

The Legacy of Jim Weirich

https://github.com/mdoel/legacy_of_jim

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Eulogy

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1. Read the classics

Timeless?

Can a programming book stay relevant?

- Software Tools - 1976
- SICP - 1985
- Introduction to Algorithms - 1990
- Design Patterns - 1995
- Refactoring - 1999

10 Papers

(really fast)

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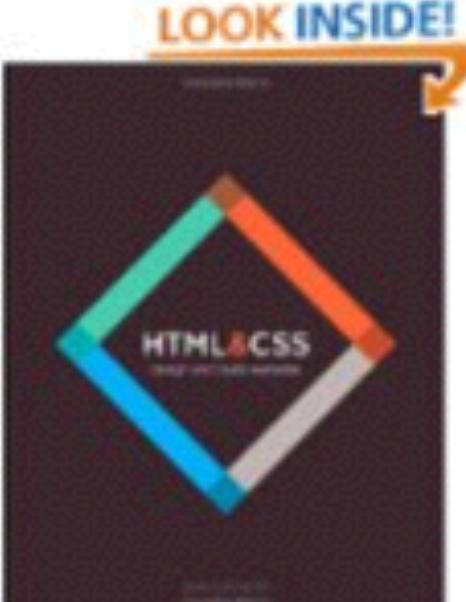
https://github.com/jimweirich/presentation_10papers

10 Papers

- On the criteria to be used in decomposing systems into modules – Parnas
- A Note On Distributed Computing – Waldo, Wyant, Wollrath, Kendall
- Can Programming Be Liberated from the von Neumann Style? – Backus
- Reflections on Trusting Trust – Thompson
- A Laboratory For Teaching Object-Oriented Thinking - Beck, Cunningham
- 5 more...

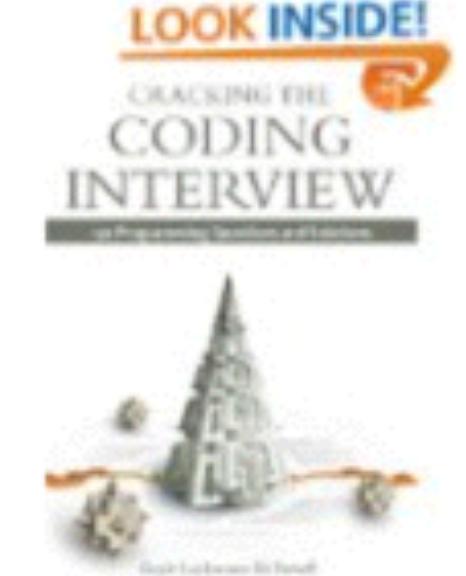
Best Sellers in Computer Programming

1.



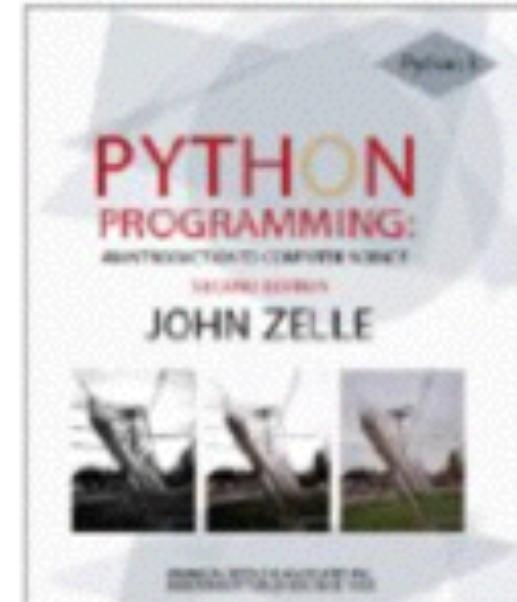
[HTML and CSS: Design and Build Websites](#)
by Jon Duckett
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Paperback
\$17.39
140 used & new from **\$13.74**

2.



