

# SWEN 6301 Software Construction

## *Lecture 1: Course Overview*

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# Important Equations for the Class



Erwin Schrödinger (1887-1961)

## Schrödinger Equation:

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \Psi(x, t) = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \Psi(x, t) + V(x) \Psi(x, t)$$

Schrödinger equation does for a quantum-mechanical particle what Newton's Second Law does for a classical particle. The Solution to Schrödinger equation to determine how a particle evolves in time, just as we use Newton's Second Law to solve for future position and momentum of a classical particle.

### Further Reading:

1. [https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Schr%C3%B6dinger\\_equation](https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Schr%C3%B6dinger_equation)
2. <https://www.quora.com/What-is-the-Schr%C3%B6dinger-wave-equation-and-what-are-its-applications>



Werner Heisenberg (1901-1976)

## Heisenberg Uncertainty Principal:

$$\Delta x \Delta p \geq \frac{h}{4\pi} = \frac{\hbar}{2}$$

In the world of very small particles, one cannot measure any property of a particle without interacting with it in some way. This introduces an unavoidable uncertainty into the result. Thus, One can never measure all the properties exactly.

The more accurately you know the position (the smaller  $\Delta x$  is), the less accurately you know the momentum (the larger  $\Delta p$  is); and vice versa

### Further Reading: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Uncertainty\\_principle](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Uncertainty_principle)





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*Secure Programming*

*Static Program Analysis*

*Data & Pattern Mining*

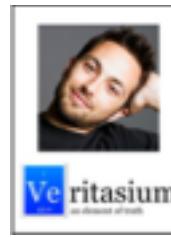
# Software Analysis & Security

*Bug finding and Malware detection*

*Build System Analysis*

*Abstractions and Symbolic Evaluations*

*Quantum Physics  
Biology  
Astronomy*



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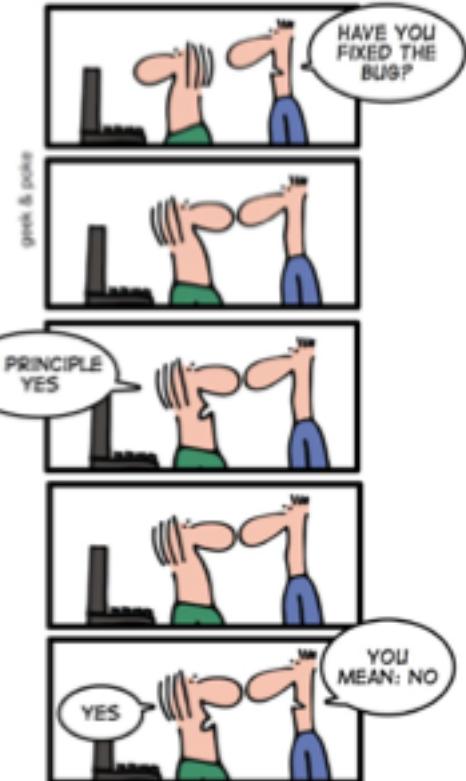
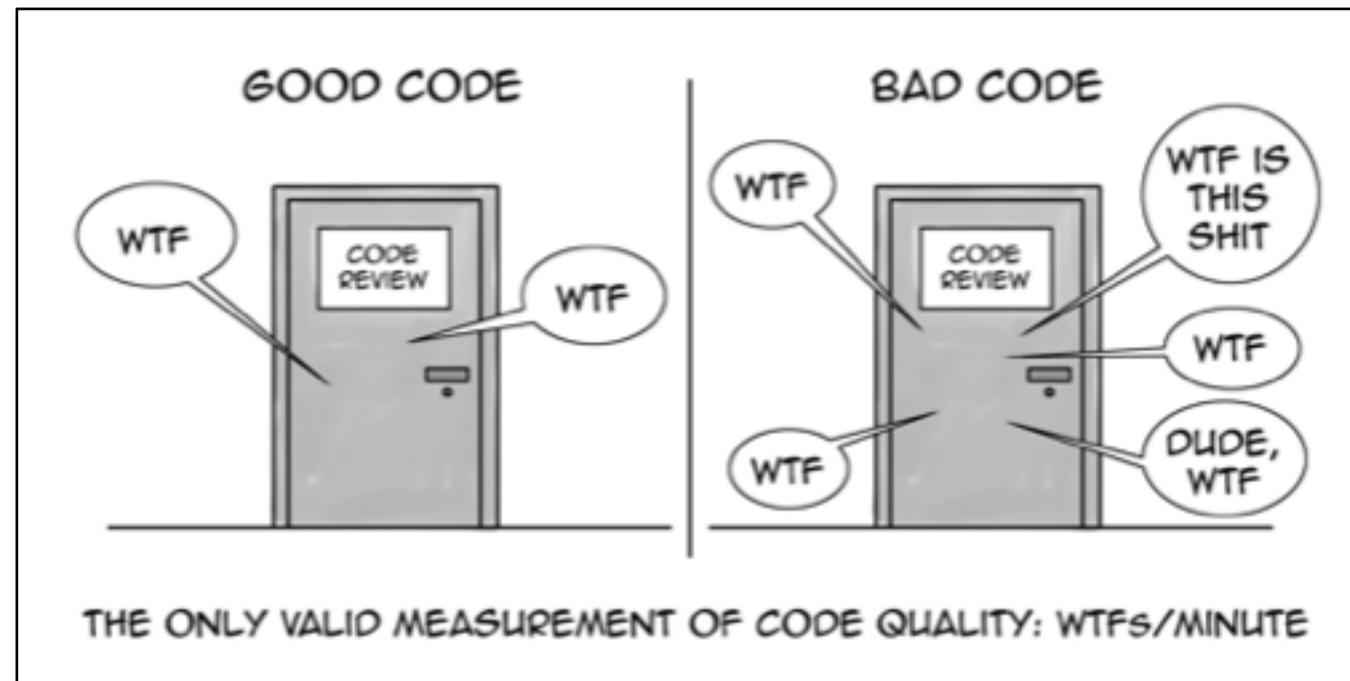
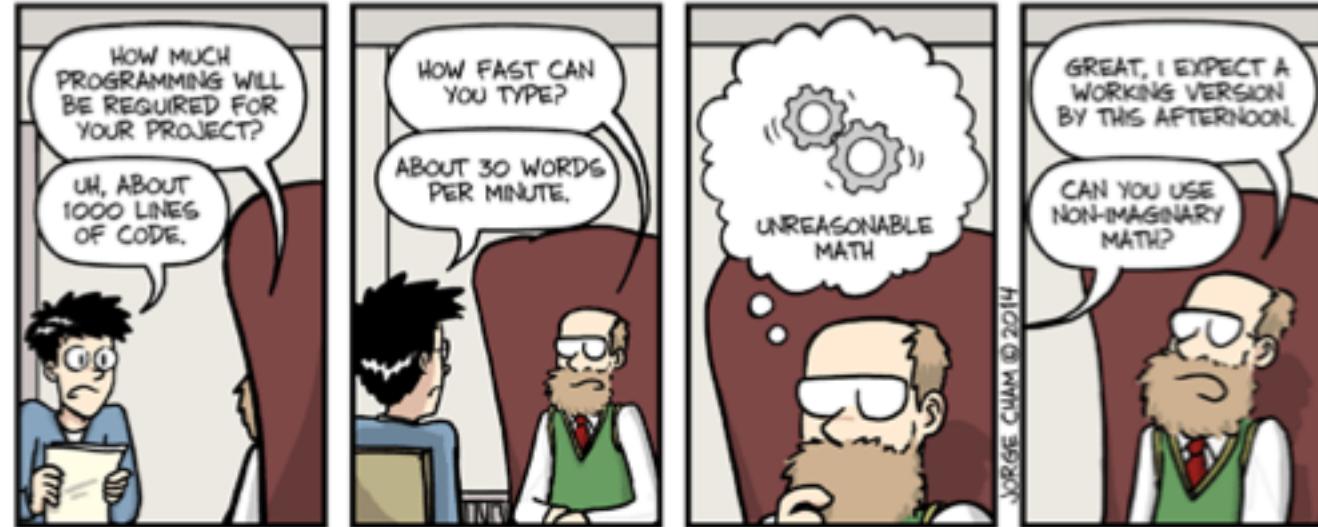
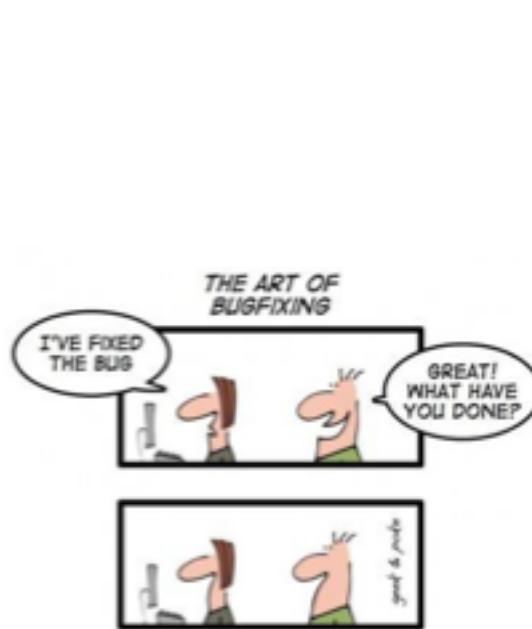
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# Your turn!

