

# CODE Strategy

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## Identify the challenge

- What is the specific challenge?
- What is the real question that needs to be answered?

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## Collect relevant information

- What do/don't I know?
- What are the essential facts from the chart?
- What resources (such as standards and classification rules) are available?
- What is the underlying purpose of the direction found in the resource?

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## Consider the options

- What are the most plausible options?
- Have I thought of all the possibilities?

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## Decide on best option

- What is the support for/against each option?
- Which option is most defensible?
- Which option best satisfies the purpose?

**Tip: Keep the big picture in mind!**

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## Explain and evaluate

- Have I taken the most responsible course of action?
- Can I justify my solution if challenged?
- Does the solution tell the correct story?