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Clean Code



What Is the Purpose of the Following Code?



```
public List<string> SortForPrinting(List<Person> people)
{
    List<string> result = new List<string>();
    List<string> list = new List<string>();
    for (int i = 0; i < people.Count; i++)
    {
        Person person = people[i];
        list.Add(person.Birthday + " " + person.FamilyName);
    }
    list.Sort();

    try
    {
        for (int i = 0; i < list.Count; i++)
        {
            string str = list[i];
            result.Add(str.Substring(str.LastIndexOf(" ") + 1) + " " +
                        str.Substring(0, str.LastIndexOf(" ")));
        }
    }
    catch (Exception e)
    {
        Console.WriteLine(e.StackTrace);
    }

    return result;
}
```

Look Again. Is this Better?



```
public IEnumerable<string> GetSortedPrintRepresentation(List<Person> persons)
{
    var personsSorted = SortByAgeAndFamilyName(persons);
    var personsFormatted = FormatPersonsForPrinting(personsSorted);

    return personsFormatted;
}

private IOrderedEnumerable<Person> SortByAgeAndFamilyName(List<Person> persons)
{
    return persons.OrderBy(p => p.Birthday).ThenBy(p => p.FamilyName);
}

private IEnumerable<string> FormatPersonsForPrinting(IOrderedEnumerable<Person> persons)
{
    return persons.Select(p => p.FamilyName + " " + p.Birthday);
}
```

What Is the Purpose of the Following Code?



```
public List<int[]> GetThem()
{
    List<int[]> list1 = new List<int[]>();
    foreach (int[] x in TheList)
    {
        if (x[0] == 4)
        {
            list1.Add(x);
        }
    }
    return list1;
}
```

Look Again. Is this Better?



```
public List<int[]> GetFlaggedCells()
{
    var flaggedCells = new List<int[]>();
    foreach (int[] cell in GameBoard)
    {
        if (IsFlagged(cell))
        {
            flaggedCells.Add(cell);
        }
    }
    return flaggedCells;
}
```

...or Better Still?



```
public List<Cell> GetFlaggedCells()
{
    var flaggedCells = new List<Cell>();
    foreach (Cell cell in GameBoard)
    {
        if (cell.IsFlagged())
        {
            flaggedCells.Add(cell);
        }
    }
    return flaggedCells;
}
```



„Any fool can write code that computers understand. Good programmers write code that humans can understand.”

Martin Fowler



*„Clean code always looks like
it was written by someone who cares.“*

Dave Thomas



*„Clean code can be read,
and enhanced by a developer
other than its original author.
It has unit and acceptance tests.
It has meaningful names...”*

Dave Thomas

Clean Code



*„Clean code is simple and direct.
Clean code reads like well-written prose.
Clean code never obscures the designer's intent
but rather is full of crisp abstractions
and straightforward lines of control.“*

Grady Booch

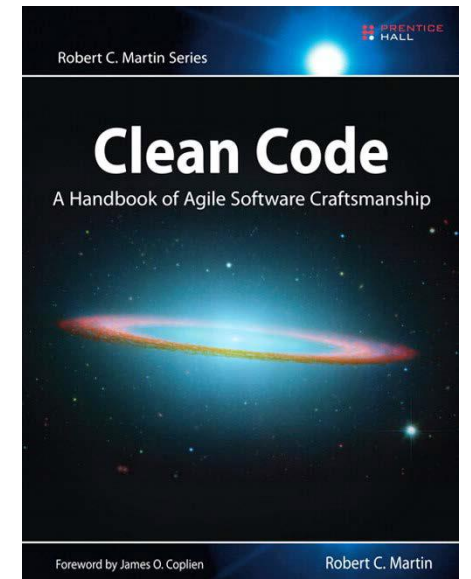
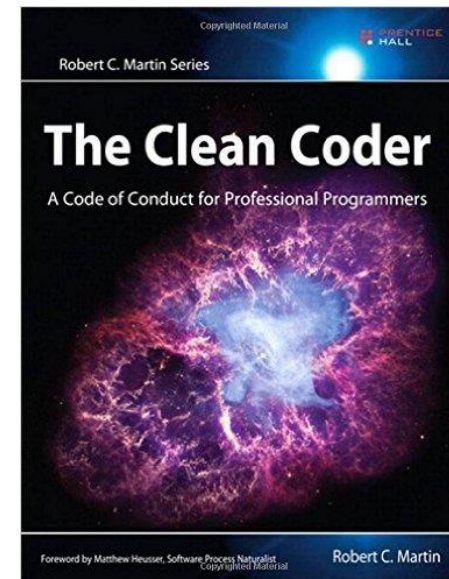
Origin



Two books by Robert C. Martin

- Clean Code: A Handbook of Agile Software Craftsmanship 2008
- The Clean Coder: A Code of Conduct for Professional Programmers 2011

These two books belong together and explain how and why a programmer should write clean code.



