



## BLOCK NONCE #12: The Boy Scout Principle

### What?

The “Boy Scout principle” is the concept of leaving things better than you found them. In code that means – when you’re already working on something, don’t ignore the mess nearby.

### Why?

The code belongs to everyone, so every improvement you make helps the whole team. If each of us sees our tasks not just as individual work, but as part of a shared goal – we’ll build a better product :)

### How?

1. Fix that outdated comment that no longer makes sense.
2. Rename the variable that made you squint for 3 minutes.
3. Delete that ancient // FIXME .
4. Remove the TODO tagged with someone who left a year ago.
5. Add documentation where it’s missing.

Remember- nothing is too small and the maximum size is up to you.

**TIP** Try applying this rule in your life too.

**Call For Action!**

Pick one of your open PRs and add a tiny cleanup. Your Good Boy Scout badge is waiting!