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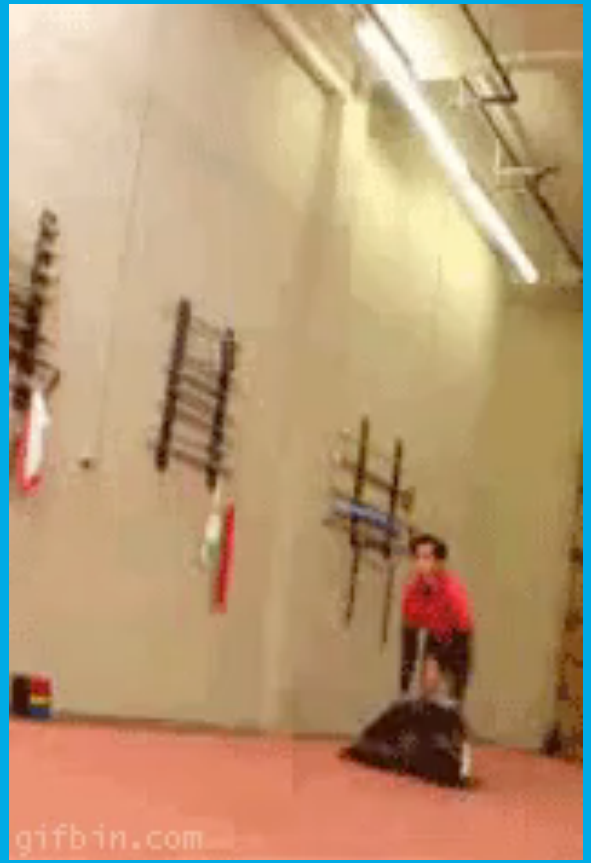
OPTIMIZATION

PYTHON WAS NOT MADE TO BE FAST…

…BUT TO MAKE DEVELOPERS FAST.



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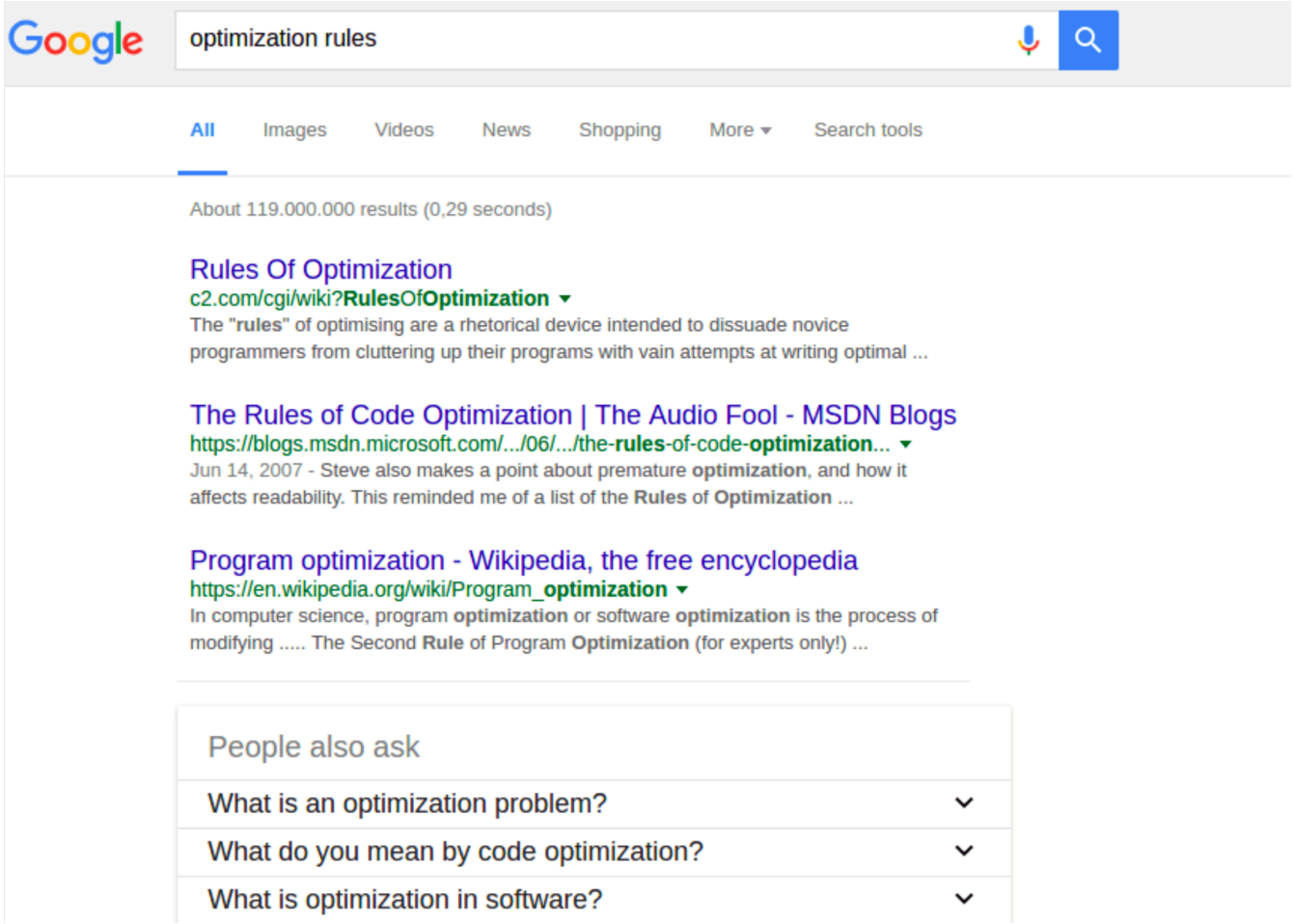