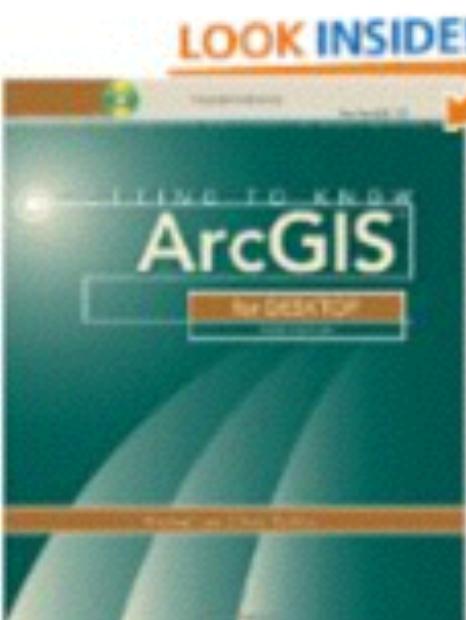
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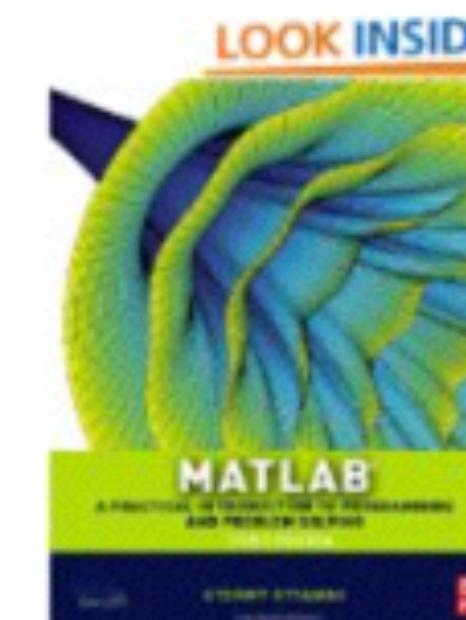
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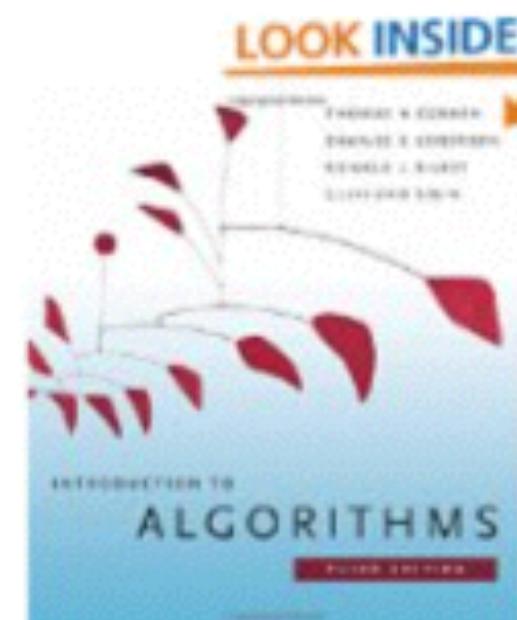
[Getting to Know ArcGIS for Desktop](#)
by Michael Law
 (34)
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[Matlab, Third Edition: A Practical In...](#)
by Stormy Attaway
 (23)
Paperback
\$33.81
102 used & new from **\$29.38**

6.



[Introduction to Algorithms, 3rd Edition](#)
by Thomas H. Cormen
 (181)
Hardcover
\$75.87
136 used & new from **\$58.98**

1. Read the classics



2. Apply the ideas

WHAT EVERY PROGRAMMER
SHOULD KNOW ABOUT
OBJECT-
ORIENTED
DESIGN



MEILIR PAGE-JONES
foreword by
Larry L. Constantine



Connascence

The common birth of two or more at the same time; the production of two together.

That which is born or produced with another.

The act of growing together.

