## CS 208 (Software Design)

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Homework #1: RSS Reflection

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During our code review, there were three things we discussed, mostly pertaining to the notion of code readability, especially depending on who our audience is.

- 1. Long, convoluted conditionals: we had a number of long convoluted conditionals that ended up dealing with a lot of edge cases regarding date and time in our RSS parser. These conditionals helped us determine when to print, but ultimately, they checked a lot of edge cases. The conditionals were more than one long line long, so they ended up looking like brute-force solutions to our problem. Instead, we decided to move the conditionals to another function called *isPrintable* and try to clean them up there.
- 2. Use of the ternary operator: In our code review, we discussed how readable the ternary operator was......
- 3. Useless comments that described code that was already more-or-less self-documenting......