





TOOLS & TECHNIQUES

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- ▶ Regex
- ▶ CSS

## INTERNAL DSL

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- ▶ HTTP Server Frameworks
- ▶ Testing Frameworks

**PEOPLE FIND DSLS VALUABLE BECAUSE A WELL-DESIGNED DSL CAN BE MUCH EASIER TO PROGRAM WITH THAN A TRADITIONAL LIBRARY.**

**THIS IMPROVES PROGRAMMER PRODUCTIVITY, WHICH IS ALWAYS VALUABLE.**

**Domain Specific Languages**  
**Martin Fowler**