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PGC, Quality and Programming Style

Be smart and create a quality oriented culture to save money, gain efficiency and get ahead of your competition!

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PGC

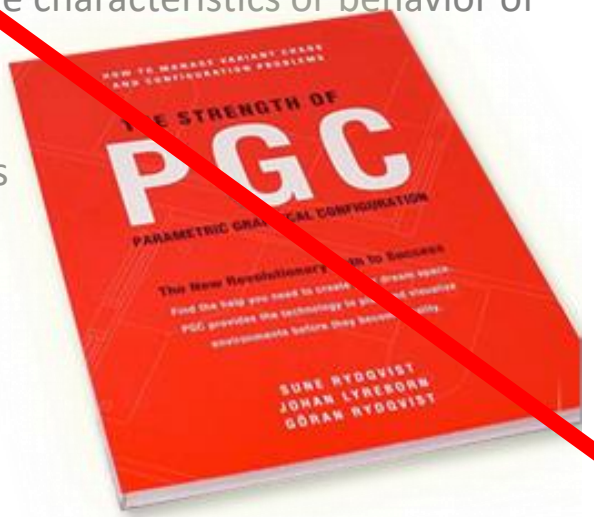
Parametric Graphical Configuration

The flow and ease of PGC

PGC

PGC is a solution development framework for the implementation of quick, efficient, and intuitive graphical configuration software customized to specific products and solution domains.

- Parametric - a set of properties whose values determine the characteristics or behavior of something
- Graphical - a visual representation in 2D or 3D
- Configuration - a relative arrangement of parts or elements



PGC Fundamentals

- Flowing ease
- Touch and feel
- Direct manipulation
- Interpret gestures
- Assist
- Remember all input,
- Explorative
- Encourage experimentation

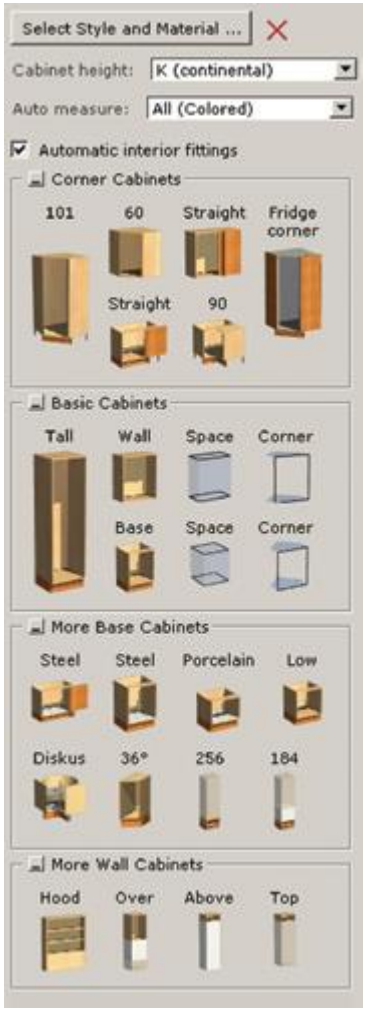
PGC - Condensed UI

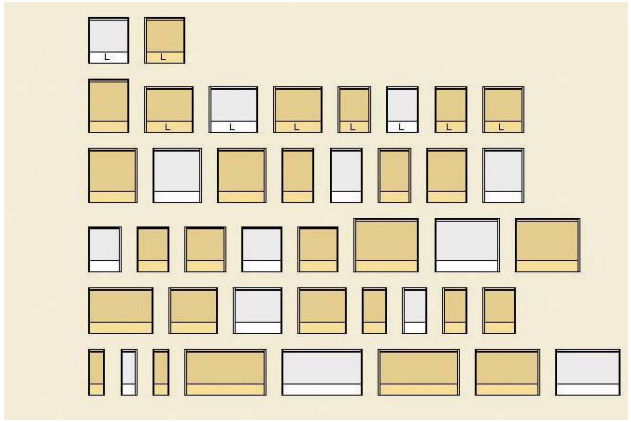
- Small initial UI
- High polymorphism
- Few choices – large number of design posibilities
- Play, interact, explore and design

PGC - Immersion

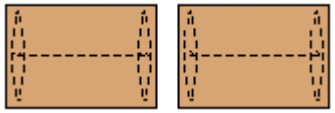
- Pull the user into an immersive experience
- Aesthetical, technical and other constraints and requirements
- Uninterrupted

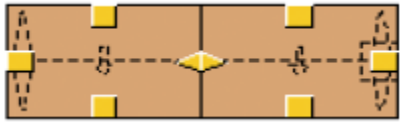
PGC Fundament: Polymorphism



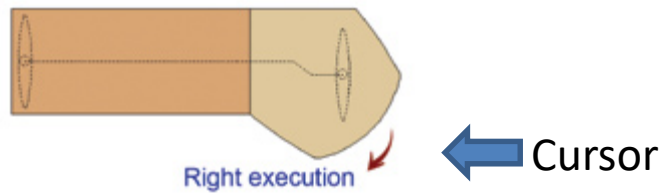


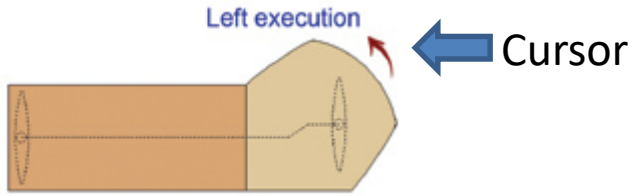
PGC Fundament: Connection Rules





PGC Fundament: Mirror Selection





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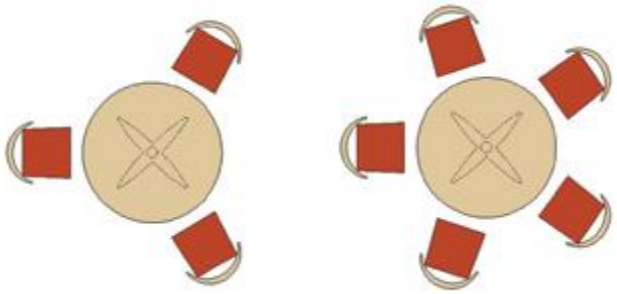
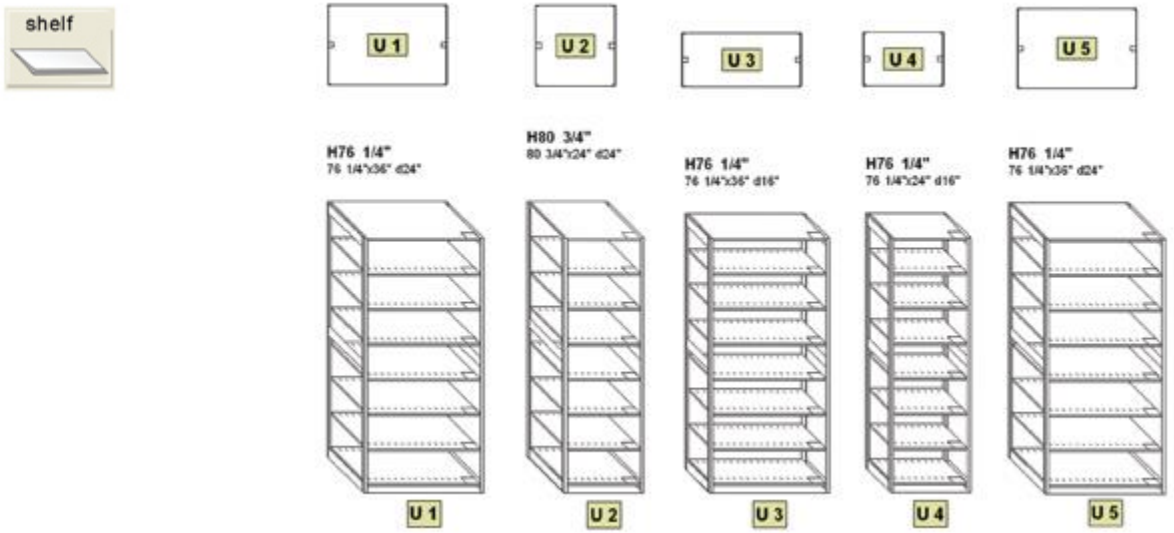