Emerging Technologies for the Enterprise 2012 Conference



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HQXVKHoUQxY>

Connascence

Name

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Meaning

Algorithm

Type

Execution

Timing

Value

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```
def foo
```

```
...
```

```
end
```

```
def bar
```

```
...
```

```
foo
```

```
...
```

```
end
```

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```
def gsub(pattern, replacement)
```

```
...
```

```
end
```

```
def bar
```

```
...
```

```
str.gsub(/\D/, '')
```

```
...
```

```
end
```

Connascence

```
window.addNewControl("Title", 20, 50, 100, 50, true);
```

Connascence

```
window.addNewControl("Title", 20, 50, 100, 50, true);  
  
[window addNewControlWithTitle:@"Title"  
    xPosition:20  
    yPosition:50  
    width:100  
    height:50  
    drawingNow:YES];
```

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Fixnum.instance_methods true

Fixnum.instance_methods false

Solid Ruby - RubyConf 2009



<http://www.confreaks.com/videos/185-rubyconf2009-solid-ruby>



“As a presenter, Jim was a master of helpful metaphors. I often feared when he started a presentation that the metaphor would be too forced and come off hokey. It never did. He was able to take any complicated thing and explain it in a simple way by matching it to the right metaphor.”

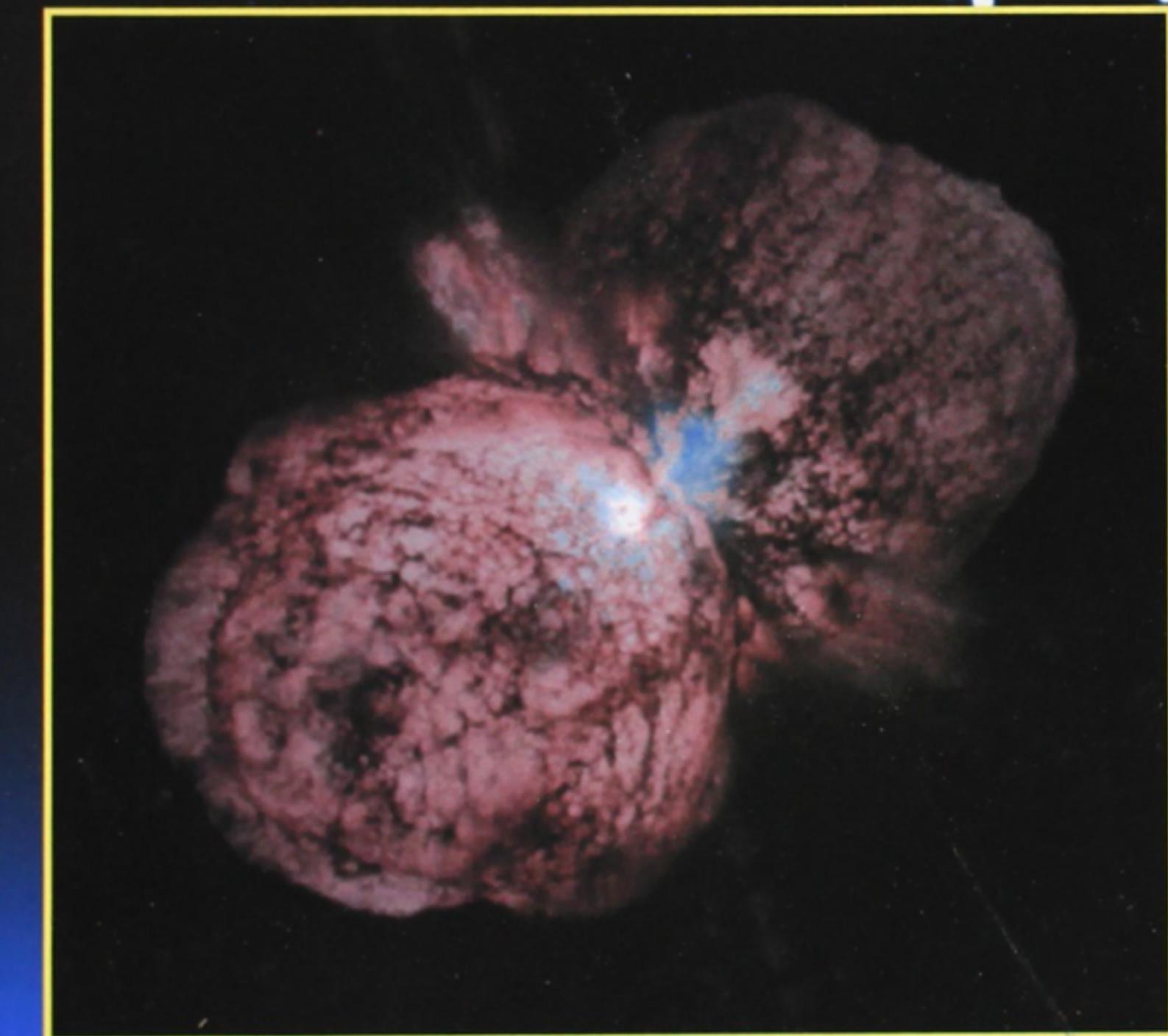
- Chad Fowler

“I always watched his public speaking because I wanted to learn from him. He knew how to turn complex topics in to something that was easy to understand for anyone. He knew how to tell stories, and I hope that someday I can do it as well as he did.”

