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Be Stupid and Lazy

There is an opinion that good programmer have to be a bit lazy and stupid.

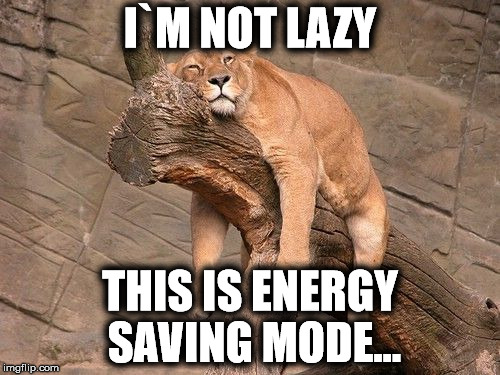
You must be stupid, because if you are smart enough, you could lose two important capabilities of increasing your level as a programmer. These capabilities are: learning and being critical of your work. If you want to use new techniques and algorithms to be more efficient, you have to continue learning. Not to be a critical programmer means to spend a lot of hard time debugging and refactoring your own work. Remember that compiler exists to help you, not to make you problems. More likely there is some problem in your code, not in compiler. Besides you are not capable of learning from your own mistakes, if your stop being critical.

Another important reason to be stupid is capability in searching of new and the best solutions to problems. If you are stupid or you think you are not so intelligent, it would help you to start from clean state, keep your mind open, employ lateral thinking in finding the best solutions. However, if you are not think so, you hinder yourself from discovering a better technique. You have to remain humble and open to advice, if you want your ideas be more radical and innovative.

Furthermore, a good programmer must be lazy, because only this kind of person writes different tools, which replace writing monotonous, repetitive code, which in turns allows redundancy. Programmer’s idleness is not doing nothing; it is a set of tools for automation of software maintenance and flexible refactoring. A lazy programmer avoids not work, but dull, repetitive work and drudgery.

However, very medal has two sides. A lazy programmer have to stop being lazy when it comes to learning how to be lazy. It is hard work to search and learn tools, which can help you to make work easier and avoid redundancy and drudgery. Moreover, the top lazy programmers do not write tools themselves, they find these tools in the WEB using the efforts and experience of the open source community.

Uncommonly, that way of lazy programmer is difficult and laborious, but it deserves to be traveled in order to become a better programmer.



Conclusion ☺