PGC Fundament: Information Reuse



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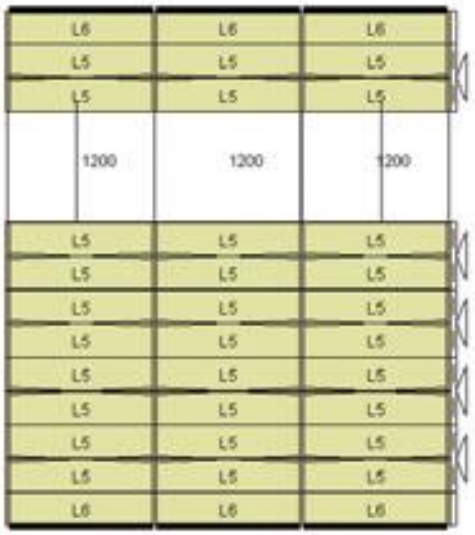
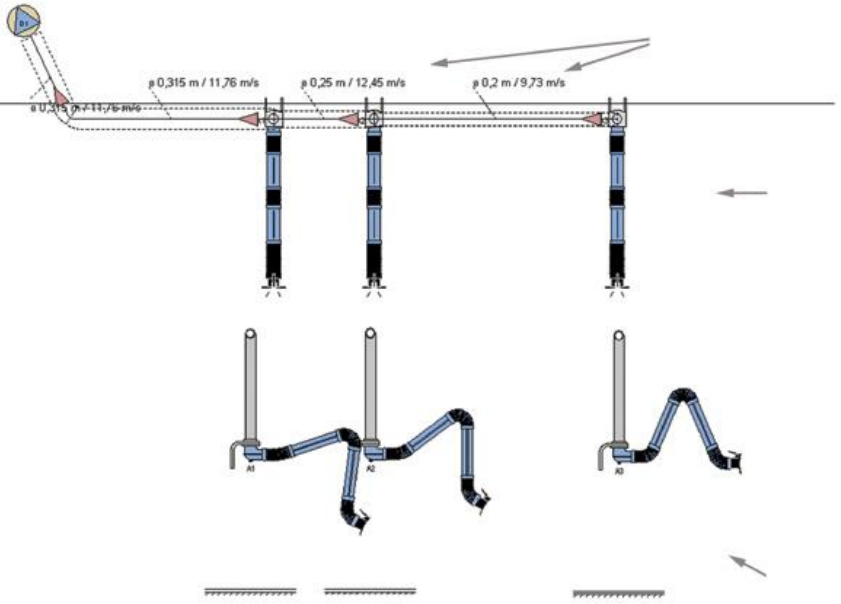
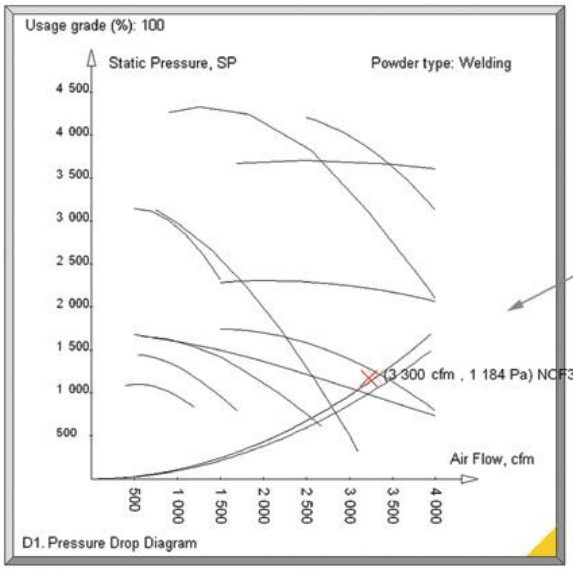
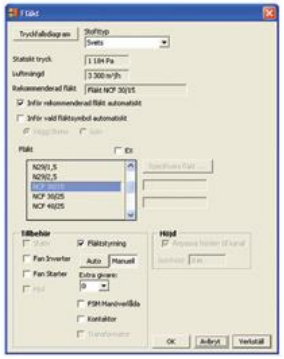


PGC Fundament: Global Change

PGC Fundament: Technical Calculations







PGC

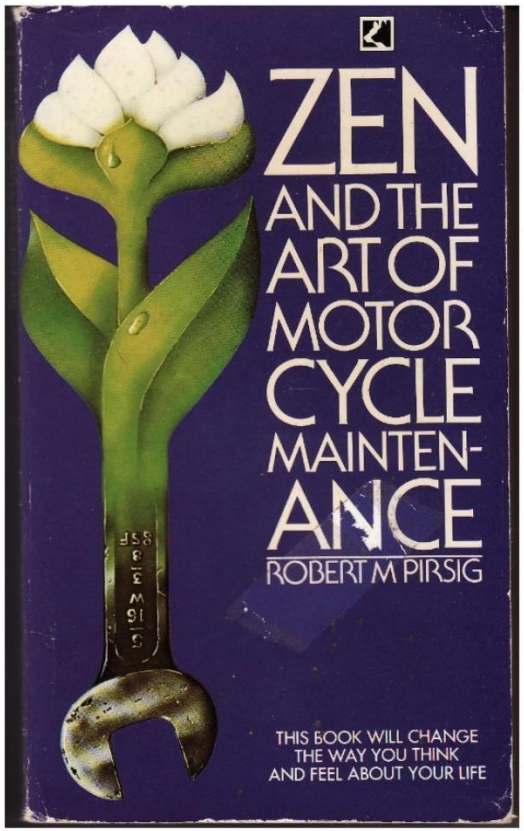
Quality

PGC, Quality and Programming Style

Quality

What is Quality?

- Phaedrus (after Plato's dialogue), a teacher of creative and technical writing at a small college
- became engrossed in the question of what defines good writing
- and what in general defines good, or "Quality".
- His philosophical investigations eventually drove him insane
- and he was subjected to electroconvulsive therapy which permanently changed his personality

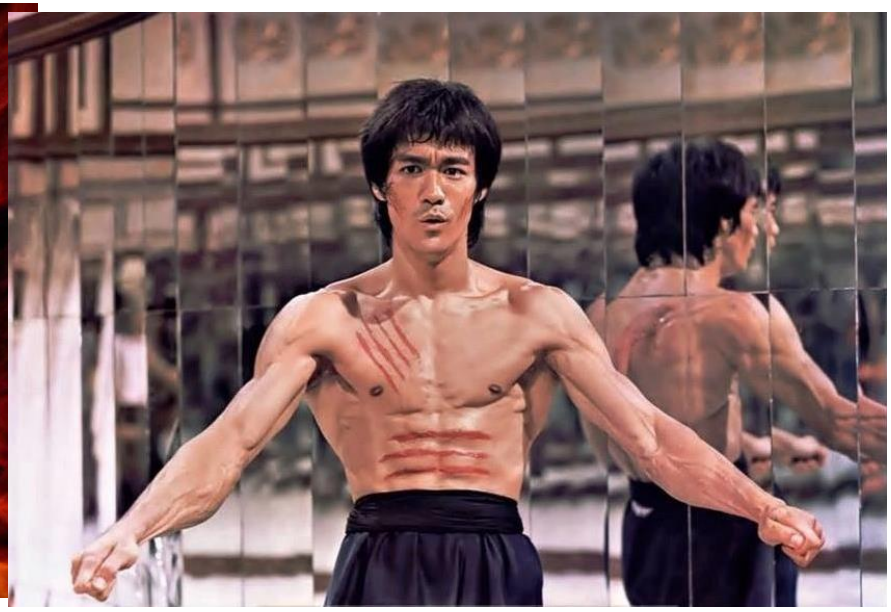


The book sold 5 million copies worldwide. It was originally rejected by 121 publishers, more than any other bestselling book