- *Name*
- *Undergraduate major and/or current work.*
- *Something about you*
  - *Food you like.*
  - *Programming languages you used.*
  - *Open source projects you contributed to.*
- *What do you think of this course?*
- *What are your goals after graduation?*



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## Power Outage Caused by Hackers



Ukraine power grid attacks

July 21, 2015



Jeep remotely hijacked

November 29, 2011



HP printers remotely set on fire

Deployed in 2005, Identified in 2010

# STUXnet

STUXnet Worm



Although software development practice has *advanced rapidly* in recent years, common practice hasn't

Many programs are still **buggy**, **late**, and **over budget**, and many fail to satisfy the needs of their users



# IT'S IN THE SYLLABUS

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## SWEN6301: SOFTWARE CONSTRUCTION

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**Course Overview:** Software is everywhere and despite the rapid advances in software development practices and integrated development environments (IDEs), we still produce buggy, late, over budget, and many fail to satisfy the needs of their users. The Software Construction course is about how to perform software development for delivering robust and resilient solutions which minimizes the occurrence of the aforementioned issues. This course aims at providing the theories and techniques of effective and maintainable software development by using modern technologies and concepts, focusing on software construction.

The primary goal of this course is to help you to create higher-quality software that is robust, flexible, extensible, scalable, and maintainable. We focus on doing that by understanding what are common software development practices. The other main goal of this course is to provide experiences and knowledge that will help you develop as professional programmers and computing system designers. This includes: (1) experience working in a team, both as a leader and contributor, and (2) experience using tools commonly used by productive developers.

If you do not feel my goals for the course align well with your personal goals, but you need to take this course anyway to satisfy a degree requirement, you should meet with me to figure out a way to make this course useful for satisfying your personal goals.

**Expected Background & Prerequisites:** Students entering this course are expected to be comfortable reading, designing, and writing Java programs that involve code distributed over many modules. You should be comfortable learning how to use new programming language features and APIs by reading their documentation (or source code when no documentation is available), and not be surprised when solving programming assignments requires you to seek documentation beyond what was provided in class. Students should be able to understand and implement different data structures and sorting algorithms.

**Textbook:** We will closely follow the textbooks from:

- Steve McConnell's '*Code Complete: A Practical Handbook of Software Construction*,' 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, (ISBN 978-0735619678).
- Robert C. Martin's '*Clean Code: A Handbook of Agile Software Craftsmanship*,' 1<sup>st</sup> Edition (ISBN 978-0132350884).

In addition, we will have several readings from many other resources including:

- Joshua Bloch's '*Effective Java*,' 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition (ISBN 978-0134685991).
- Edward Crookshanks's '*Practical Software Development Techniques: Tools and Techniques for Building Enterprise Software*,' 1<sup>st</sup> Edition (ISBN 978-1484207291).
- Frank Tsui, Orlando Karam, and Barbara Bernal's '*Essentials of Software Engineering*,' 4<sup>th</sup> Edition (ISBN 978-1284106008).
- Ian Sommerville's '*Software Engineering*,' 10<sup>th</sup> Edition (ISBN 978-0133943030).

