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Robert Cecil Martin, colloquially called "Uncle Bob", is an American software engineer, instructor, and best-selling author. He is most recognized for developing many software design principles and for being a founder of the influential Agile Manifesto. Martin has authored many books and magazine articles. [Wikipedia](#)

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**Known for:** [Agile Manifesto](#), [SOLID](#) principles

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# What is Clean Code?

- It is easy to understand the execution flow of the entire application
- It is easy to understand how the different objects collaborate with each other
- It is easy to understand the role and responsibility of each class
- It is easy to understand what each method does
- It is easy to understand what is the purpose of each expression and variable
- Classes and methods are small and only have single responsibility
- Classes have clear and concise public APIs
- Classes and methods are predictable and work as expected
- The code is easily testable and has unit tests (or it is easy to write the tests)
- Tests are easy to understand and easy to change
- Clean Code is SOLID
- Clean Code reads like well-written prose



# Why Clean Code Is Important?

- Your teammates will thank you
- Messy code tends to get messier
- Faster decision making
- Faster bug fixing
- Reusability
- Clean code leads to better practices
- It feels great!



First Write Your Code Than Refactor It





**Y.A.G.N.I.**  
**You Ain't Gonna Need It**

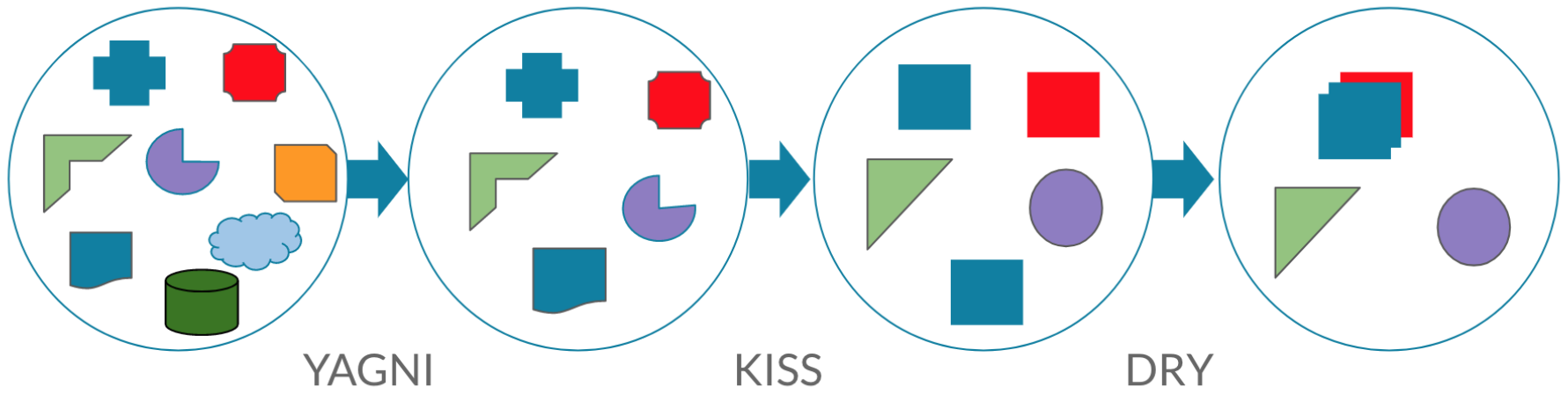
*The best developers are the lazy ones.*

THE KISS PRINCIPLE | **KEEP  
IT  
SIMPLE,  
STUPID**



**DRY**  
**Don't Repeat Yourself**







# Broken Window Theory



# THE BOY SCOUT RULE



**ALWAYS  
LEAVE  
CODE  
CLEANER  
THAN YOU  
FOUND IT!**

# Separation Of Concerns

- How much code you have to change?
- How easy it is to make the changes?
- How likely you are to break existing features that are being used by other customers
- How much you can reuse your existing model/architecture?



“Any fool can write code that a computer can understand.  
Good programmers write code that humans can understand.”

Martin Fowler



# Clean Code vs Performance



# Code Smells

- Rigidity
  - The design is hard to change
  - Sign: Huh, it was a lot more complicated than I thought.
- Fragility
  - The design is easy to break
  - Sign: some modules are constantly on the bug list
- Immobility
  - The design is hard to reuse
- Viscosity
  - Changes are easier to implement by doing the wrong thing (Hack)
  - Sign: When a change is needed, you are tempted to hack rather than to preserve the original design



# Reasons Writing Bad Code Happens

- Deadline
- The Broken Window Theory
- Over Architecting (YAGNI)
  - You are not gonna need it
- Bad Design
- Poor Skill



## **Money** The Cost Of The Bad Code

Time, Productivity, Stress

All it is about the Money





# How to write Clean Code?



# Names

- Choose descriptive and unambiguous names.
- Make meaningful distinction.
- Use pronounceable names (`modymdhms`)
- Use searchable names.
- Replace magic numbers with named constants (P)
- Avoid encodings. Don't append prefixes or type information.
- Don't use `a,b,c,i`
- Class should be a noun
- method should be a verb
- Boolean names should answer Yes/No
- Pick one word per concept



You Think You Found A Better Name:

**Rename It**



# Functions

- Small
- Smaller than that
- Do one thing
- Less 80 characters
- Less 7 line
- Don't use switch .. it violates SRP, OCP (Use Abstract Factory)
- Don't use else
- Arguments
- Don't be afraid to make a name long ... it's better than use short enigmatic
- Have no side effect
- Command query separation
- DRY code (Don't Repeat Yourself)
- KISS
- Don't afraid of new line
- Don't afraid of Exception



# Class

- Should be small
- SRP (Single Responsibility Principle)
- Cohesion
- Loose Coupling (Use Dependency Inversion)
- Less than 300 line
- Use Your Conventions



# Comment

- Don't comment bad code – rewrite it
- TODO comment



# Formatting

- Consistency
- Vertical Formatting
- Horizontal Formatting
- PSR-12
  - <https://www.php-fig.org/psr/psr-12/>
- Team Rules



# Single Responsibility

A Class, Module, Method Should Have Only One Reason To Change





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