Quality vs Kung Fu

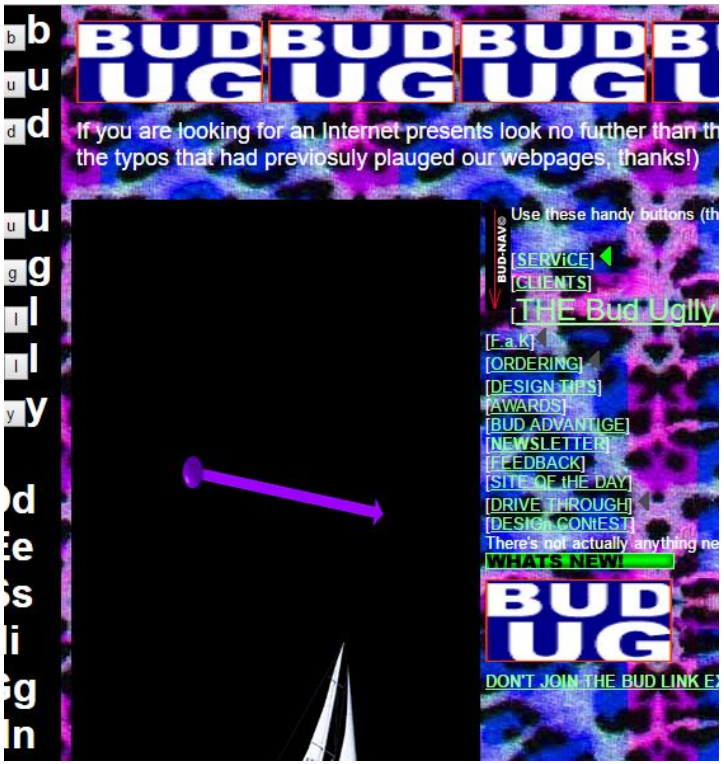
- Pirsig: quality is undefinable
- Webster: a high level of value or excellence

the standard of something as measured against other things of a similar kind; the degree of excellence of something.



“Good enough”

http://budugllydesign.com/



“Good enough” - why should I care?

“Quality is more important than quantity.
One home run is much better
than two doubles.”

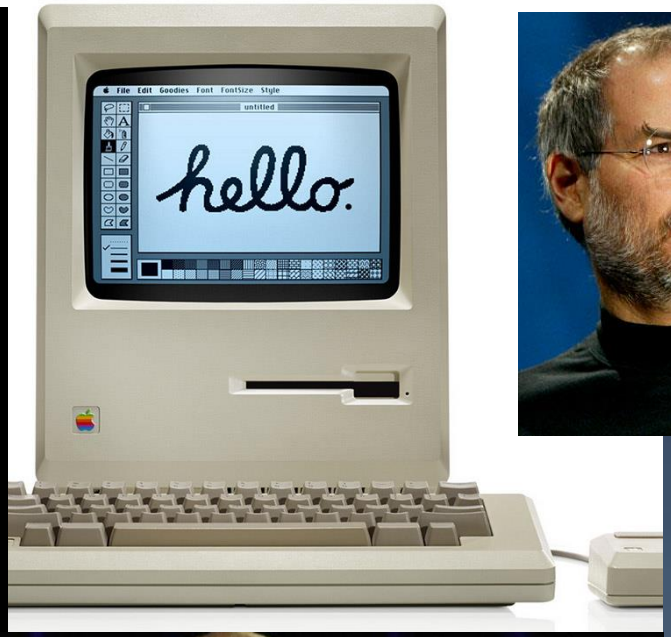
Apple Inc.
NASDAQ: AAPL - 16 sep. 05:41 GMT−4

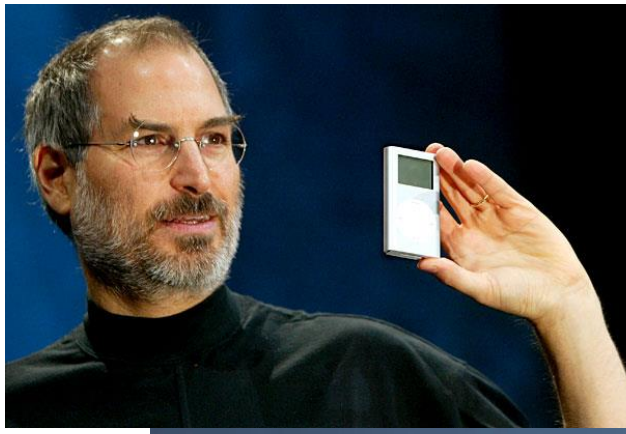
115,57 USD ↑3,80 (3,40 %)
Före öppningsdags: 115,18 ↓0,34 %

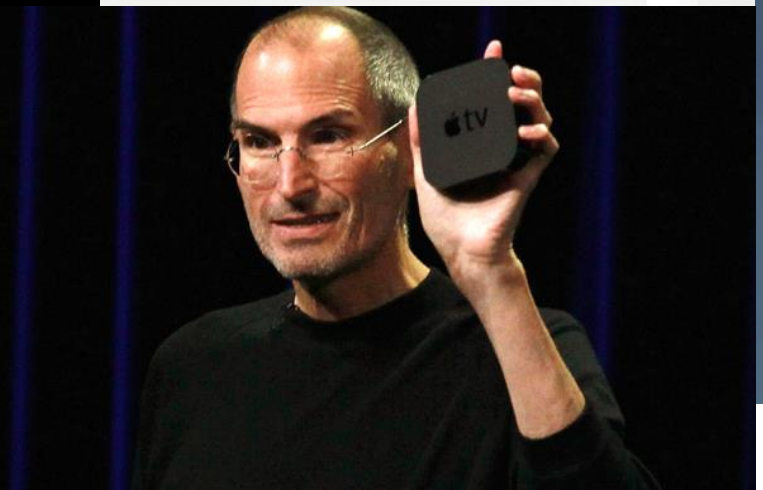
1 dag | 5 dagar | 1 månad | 3 må

Öppningskurs	113,86	Börsvärde	637,57 md
Högst	115,73	P/E-tal	13,5
Lägst	113,49	Dir.avk.	1,97%

A “Little” Success!