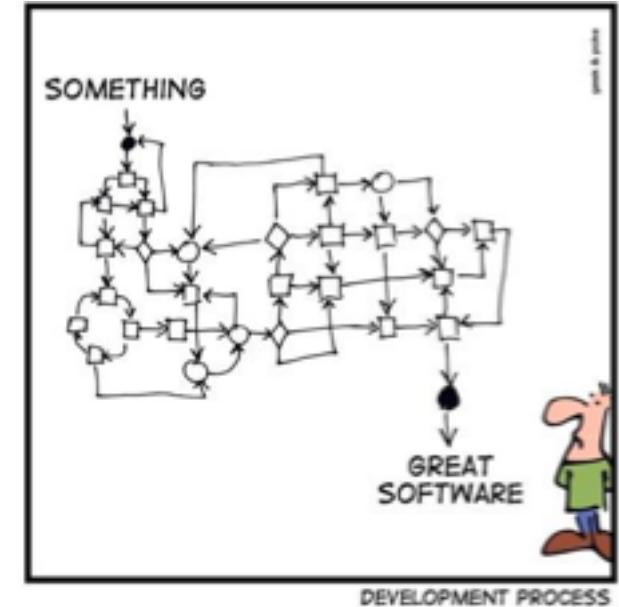
**Honor:** As a graduate student, you are trusted to be honorable. We will take advantage of this trust to provide a better learning environment for everyone. In particular, students in SWEN 6301 are expected to follow these rules:

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# Goal of the Class



Improve your ability to **create** higher-quality software that is *robust, extensible, scalable, maintainable, and secure* by **understanding** what are **common software construction practices**

# My Goals for Lectures?

Convey some complex technical ideas

Teach you what you need to know to do the assignments, exams and the project

Avoid being fired

Keep most of you awake for 170 minutes

Get you to laugh at dumb jokes

Lectures are *horrible* medium for learning complex ideas, many resource are available online

The point of assignments, exams and project is to teach you things I want you to learn in the class

Avoid being fired

You probably should be getting more sleep

Gabriel Iglesias is funnier (*check him out*)

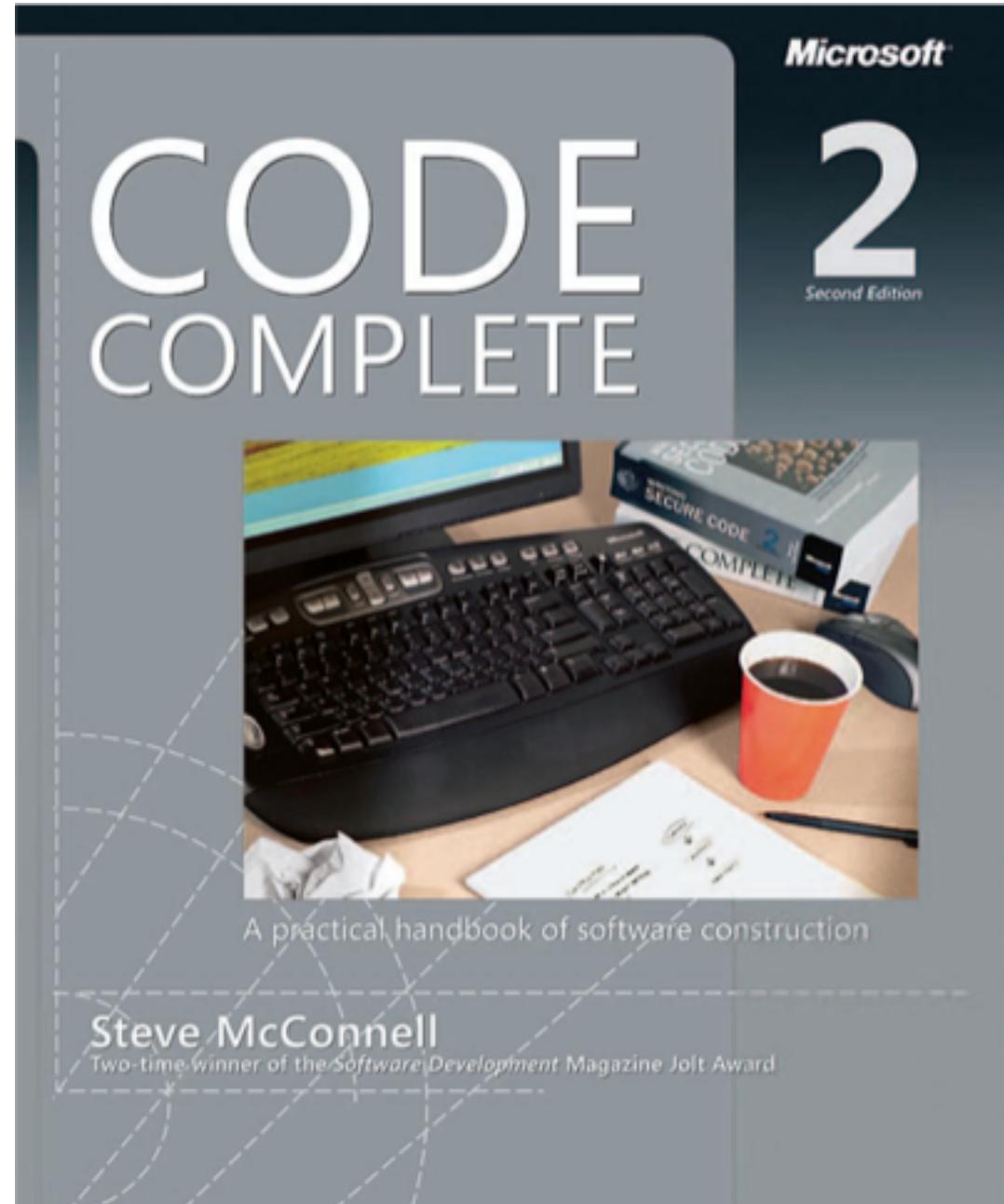


# My Real Goal for Lectures

Provide **context** and **meaning** for the things you have or  
will later **learn on your own**

As the figure indicates, construction is mostly coding and debugging but also involves detailed design, construction planning, unit testing, integration, integration testing, and other activities. If this were a book about all aspects of software development, it would feature nicely balanced discussions of all activities in the development process. Because this is a handbook of construction techniques, however, it places a lopsided emphasis on construction and only touches on related topics. If this book were a dog, it would涿涿 up to construction, wag its tail at design and testing, and bark at the other development activities.

Construction is also sometimes known as “coding” or “programming.” “Coding” isn’t really the best word because it implies the mechanical translation of a preexisting design into a computer language; construction is not at all mechanical and involves substantial creativity and judgment. Throughout the book, I use “programming” interchangeably with “construction.”



# Software Essentials

## Design and Construction



Adair Dingle



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As the premier professional organization for software engineering, the IEEE Computer Society strives to develop standards for and advance knowledge of software development. **SoftWare Engineering Body of Knowledge (SWEBOK)** is an endeavor to summarize current best practices of and tool usage within software development. Software construction is one area of focus and covers the concepts reviewed in this chapter. The essential details of software construction, as outlined by SWEBOK, are summarized in Table 2.5. For more details, see <http://www.computer.org/portal/web/swebok>.

