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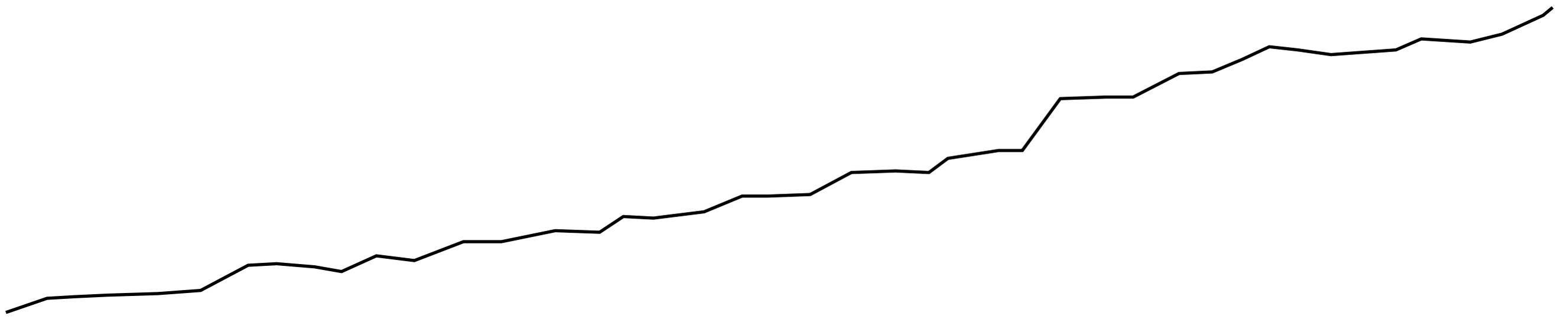
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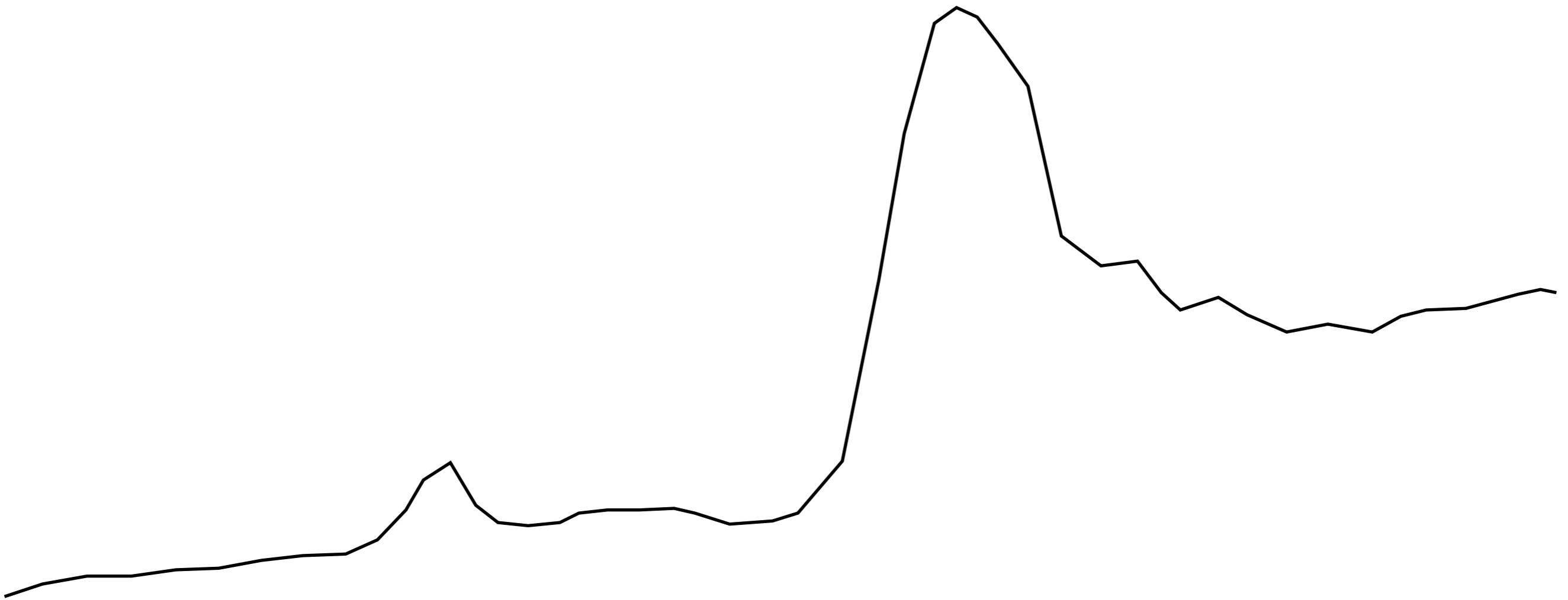
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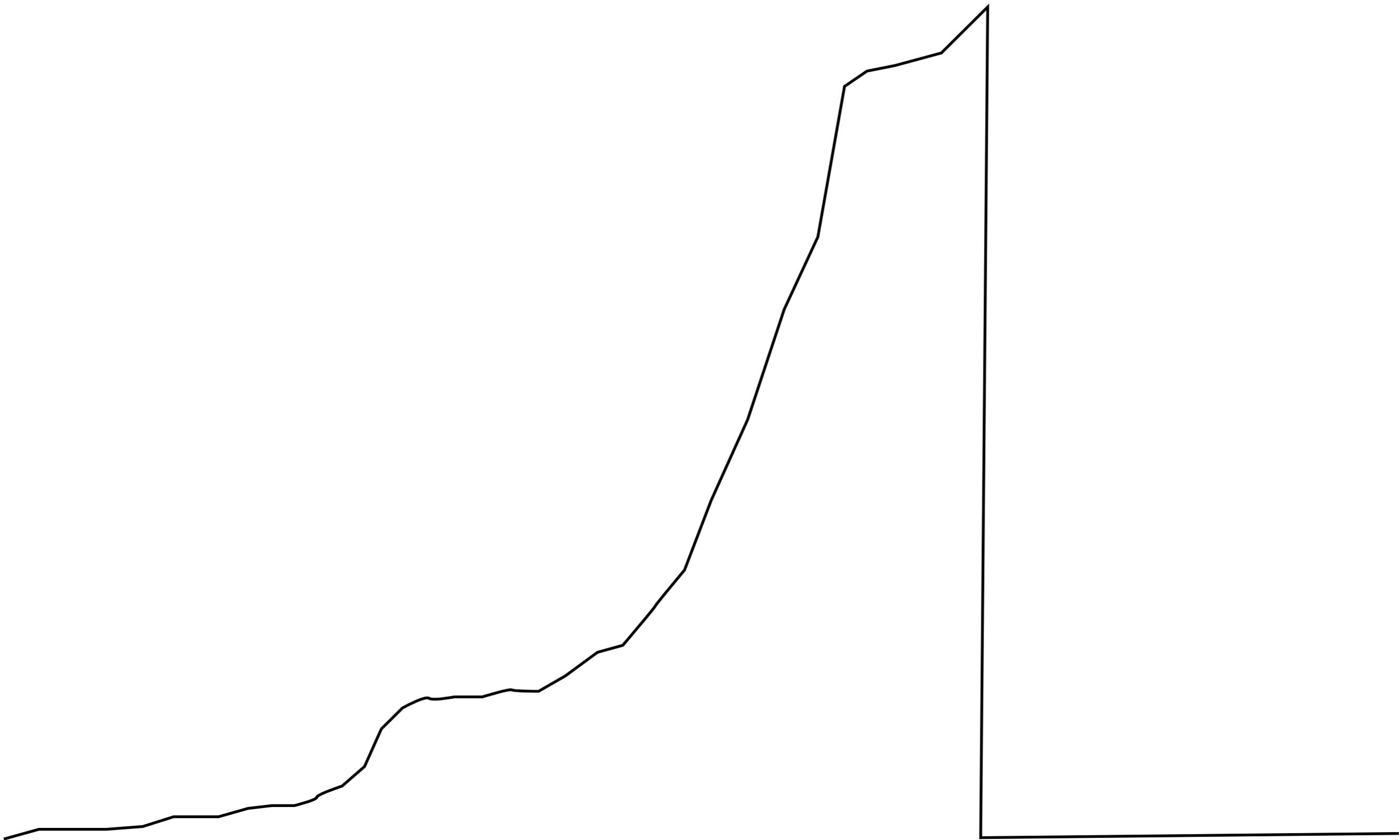
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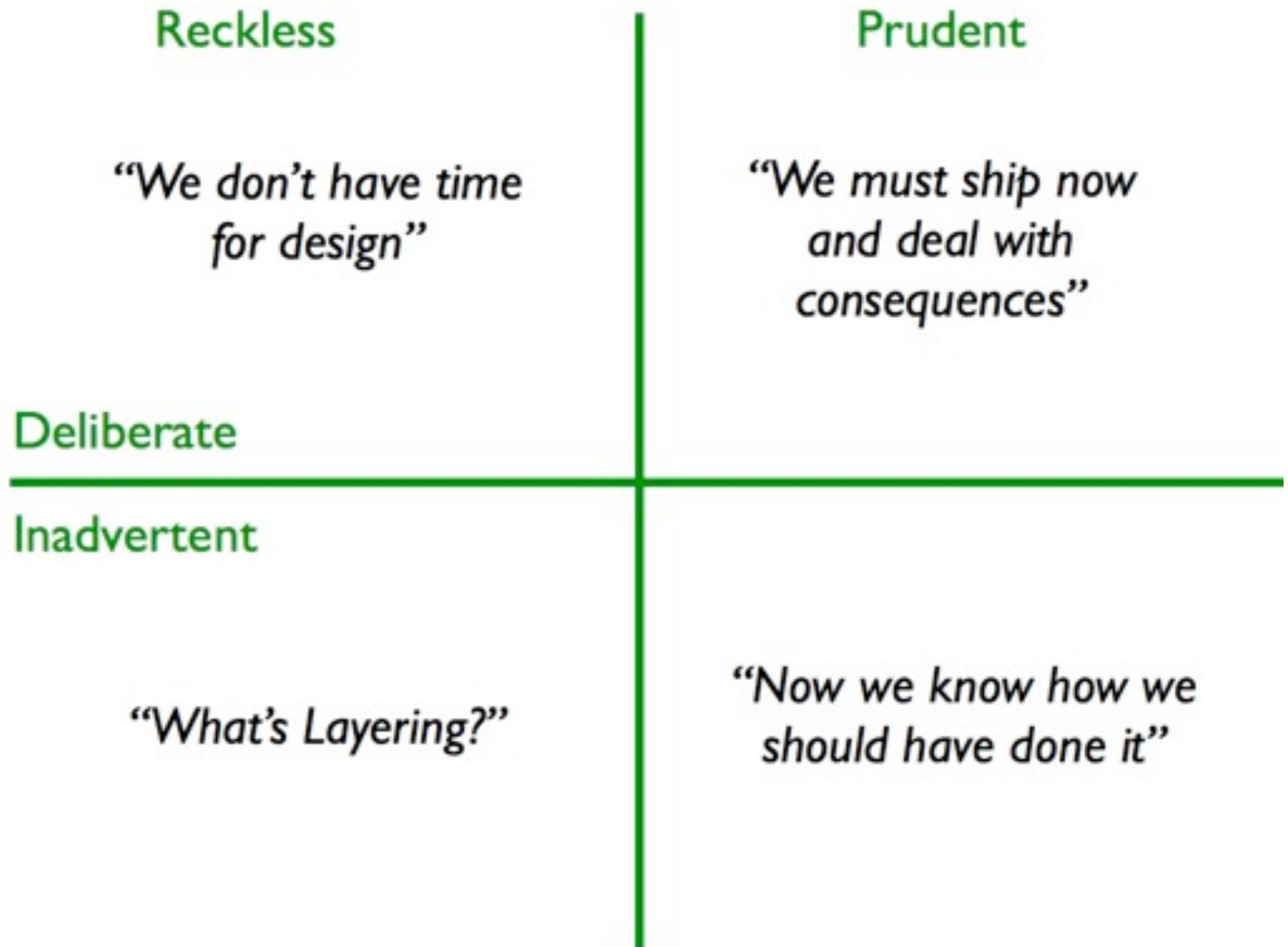
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Technical Debt Quadrant







