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Clean Code

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Reusable code

Why should we ensure clean code

1

Maintainable code

Why do we want & what is maintainable code?

2

Maintainable code rules

Which are the rules to write maintainable code?

3

Commitment

On which rules should we commit?



Why Clean Code



comprehensibility

First and foremost, code is written by people, to be read by people. Secondly, we program for the compiler (or interpreter)

reader != author

- Authors leave teams
- Authors have other projects
- Authors have other tasks, etc ...

ideal

Code should be simple and understandable.

V/S

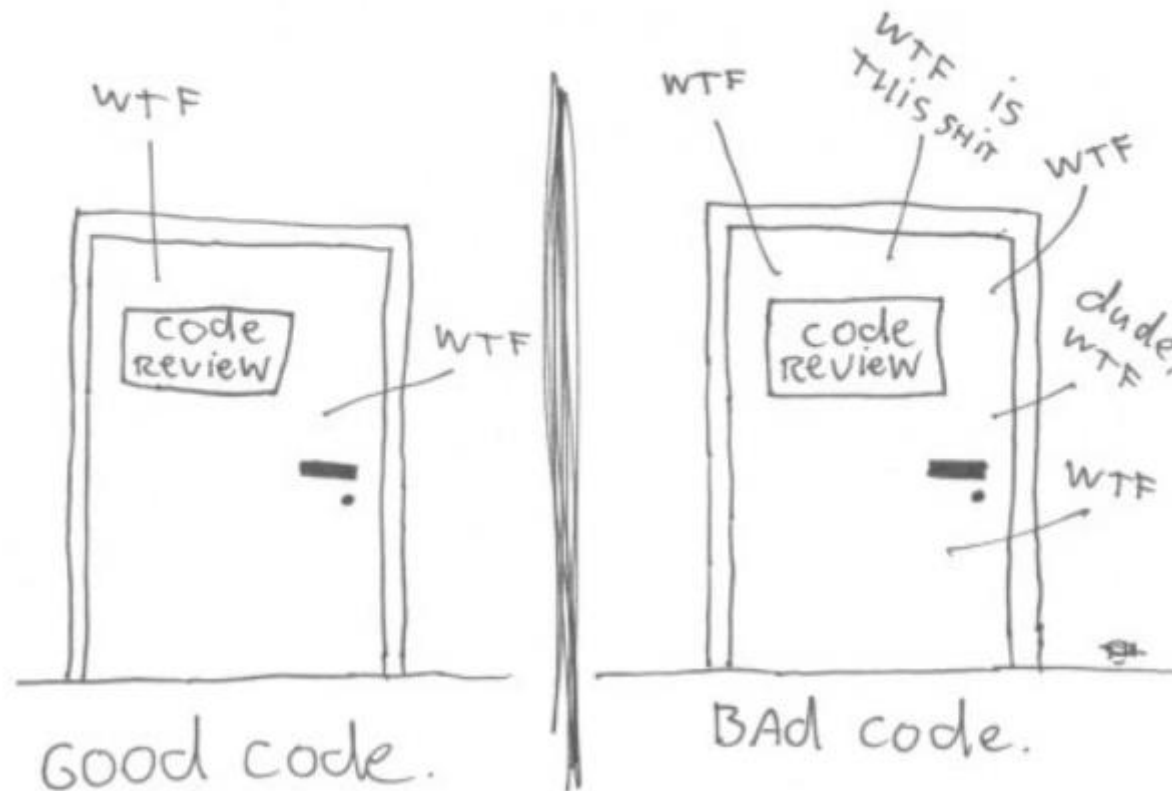
real work

- normally no code is created like this.
- Things are created in MVPs.
- Requirements and designs change
- Time and cost pressures influence the code quality ("We'll fix it later")
- Different skills and knowledge
- Languages, technologies and idioms, patterns, etc. evolve.

Therefore: Code must be continuously maintained and improved. Clean Code !

Code Quality

The ONLY VALID MEASUREMENT
OF CODE QUALITY: WTFs/MINUTE



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Example

```
for ind=1:length(temp)
    flag=find(temp2==temp(ind),1);
    if isempty(flag) ~= 1
        temp3(end+1) = temp(ind)
    else
        temp4(end+1) = temp(ind);
    end
end
```

Why is this code hard to read?

