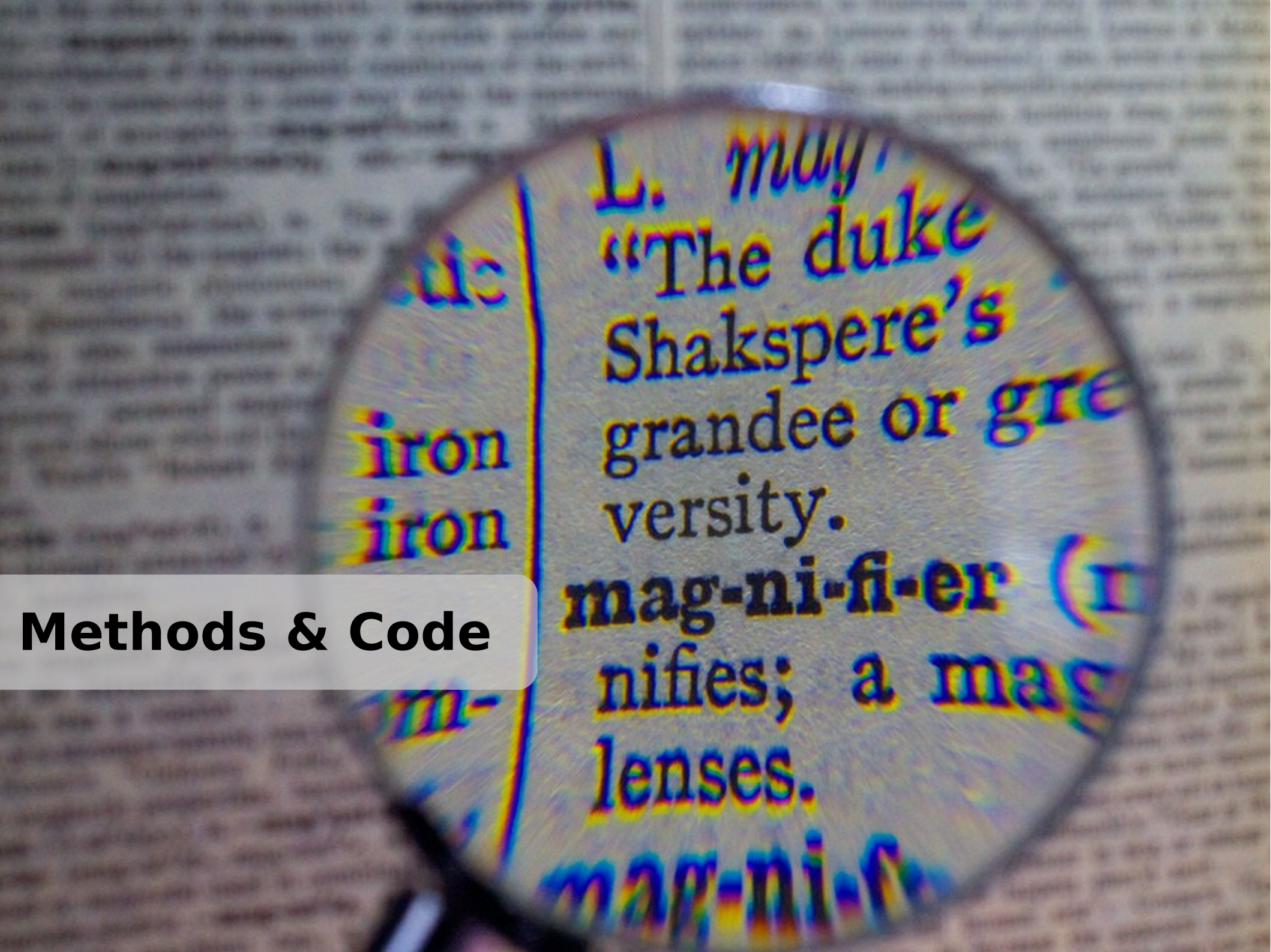

We write code


Isn't it more about
reading?

Written **once** – read **many** times

„(...) when you program, you have to ***think about*** *how someone* ***will read your code****, not just how a computer will interpret it.“*
Kent Beck


Not about
Architecture


Methods & Code


Extra effort


Save time


Your code base?


It's about joy!

