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|  | **Understandability** | | | | |
| **Very Low** | **Low** | **Nominal** | **High** | **Very High** |
| **Structure** | Very low cohesion, high coupling, spaghetti code. | Moderately low cohesion, high coupling. | Reasonably well-structured; some weak areas. | High cohesion, low coupling | Strong modularity, information hiding in data/control structures |
| **Application Clarity** | No match between program and application world views. | Some correlation between program and application. | Moderate correlation between program and application. | Good correlation between program and application. | Clear match between program and application world-views. |
| **Self-Descriptiveness** | Obscure code; documentation missing, obscure or obsolete | Some code commentary and headers; some useful documentation. | Moderate level of code commentary, headers, documentations. | Good code commentary and headers; useful documentation; some weak areas. | Self-descriptive code; documentation up-to-date, well-organized, with design rationale. |