

# The developer obsession with code names, 114 interesting examples

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Code names have been around for a long time. Remember the Manhattan project in the 1940s? That turned out to be the atomic bomb. Thankfully, not all code names hide such sinister projects.

Code names can be about secrecy, but when it comes to software development, it's usually not so much about secrecy as it is about the convenience of having a name for a specific version of a software. It can be very practical to have a unique identifier for a project to get everyone on the same page and avoid confusion.

And we want to name our darlings, don't we?

So what kind of code names are developers out there coming up with?

Mozilla code names

Phoenix ? Firefox 1.0

Deer Park ? Firefox 1.5

Bon Echo ? Firefox 2

Gran Paradiso ? Firefox 3

Shiretoko ? Firefox 3.5

Namoroka ? Firefox 3.6

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