

All Code Sucks

Why Bad Code is Everywhere and What to Do About It

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What is sucky code?

“Programs are meant to be read by humans and only incidentally for computers to execute.”

— Donald Knuth

“Legacy code is simply code without tests.”

—Michael Feathers

The Great Hunt for Non Sucky Code



Black Radley



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What Not To Do