In my opinion, the article “Be Stupid and Lazy” is about the dangers of overconfidence and the benefits of using special tools.

Author says, that your confidence will stop your learning. You will not discover new techniques and technologies. And, first of all, you will not learn at your own mistakes (the best way to learn something). If you believe you are smart, you can’t be critical for your code and you will spend much time to find an error in your program.

Also your blind faith in your exceptional intelligence may prevent you from discovering a better solution of a problem. According to the author, being stupid means not believing yourself to be so intelligent. This will keep your mind open and explore all the available possibilities.

And what is about being lazy? This means do not reinvent the wheel and use some tools, created by another people. It will speed up production and will help to eliminate drudgery. Moreover, lazy programmer is always looking for ways to make his work easier.

One day I heard the words: “Real It-specialist can move the mountains just to do nothing”. I think it illustrates “Be stupid and lazy” very well. We can make hard things to make our life easier and more interesting.