Write Unit Tests

**Use meaningful
names**

**Remove duplications
(DRY)**

**Reduce complexity
(KISS)**

Clean Code Details



- **Meaningful names**

Expressiveness of the code means that it has meaningful names. These names should express their intention. They should not mislead you.

Self-explanatory: (similar to expressive => intention is clear), readable, has one level of abstraction

- **No duplications**

It should comply with the DRY rule (Don't Repeat Yourself). When the DRY principle has successfully been applied, the modification of any single element of a system doesn't require a change in any other logically unrelated elements.

Clean Code Details



- **Small**

Smaller is better. Code should be minimal. Both classes and methods should be short, preferably just a few lines of code. It should be well divided (also within one class). The better you divide your code the easier it becomes to read it.

- **Focused**

A functional unit on a given level of abstraction should only be responsible for a single aspect of a system's requirements. Each class, method or any other entity should remain undisturbed. It should conform to SRP (Single Responsibility Principle).

Use Meaningful Names



Use self-explanatory names for classes, methods and variables



- No abbreviations
- Describe the intention – specific not general
- Pick one word per concept
- Use solution domain names wherever possible
- Use named constants instead of magic numbers/strings

Meaningful Names - Examples



Bad

```
static int ST0 = 4000;  
  
DateTime modymdhms;  
  
DoIt();  
  
public class DtaRcrd102  
  
int Calc(int x1, int x2)
```

Good

```
static int SocketTimeoutInMillisec = 4000;  
  
DateTime modificationTimestamp;  
  
PostPayment();  
  
public class PremiumCustomer  
  
int Power(int base, int exponent)
```


Clean Methods / Functions



Small (< 150 characters by line AND < 20 lines of code)



- Do one thing
- Same level of abstraction
- Few arguments
- Avoid side effects
- Command or Query

Same Level of Abstraction in Method – Example



Bad

```
public Report BuildReport(HashSet<CandidateResult> resultSet)
{
    Report report = new Report();
    foreach (CandidateResult result in resultSet)
    {
        ReportElement reportElement = new ReportElement();
        reportElement.SetEnglishScore(result.GetEnglishScore());
        reportElement.SetMathScore(result.GetMathScore());
        reportElement.SetMeanScore((result.GetEnglishScore() +
                                     result.GetMathScore()) / 2);
        report.Add(reportElement);
    }
    return report;
}
```

Same Level of Abstraction in Method – Example (cont.)



Good

```
public Report BuildReport(HashSet<CandidateResult> resultSet)
{
    Report report = new Report();
    foreach (CandidateResult result in resultSet)
    {
        ReportElement reportElement = BuildReportElement(result);
        report.Add(reportElement);
    }
    return report;
}

private ReportElement BuildReportElement(CandidateResult result)
{
    ReportElement element = new ReportElement();
    element.SetEnglishScore(result.GetEnglishScore());
    element.SetMathScore(result.GetMathScore());
    element.SetMeanScore((result.GetEnglishScore() + result.GetMathScore()) / 2);
    return element;
}
```

Clean Classes



Single Responsibility



- Small
- Single Responsibility
 - Class should have one, and only one, reason to change

Single Responsibility - Example



Bad

```
public class EmployeeManager {  
    public Money CalculatePay();  
    public void Save();  
    public string ReportHours();  
}
```

Good

```
public class EmployeeRepository {  
    public Save(Employee e) {...}  
}  
  
public class EmployeeFinance {  
    public Money CalculatePay(Employee e) {...}  
}  
  
public class EmployeeReporting {  
    public string ReportHours(Employee e) {...}  
}
```

Single Responsibility – Sample Explanation



- We can check Single Responsibility by thinking about who (i.e. stakeholder) is responsible for this module/class?
When we look at C-level executives (CFO, CTO, COO), we will see that more than one stakeholder is responsible:
 - calculatePay(...) method implements the algorithms that determine how much a particular employee should be paid, based on that employee's contract, status, hours worked, etc
 - CFO's team may have new requirements for this topic
 - save(...) method stores the data managed by the Employee object onto the enterprise database
 - CTO's team may have new requirements for this topic
 - reportHours(...) method returns a string which is appended to a report that auditors use to ensure that employees are working the appropriate number of hours and are being paid the appropriate compensation.
 - COO's team may have new requirements for this topic

Remove Duplications



- Reuse existing methods
- Obey common patterns and conventions
- Look out for same code
- Duplications are not just pattern matching