Code is read many more times than written

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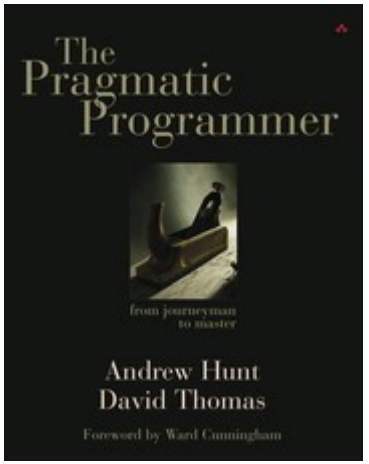
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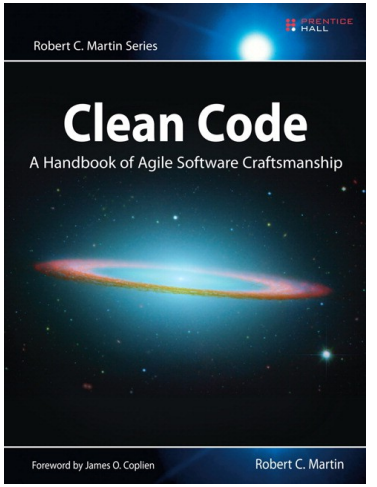
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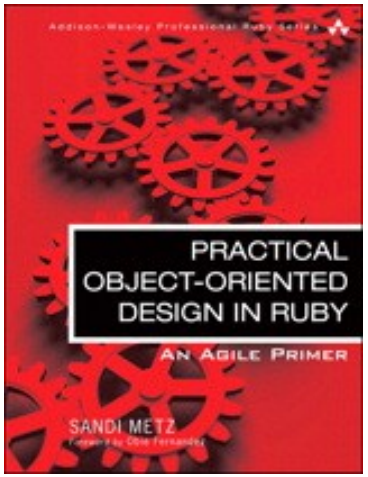
PRACTICAL
OBJECT-ORIENTED
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Crazy?

Are comments a **smell**?

Outdated comments are the **worst**

The **why** not the **what**

Comments are an **excuse** of the code that it could not be **clearer**.

```
# do one thing
…
…
…


# do another thing
…
…
…

# do something more
…
…
```

Extract Methods

```
do_one_thing
do_another_thing
do_something_more
```

```
# context, outlet, times, time per
step, state, data
def pattern(c, o, t, l, s, d)
  # …
end
```

Explanatory and meaningful names

```
def pattern(context, outlet, time,
time_per_step, state, data)
  # …
end
```

Try to keep it to 2 parameters

Short Methods (<= 8 LOC)