Software construction suggests code development but spans verification of functionality via unit and integration testing as well as debugging. Although the four fundamentals listed in Table 2.5 apply also to the modeling and design phases of software development, we examine them here in the context of coding.

SWEBOK's fundamental to minimize code complexity seeks to produce clear and readable code. Constraining software complexity eases the tasks of modeling, documentation, and testing. To limit the software complexity of a code base, good programming practices should be followed, including functional decomposition, encapsulation, appropriate use of control structures, self-documenting code using mnemonic names and constants, conscious design and implementation of error processing

The term software construction refers to the detailed creation of working software through a combination of coding, verification, unit testing, integration testing, and debugging.

The Software Construction knowledge area (KA) is linked to all the other KAs, but it is most strongly linked to Software Design and Software Testing because the software construction process involves significant software design and testing. The process uses the design output and provides an input to testing (“design” and “testing” in this case referring to the activities, not the KAs). Boundaries between design, construction, and testing (if any) will vary depending on the software life cycle processes that are used in a project.

Although some detailed design may be performed prior to construction, much design work is performed during the construction activity. Thus, the Software Construction KA is closely linked to the Software Design KA.



*Guide to the Software  
Engineering Body of Knowledge*

**Editors**

Pierre Bourque  
Richard E. (Dick) Fairley



IEEE Computer Society

# Do we like any of these definitions?

No universally  
accepted definition

I know that I like  
Mansaf!



# What does this function do?

```
1 float[] foo(float[] array, float val1) {  
2     float[] array_2 = null;  
3     float val2 = 0;  
4     for(int i = 1; i < array.length; i++) {  
5         array_2 = new float[i];  
6         for(int j = 0; j < i; j++) {  
7             array_2[j] = array[j];  
8         }  
9  
10    float avg = average(array_2);  
11    if(avg <= val1) {  
12        continue;  
13    } else {  
14        break;  
15    }  
16}  
17 return array_2;  
18}
```

# What is wrong?

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```

Not a descriptive function name

No comments about what this function does

Variable names are not descriptive either

Calculates average at each iteration from scratch instead of updating it, therefore, being not scalable for very large arrays

One branch of the `if` is used for loop continuation

Unused variable `val2`

Do not check for `null` array return

# A Better Version

```
1 List<Float> findSubListExceedingTargetAverage(List<Float> values, Float targetAverage) {  
2     Float sum = 0.0;  
3     List<Float> result = new ArrayList<Float>();  
4     for(Float value: values) {  
5         result.add(value);  
6         sum += value;  
7         Float average = sum / (Float) result.size();  
8         if(average > targetAverage) {  
9             break;  
10        }  
11    }  
12    return result;  
13 }
```



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# SWEN 6301 Software Construction Definition

**Software construction** is the process of **creating** and **evolving** software source code that results on *extensible, maintainable, robust, and secure* software

# Main Ideas in SWEN 6301

## Creating Code

How do you *create code* that is robust, extensible, maintainable, and secure?

## Evolving Code

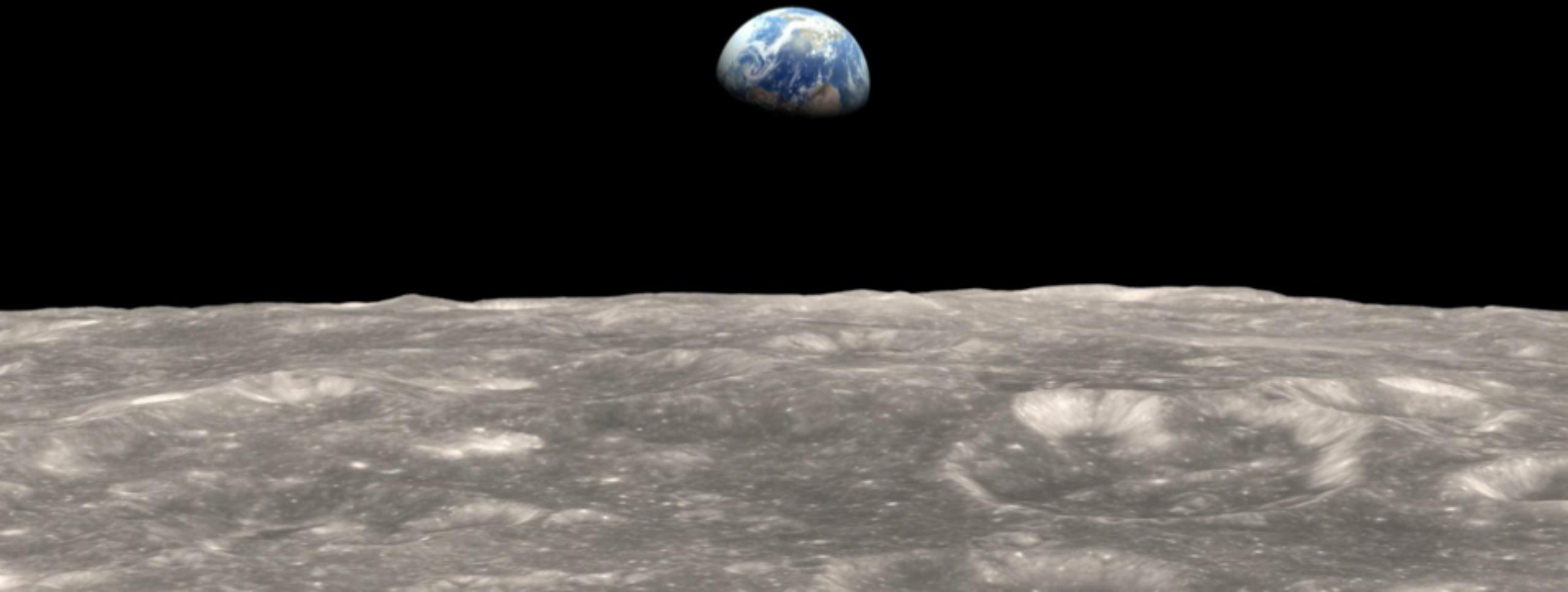
How do you *evolve code* in an efficient way with minimum complexity to keep the overall code robust, extensible, maintainable, and secure?



