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About

Make it work, make it beautiful, make it fast.

We tend to skip the last two even if we somehow achieve the first.

Corollary: Code first, optimize later. (a.k.a Premature optimization).

What's built in here is this: please write code you can observe, measure and test as it works.

We are all sure of the things that are slow, optimal, and want to try the stuff that is new and cool. But in real life, which is to say in real software, and as time passes these "rules" change. Don't take some dictum, some claim, or some rule of thumb to be the truth. Instead, code in the simplest, most

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