1

Meaningless names for variables

2

Unnecessary complex logic

Example

```
for ind=1:length(engineSpeedSignal)
    flag=find(engineSpeedSignal(ind)>=engineSpeedThreshold,1);
    if isempty(flag) ~= 1
        engineSpeedOverThreshold(end+1) = engineSpeedSignal(ind)
    else
        engineSpeedBelowThreshold(end+1) = engineSpeedSignal(ind);
    end
end
```

1

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2

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Example

```
for engineSpeed=engineSpeedSignal
    if engineSpeed >= engineSpeedThreshold
        engineSpeedOverThreshold(end+1) = engineSpeed;
    else
        engineSpeedBelowThreshold(end+1) = engineSpeed;
    end
end
```

1

Meaningless names for variables

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Example

```
engineSpeedOverThreshold = engineSpeedSignal(engineSpeedSignal>=engineSpeedThreshold);  
engineSpeedBelowThreshold = engineSpeedSignal(engineSpeedSignal< engineSpeedThreshold);
```

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Meaningless names for variables

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Meaningful variable names

Searchable/ exposed names

```
int d; // elapsed time in days ❌  
int elapsedTimeInDays; ✔️  
int daysSinceCreation; ✔️  
int daysSinceModification; ✔️  
int fileAgeInDays; ✔️
```

Pronounceable names/ decoding

```
int genymdhms; ❌  
int modymdhms; ❌  
String dsc; ❌  
int generationTimestamp; ✔️  
int modificationTimestamp; ✔️  
String description ✔️
```

Functions and methods

One meaningful verb per operation

```
calc() ❌  
calcWeightedMean() ✔️  
setName() ✔️  
getState() ✔️  
Complex.fromRealNumber(29.3) ✔️
```

Rules for functions

1. Should be smaller than that.
2. < 150 characters per line
3. < 20 lines
4. Functions should do one thing. They should do it well. They should do it only. (no side effects)
5. Avoid globals or target reference passing
6. 10 Inputs: function may be too complex?

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Matlab specific function header & expansion

```
function output = myVerySpecificFunction(input1, input2,...) ❌  
function output = myVerySpecificFunction(varargin) ✅  
  
    for i = 1:2:nargin  
        if strcmp(varargin{i}, 'input1')  
            input1 = varargin{i+1};  
        elseif ...  
        else ...  
        end  
    end  
    ...  
end
```

key-value pairs
simulating dictionary
containers.Map

* Also for the authors own understanding of the code logic

Comments

Comments do not make up for bad code

```
// don't comment bad code, rewrite it !  
  
// Check to see if the employee is eligible for full benefits  
if ((employee.flags && HOURLY_FLAG) && (employee.age > 65)) ❌  
if (employee.isEligibleForFullBenefits()) ✅
```

Clarification ✅

```
assertTrue(a.compareTo(b) == -1) // a < b  
assertTrue(a.compareTo(b) == 1) // b > a
```

Legal Comments ✅

```
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rights reserved. Released under the  
terms of the GNU General Public license
```

Noise/ redundant comments ❌

```
/**  
 * Default constructor  
 */  
protected UserInteraction();  
  
/** The name */  
private String name  
  
/** The version. */  
private String version
```

Journal ❌

```
* Changes (from 11-Oct-2001)  
* -----  
* 11-Oct-2001 : Re-organised the class and moved it to new  
*               package com.jrefinery.date (DG);  
* 05-Nov-2001 : Added a getDescription() method, and  
*               eliminated NotableDate class (DG);  
* 12-Nov-2001 : IBD requires setDescription() method, now  
*               that NotableDate class is gone (DG); Changed  
*               getPreviousDayOfWeek(),  
*               getFollowingDayOfWeek() and  
*               getNearestDayOfWeek() to correct bugs (DG);  
* 05-Dec-2001 : Fixed bug in SpreadsheetDate class (DG);  
* 29-May-2002 : Moved the month constants into a separate  
*               interface (MonthConstants) (DG);
```

Position markers & closing brace ❌

```
// Actions ///////////////////////////////////  
  
while (lineCounter < 10){  
    // do stuff  
} // while
```