# How complicated is **Software Construction** for a Tesla car?



# Course Overview



## Laying the Foundation



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## Variables & Statements



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## Concurrency

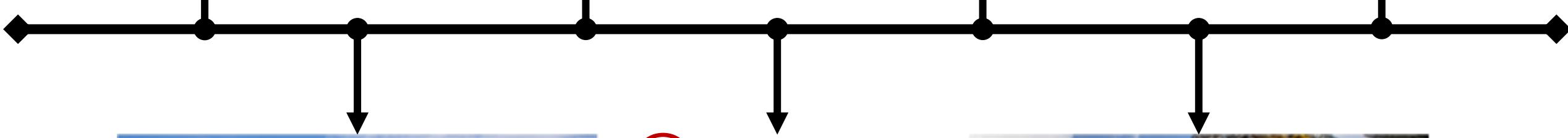


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## Software Craftsmanship



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## Creating High-Quality Code



## Code Improvements



## System Considerations



**LET US GET SERIOUS  
AND CLEAN SOME CODE**



We are close to the end of code



Soon all code will be generated instead of written

Programmers simply won't be needed because business people will generate programs from specifications

We will create machines that can do what we want rather than what we say.  
These machines can translate vaguely specified needs into perfectly executing programs that precisely meet those needs.

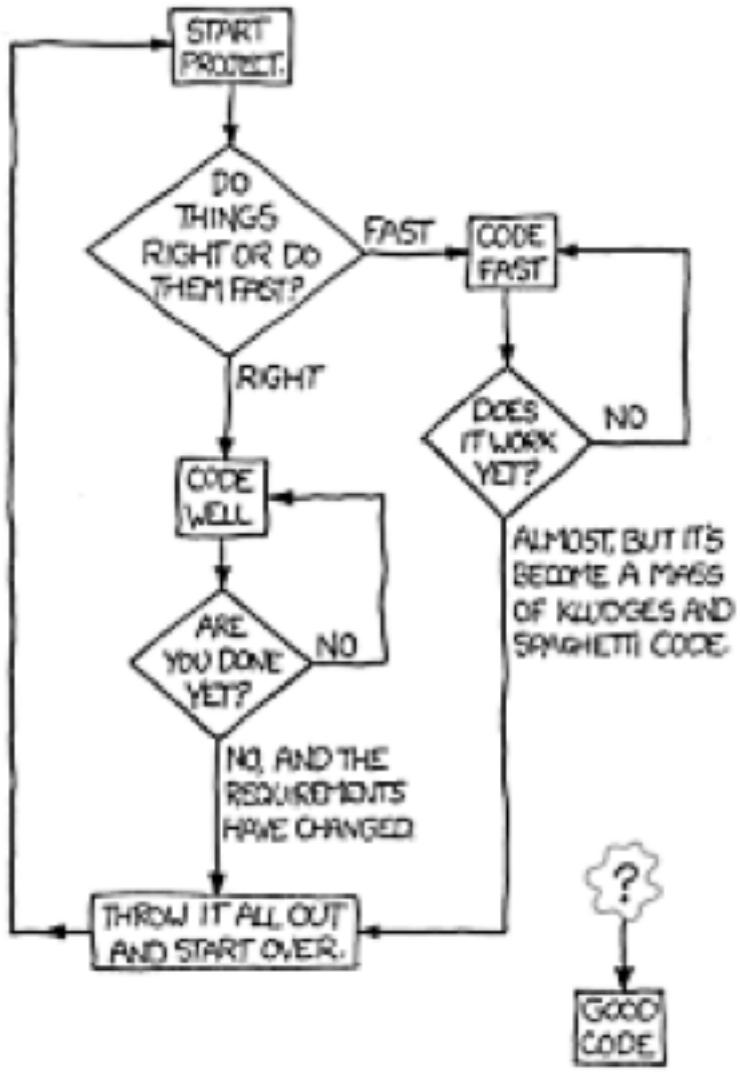
# There Will Be Code

*We will never be rid of code*

**Code** represents the **details of the requirements**. At some level those details cannot be ignored or abstracted; they have to be **specified**.

*Specifying requirements in such detail that a machine can execute them is programming. Such a specification is **code**.*

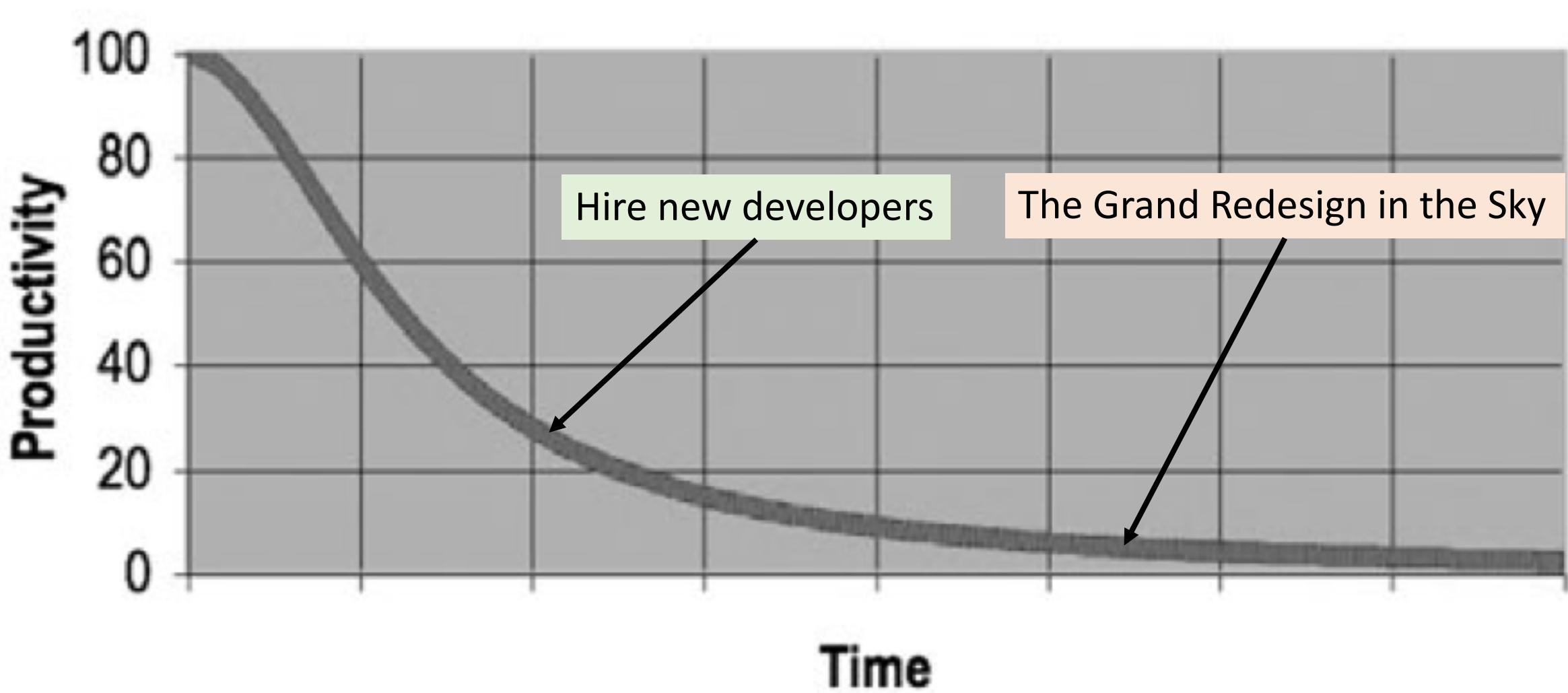
## HOW TO WRITE GOOD CODE:



# Good Code vs Bad Code

*It was the bad code that brought the company down*

# The Total Cost of Owning a Mess



# Why does good code rot so quickly into bad code?

The **schedules** were too tight to do things right

The **requirements** changed in ways that thwart the original design

**Stupid managers and intolerant customers** and useless marketing types and telephone sanitizers

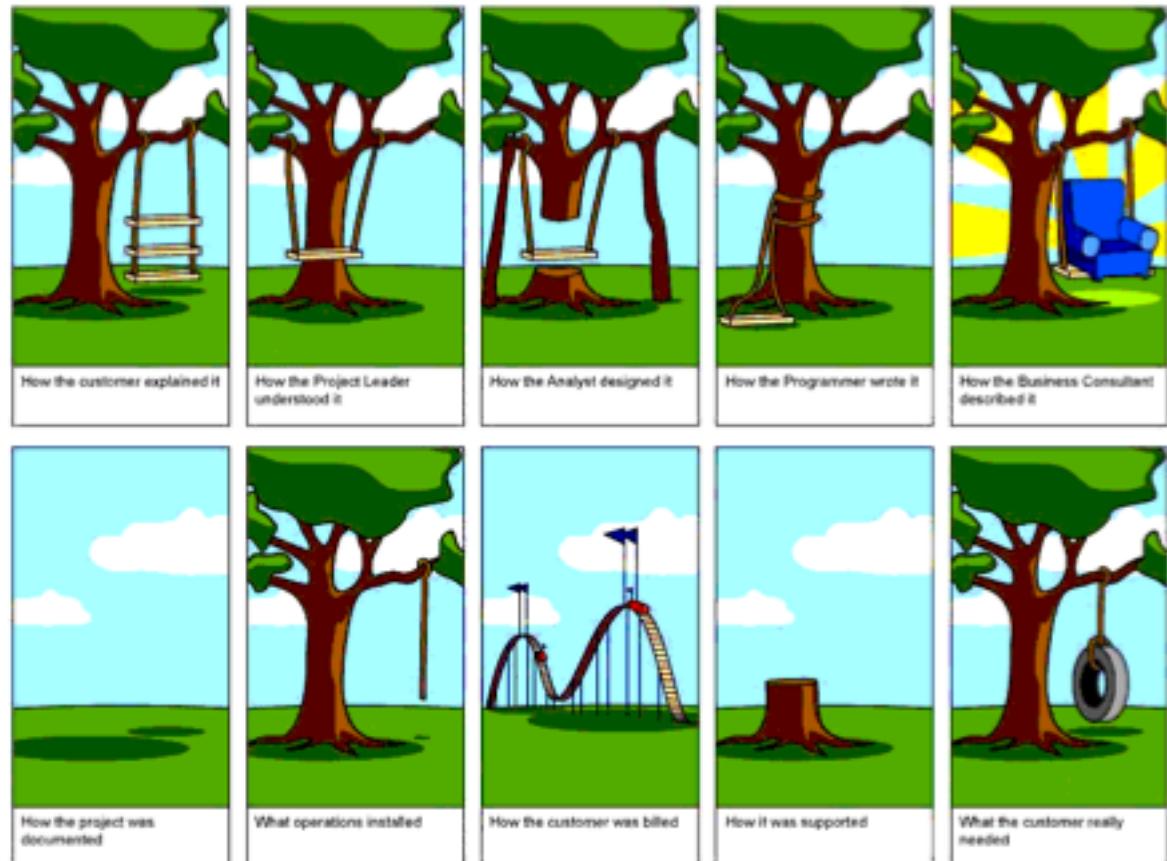
But the fault is not in our stars, but in ourselves. ***We are unprofessional.***

*The project managers look to us to help work out the **schedule***

*The users look to us to validate the way the **requirements** will fit into the system.*

*The **managers and marketers** look to us for the information they need to make promises and commitments*





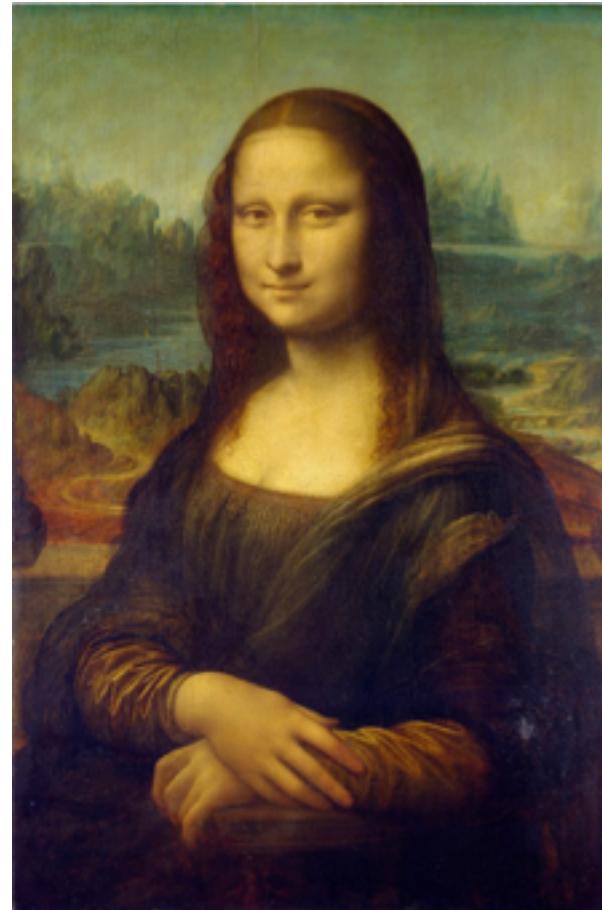
It is **unprofessional** for  
programmers to *bend* to the will of  
managers who don't understand  
the risks of making messes.