- Aaron Patterson

AGILE SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT

Principles, Patterns, and Practices

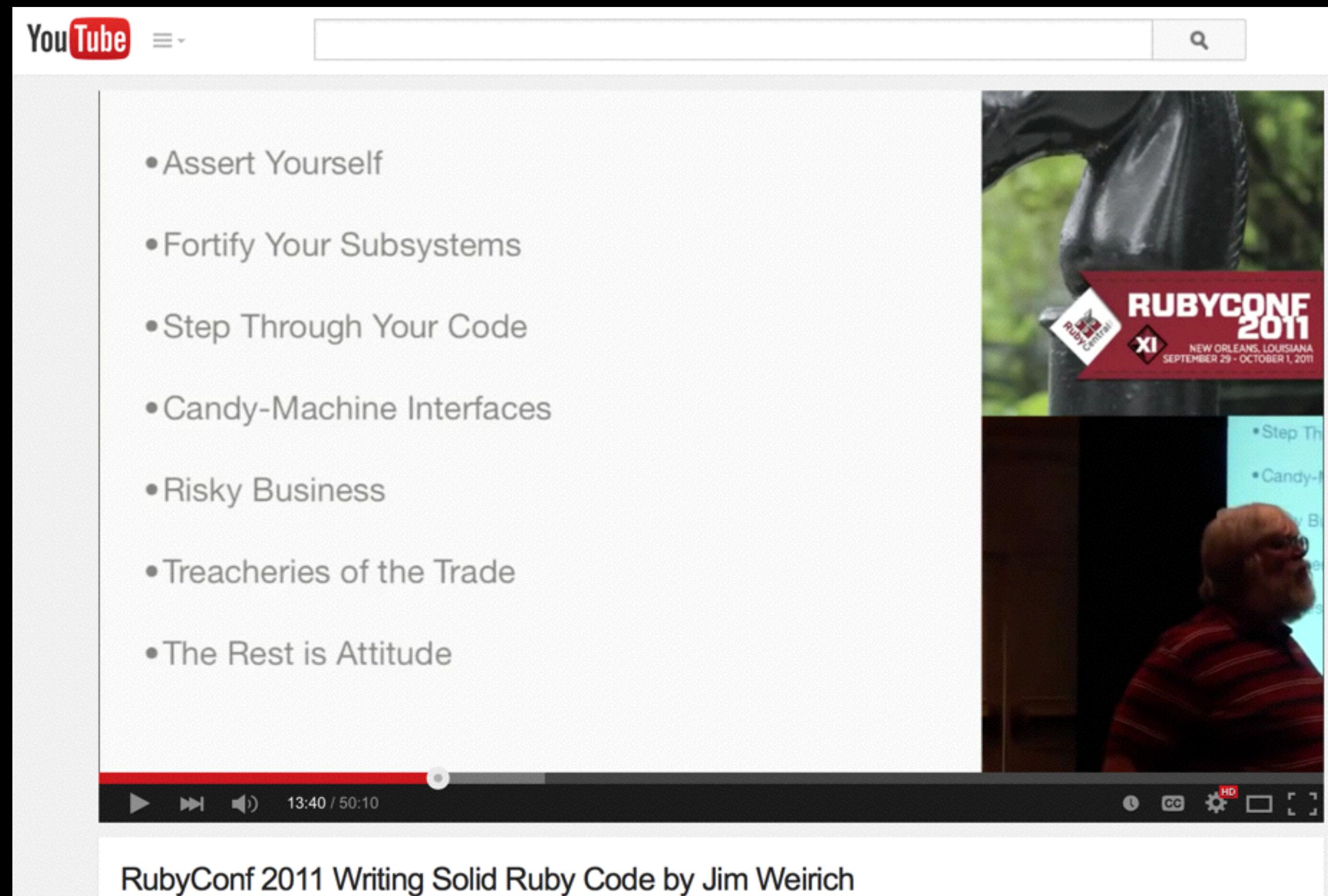


Robert C. Martin
with contributions by James W. Newkirk and Robert S. Koss

SOLID

- S - Single Responsibility Principle
- O - Open/Closed Principle
- L - Liskov Substitution Principle
- I - Interface Segregation Principle
- D - Dependency Inversion Principle

Writing Solid Ruby Code - RubyConf 2011



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FR95rp-9Oo4>

Software Tools - Kernighan & Plauger

Object Oriented Software Construction -
Bertrand Meyer

