About the Why and How of Code Reviews

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Who am I

- Technical University of Eindhoven, the Netherlands [graduated 2008]
- Full time developer
- Started using openHAB [2015]
- First openHAB contribution [September 2016]
- Maintainer for OH2 [March 2017]
- Freelance Java Consultant [November 2017]
Why reviewing

To mature the code by challenging it

- Catch some (potential) bugs
- Creating easier to maintain code for the future
- Create a better baseline / example

Code Review is the single greatest way of noticing and killing bugs, increasing overall understanding, fixing design problems, and learning from one another.

*Creator of Rust*
— Graydon Hoare
How

- Static analysis
- Manual labor
How: Static analysis

- Validates hard requirements
- Perform boring labor

Examples

- Are copyright headers present
- Is about.html present and included in build result
How: Manual labor

Focus on:

- Code should do what it appears to do
- Adhere to the coding guidelines
- Code can be complex if needed but preferably it should be simple
- It should read like an exciting novel 😊

Strive that people can contribute on their own level
Challenges

- Seeing things that are missing
- Responding in time to incoming PR’s
Results

- One new release
- 25 new add-ons
- Many new automated checks (thanks to Musalasoft)