**Klæbu
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150 år

1858 – 2008



"Let's upgrade this external library before the next release instead"

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INFORMED

"We do not have time to plan these activities"

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IDIOTIC

"Hmm, this is not as elegant as I hoped for"

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INEVITABLE

"What is polymorphism?"

"What is polymorphism?"

INEPT

"Ah, now we understand how we should have done it"

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LEARNING

"Let's copy-paste this code, then fix just what we need"

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STUPID

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"Let us just ship the product, then deal with the
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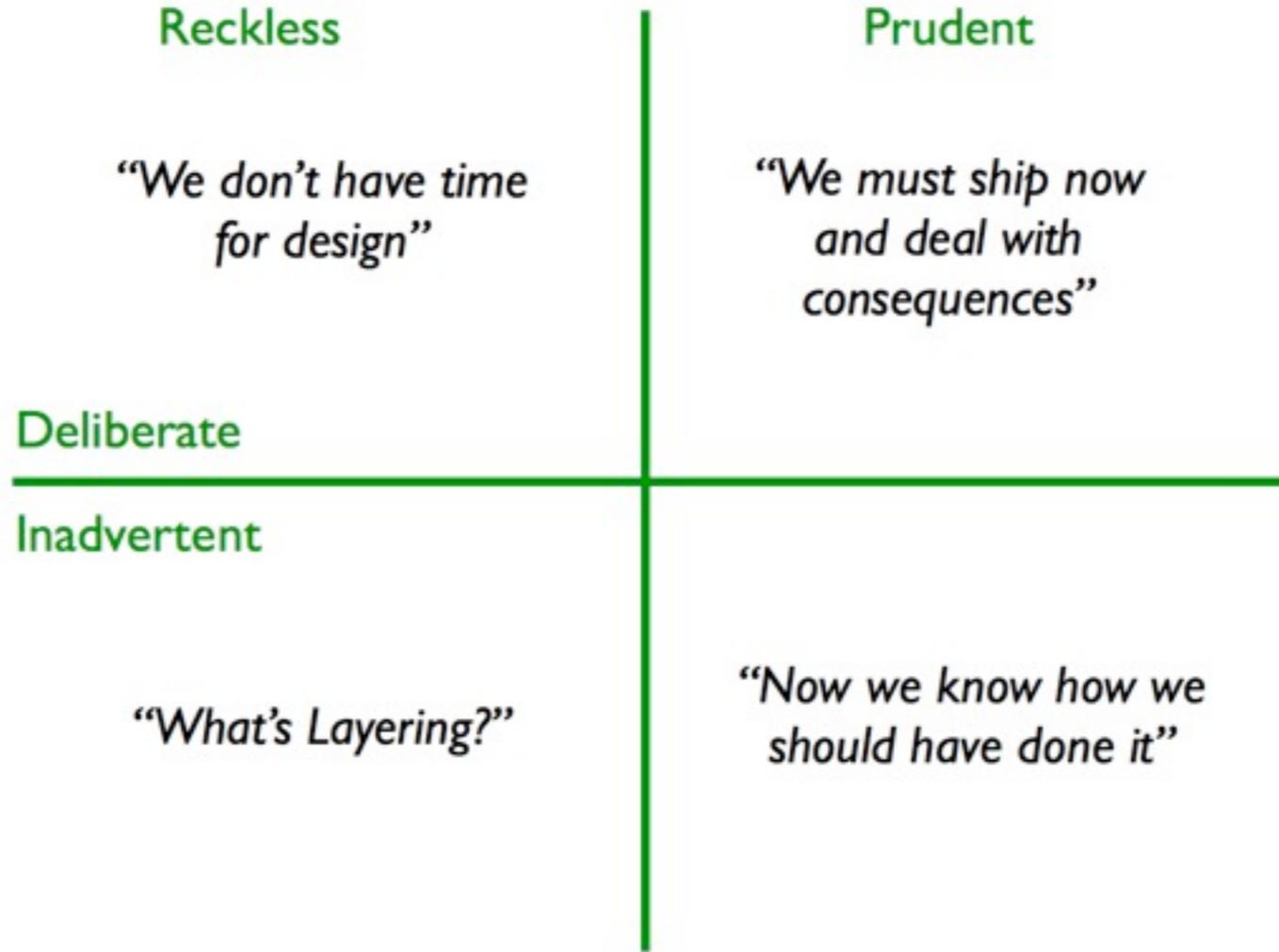
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The savvy developer treats technical debt just as the entrepreneur does financial debt. They use it. It speeds delivery, so long as it is properly managed.