The **only** way to make the **deadline**—  
*the only way to go fast*—is to keep the  
code as **clean** as possible at all times.



# The Art of Clean Code?

*A programmer who writes clean code is an artist who can take a blank screen through a series of transformations until it is an elegantly coded system.*



# What Is Clean Code?

*I like my code to be **elegant** and **efficient**. The **logic** should be **straightforward** to make it hard for bugs to hide, the **dependencies** **minimal** to ease **maintenance**, error handling complete according to an articulated strategy, and **performance close to optimal** so as not to tempt people to make the code messy with unprincipled optimizations. Clean code does one thing well.*

Bjarne Stroustrup

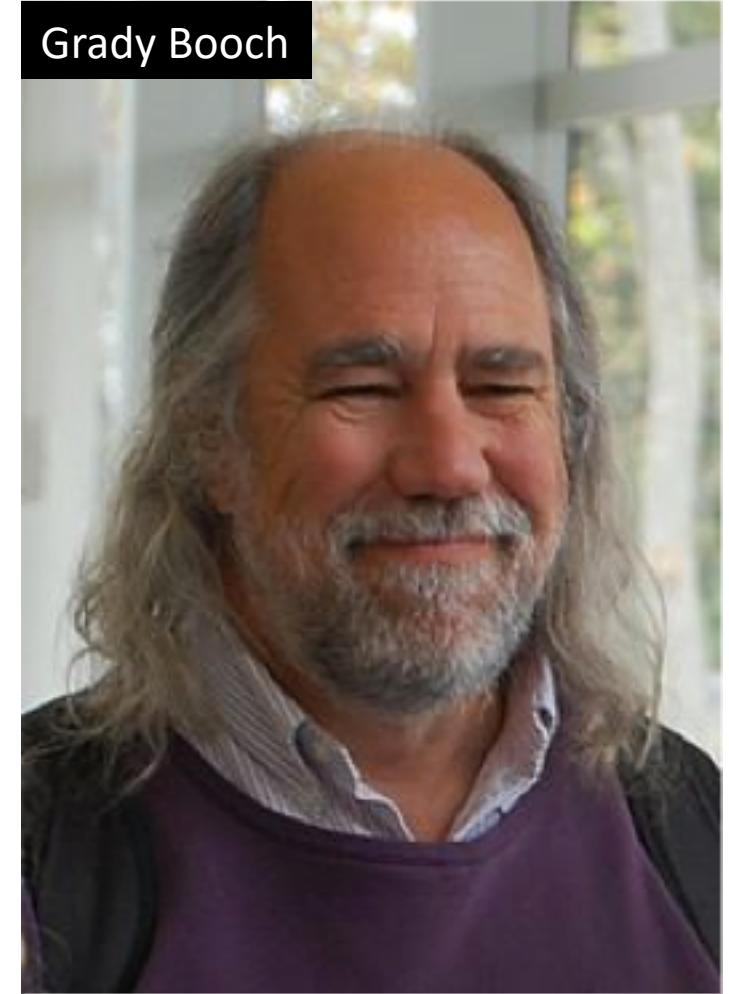


*Inventor of C++ and author of The C++ Programming Language*

# What Is Clean Code?

*Clean code is **simple** and **direct**. Clean code reads like **well-written prose**. Clean code never obscures the designer's intent but rather is full of crisp abstractions and straightforward lines of control.*

Grady Booch



*Author of Object Oriented Analysis  
and Design with Applications*

# What Is Clean Code?

*Clean code can be read, and enhanced by a developer other than its original author. It has unit and acceptance tests. It has meaningful names. It provides one way rather than many ways for doing one thing. It has minimal dependencies, which are explicitly defined, and provides a clear and minimal API. Code should be literate since depending on the language, not all necessary information can be expressed clearly in code alone.*

“Big” Dave Thomas



*Founder of OTI, godfather of the Eclipse strategy*

# What Is Clean Code?

*I could list all of the qualities that I notice in clean code, but there is one overarching quality that leads to all of them. **Clean code always looks like it was written by someone who cares.** There is **nothing obvious that you can do to make it better.** All of those things were thought about by the code's author, and if you try to imagine improvements, you're led back to where you are, sitting in appreciation of the code someone left for you—code left by someone who cares deeply about the craft.*

Michael Feathers



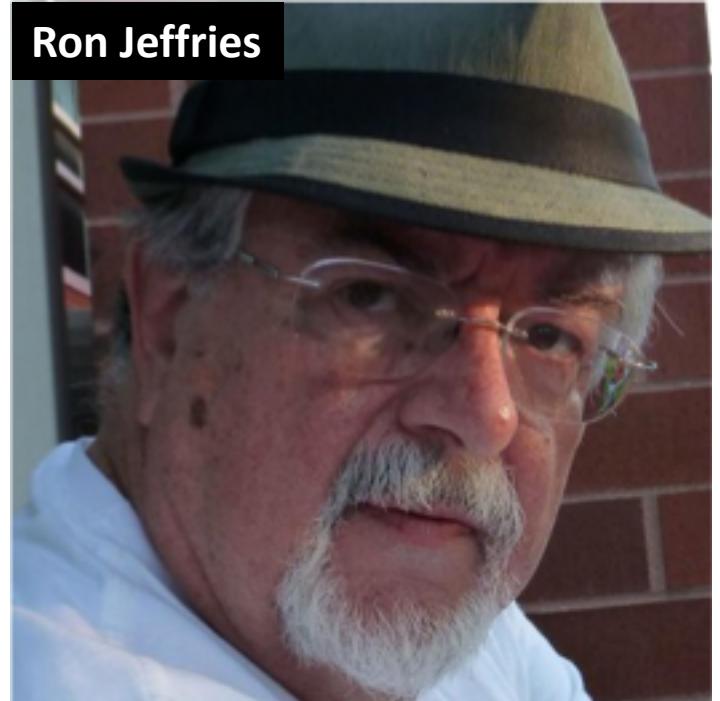
*Author of Working Effectively with Legacy Code*

# What Is Clean Code?

*In recent years I begin, and nearly end, with Beck's rules of simple code. In priority order, simple code:*

- *Runs all the tests;*
- *Contains no duplication;*
- *Expresses all the design ideas that are in the system;*
- *Minimizes the number of entities such as classes, methods, functions, and the like.*

