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# The Beard Heuristic

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"the temperature is rising  
fast  
too many beards in one room"

C++

'98

no <useful> guarantees of  
**anything** related to  
concurrency

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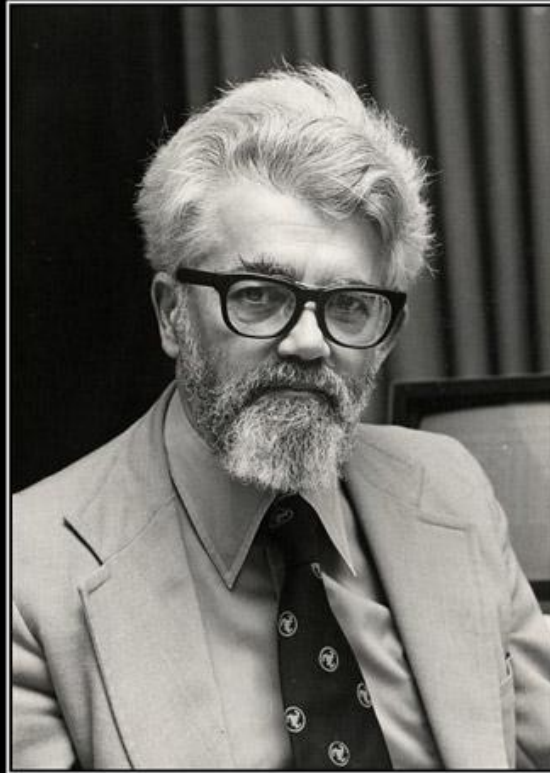
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Turn to the beards!





# PROGRAMMING

YOU'RE DOING IT COMPLETELY WRONG.



# QUICK AND DIRTY

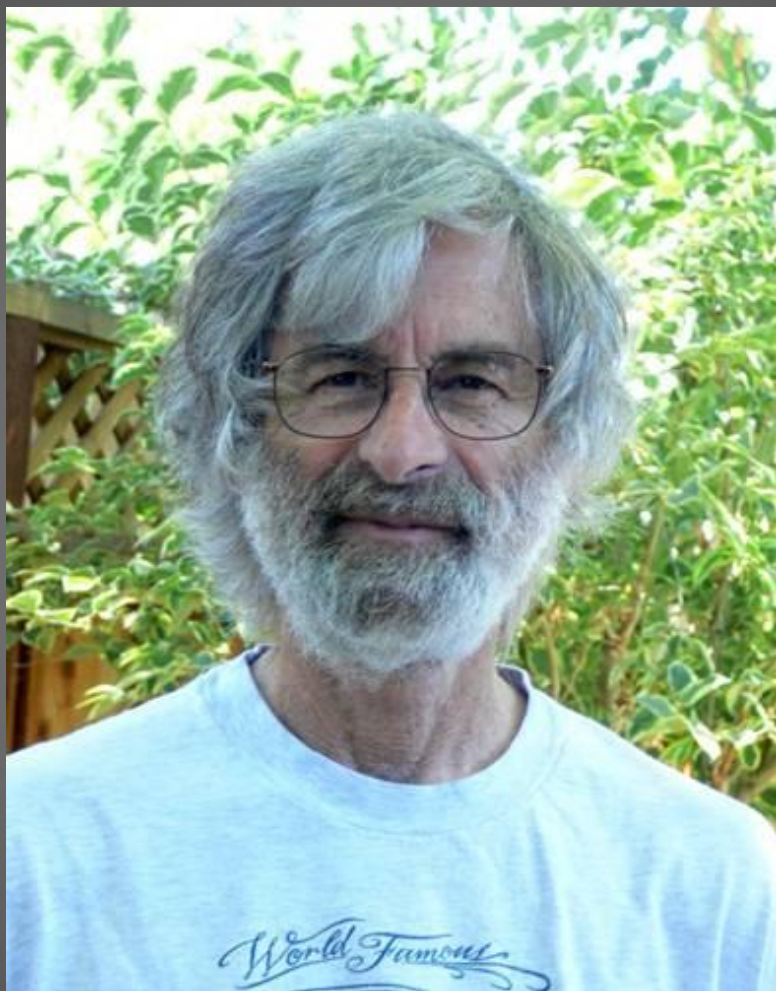
I WOULD NOT LIKE IT.



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probability of getting fired for  
using erlang on a C++ project  
(especially (after) that  
common lisp incident)

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# On Hair Colour in France

*Annals of Improbable Research*

While traveling in France, Gilkerson and I observed many blonde women, but almost no blonde men. Suspecting that we had stumbled upon a remarkable scientific discovery, we endured several weeks of hardship visiting the auberges and restaurants of France to gather data. After several years of analysis and rigorous procrastination, we wrote this paper. Much of our magnificent prose was ruthlessly eliminated by the editor to leave space for less important research.

<http://research.microsoft.com/en-us/um/people/lamport/pubs/hair.pdf>

paxos

the byzantine generals  
self stabilizing systems  
distributed clocks

Received: by jumbo.dec.com (5.54.3/4.7.34)  
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To: src-t  
Subject: distribution

There has been considerable debate over the years about what constitutes a distributed system. It would appear that the following definition has been adopted at SRC:

**A distributed system is one in which the failure of a Computer you didn't even know existed can render your own computer unusable.**





Why Do Computers Stop and What Can Be Done About It?

Jim Gray

June 1985

Tandem Technical report 85.7





so remember,  
at  
ACCU 2013



don't be  
suckered by the  
succinct synopsis

or  
baffled by the  
brilliant biography

turn instead  
to the  
{>topiary tag!