Apple Unboxing

Even the Sun has Spots

Email

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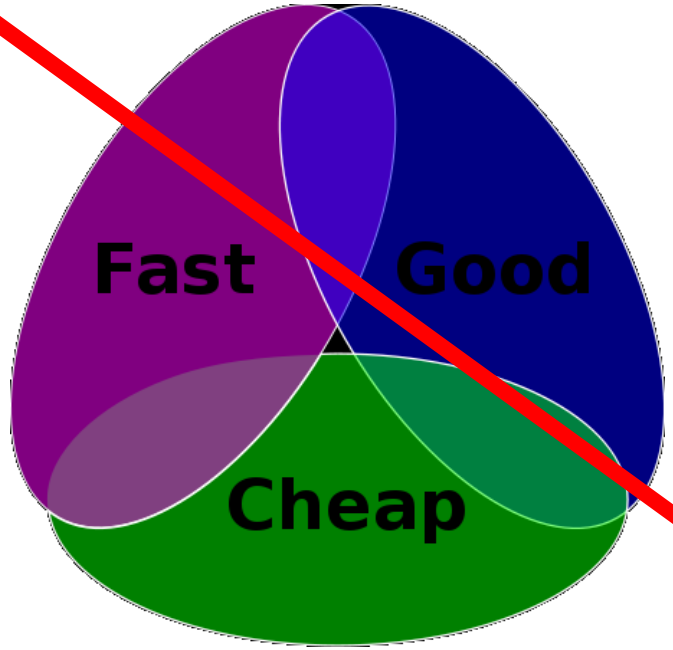
Next

Traditional TCQ

- Design quickly and high quality -> expensive
- Design quickly and cheaply -> low quality
- Design cheaply and high quality -> long time

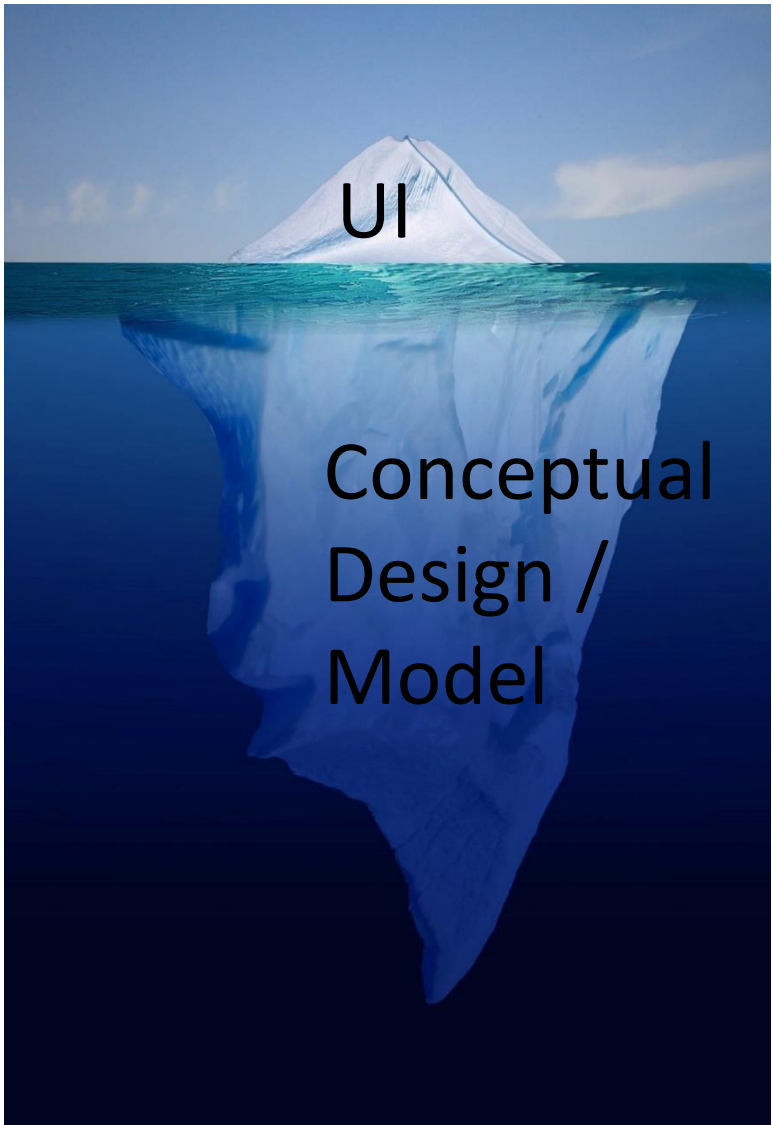


Quality Driven Development

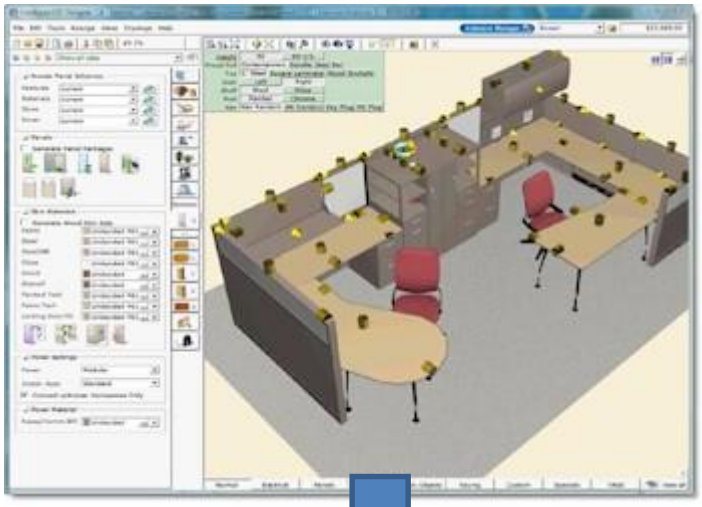
- Quality driven all the way through
- Bounds time
- Bounds cost

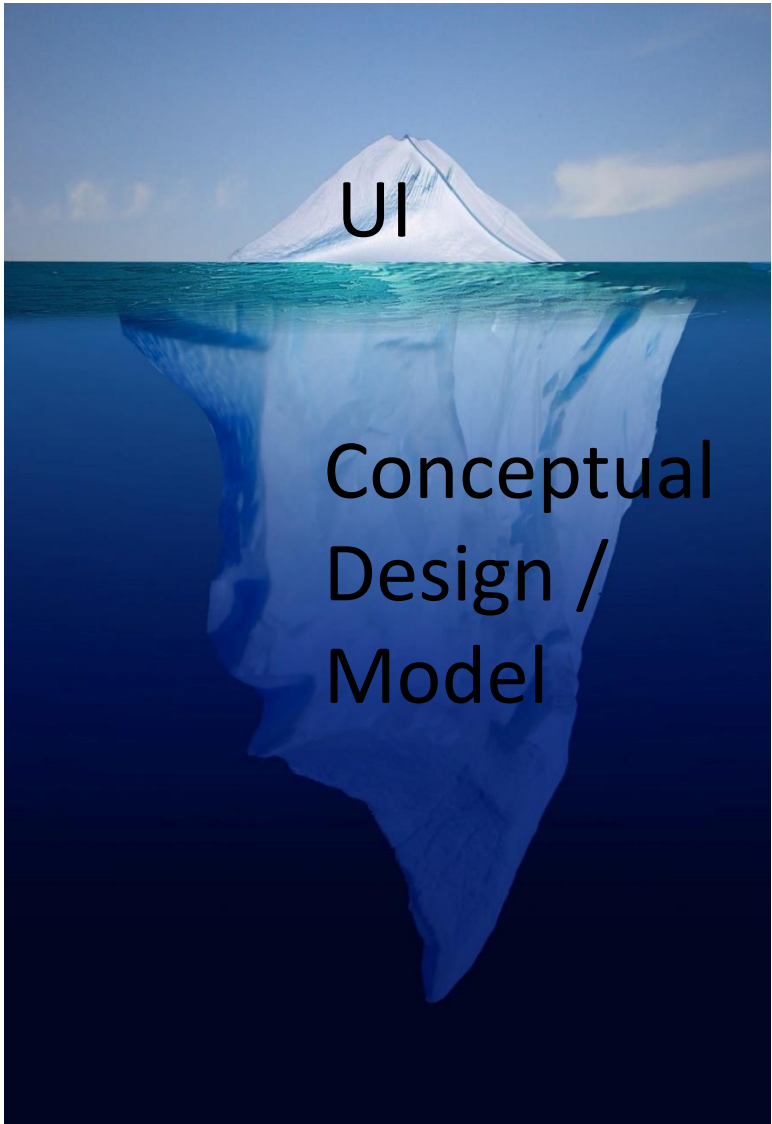
Low Quality ~~Code~~ quickly drives cost and time towards unreasonable levels

What is a UI?