Refactoring - Martin Fowler

Extreme Programming Explained - Kent Beck

Writing Solid Code - Steve Maguire

Software
Tools

Kernighan
Plauger

1976

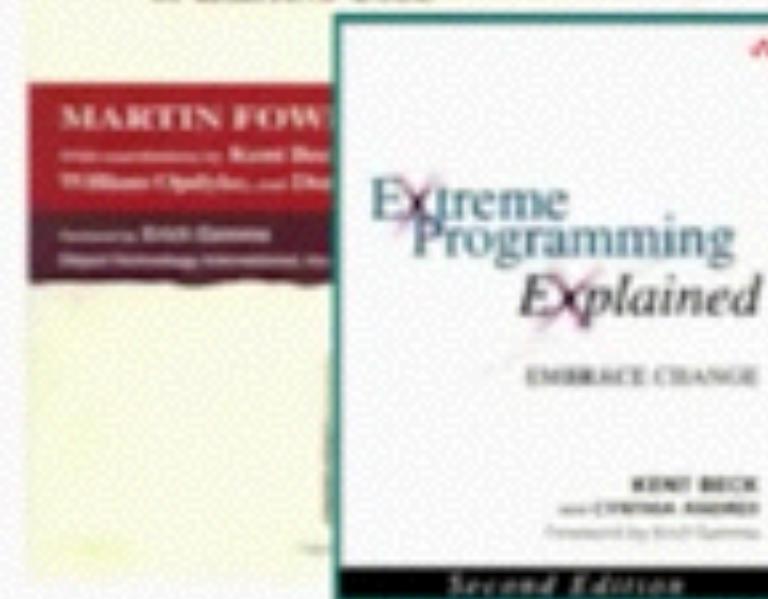


WRITING
SOLID
CODE



1993

REFACTORING
IMPROVING THE DESIGN
OF EXISTING CODE



1997

1999/2000



2. Apply the ideas



TESTS

MAKE SURE THEY'RE ALL GREEN OR ELSE

3. Understand and be
respectful of history

“C++ was designed to provide Simula’s facilities for program organization together with C’s efficiency and flexibility for systems programming. It was intended to deliver that to real projects within half a year of the idea. It succeeded.”