Greed is good!



Technical debt is good!



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Letting Go of
Control

Didier Verna

Letting Go of Control

Part 1/2

Didier Verna



Conclusion

Letting Go of
Control

Didier Verna

- Our software is *out of control*
- This is only going to get *worse*
- We should be *afraid*
- We should be *ashamed*



The birth of a baby

A miracle of Nature

Letting Go of
Control

Didier Verna



- Darwin: Evolution is far from perfection
- Up to 50% pregnancies lead to spontaneous abortion



The birth of a baby DOCUMENT

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- When it doesn't work, you don't really know why
- When it does work, you *really* don't know why

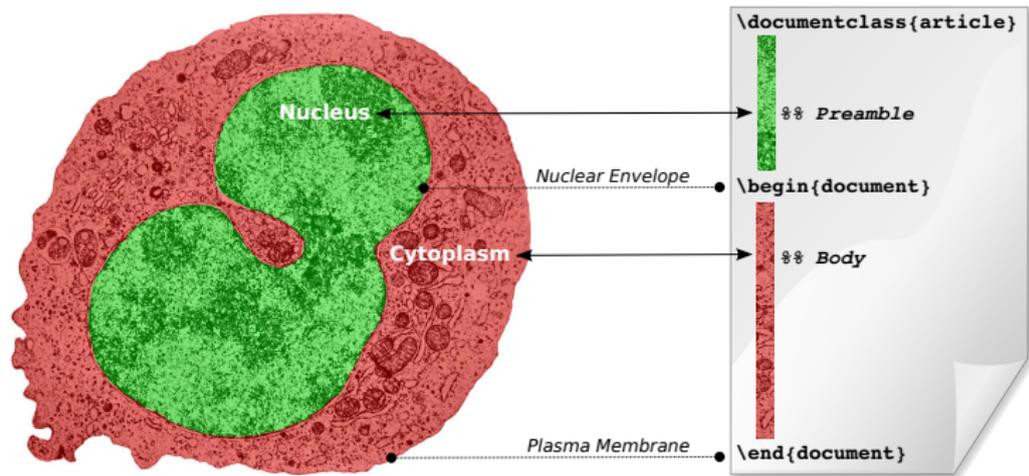


The \LaTeX biotope

And the viral propagation of styles

Letting Go of Control

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- \LaTeX documents as eukaryote cells
- Styles as viral infection with new gene \TeX material



Houston, we have a problem. . .

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- \LaTeX is a mess
- Open Source software is a mess
- Proprietary software's gotta be a mess too



Intermediate conclusion

- Darwin / Jacob: Nature is a *tinkerer*
- Alon: the tinkerer as an engineer
- Verna: the engineer as a tinkerer



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- Verna: the engineer as a tinkerer

We should be ashamed!



End of Part 1

Letting Go of
Control

Didier Verna

Stephanie Forrest:

“As programmers, we like to think of software as the product of our intelligent design, carefully crafted to meet well-specified goals. In reality, software evolves inadvertently through the actions of many individual programmers, often leading to unanticipated consequences. Large complex software systems are subject to constraints similar to those faced by evolving biological systems, and we have much to gain by viewing software through the lens of evolutionary biology.”



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***User Stories:
why they might be too light***
by Tom @ Gilb . com

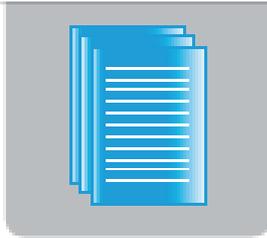
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Gilb's Mythology Column

User Stories: A Skeptical View

by Tom and Kai Gilb

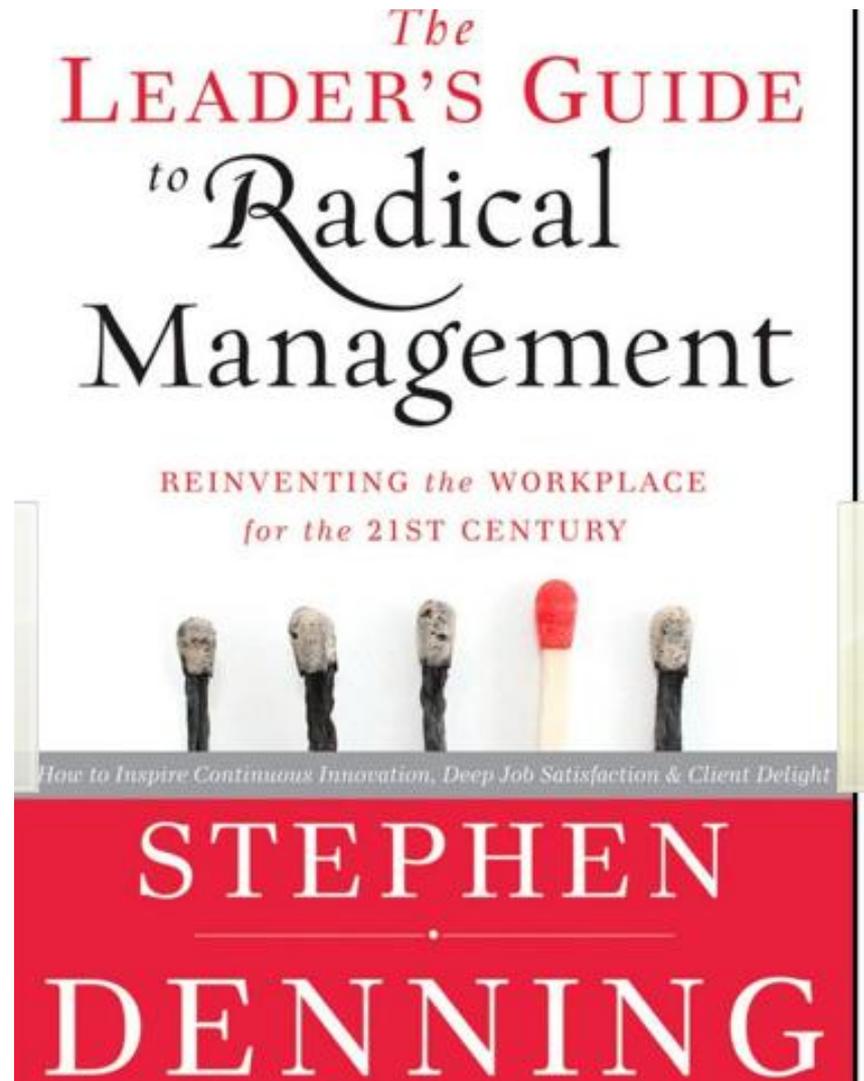
The Skeptical View

We agree with the ideals of user stories, in the 'Myths' [1, Denning & Cohn] discussed below, but do not agree at all to Myth arguments given, that user stories are a good, sufficient or even

of our product clearly superior to all competitive products at all times.