What is a UI?





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Programming Style

Large System Development

- Programs are built from language definitions and then BY combining these into larger systems.
- If the language is precise, consistent and orthogonal large systems can be described with little or medium effort.
- Imprecise language quickly increases the effort of understanding.
- Imprecise programs become full of fixes. Complexity increases.
- Fixes create unwanted side-effects (bugs/issues).
- Cost goes through the roof.

Programming Style

I will tell you my secret!

From a lifetime of programming ..

You will be disappointed ..

Programming Style
The Secret

The longer I work with programming

- Simplicity
- ~~Complication~~
- ~~Debugging~~

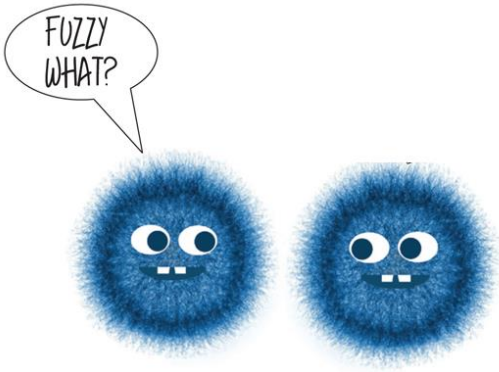
Programming Style
The Secret

How do you achieve simplicity

- Language Precision

the more precisely you can define your vocabulary used to describe the problem the easier it becomes

Language

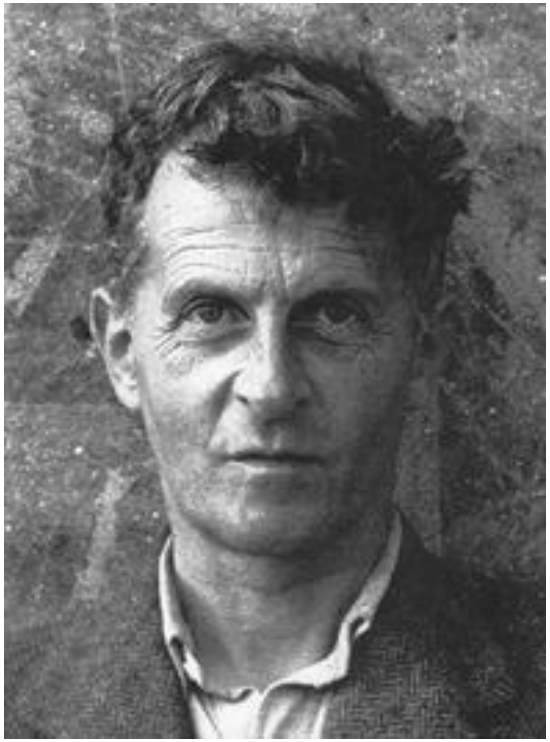


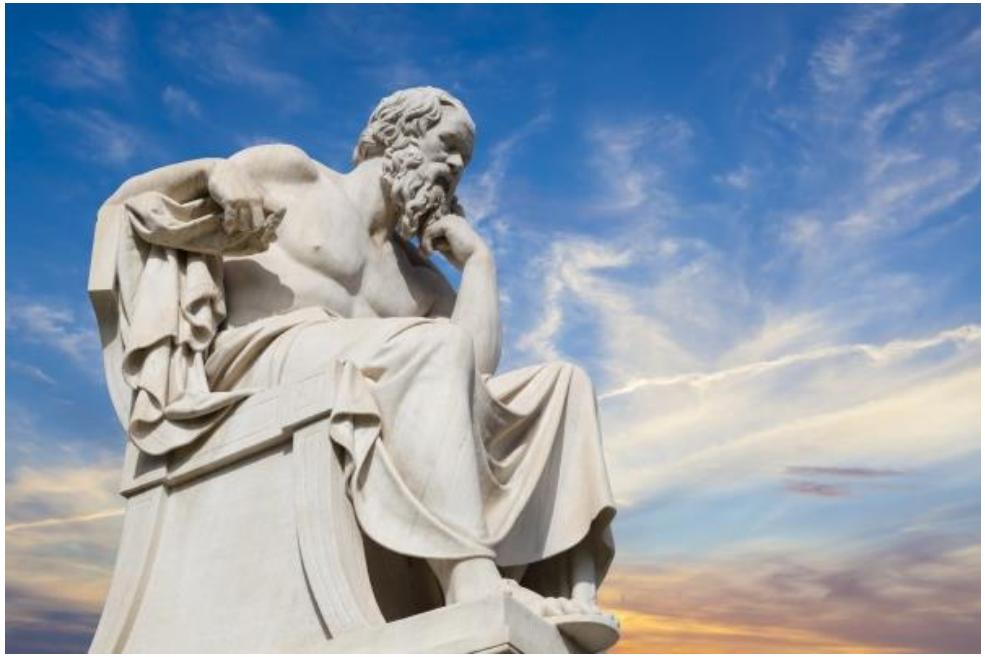
Natural language

Mathematics

Wittgenstein

The early Wittgenstein was concerned that all philosophical problems arise from misconception of language





So he set out to fix that

Wittgenstein
Tractatus Logico-Philosophicus

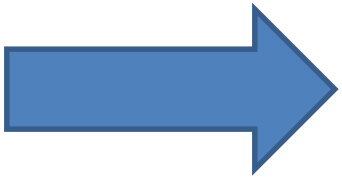
Start

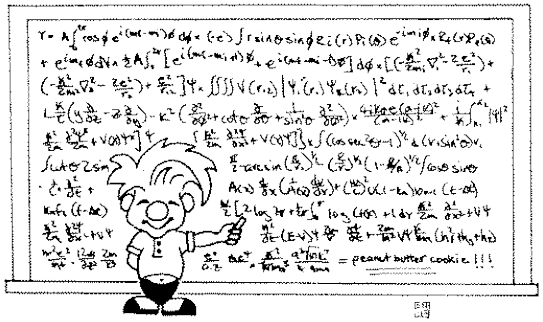
	German	Ogden	Pears/McGuinness
1*	Die Welt ist alles, was der Fall ist.	The world is everything that is the case.	The world is all that is the case.
1.1	Die Welt ist die Gesamtheit der Tatsachen, nicht der Dinge.	The world is the totality of facts, not of things.	The world is the totality of facts, not of things.
1.11	Die Welt ist durch die Tatsachen bestimmt und dadurch, dass es a l l e Tatsachen sind.	The world is determined by the facts, and by these being *all* the facts.	The world is determined by the facts, and by their being *all* the facts.
1.12	Denn, die Gesamtheit der Tatsachen bestimmt, was der Fall ist und auch, was alles nicht der Fall ist.	For the totality of facts determines both what is the case, and also all that is not the case.	For the totality of facts determines what is the case, and also whatever is not the case.

