

Naming Things in Code

1. Don't Abbreviate Names

Negative example:

```
In [84]: data class Mov(val gen: String, val yr: Int, val dir: String, val writers: List<String>) {

    fun relScore(m1: Mov, m2: Mov): Double {
        val GW = 0.4
        val YW = 0.1
        val DW = 0.2
        val WW = 0.3

        var s = 0.0
        if (m1.gen == m2.gen) {
            s += GW
        }

        if (m1.yr == m2.yr) {
            s += YW
        }

        if (m1.dir == m2.dir) {
            s += DW
        }

        if (m1.writers.any(m2.writers::contains)) {
            s += WW
        }

        return s;
    }
}
```

Positive example:

```
In [85]: data class Movie(val genre: String, val year: Int, val director: String, val writers: List<String>) {

    private val GENRE_WEIGHT = 0.4
    val YEAR_WEIGHT = 0.1
    val DIRECTOR_WEIGHT = 0.2
    val WRITER_WEIGHT = 0.3

    fun movieRelationScore(movie1: Movie, movie2: Movie): Double {

        var score = 0.0
        if (movie1.genre == movie2.genre) {
            score += GENRE_WEIGHT
        }

        if (movie1.year == movie2.year) {
            score += YEAR_WEIGHT
        }

        if (movie1.director == movie2.director) {
            score += DIRECTOR_WEIGHT
        }

        if (movie1.writers.any(movie2.writers::contains)) {
            score += WRITER_WEIGHT
        }

        return score
    }
}
```

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    if (movie1.director == movie2.director) {
        score += DIRECTOR_WEIGHT
    }

    if (movie1.writers.any(movie2.writers::contains)) {
        score += WRITER_WEIGHT
    }

    return score;
}

```

Real Examples:

```

@Reference
private ConfigurationAdmin cm;

private ImmutableList<EnergyScheduleHandler> eshs;

.setSimulator((id, period, gsc, coc, csc, ef, mode, fitness,
isFinalRun) -> { ... }

```

1.1 Use Pronouncable Names

```

In [86]: import java.util.Date

val genymdhms: Date = Date() // generation year, month, day, hour, minute and se

```

```

In [87]: val generationTimestamp: Date = Date()

```

2. Make Meaningful Distinctions

getActiveAccount() vs. getActiveAccounts vs. getActiveAccountInfo()

moneyAmount vs. money

customerInfo vs. customer

accountData vs. account

3. Add Units to Variables Unless the Type Tells You

```

In [88]: import kotlin.time.Duration

fun execute1(delay: Int) {}

// Better
fun execute2(delaySeconds: Int) {}

// Best
fun execute3(delay: Duration) {}

execute3(30.seconds)

```

Real Examples:

```
var soc // --> int soc, var socPercentage

var gridBuyEnergy // --> var gridBuyEnergyWh
```

4. Don't Put Types in Your Types

- Prefixes like `I`, `Base`, or `Abstract` leak implementation details into names
- Users don't care whether something is an interface or abstract class, only what it represents
- If you struggle to name a superclass, it's often a sign that the structure is wrong or the subclass has the wrong responsibility

```
In [89]: interface Movable {}
// abstract class Movable {}
// class Movable {}
```

```
In [90]: class PositionAnimation(movable: Movable) {}
```

```
In [91]: // Don't
interface IMovable {}
abstract class BaseMovable {}
abstract class AbstractMovable {}
```

5. Refactor If You Find Yourself Naming Code "Utils"

- **No clear responsibility:** Everything gets dumped into one place, even if it doesn't belong together
- **Hides the domain model:** Behavior is removed from real objects and placed in a neutral helper class
- **Low cohesion:** Methods in Utils often have no real relation to each other

a) Move Methods to Their Respective Types

```
In [92]: // Don't
object Utils {
    fun assignDefaults(movie: Movie) {}

    fun relationScore(movie1: Movie, movie2: Movie): Double {
        return 0.0
    }
}

// Do
class Movie {
    fun assignDefaults() {}

    fun relationScore(other: Movie): Double {
        return 0.0
    }
}
```

b) Replace Utility Classes with Domain Objects

```
In [93]: data class Movie(val rating: Double)

// Don't
class Utils {
    fun topMoviesByRating(movies: List<Movie>, numTop: Int): List<Movie> {
        return movies.sortedByDescending { it.rating }.take(numTop)
    }
}

// Do
class MovieCollection(
    private val movies: List<Movie>
) {
    fun topByRating(numTop: Int): List<Movie> =
        this.movies.sortedByDescending { it.rating }.take(numTop)
}

fun List<Movie>.topByRating(numTop: Int = 10): List<Movie> =
    this.sortedByDescending { it.rating }.take(numTop)
```