Secrets of the Pragmatic Programmer

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Brad Wilson bradwils@microsoft.com http://bradwilson.typepad.com "Each tip is drawn from experience, told as concrete advice, and related to others to form a system.

[...]

You can follow the advice in this book because it is concrete. You won't find vague abstractions. Dave and Andy write directly for you, as if each tip was a vital strategy for energizing your programming career. They make it simple, they tell a story, they use a light touch, and then they follow that up with answers to questions that will come up when you try."

- Ward Cunningham

Pragmatic Programmer



from journeyman to master

Andrew Hunt David Thomas

Don't Live With Broken Windows

Iterate The Schedule With The Code

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Some Things Are Better Done Than Designed

Test Early. Test Often.

Test Automatically.



Find Bugs Once



Prototype To Learn

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Fix The Problem, Not The Blame

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Make Quality A Requirement

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Eliminate Effects Between Unrelated Things

Don't Repeat Yourself (DRY)

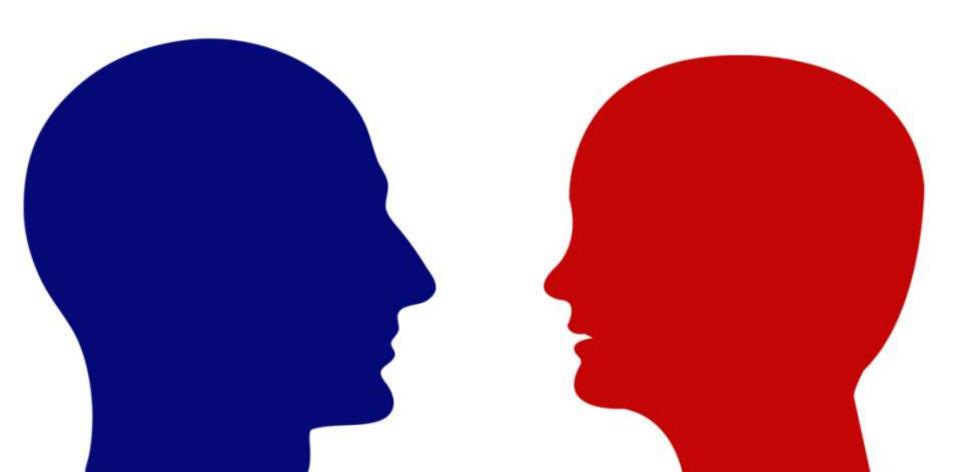
Refactor Early Refactor Often



There Are No Final Decisions

Remember The Big Picture

Abstractions Live Longer Than Details



Be A Catalyst For Change

Don't Be A Slave To Formal Methods