- The Design and Evolution of C++

“Even when we were neck deep in some mundane project that nobody was enjoying, while others (probably mostly me) were complaining, Jim would not only cheerfully do that work but he would try make the people around him happier as well. In the six years I worked beside him, and the couple years I knew him before that, I honestly can't remember a time where Jim was angry, or upset, or even being negative.”

- Scott Barron

3. Understand and be
respectful of history



4. Be humble

Why rake?

Ok, let me state from the beginning that I never intended to write this code. I'm not convinced it is useful, and I'm not convinced anyone would even be interested in it. All I can say is that Why's onion truck must by been passing through the Ohio valley.

What am I talking about? ... A Ruby version of Make.

See, I can sense you cringing already, and I agree. The world certainly doesn't need yet another reworking of the "make" program. I mean, we already have "ant". Isn't that enough?

<https://github.com/ruby/rake/blob/master/doc/rational.rdoc>



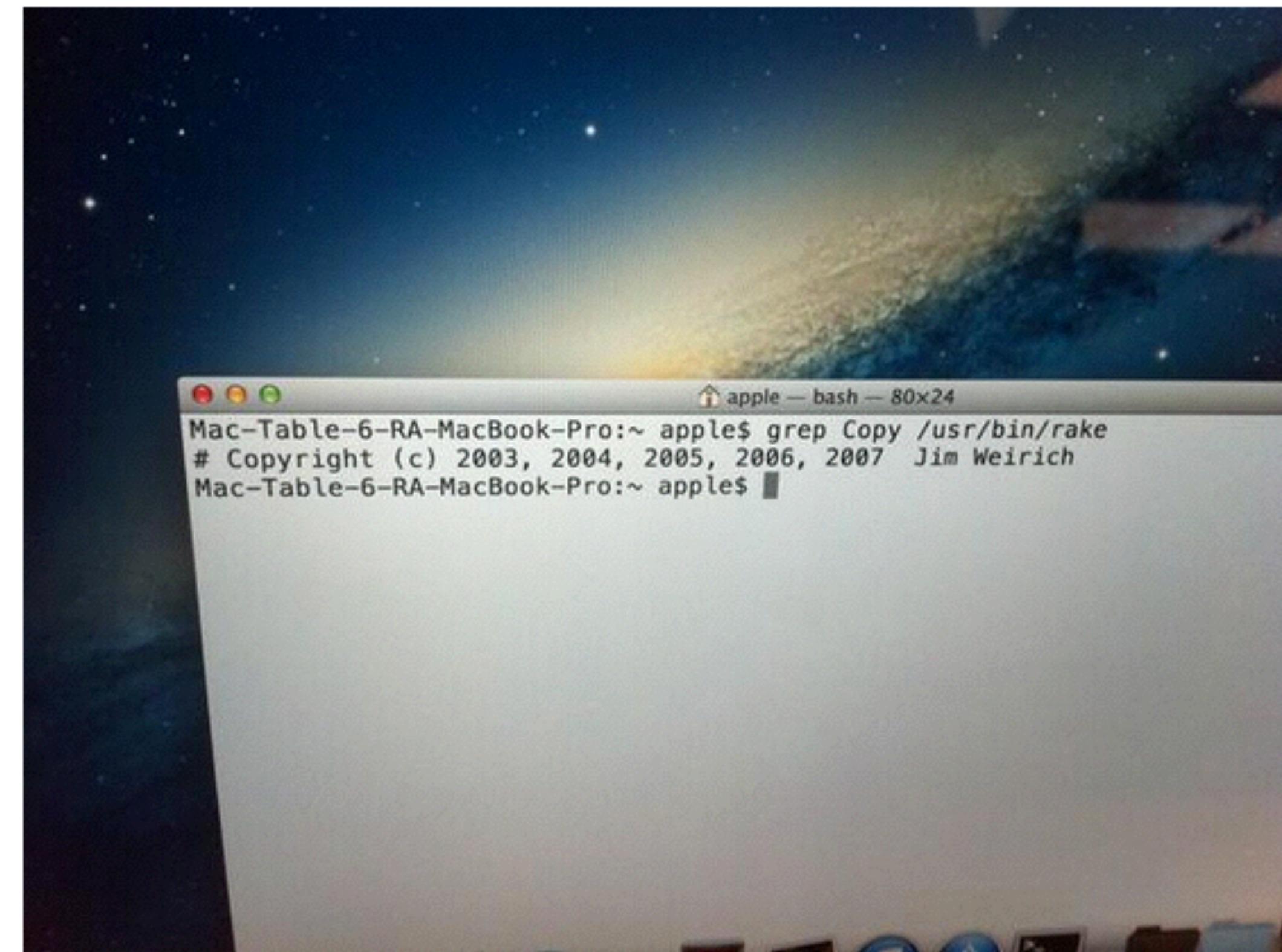
Jim Weirich
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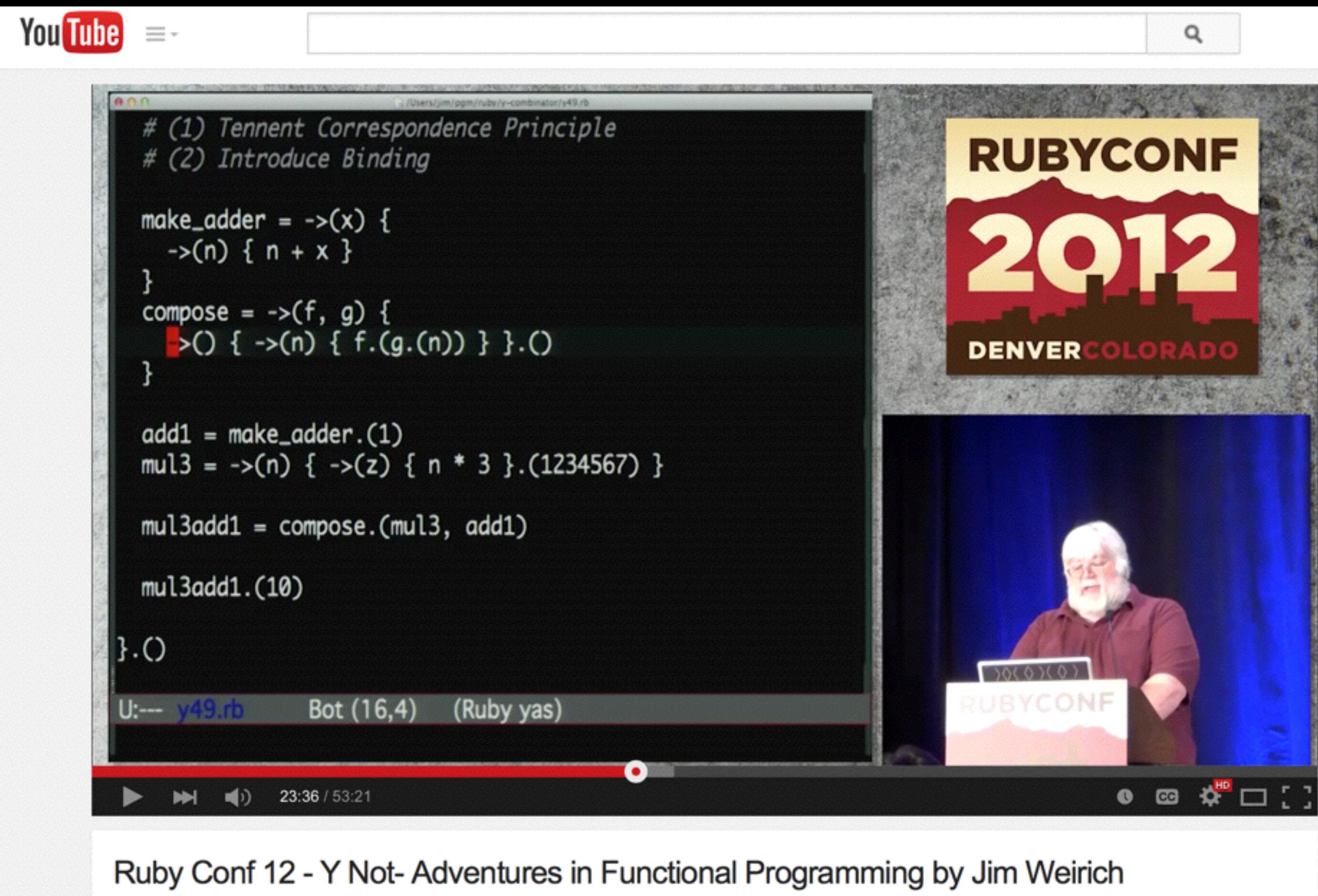
My favorite thing to do in the apple store:
pic.twitter.com/ZeBHgKxmNt