Ron Jeffries

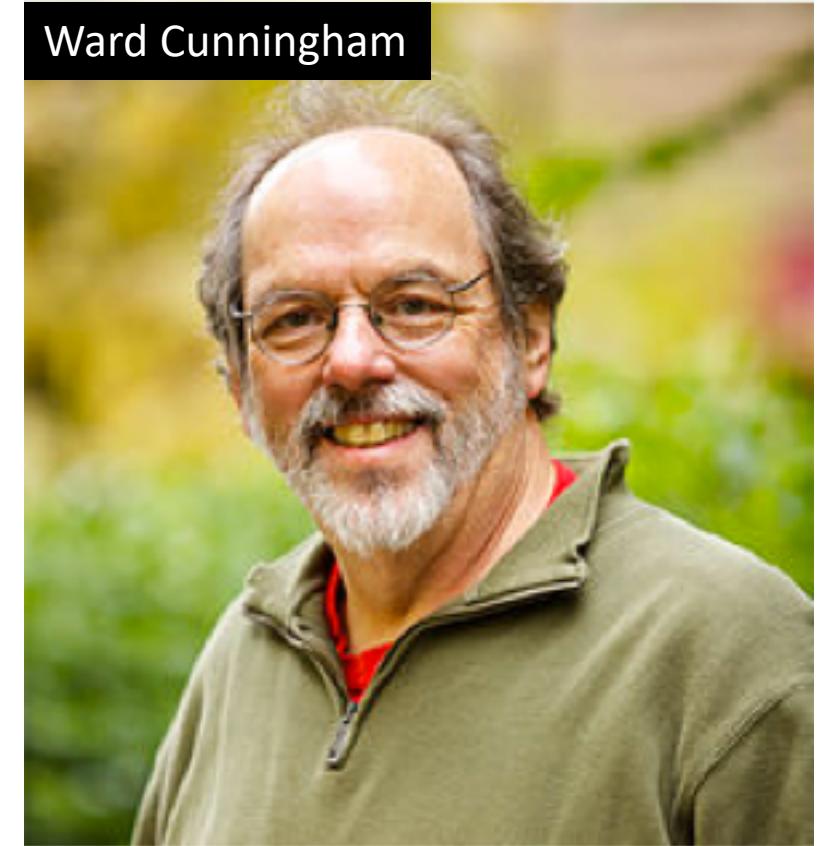


*Author of Extreme Programming  
Installed and Extreme Programming  
Adventures in C#*

# What Is Clean Code?

*You know you are working on clean code when **each routine you read turns out to be pretty much what you expected**. You can call it beautiful code when the code also makes **it look like the language was made for the problem**.*

Ward Cunningham

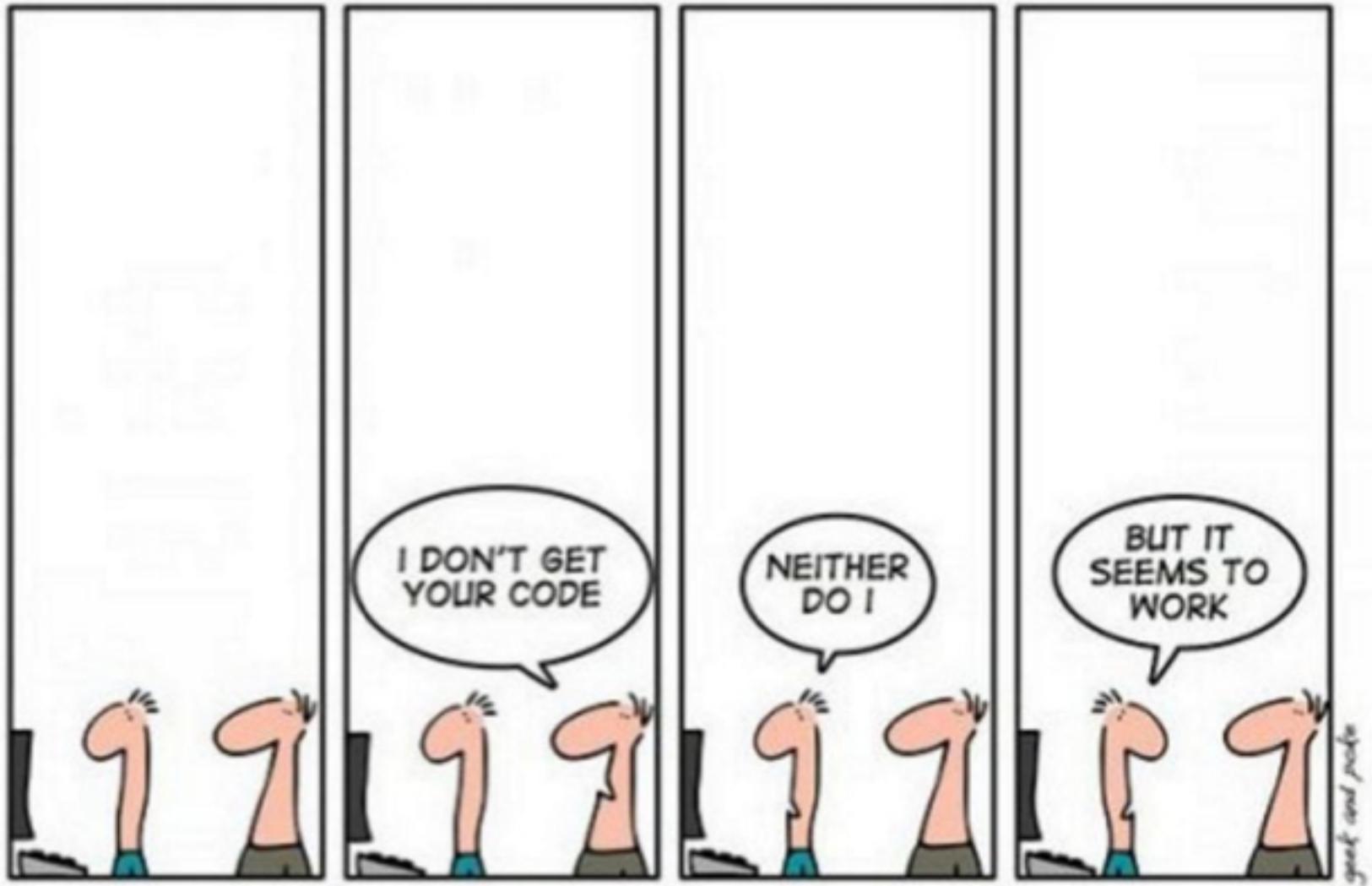


*Inventor of Wiki, inventor of Fit, coinventor of eXtreme Programming. Motive force behind Design Patterns. Smalltalk and OO thought leader. The godfather of all those who care about code.*

# THE BOY SCOUT RULE



ALWAYS  
LEAVE  
CODE  
CLEANER  
THAN YOU  
FOUND IT!



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