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Thread: [Do you ever feel like you've just commit a war-crime?](#)

Dystortion - August 13, 2025, 5:59 am

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bevc - August 13, 2025, 6:21 am

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Suppose so, yours is a collateral damage shot, mine is an artillery strike into a civilian area.

arlington - August 13, 2025, 9:12 am

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Dystortion - August 13, 2025, 2:48 pm

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As a specific nation at the moment would know about.

Prawnster - August 13, 2025, 3:12 pm

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ttbr0 - August 14, 2025, 12:26 am

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Yep, I'd write more tools and scripts for cyber related and just random but I love a good frontend for tools. I'm a gui typa guy

Oh_Well - August 16, 2025, 5:44 am

This is happening way too often, but I think it's just how I work when the requirements aren't 100% clear.

Instead of getting caught up in file structures, helpers, utils, service injections, models, etc, I just write everything in a single file to start with. Once it works (even if it's just the bare minimum) I begin breaking it apart.

Anything that handles data transformation or manipulation goes into utils. DTOs/schemas/interfaces get their own files under a new folder. And if something looks reusable I turn it into its own service.

Even if the initial file blows up to 2k+ lines, I usually end up with around 200–250 lines in the main file after refactoring. The rest gets split out cleanly.

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Dystortion - August 16, 2025, 10:51 am

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Interesting, copilot has always seemed to have lacked in AI capabilities but this is actually useful especially if you're handling thousands of lines of code, even getting it to potentially clean up your current folder structure if they're messy also is great.

keys0x0016 - August 16, 2025, 7:56 pm

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Invoker - August 16, 2025, 10:50 pm

i used to do this and learned the hard way it's big crime lol

Dystortion - August 17, 2025, 4:04 am

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nice, this is absolutely correct lmao