End

Er muss diese Sätze überwinden, dann sieht er die Welt richtig.	He must surmount these propositions; then he sees the world rightly.	He must transcend these propositions, and then he will see the world aright.
Wovon man nicht sprechen kann, darüber muss man schweigen.	Whereof one cannot speak, thereof one must be silent.	What we cannot speak about we must pass over in silence.

Programmers





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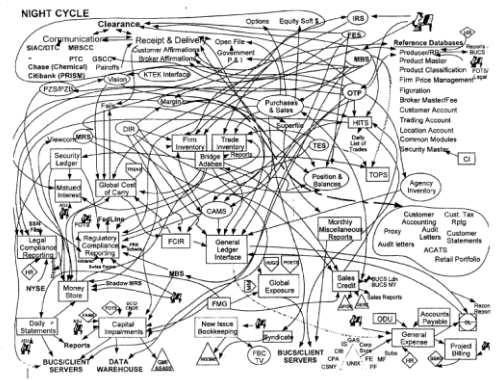
Programmers

- Very hi IQ – complicated minds
- Generally striving towards disorder
- So proud of solving bug X357
- So proud of creating function Y221
- Problem subroutine jumping



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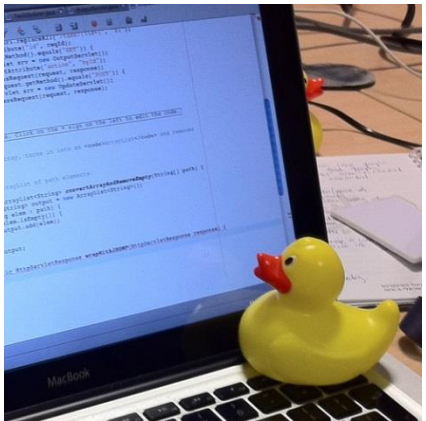
Programming Value Chain

Prototype

- A messy piece of code doing something
- Totally dependent on the programmer
- Debug time dominates
- Reusability Zero



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                    initNormals=hasNormals);
for (z in vertices) tMesh.vertices << pointF(z);
if (hasNormals) for (z in normals) tMesh.normals << vectorF(z);

point[] points();
int cnt;
point lastPoint;
point currentPoint;
int lastRef;
DirectionEnv{} directions();
directions.setHash(function directionEnvHash);
directions.setEq(function directionEnvEq);

for (loop in loopCounts) {
   int[] refs();
   lastRef = vertexReferences[loop+cnt-1];
   lastPoint = vertices[lastRef];
   directions.clear();
   while (int i = 0+cnt; i < loop+cnt; ++i) {
         currentPoint = vertices[vertexReferences[i]];
         points << currentPoint;
         vector v = currentPoint-lastPoint;
         DirectionEnv dir(v);
         if (dir in directions) {
            dir = directions.get(dir);
            dir.addReferences([lastRef, vertexReferences[i]]);
         } else {
            dir.addReferences([lastRef, vertexReferences[i]]);
            directions << dir;
         }
         lastPoint = currentPoint;
         lastRef =  vertexReferences[i];
         refs << lastRef;
   }
   if (loop <= 4 or allPointsInSamePlane(points)) {
         ADynamicMeshEnv env = triangulatePoints(points);
         for (z in env.triangles) {
            tMesh.triangles << refs[z];
         }
   } else {
         for (z in directions) if (z.references.count < 3) directions.remove(z);
         int noOfPlanes = (points.count - 2)/2;
         DirectionEnv toBeRemoved;
         double longestDist = 0;
         if (directions.count > noOfPlanes) {
            for (dir in directions) {
                  point lastP = vertices[dir.references.first];
                  double totalDist;
                  for (z in dir.references, start=1) {
                     totalDist += lastP.distanceSqr(vertices[z]);
                     lastP = vertices[z];
                  }
                  totalDist += lastP.distanceSqr(vertices[dir.references.first]);
                  if (totalDist > longestDist) {
                     toBeRemoved = dir;
                     longestDist = totalDist;
                  }
            }
            if (toBeRemoved) directions.remove(toBeRemoved);
         }
         for (dir in directions) {
            point[] pts();
            for (z in dir.references) pts << vertices[z];
            if (pts.count > 2) {
                  ADynamicMeshEnv env = triangulatePoints(pts);
                  for (z in env.triangles) {
                     tMesh.triangles << dir.references[z];
                  }
            }
         }
   }
   points.clear();
   cnt += loop;
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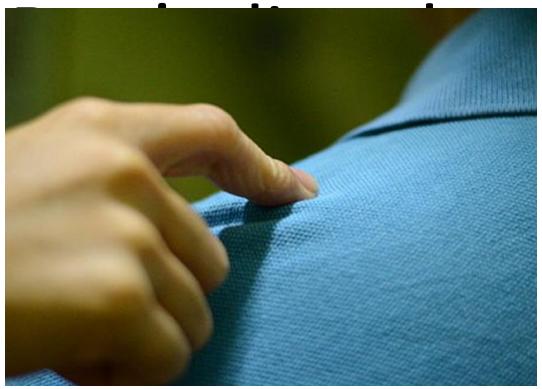
Programmers
Most Popular Programming Method

- ~~Simplification~~
- Intense Concentration
- Mixed with Trial and Error



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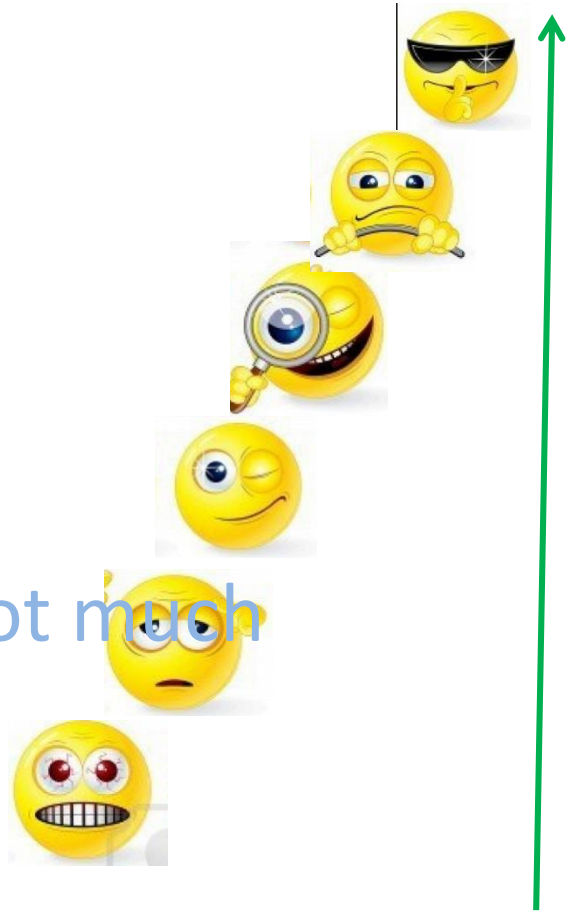
Programmers' Activities

- DSL – what what what?
- modularizing – ZILCH
- abstracting - even less
- generalizing - slightly
- refactoring - some
- minimize/tune/optimize – not much
- cleaning up - seldom
- adding - all the time