Rules Of Optimization

The "rules" of optimising are a rhetorical device intended to dissuade novice programmers from cluttering up their programs with vain attempts at writing optimal code. They are:

1. FirstRuleOfOptimization - **Don't.**
2. SecondRuleOfOptimization - **Don't... *yet.***
3. ProfileBeforeOptimizing

It is uncertain at present, whether cute devices such as this have, or ever will, change any attitudes.

It changed mine.

Mine, too.

Source:

MichaelJackson used to say (when asked about optimization):

1. Don't.
2. Don't Yet (for experts only).

This is republished in JonBentley's ProgrammingPearls.

And lets not forget these famous quotes:

> "The best is the enemy of the good."
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> -- MrVoltaire
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> "More computing sins are committed in the name of efficiency (without necessarily achieving it) than for any other single reason - including blind stupidity."
>
> -- W.A. Wulf
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> "We should forget about small efficiencies, say about 97% of the time: PrematureOptimization is the root of all evil."
>
> -- DonKnuth (who attributed the observation to CarHoare)

See: OptimizeLater, LazyOptimization, OptimizationUnitTest, OptimizationStories, http://c2.com/cgi/wiki?search=optimiz, UniformlySlowCode, CodeDepreciation, RulesOfOptimizationClub

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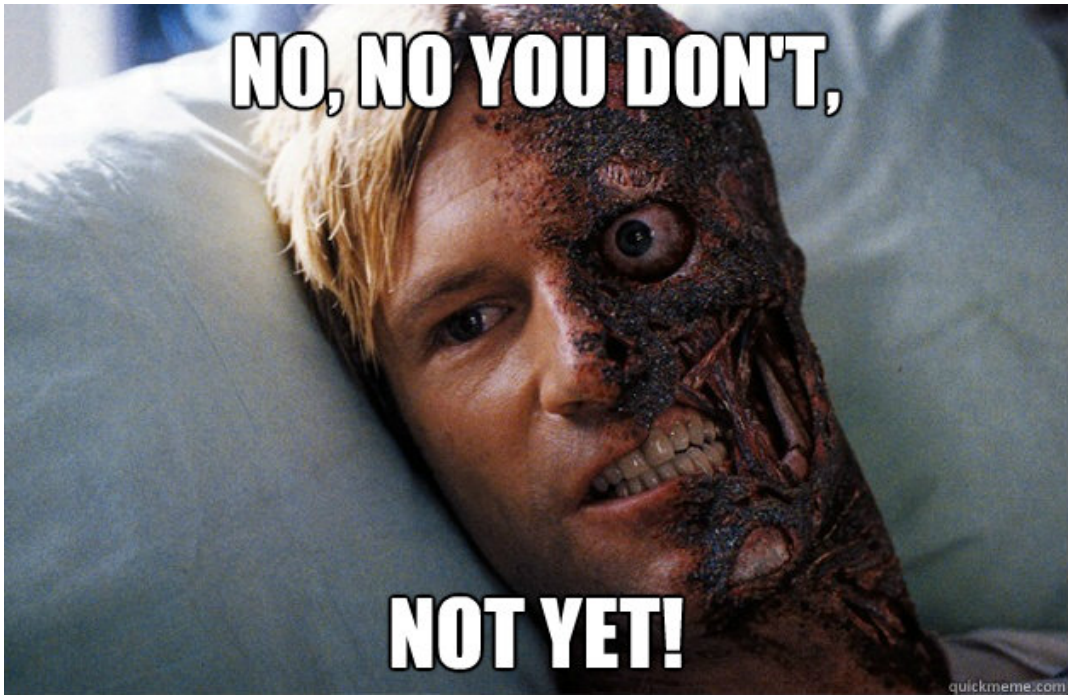
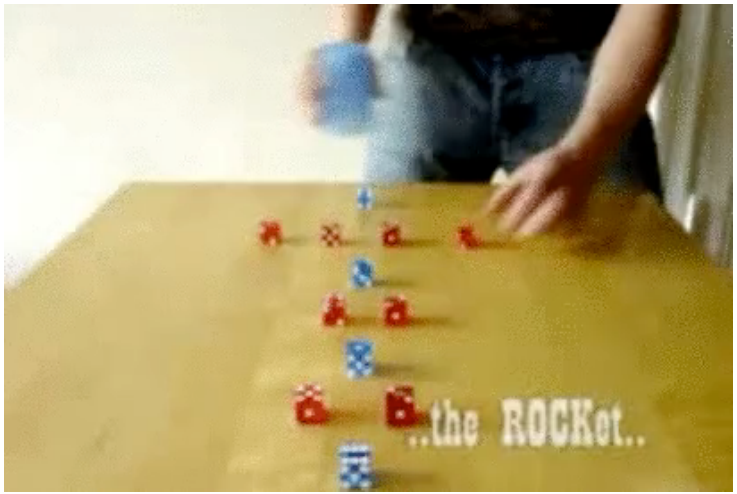


RULES OF OPTIMIZATIONS

- Don’t
- Don't … yet
