

# All Code Sucks

Why Bad Code is Everywhere and What to Do About It

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# What is sucky code?

*“Programs are meant to be read by humans and only incidentally for computers to execute.”*

— Donald Knuth

*“It is better to have clean code that doesn’t work than crap code that does.”*

— Robert C. Martin

# The Great Hunt for Non Sucky Code



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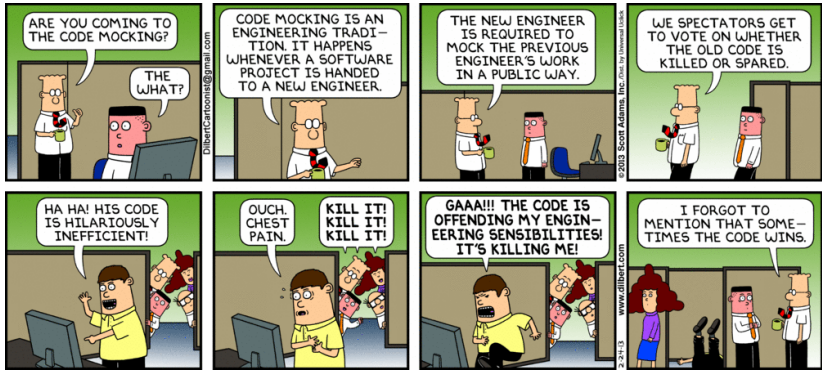
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- Availability Bias

# What Not To Do

## Ritual Code Mocking



# Improving Readability

create a fast api endpoint that is called the answer that takes a number and divides it by 2 and then works out what two numbers to add together to make that number, which it returns in a json package that includes the keys first number and other number it should also write the number out to a file named after ...



## Answer API

An API endpoint that takes a number, and returns the two numbers to add together to make the original number.

### Parameters:

- number (int)
- first (int)
- other (int)

...





# What To Do

Based on the work of Michael Feathers

- Log behavior
- Put the code in a harness
- Get ahead of the offending code with a feature flag
- Side by side rewrite

# The Challenge

## Where I need your help

*“It’s not that hard...”*

— *Billy Beane*

*“It’s incredibly hard”*

— *Ron Washington*

# Thank You!

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