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# allowed to drink?
if customer.age > 18
  say 'Okay'
  prepare_drink requested_drink
  say 'here you go'
  hand_drink_over drink, customer
else
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if allowed_to_drink_alcohol?(customer)
  serve_drink requested_drink,
              customer
else
  propose_non_alcoholic_drink
end
```

Nice code formatting

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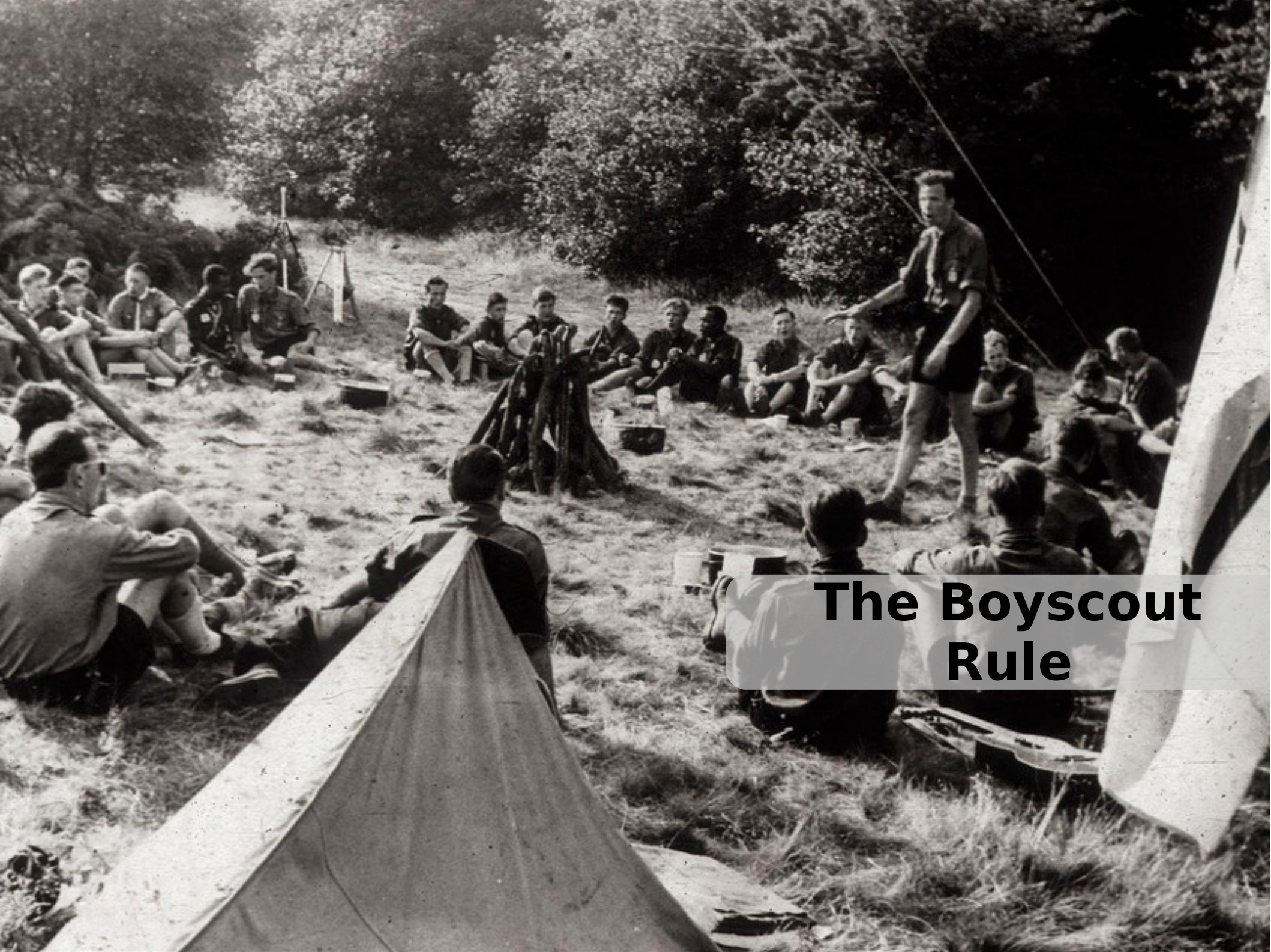

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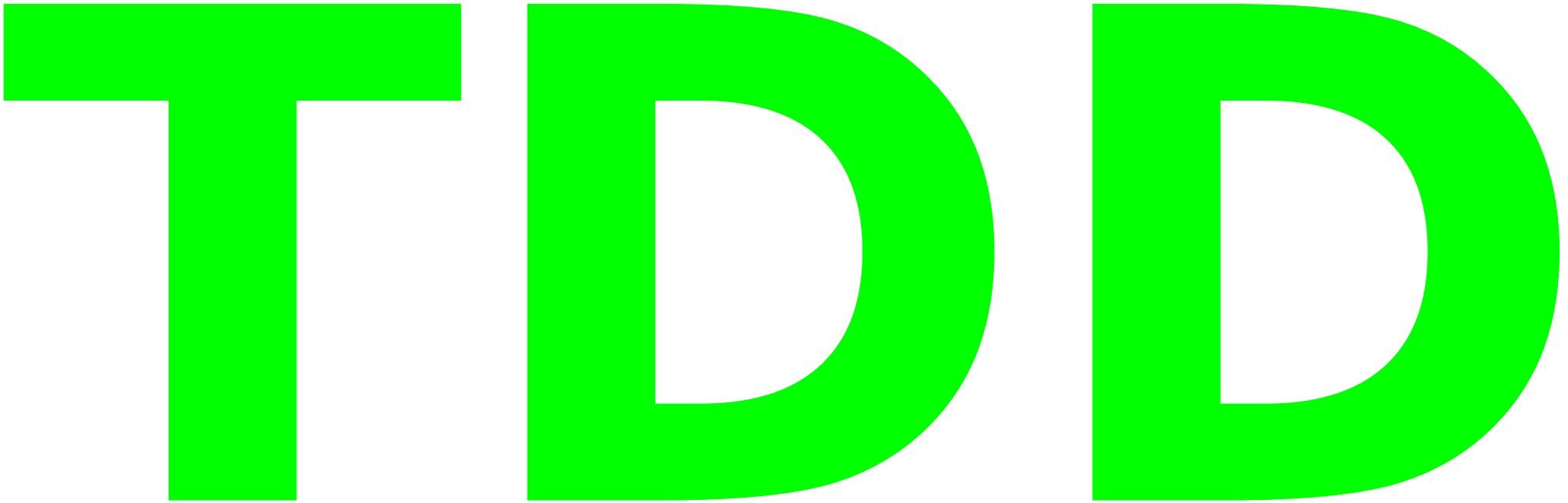
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Know when to break the rules

If you still like your code from
two years ago,
then you are not ***learning*** *fast enough.*

Enjoy Coding!

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