- Profile
  - cProfile
  - PyCharm
  - pstats,RunSnakeRun, SnakeViz

LEVELS OF OPTIMIZATION

- Design
- Algorithms and data structures



IDEAS FOR AUGMENTING YOUR DATA STRUCTURE:

- Extra fields
- Extra search indexes
- Extra information about elements
- If queries are expensive, add a cache.

SMALL MEMORY SOFTWARE

- Rearrange your data
- Change to a slower data structure
- Custom compression format for your data

http://smallmemory.com/book.html

LEVELS OF OPTIMIZATION

- Design
- Algorithms and data structures
- Source code
- Build level
- Compile level
- Runtime level

OPTIMIZATION IS ALL ABOUT THE SPEED

… AND MEMORY
... AND DISK SPACE
... DISK I/O
... NETWORK I/O
... POWER CONSUMPTION
... AND MORE.

OPTIMIZATION WORKFLOW

1. Determine your performance goals and confirm you are not meeting them
2. Profile to identify the areas to improve.
3. This can be CPU, heap allocations, or concurrent blocking.
4. Benchmark to determine the speed up your solution
5. Make sure you're benchmarking the right thing on your target operating system and architecture.
6. Profile again afterwards to verify the issue is gone
7. Do load testing http services or full application
8. If possible, test ramp-up/ramp-down in addition to steady-state load
9. Make sure your numbers make sense

SUMMARY

- There are different kinds of optimization
- There are different levels of optimization
- Source code optimizations is cheap
  - Idiomatic Python
  - Don't reinvent the wheel
- Profile your code!

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Thank you !

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