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Renaming whitelist to allowed #257

⁀ Closed

jeremyf wants to merge 1 commit into `master` from `rename-black-and-white-variable-names` 📋

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jeremyf commented on Jun 8, 2020   Member

Prior to this commit, our language of Whitelist perpetuated the idea
that "white" is *the* allowed. This change clarifies the purpose without
relying on discriminatory cultural jargon (e.g. blacklist/whitelist). In
addition, by using a clear term, we make the intention more accessible.

Renaming whitelist to allowed   …   ✓ 0c67854

coveralls commented on Jun 8, 2020

coverage 90%

Coverage remained the same at 89.948% when pulling `0c67854` on **rename-black-and-white-variable-
names** into `9a1ad1a` on **master**.

rfox2 commented on Jun 8, 2020 · edited ▾   Contributor

@jeremyf I understand that you feel passionately about this. And there are ways for you to support your
passions outside of work. But to bring politically motivated commentary into how we write our code is
entirely inappropriate. This use of "white" or "black" has nothing to do with race in any sense. I am
completely opposed to the idea of regulating language in our technical work to support **any** political or
religious position.

jeremyf commented on Jun 8, 2020   Member Author

Blacklist / whitelist is more opaque than deny / allow language. This is not political, this is about clarity while also slowly correcting language that perpetuates systemic inequities.

ialford commented on Jun 8, 2020   Contributor

I would agree with **@jeremyf** on the opacity of whitelist/blacklist vs allow/deny.

@rfox2, if it wasn't for the mention of `discriminatory cultural jargon` in the PR request, what objections would there be to the PR? There are certainly concerns with changing parameter names arbitrarily, as it could introduce unforeseen issues.

We should also consider that this as an open source project and has a Code of Conduct, which version of the code is more in line with our CoC?

rfox2 commented on Jun 8, 2020 · edited ▾   Contributor

"blacklist" and "whitelst" have been used in IT for ages. This PR is politically motivated and done for a personal agenda. I can't approve it because I think it sets a **very bad** standard for us. Jeremy clearly indicated that his motivation for this PR is politically motivated in his support of the current cultural conditions. I have to strongly oppose that and I don't think it has any place at work. If we allowed that, it would be a free-for-all. Whitelist and blacklist have been used all over the place in IT language - it has an established understanding and has nothing to do with discrimination.

rfox2 requested changes on Jun 8, 2020

View changes

rfox2 left a comment   Contributor

No - the change request is motivated by personal political concerns and not a concern to improve the code base. The language we used is universally understood in the IT world and has nothing to do with race or discrimination. I have to oppose this recommendation on those grounds and I would like to ask everyone to submit pull requests that are not politically or religiously motivated in any sense.

jeremyf closed this on Jun 8, 2020

 የ   **jeremyf** deleted the `rename-black-and-white-variable-names` branch 15 months ago

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mdehmlow commented on Jun 9, 2020

Hi all, this is clearly an issue that people feel strongly about - me included. This is probably not the forum where we can have a meaningful discussion about this. I will schedule a time for us to discuss where we can have a constructive conversation. I want to re-emphasize that it is important to treat each other with respect - especially when we feel strongly or disagree, otherwise we erode trust, stifle communication, and create an uncomfortable climate.

Reviewers

rfox2   ⊡

Assignees

No one assigned

Labels

None yet

Projects

None yet

Milestone

No milestone

Linked issues

Successfully merging this pull request may close these issues.

None yet

5 participants