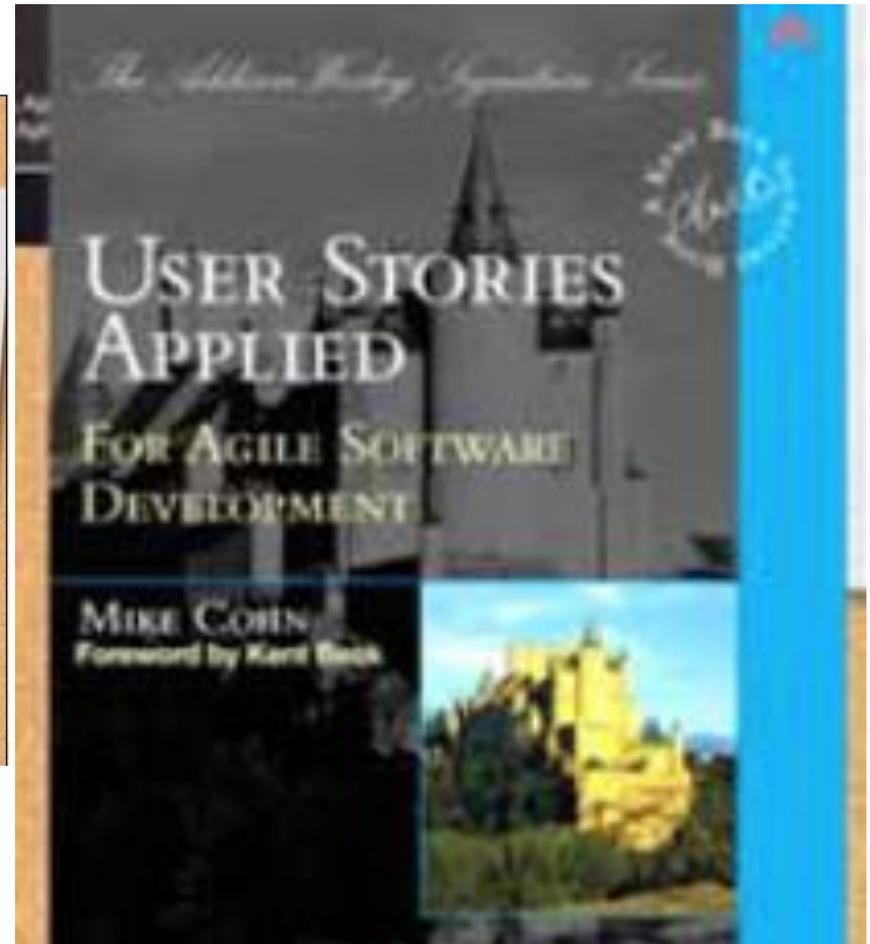
Scale: average seconds needed for defined [Users] to Correctly Complete defined [Tasks] defined [Help]

Original Claims



<http://stevedenning.typepad.com/>

From Mike Cohns User Stories Work



User Stories: Samples

Structure

– **Stakeholder**

A

– **Needs X**

– **Because Y**

Sample user stories

As an account holder, I want to check my savings account balance.

As an account holder, I am required to authenticate myself before using the system.

As the primary account holder, I can grant access to additional users so that they can see transactions.



My General Assertion

- **User Stories are good enough for small scale and non-critical projects**
- **But, they are not adequate for non-trivial projects**
- **The claims (myths in slides ahead) are not true when we scale up**

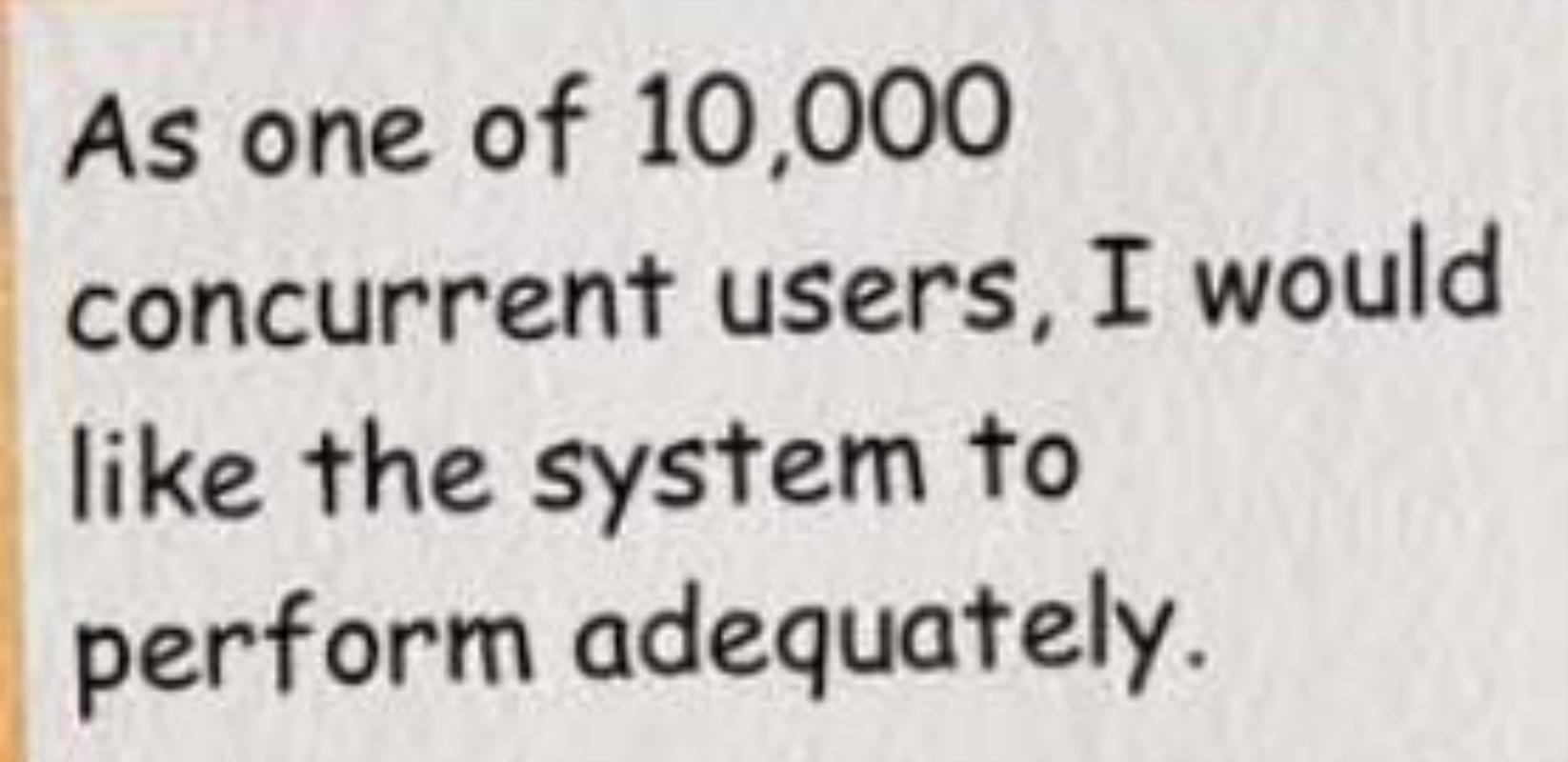
Myth 1:

User stories and the conversations provoked by them comprise *verbal communication*, which is clearer than written communication.

