Clean Code

What is Clean Code?

- Can be read and enhanced by a developer other than its original author
- Has unit and acceptance tests
- Does one thing well
- Looks like it was written by someone who cares
- Never obscures the designer's intent
- Each routine you read turns out to be pretty much what you expected
- Reads like well written prose
- Provides a clear and minimal API
- Elegant & efficient

Names

Intent

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```
// ...
player1.setmenOCom(1);
player2.setmenOCom(0);
// ...
```

Can you figure out what these functions are supposed to do?

The "Batman Mode" metaphor ()

When there is a mystery or crime to be solved, Batman will utilize his brain and all kinds of fancy gadgets to get it done! He will analyze, investigate and deduce until he has the answer. For him as a *costumed Super Hero Detective* it's part of the job! *Software engineers* should **never** have to go into Batman Mode to investigate about names used in the code!

Clarifying (!?) declaration

```
public void setmenOCom(int a) {
  this.menOCom = a;
}
```

Comment () to the rescue

```
/**
 * setzt menOCom, 0 = Mensch, 1 = Computer
 *
 * @param int fuer menOCom
 */
public void setmenOCom(int a) {
   this.menOCom = a;
}
```

Reveal your intent

```
import static PlayerType.*;
// ...
player1.setType(HUMAN);
player2.setType(COMPUTER);
// ...
```

```
public void setType(PlayerType type) {
  this.type = type;
}

public enum PlayerType {
  HUMAN, COMPUTER
}
```

Reveal your intent ()

- Any Variable/Method/Class name should tell
 - Why it exists
 - What it does
 - How it is used
- If you need a comment to explain the name, the name is probably ill chosen

Disinformation

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```
private final XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX ssd;
private final XXXXXXXXXXXX sd;
private final XXXXXXXXXXXX cd;
```

Entrenched vs. Intended Meaning

```
private final XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX ssd;
private final XXXXXXXXXXXX sd;
private final XXXXXXXXXXXX cd;
```



Entrenched vs. Intended Meaning

```
private final IShipmentSearchDao ssd;
private final IShipmentDao sd;
private final IContainerDao cd;
```

Abbreviations easily get out of hand (1)

```
private final IShipmentSearchDao ssd;
private final IShipmentDao sd;
private final IContainerSearchDao csd;
private final IContainerDao cd;
private final IShipmentStatusSearchDao sstsd;
private final IShipmentStatusDao sstd;
private final ISpecialShipmentSearchDao spssd;
private final ISpecialShipmentDao spsd;
private final IStatusSearchDao stsd;
private final IStatusDao std;
```

No Disinformation ()

- Do not leave false clues
- Do not obscure the meaning of code
- Consider entrenched vs. intended meaning
- Avoid inconsistent spelling

Language



Encoding

Prefix I for interfaces

- Preceding I is a distraction at best...
- ...and too much information at worst
- Leave interfaces unadorned!

Consistency



The Scope Rule



Functions

Comments

Formatting