if you code PHP

```
/**
 * THIS CLASS WAS GENERATED BY THE DOCTRINE ORM. DO NOT EDIT THIS FILE.
 */
class DoctrineTestsModelsCMSCmsUserProxy
    extends \Doctrine\Tests\Models\CMS\CMSUser
    implements \Doctrine\ORM\Proxy\Proxy
{
    public function getId()
    {
        $this->__load();
        return parent::__getId();
    }

    public function getStatus()
    {
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*Example: Doctrine uses getters to inject lazy loading operations*

# Key Benefits

- Injector operations
- Encapsulation of transformations

CREATED!

OC #10 (bonus!)

“Document your code!”

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Documenting because i'm doing it **wrong** in an unusual way

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    throw new \InvalidArgumentException(...));
}

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    'addListenerService',
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Don't **explain** bad code, **fix it!**

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Generate API docs  
with [phpDocumentor](#)

# Key Benefits

- Automatic API documentation
- Transmission of “line of thought”
- Avoids confusion

# Recap

- **#1** - Only one indentation level per method.
- **#2** - Do not use the 'else' keyword.
- **#3** - Wrap primitive types and string, if it has behavior.
- **#4** - Only one -> per line, if not getter or fluent.
- **#5** - Do not Abbreviate.
- **#6** - Keep your classes small
- **#7** - Limit the number of instance variables in a class (max: 5)
- **#8** - Use first class collections
- **#9** - Use getter/setter
- **#10** - Document your code!

# Questions?

The screenshot shows a web application interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'Fix That Code!' and 'Home' on the left, and 'rdohms' and 'Logout' on the right. Below the navigation is a green header bar with the text 'Make this code better'. The main content area has a title '[php] How do apply rule one from object calisthenics to this code?'. A text input field contains the following PHP code:

```
UserController
1 <?php
2
3 - class UserController {
4
5 -     public function registerAction() {
6
7 -         if ($request->getMethod() == 'POST') {
```

To the right of the code editor, there's a sidebar with a user profile for 'Diego Oliveira' (represented by a cartoon character icon) and a 'Profile' link. Below the profile is a 'Stats' section showing '1 Comments' and '2 Contributions'. There's also a 'Participants' section with a small profile picture.

<http://fixthatcode.com>

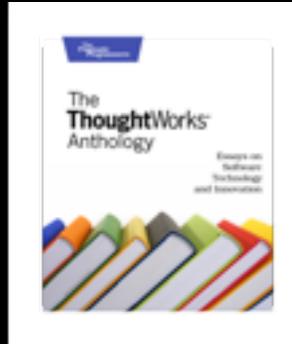
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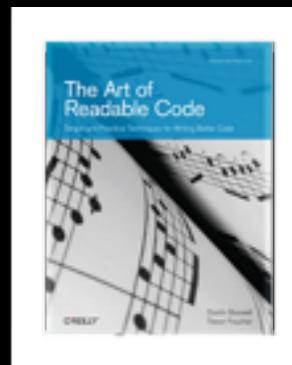
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# Recommended Links:



The ThoughtWorks Anthology

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