- **Verbal communication is not clearer than written communication**
- ***Dialogue***
 - **to clear up ‘*bad written user stories*’**
 - **does not prove that there are no superior written formats**
- I, as a user, want clearer interfaces to save time
- Usability:
 - Scale: Time for defined Users to Successfully complete defined Tasks
 - Goal [Users = Novices, Tasks = Inquiry] 20 Seconds.
 - Successfully: defined as: correct, no need to correct it later.

Myth 2:

“User stories represent a common language. They are intelligible to both users and developers.”

A photograph of a whiteboard with a user story written on it. The text is written in a casual, handwritten style. The user story is: "As one of 10,000 concurrent users, I would like the system to perform adequately." The whiteboard has a wooden edge on the left side.

As one of 10,000
concurrent users, I would
like the system to
perform adequately.

- **What does ‘perform’ mean ?**
- **What does ‘adequately’ mean?**
- **What does it mean under higher or lower loads?**

Myth 3:
**“User stories are the *right size*
for planning and prioritizing.”**

Myth 4:

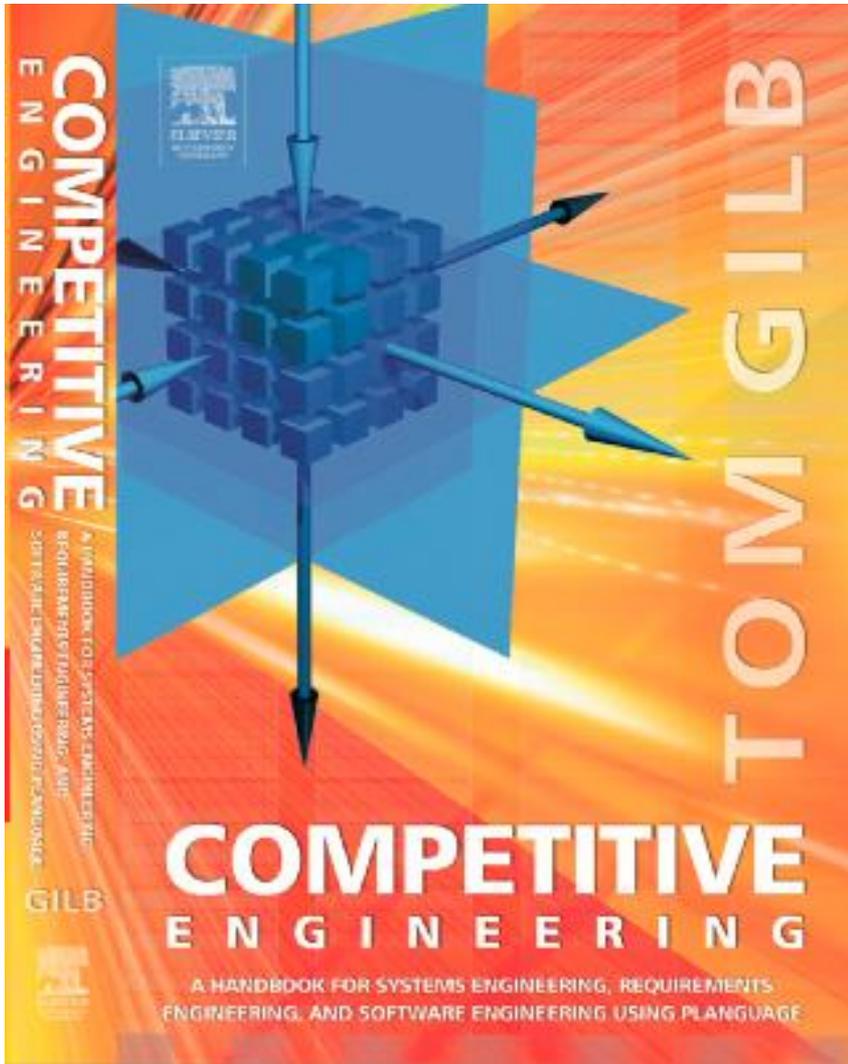
**User stories are *ideal for iterative development*,
which is the nature of most software development.**

Myth 5:

“User stories help *establish priorities* that make sense to both users and developers.”

Myth 6:
**“The process enables *transparency*.
Everyone understands
why.”**

References



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MANY FESTOS

PETE GOODLIFFE



ACCU 2011, Oxford, UK

**Confusion of goals and perfection
of means seems, in my opinion, to
characterise our age.**

Albert Einstein

it's an epidemic!

Manifesto for Agile Software Development

We are uncovering better ways of developing software by doing it and helping others do it.
Through this work we have come to value:

- Individuals and interactions over processes and tools
- Working software over comprehensive documentation
- Customer collaboration over contract negotiation
- Responding to change over following a plan

That is, while there is value in the items on the right, we value the items on the left more.

Kent Beck	James Grenning	Robert C. Martin
Mike Beedle	Jim Highsmith	Steve Mellor
Arie van Bennekum	Andrew Hunt	Ken Schwaber
Alistair Cockburn	Ron Jeffries	Jeff Sutherland
Ward Cunningham	Jon Kern	Dave Thomas
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Manifesto for Software Craftsmanship

Raising the bar.

As aspiring Software Craftsmen we are raising the bar of professional software development by practicing it and helping others learn the craft. Through this work we have come to value:

Not only working software,
but also **well-crafted software**

Not only responding to change,
but also **steadily adding value**

Not only individuals and interactions,
but also **a community of professional**

Not only customer collaboration,
but also **productive partnerships**

That is, in pursuit of the items on the left we have found the items on the right to be indispensable.

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Refactoring Manifesto

Because the world needs better code

1. Make your products live longer!

Refactoring means taking the opportunity to keep your product alive. Don't ditch it, stitch it! Don't end it, mend it! Refactoring is not a needless cost. It is anti-needless complexity that prevents change.

2. Design should be simple so that it is easy to refactor.

Product designers: Make your products easy to change. Write clean, understandable code. Consumers: Buy products that are continuously refactored, or else find out why the developers didn't do that. Be critical and inquisitive.

3. Refactoring is not rewriting.

Rewriting is throwing away the broken bit. This is NOT the kind of refactoring that we're talking about.

4. What doesn't kill it makes it stronger.

Every time we refactor code, we add to its potential, its history, its soul and its inherent beauty.

5. Refactoring is a creative challenge.

Refactoring is good for the imagination. Using new techniques, tools and materials ushers in possibility rather than dead ends.

6. Refactoring survives fashion.

Refactoring is not about styling or trends. There are no due-dates on continuously refactored code.

7. To refactor is to discover.

As you refactor objects, you'll learn amazing things about how they actually work. Or don't work.



SOA Manifesto

Service orientation is a paradigm that frames what you do.
Service-oriented architecture (SOA) is a type of architecture
that results from applying service orientation.

We have been applying service orientation to help organizations
consistently deliver sustainable business value, with increased agility
and cost effectiveness, in line with changing business needs.

Through our work we have come to prioritize:

Business value over technical strategy

Strategic goals over project-specific benefits

Intrinsic interoperability over custom integration

Shared services over specific-purpose implementations

Flexibility over optimization

Evolutionary refinement over pursuit of initial perfection

That is, while we value the items on the right, we value the items on the left more.

Guiding Principles

We follow these principles:

Respect the social and power structure of the
organization.

