

# Microspeak: Righteous

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In the English language, the word *righteous* means “virtuous” or “morally right”, and it comes with religious connotations. It also has an informal meaning of “excellent”, devoid of religious significance.

At Microsoft the term *righteous* has become a preferred adjective for things which are right and proper, in alignment with best practices, or otherwise a Good Thing or the Right Thing to Do.

| This obviously looks like righteous work, but we may not be able to schedule it in the current milestone.

| That’s a righteous question which I already plan on asking at ship room.

| This design change looks righteous, but I’m concerned about the compatibility consequences.

The term is particularly applicable to bug fixes, where it means that the fix is definitely correct.

| Alice reviewed it and said it was a righteous fix.

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