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- Reduce your nesting levels
- Design your code with the same level of abstraction in mind
- Prefer to use simple concepts and language specific “short-hands”
- Avoid large conditional blocks
- Avoid negations in if-else statements
- Reduce the distance between declaration and usage
- Delete dead code

Complexity – Different Viewpoints



```
public static String dayOfWeek_1(int dayOfWeek) {  
    switch (dayOfWeek)  
    {  
        case 0: return "Sunday";  
        case 1: return "Monday";  
        case 2: return "Tuesday";  
        case 3: return "Wednesday";  
        case 4: return "Thursday";  
        case 5: return "Friday";  
        case 6: return "Saturday";  
        default: throw new IllegalArgumentException("Day of week must be in range 1..6");  
    }  
}
```

```
public static String dayOfWeek_2(int dayOfWeek) {  
    if ((dayOfWeek < 0) || (dayOfWeek > 6))  
        throw new IllegalArgumentException("Day of week must be in range 1..6");  
    final String[] daysOfWeek = {  
        "Sunday", "Monday", "Tuesday", "Wednesday", "Thursday", "Friday", "Saturday" };  
    return daysOfWeek[dayOfWeek];  
}
```

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}
```

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Cyclomatic Complexity

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    return daysOfWeek[dayOfWeek];  
}
```

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Cyclomatic Complexity vs. Cognitive Complexity



```
public double CalculateDiscount(double price, double discount, double taxRate)
{
    if (price <= 0 || discount <= 0 || taxRate <= 0)
        return 0.0;

    return (price * (discount / 100) * taxRate);
}
```

```
public double CalculateDiscount2(double price, double discount)
{
    if (! (price <= 0))
    {
        if (! (discount <= 0))
        {
            if (! (taxRate <= 0))
            {
                return (price * (discount / 100) * taxRate);
            }
            return 0.0;
        }
        return 0.0;
    }
    return 0.0;
}
```

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Cyclomatic Complexity

Cognitive Complexity

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Cognitive Complexity considers the *cognitive effort* required to understand the flows

Comments



Comments are some kind of dead code

```
4 namespace SupermarketReceipt
5 {
6     0 Verweise | Emily Bache, vor 245 Tagen | 2 Autoren, 2 Änderungen
7     public class SupermarketTest
8     {
9         /* This tests are failing so I commented them out
10        [Fact]
11        public void TenPercentDiscount()
12        {
13            // ARRANGE
14            SupermarketCatalog catalog = new FakeCatalog();
15            var toothbrush = new Product("toothbrush", ProductUnit.Each);
16            catalog.AddProduct(toothbrush, 0.99);
17            var apples = new Product("apples", ProductUnit.Kilo);
18            catalog.AddProduct(apples, 1.99);
19
20            var cart = new ShoppingCart();
21            cart.AddItemQuantity(apples, 2.5);
22
23            var teller = new Teller(catalog);
24            teller.AddSpecialOffer(SpecialOfferType.TenPercentDiscount, toothbrush, 10.0);
25
26            // ACT
27            var receipt = teller.ChecksOutArticlesFrom(cart);
28
29            // ASSERT
30            Assert.Equal(4.975, receipt.GetTotalPrice());
31            Assert.Equal(new List<Discount>(), receipt.GetDiscounts());
32            Assert.Single(receipt.GetItems());
33            var receiptItem = receipt.GetItems()[0];
34            Assert.Equal(apples, receiptItem.Product);
35            Assert.Equal(1.99, receiptItem.Price);
36            Assert.Equal(2.5*1.99, receiptItem.TotalPrice);
37            Assert.Equal(2.5, receiptItem.Quantity);
38        }
39        */
40    }
```

- Use comments wisely
- Use comments to explain the why and not the what
- Avoid redundancy
- No disinformation
 - Principle of Least Astonishment
- Don't use it as your history

Formatting / Layouting



- Use the same layout / code formatting in your code
- Your code tells a story: organize your code accordingly
 - members, constructors, public and in order of call sequence private methods
- Every programmer has his own favorite formatting rules
 - ...but if he works in a team then the team rules

Important Design Principles



S.O.L.I.D.

- Single Responsibility Principle
- Open Closed Principle
- Liskov's Substitution Principle
- Interface Segregation Principle
- Dependency Inversion Principle

Other Principles

- POLA or POLS (Principle of Least Astonishment/Surprise)
- Law of Demeter
- Simplicity
 - YAGNI (You Aren't Gonna Need It)
 - KISS (Keep It Simple, Stupid.)

Keep Your Code Clean



Boy Scout Rule

- Always invest a small percentage of your time
- If you don't care nobody else will care
- Never ask for permission to do your job correctly!

Broken Window Theory

- Take some action to prevent further damage as soon as it is discovered