Recognize that SOA ultimately demands
change on many levels.

The scope of SOA adoption can vary. Keep
efforts manageable
and within meaningful boundaries.

Products and standards alone will neither give
you SOA nor apply
the service orientation paradigm for you.

SOA can be realized through a variety of
technologies and standards.





The GNU Manifesto

The GNU Manifesto (which appears below) was written by [Richard Stallman](#) at the beginning of the GNU Project, to ask for participation and support. For the first few years, it was updated in minor ways to account for developments, but now it seems best to leave it unchanged as most people have seen it.

Since that time, we have learned about certain common misunderstandings that different wordings could help avoid. Footnotes added since 1993 help clarify these points.

For up-to-date information about the available GNU software, please see the information available on our [web server](#), in particular our [list of software](#). For how to contribute, see <http://www.gnu.org/help>.

What's GNU? Gnu's Not Unix!

GNU, which stands for Gnu's Not Unix, is the name for the complete Unix-compatible software system which I am writing so that I can give it away free to everyone who can use it. (1) Several other volunteers are helping me. Contributions of time, money, programs and equipment are greatly needed.

So far we have an Emacs text editor with Lisp for writing editor commands, a source level debugger, a yacc-compatible parser generator, a linker, and around 35 utilities. A shell (command interpreter) is nearly completed. A new portable optimizing C compiler has compiled itself and may be released this year. An initial kernel exists but many more features are needed to emulate Unix. When the kernel and compiler are finished, it will be possible to distribute a GNU system suitable for program development. We will use TeX as our text formatter, but an nroff is being worked on. We will use the free, portable X Window System as well. After this we will add a portable Common Lisp, an Empire game, a spreadsheet, and hundreds of other things, plus online documentation. We hope to supply, eventually, everything useful that normally comes with a Unix system, and more.

GNU will be able to run Unix programs, but will not be identical to Unix. We will make all improvements that are convenient, based on our experience with other operating systems. In particular, we plan to have longer file names, file version numbers, a crashproof file system, file name completion perhaps, terminal-independent display support, and perhaps eventually a Lisp-based window system through which several Lisp programs and ordinary Unix programs can share a screen. Both C and Lisp will be available as system programming languages. We will try to support UUCP, MIT Chaosnet, and Internet protocols for communication.

GNU is aimed initially at machines in the 68000/16000 class with virtual memory, because they are

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Manifesto

During EuroSTAR 2008 three workshops were held with the purpose of starting a discussion about software testing. To create a statement about the future of software testing to the test community worldwide; a Manifesto that gives the major guidelines for our journey into the future.



On this website the post-it notes are shown which were created during those workshops. The statements on these post-it notes are the first step towards the making of the Software Testing Manifesto. Each statement can be voted up or down by clicking on the green or red arrow shown besides each post-it. Furthermore every statement can be changed or discussed by leaving comments on that specific post-it note.

The final goal is that we will be left with the top ten most voted manifesto statements. These statements are the basis for the manifesto and will be transferred in to the final Software Testing Manifesto which will be published on this website. Change the way we look at the future of software testing. A future which also will be a big part of your own future.

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- Become Test-infected
- Be Inspirational
- Early Removal
- New Technology
- Not Predictable

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Library Software Manifesto

By Roy Tennant - Posted on November 12th, 2007

Tagged: [Integrated Library Systems](#)

This is offered in an attempt to rationalize the relationship between libraries and library systems vendors, which is presently unhealthy. I encourage comments directly on this post (see below) or [emailed to me directly](#).

Consumer Rights

- **I have a right to know what exists *now* and what is potential future functionality.** — Marketing materials may tout a new product or a new version of a product, but I have a right to know what I will receive if I buy the product today.
- **I have a right to use what I buy.** — For example, it should not cost extra to create another index of my data.
- **I have a right to the API if I've bought the product.** — An application program interface (API) is simply a structured way for one application to communicate with another. In other words, the ability of a software program to send a structured query to another application and receive a structured response. Using the API for a product I've bought should not incur an additional charge.
- **I have a right to complete and accurate documentation.**
- **I have a right to my data.** — This includes the ability to bring forward not just my records, but also usage data (for example, how many times a book was checked out), since such information will be increasingly important for relevance



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The Mozilla Manifesto

The Mozilla project is a global community of people who believe that **openness, innovation, and opportunity** are key to the continued health of the Internet. We have [worked together since 1998](#) to ensure that the Internet is developed in a way that benefits everyone. As a result of the community's efforts, we have distilled a set of principles that we believe are critical for the Internet to continue to benefit the public good. These principles are contained in the Mozilla Manifesto.

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politics

**I have the
solution**

Manifesto<PET _ SUBJECT>

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MANIFESTO #1



we believe in
a fixed set of immutable ideals

over
tailoring our approach to each specific
situation.

MANIFESTO #2



we believe in
concentrating on and discussing only the
things that interest us

over
the bigger problem.

MANIFESTO #3



we believe in
our own opinion

over
the opinions and experiences of others.

MANIFESTO #4



we believe in
arbitrary black-and-white mandates

over
real-world scenarios with complex issues
and delicate resolutions.

MANIFESTO #5



we believe that
when our approach is hard to follow

then
it only shows how much more
important it is.

MANIFESTO #6



we believe in
crafting an arbitrary set of commandments

over
the realisation that it's just never
that simple.

MANIFESTO #7



we believe in
trying to establish a movement to promote
our view

over
something that will be genuinely useful.

MANIFESTO #8



we believe that
we are better developers than those who
don't agree with us

because
they don't agree with us.

