1. Ask "What Would the User Do?" (You Are not the User) by Giles Colborne
2. Beauty Is in Simplicity by Jørn Ølmheim
3. Coding with Reason by Yechiel Kimchi
4. Comment Only What the Code Cannot Say by Kevlin Henney
5. Do Lots of Deliberate Practice by Jon Jagger
6. Domain-Specific Languages by Michael Hunger
7. Don't Be Cute with Your Test Data by Rod Begbie
8. Don't Ignore that Error! by Pete Goodliffe
9. Don't Just Learn the Language, Understand its Culture by Anders Norås
10. Don't Rely on "Magic Happens Here" by AlanGriffiths
11. Improve Code by Removing It by Pete Goodliffe
12. Know Well More than Two Programming Languages by Russel Winder
13. Learn Foreign Languages by Klaus Marquardt
14. Missing Opportunities for Polymorphism by Kirk Pepperdine
15. Pair Program and Feel the Flow by Gudny Hauknes, Ann Katrin Gagnat, and Kari Røssland
16. Put the Mouse Down and Step Away from the Keyboard by Burk Hufnagel
17. Read the Humanities by Keith Braithwaite
18. Start from Yes by Alex Miller
19. The Unix Tools Are Your Friends by Diomidis Spinellis

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Performance, Optimization, and Representation  
Professionalism, Mindset, and Attitude  
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Refactoring and Code Care  
Reuse Versus Repetition  
Schedules, Deadlines, and Estimates  
Simplicity  
Teamwork and Collaboration  
Tests, Testing, and Testers  
Tools, Automation, and Development Environments  
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After looking through all the essays and categories, I picked 20 essays that interested me. I'm looking forward to reading these essays and understanding these useful concepts. One of the essay titles that I found intriguing is the one telling me to learn foreign languages. I find this interesting and wonder how learning a different spoken language would help me as a developer. I haven't read the article yet so I wouldn't know. However, I'm speculating that the author means foreign language as in a programming language that I haven't learned yet. Another essay title I found interesting was reuse versus repetition. learning the difference between the two could really help me in becoming a better programmer.