

Object Calisthenics rules

How does it help?



Only one level of indentation per method

WHY?

- Reduce complexity
- Easier to understand
 - Easier to read

HOW?

- Make it simpler
- Split up the method

Don't use the ELSE keyword

WHY?

- Reduce complexity
- Reduce duplication

HOW?

- Early return
- Polimorphism

```
function printSeat(ticketCode) {  
  if(ticketCode.startsWith("A") || ticketCode.startsWith("B")) {  
    printVipSeat();  
  } else {  
    printBasicSeat();  
  }  
}
```



```
function printSeat(ticketCode) {  
  if(ticketCode.startsWith("A") || ticketCode.startsWith("B")) {  
    return printVipSeat();  
  }  
  return printBasicSeat();  
}
```

Wrap all primitives and strings

WHY?

- Represent the real world

```
const kilometer = 1;  
  
const meter = kilometer * 1000;
```



HOW?

- Wrap them in a class

```
class Distance {  
  constructor(value, unitType) {  
    this._value = value;  
    this._unitType = unitType;  
  }  
  const kilometer = new Distance(1, "kilometer");  
  
  const meter = kilometer.toMeter();
```

First class collections (wrap all collections)

WHY?

- Represent the real world
- Behaviors at the right place

HOW?

- Wrap them in a class

Only one dot per line

WHY?

- More readable
- Less knowledge to enable a behavior

```
dog.Body.Tail.Wag()
```



HOW?

- Wrap them in a class

```
dog.ExpressHappiness()
```


No abbreviations

WHY?

- Less confusing
- More understandable

HOW?

- Meaningful names

Keep all entities small

WHY?

- Focused on one thing
 - Easier to reuse
- Easier to understand

HOW?

- Use the Object Calisthenics rules

No classes with more than two instance variables

WHY?

- Cohesion won't decrease
- Separate the responsibilities
 - Simpler classes

HOW?

- Wrap them in a class

No public getters/setters/properties

WHY?

- Cohesion won't decrease
 - Reduce duplication

HOW?

- Meaningful methods
 - Tell, don't ask

Why should we follow the rules?

- Simpler code
- Easier to read and understand
- Easier to maintain
- Easier to test

“Always code as if the guy who ends up maintaining your code will be a violent psychopath who knows where you live”

— John Woods

References

- <https://medium.com/@davidsen/clean-code-object-calisthenics-f6f4dec07c8b>

Questions?



Thank you for your attention!

Ildikó Takács