MANIFESTO



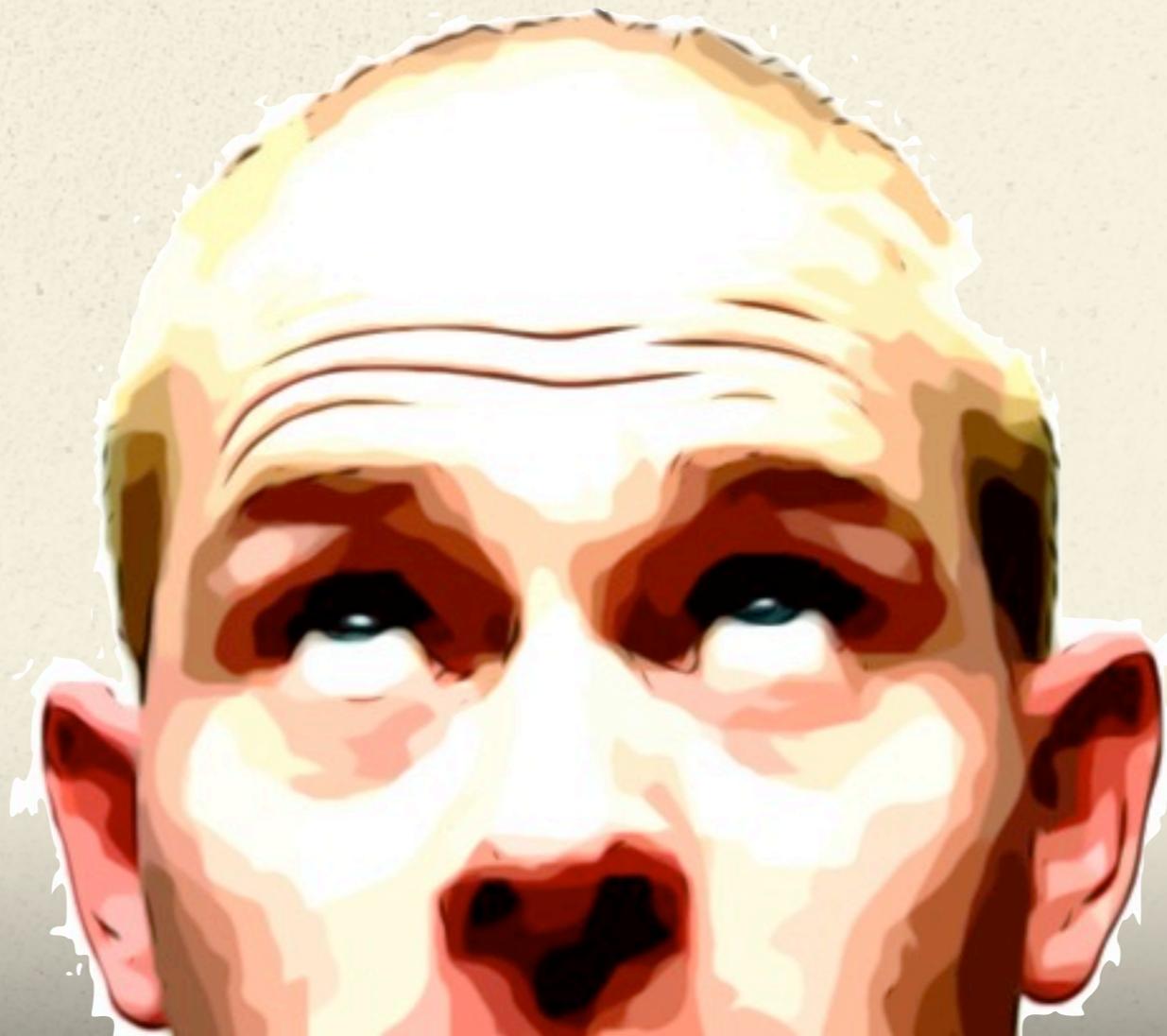
that is,

we believe we're doing the right thing.

And if you don't, you're wrong.

**And if you don't do what we do, you're doing
it wrong.**

(thankyou)





