### Don't be a <blank> programmer!

or: what I wish I would have known before/during/after University

## SYNTAX vs. SEMANTICS

Syntax: The order in which symbols, words, or phrases are combined to form programs.

# "You have a syntax error, dumbf\*\*k.""

the Urban Dictionary

#### This means the same thing...

```
#include <iostream>
int main()
{
   std::cout << "Hello, World.";
}</pre>
```

#### ...as this

```
function hello() {
  console.log('Hello, world!');
}
hello();
```

#### ...and this

#### ...and even this

```
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## "Hi, I'm Chris, and I'm a JavaScript programmer."

"Hi, I'm Chris, and I'm a Crayola artist."

Quantitative != Qualitative

"The power to understand and predict the quantities of the world should not be restricted to those with a freakish knack for manipulating abstract symbols."

Bret Victor

## Semantics: the branch of linguistics and logic concerned with meaning.

# "The purpose of internet forums is to argue over *semantics*."

the Urban Dictionary

#### If I wrote this...

```
#include <iostream>>
int main() {
    std:cout "Hello, World.'
}
```

#### I'd get this...

```
gcc -o test test.cc
test.cc:1:20: warning: extra tokens at end of #include directive
      [-Wextra-tokens]
#include <iostream>>
test.cc:4:11: warning: missing terminating '"' character [-Winvalid-pp-token]
 std:cout "Hello, World.'
test.cc:4:6: error: use of undeclared identifier 'cout'; did you mean
      'std::cout'?
 std:cout "Hello, World.'
     ^~~~
     std::cout
/Applications/Xcode.app/Contents/Developer/Toolchains/XcodeDefault.xctoolchain/usr/bin/../include/c++/v1/iostream:50:33: note:
      'std::cout' declared here
extern _LIBCPP_FUNC_VIS ostream cout;
test.cc:4:10: error: expected ';' after expression
 std:cout "Hello, World.'
        \wedge
test.cc:4:11: error: expected expression
 std:cout "Hello, World.'
test.cc:4:26: error: expected '}'
 std:cout "Hello, World.'
test.cc:4:6: warning: expression result unused [-Wunused-value]
 std:cout "Hello, World.'
     ^~~~
3 warnings and 4 errors generated.
```

#### Should I learn X\*?

<sup>\*</sup> Insert name of syntactical thing (library/language/framework) you want to learn here

#### Should I learn X\* because Y\*\*?

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<sup>\*\*</sup> One of "Just so I can get a job", "Chris said so", or "All the cool developers are doing it"



What should I learn?

# Design Patterns: "The atoms of software engineering"

Zen Programmer Crabl

### Programming Paradigms

## Testing

### Teamwork

"Any fool can write code that a computer can understand. Good programmers write code that humans can understand."

- Martin Fowler, God of Design Patterns

## Don't let your toolset define who you are as a programmer!

## Hi, I'm Chris. I'm a programmer.