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5. Practice because you
love it

Y Not - Adventures in Functional Programming - RubyConf 2012



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FITJMJjASUs>



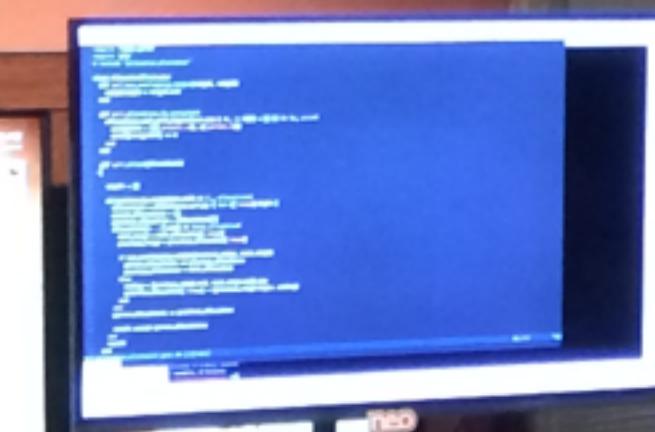
- Released more than 50 albums
- Seven time recipient of GMA Dove Award
- Frequently listed as one of the top three “finger style” guitarists by Guitar Magazine polls

```
13 16:22 build_info  
13 16:18 bundler  
13 16:03 cache  
13 16:03 doc  
13 16:03 gems  
13 16:03 specifications
```





**We Make.
We Validate.
We Educate.**



JVC



“Jim taught me that magic isn’t a dirty word in programming. It’s a sense of wonder and an expansion of what you thought was possible.”

- David Heinemeier Hansson

5. Practice because you
love it

Jim W. Ok, I get these emails occasionally. Thought you might enjoy it.

[View paste](#)

My name is Terry Thomas. I would like to know if you have Power Rake Available and i'm looking for less expensive ones you have. Could you please let me know the prices that are
Power Rake

I would be happy to make my payment by credit card if you accept them.

I await your reply,
Sincerely,
Terry Thomas.

6. Live your faith





Jim Weirich

@jimweirich



Following

Got to play silent night on guitar at church
this morning (Tweeted for the benefit of
[@Jamis](#) :)



...

12:38 PM - 21 Dec 2008

“He never had to be right.”

- Ken Barker

6. Live your faith



MEN

JTM
A Division of

CodeMash
v2.0.1.4

SOFTWORLD CALLEN

7. Teach



The Weirich Fund

Sharing Jim's passion through education

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University of Cincinnati

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