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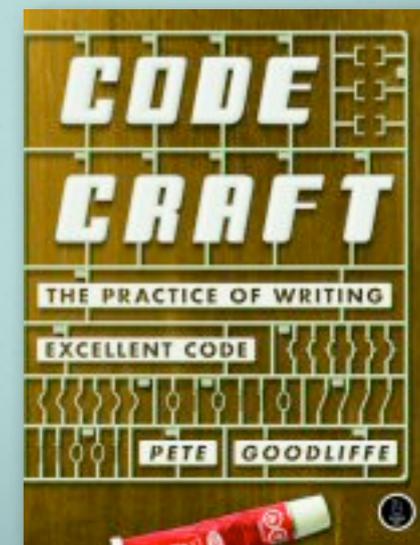
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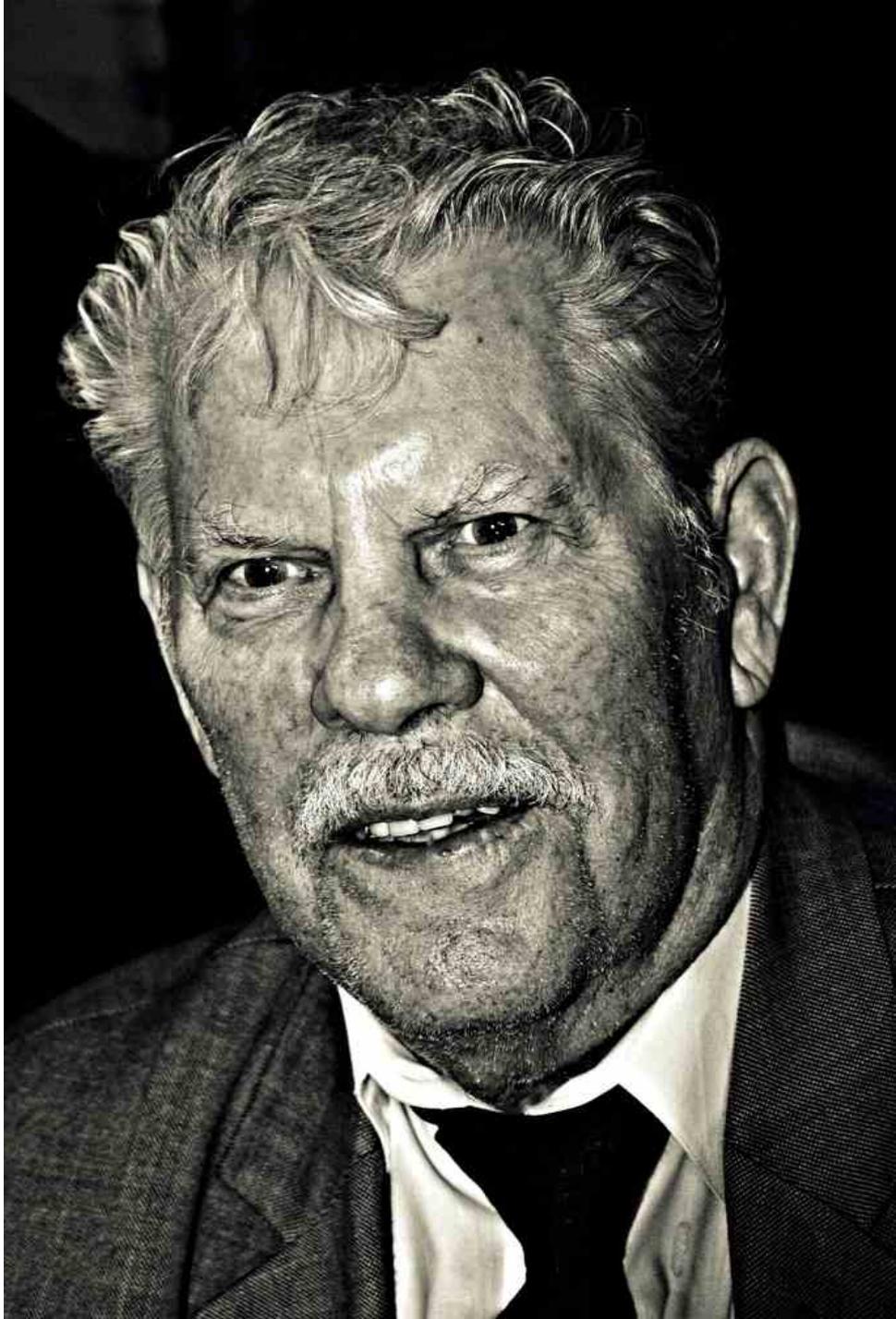
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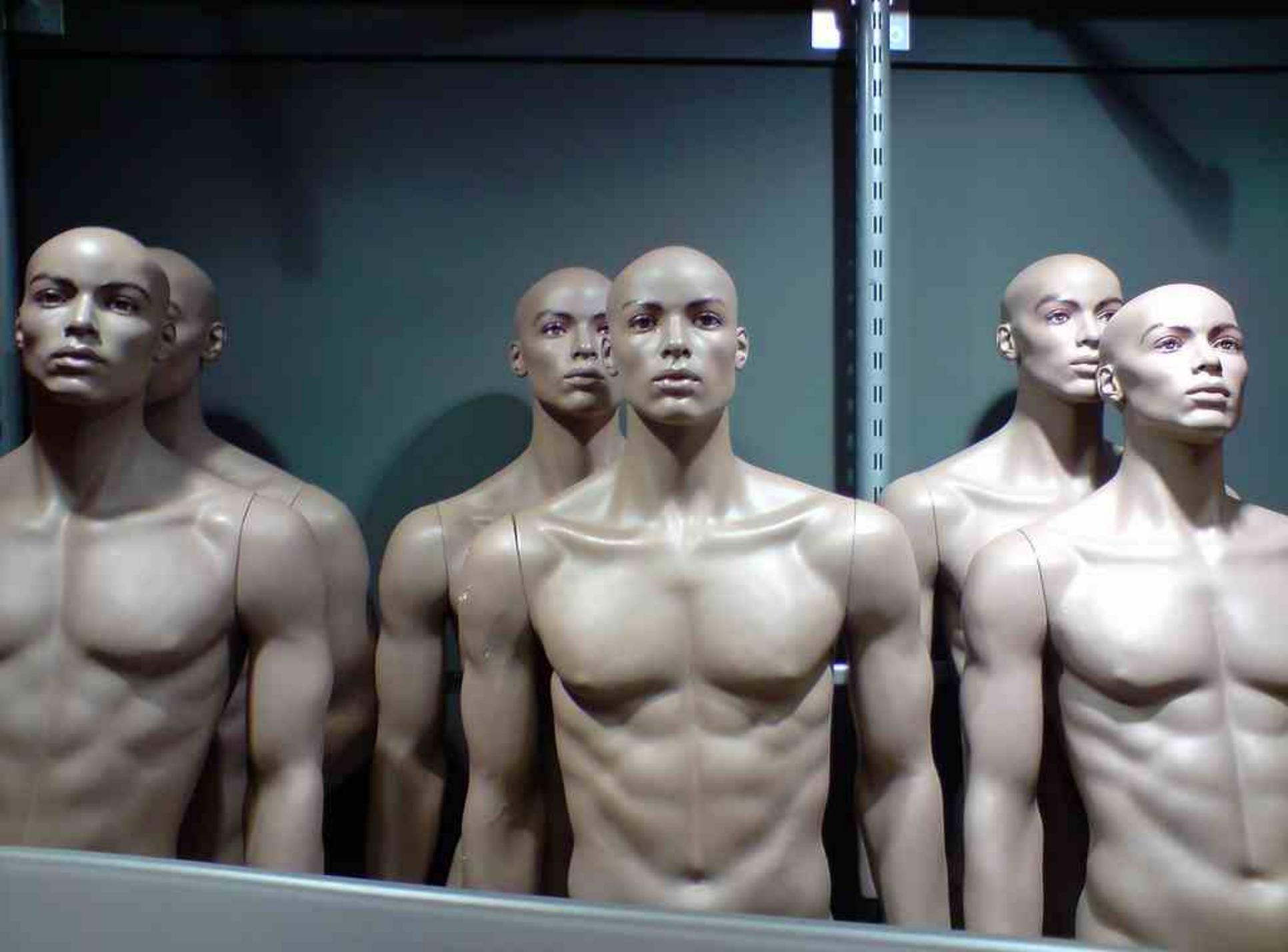
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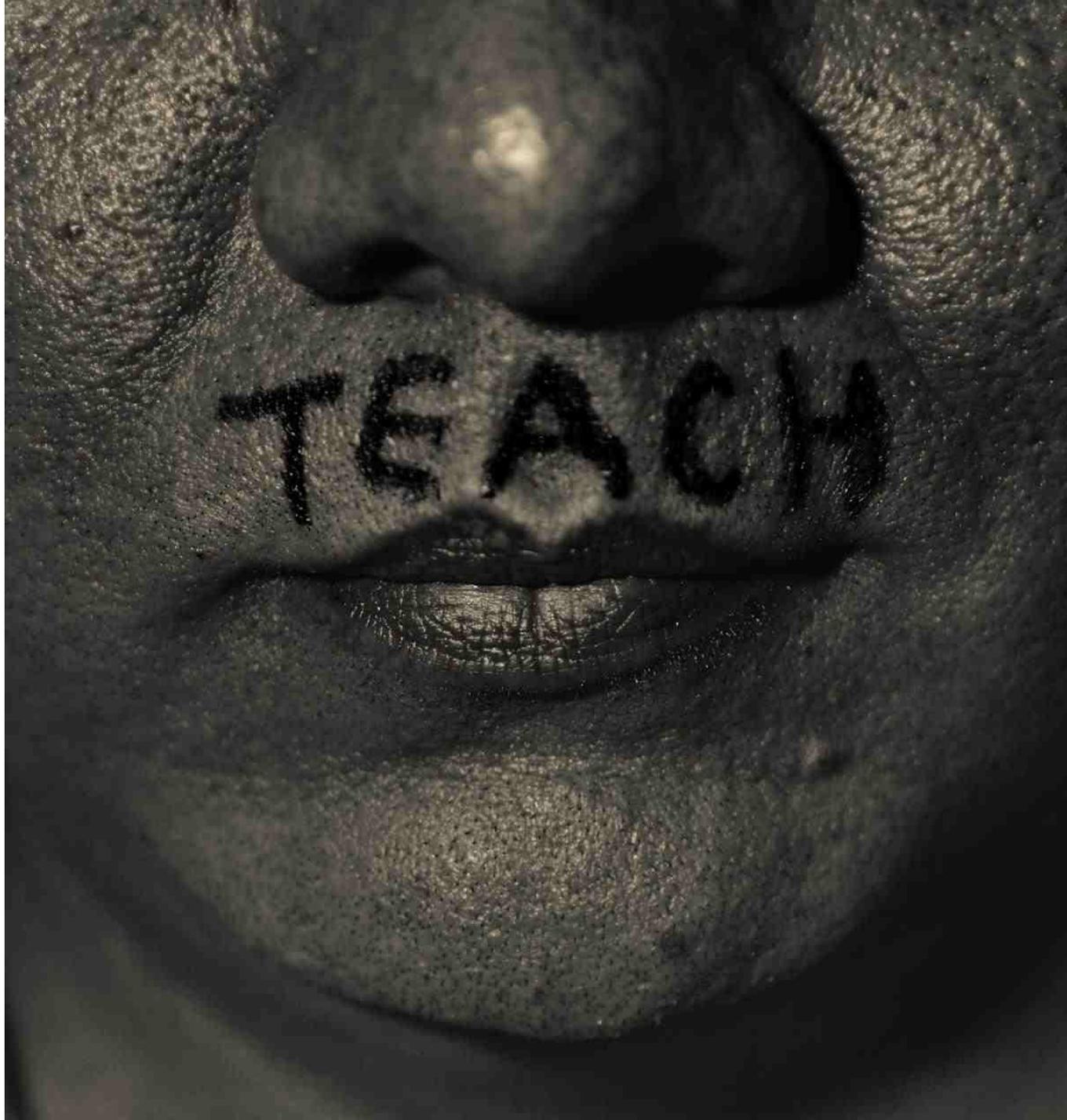








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- Tips for cost-conscious managers

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Tip #1

You can never have enough CCTV cameras

Make sure your staff aren't wasting their time
by monitoring them closely

Are they loitering in so-called
water-cooler chats?

Are they taking too long in the toilet?

Tip #2

Fire your cleaners

Having cleaners is like saying you're happy with untidiness.

If your staff have to do their own cleaning, they'll naturally keep the place tidy

Tip #3

Require everyone to wear a suit to work

It will make your office look smarter after
you've fired your cleaners.

The well-dressed developer is the
productive developer.

Tip #4

Give Middle-Managers Preferential Treatment

Managers are your enforcers in the battle for cost-reduction, give them special treatment and they'll work twice as hard to enforce your rules.

Tip #5

Be vigilant!

Subversive organisations such as ACCU are saying there is a better way

Watch out for any of the following terms being used by your staff

Danger Words!!!

- Conference / Training
- Agile Software Development / Scrum / XP
- Self-organizing teams
- Technical Debt
- Clean code
- Test-Driven Development
- Steve Freeman / Nat Pryce



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**See you
tomorrow**

same time, same place