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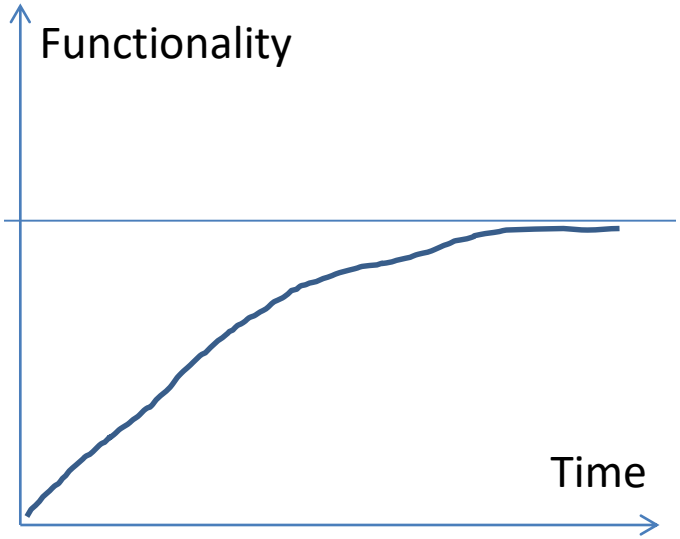
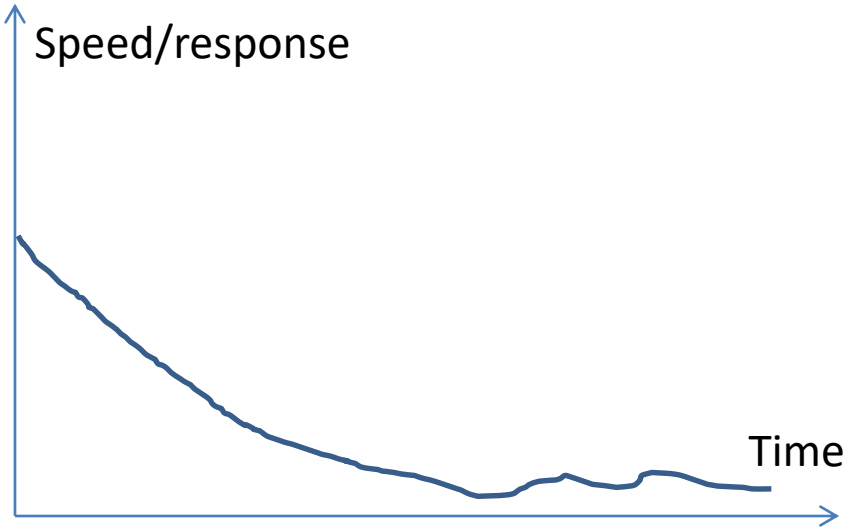
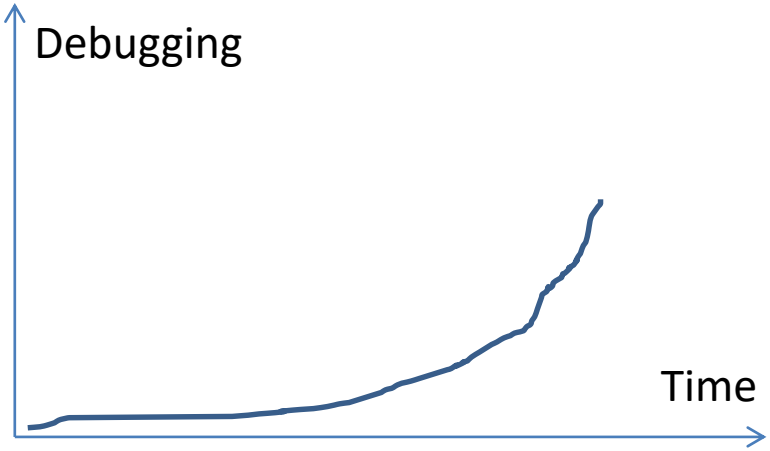
Reality







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Programmers' Time

- I don't have time!

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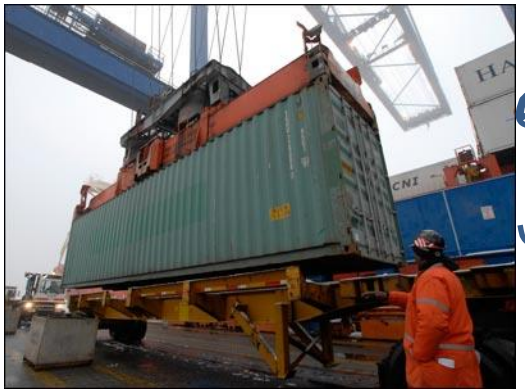
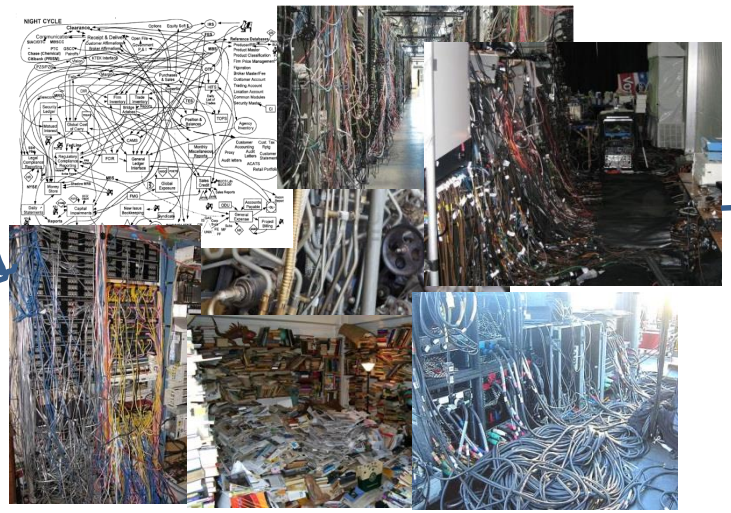




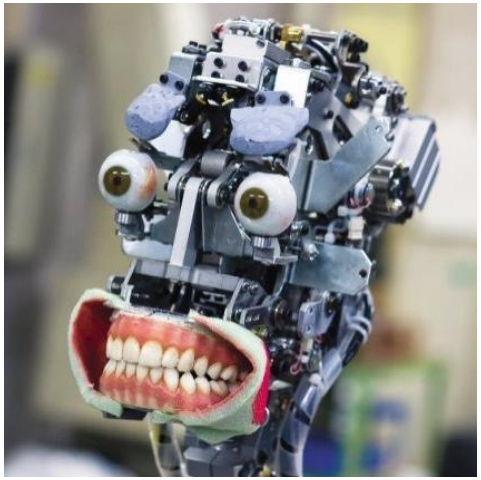
UI?

