

Beautiful is better than ugly. **Explicit** is better than implicit. **Simple** is better than complex. **Complex** is better than complicated. **Flat** is better than nested. **Sparse** is better than dense. **Readability** counts. Special cases aren't special enough to **break the rules**. Although **never** is better than **one**--- and preferably **practicality** beats only one---obvious way to do it. Although **never** is often better than ***right*** now. If the **implementation** is hard to explain, it's a bad idea. If the implementation is **easy to explain**, it may be a good idea. Namespaces are one honking **great** idea -- **let's do more of those!**

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