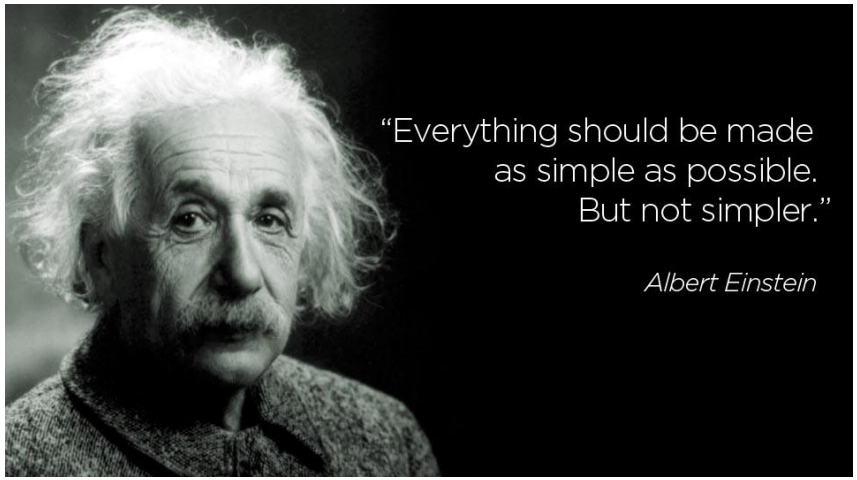
Programming

Getting the vocabulary exactly right

Design a (conceptual) machine

Simple yet complete

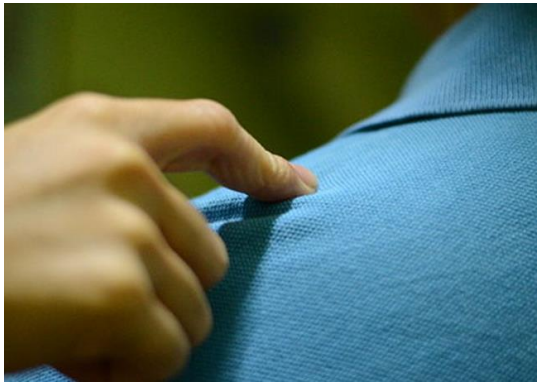


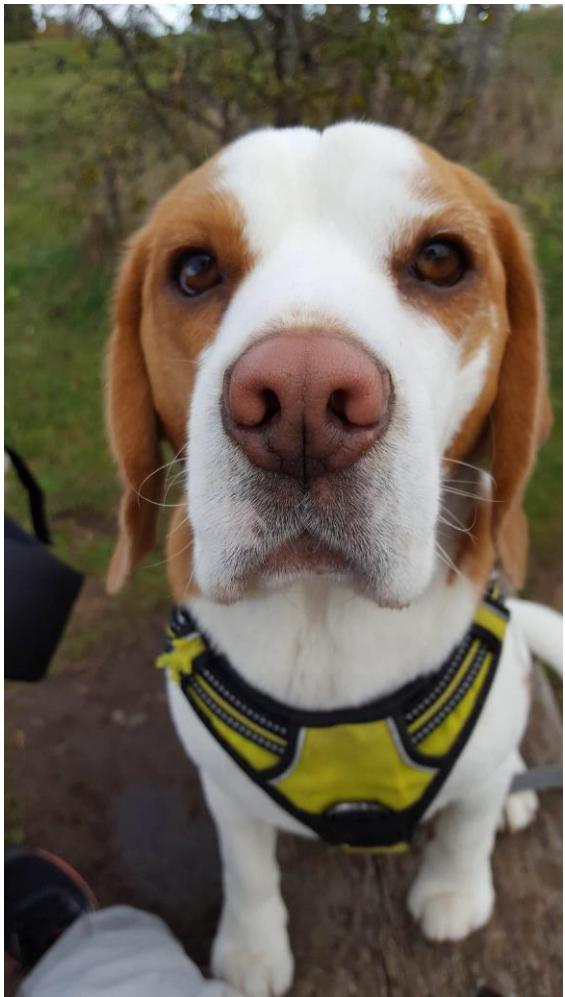


Programming

Thought of as a primarily logical process

Quality based emotional process

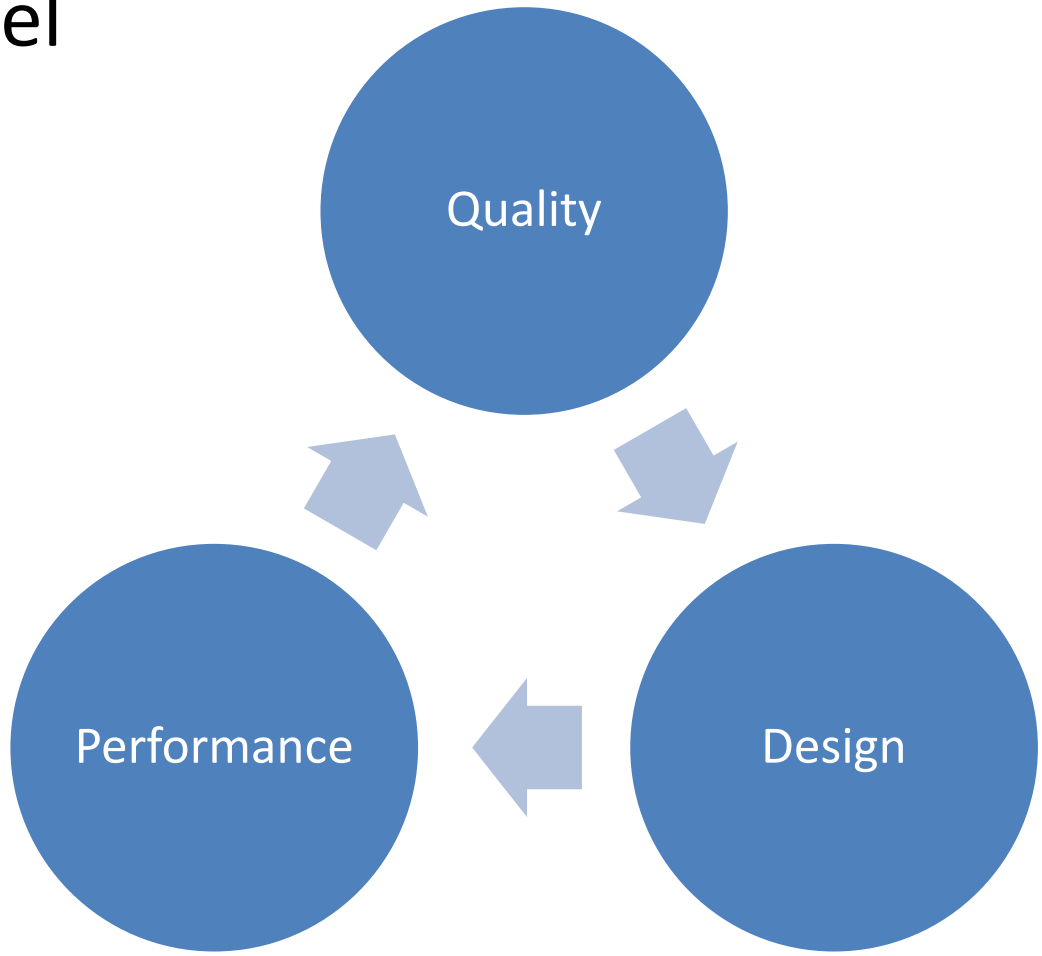




Programming Quality

- Quality is high-level
- Rests on Design
- And Performance
- And Bounds Cost

– compare to TCQ



Function Oriented Pitfall

Key Point

Singular Function Focus

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Performance Degradation

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Quality Degeneration

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Unbounded Cost / Time

The 10 Countermeasures

1. Design Based
   - A primary vision (PGC) drives. Every activity, decision, enhancement, design is evaluated against the primary vision
2. Coaching based design. Leverage experience.
3. Regular coaching between mentor and team-member. The vision must remain uncompromized.
4. Strong encouragement for code improvement of all kinds.
5. Scheduled Performance focus.
6. Scheduled Quality focus.
7. Scheduled initiative time.
8. Measure activities. Where is time spent/wasted.
9. Managers must role play being users.
10. Continuous improvement. Encourage programmers good habits.

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The Art of Programming

Freeform adaption from Sun Tzu – The Art of War

1. Programming is a matter of vital importance for mankind; the province of life or death; the road to survival or ruin. It is mandatory that it be thoroughly studied.

2. Therefore, appraise it in terms of 5 fundamental factors and 7 golden rules.

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6. Know yourself, your process and your language and in a 100 releases you will prevail.

6a. If you know yourself, but not your process, every other release will be in peril.

6b. If you do not know yourself, nor your process, every release will be in peril.