

Alan Kay

Quotes

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People who are really serious about software should make their own hardware.

~Alan Kay

Some people worry that artificial intelligence will make us feel inferior, but then, anybody in his right mind should have an inferiority complex every time he looks at a flower.

~Alan Kay

The most disastrous thing that you can ever learn is your first programming language.

~Alan Kay

The best way to predict the future is to invent it.

~Alan Kay

Don't worry about what anybody else is going to do. The best way to predict the future is to invent it.

~Alan Kay

The greatest single programming language ever designed

~Alan Kay

I don't know how many of you have ever met Dijkstra, but you probably know that arrogance in computer science is measured in nano-Dijkstras.

~Alan Kay

I made up the term "object-oriented," and I can tell you I did not have C++ in mind.

~Alan Kay

Most software today is very much like an Egyptian pyramid with millions of bricks piled on top of each other, with no structural integrity, but just

done by brute force and thousands of slaves.

~Alan Kay

An important technology first creates a problem and then solves it.

~Alan Kay

Perspective is worth 80 IQ points.

~Alan Kay

Lisp isn't a language, it's a building material.

~Alan Kay

It's easier to invent the future than to predict it.

~Alan Kay

Any company large enough to have a research lab is too large to listen to it.

~Alan Kay

Technology is anything that wasn't around when you were born.

~Alan Kay

Java and C++ make you think that the new ideas are like the old ones. Java is the most distressing thing to hit computing since MS-DOS.

~Alan Kay

Change is easy, except for the changed part.

~Alan Kay

Scratch the surface in a typical boardroom and we're all just cavemen with briefcases, hungry for a wise person to tell us stories.

~Alan Kay

I fear - as far as I can tell - that most undergraduate degrees in

computer science these days are basically Java vocational training.

~Alan Kay

School is basically about one point of view - the one the teacher has or the textbooks have. They don't like the idea of having different points of view.

~Alan Kay

Television should be the last mass communication medium to be naively designed and put into the world without a surgeon-general's warning.

~Alan Kay

Sun Microsystems had the right people to make Java into a first-class language, and I believe it was the Sun marketing people who rushed the thing out before it should have gotten out.

~Alan Kay

The real romance is out ahead and yet to come. The computer revolution hasn't started yet.

~Alan Kay

In success there's a tendency to keep on doing what you were doing.

~Alan Kay

The protean nature of the computer is such that it can act like a machine or like a language to be shaped and exploited.

~Alan Kay

The only way you can predict the future is to build it.

~Alan Kay

Simple things should be simple and complex things should be possible.

~Alan Kay

If you're utopian, you're never satisfied.

~Alan Kay

If the pros at Sun had had a chance to fix Java, the world would be a much more pleasant place. This is not secret knowledge. It's just secret to this pop culture.

~Alan Kay

To get the medium's magic to work for one's aims rather than against them is to attain literacy.

~Alan Kay

Humans are communications junkies. We just can't get enough.

~Alan Kay

Quite a few people have to believe something is normal before it becomes normal - a sort of 'voting' situation. But once the threshold is reached, then everyone demands to do whatever it is.

~Alan Kay

Having an intelligent secretary does not get rid of the need to read, write, and draw, etc. In a well functioning world, tools and agents are complementary.

~Alan Kay

Possibly the only real object-oriented system in working order. (About Internet)

~Alan Kay

Knowledge is silver. Outlook is gold. IQ is a lead weight.

~Alan Kay

I hired finishers because I'm a good starter and a poor finisher.

~Alan Kay

The computer is simply an instrument whose music is ideas.

~Alan Kay

A change in perspective is worth 80 IQ points. Perspective is worth 80 IQ points. Point of view is worth 80 IQ points

~Alan Kay

If you're not failing 90% of the time, then you're probably not working on sufficiently challenging problems.

~Alan Kay

Any medium powerful enough to extend man's reach is powerful enough to topple his world.

~Alan Kay

As far as Apple goes, it was a different company every few years from the time I joined in 1984.

~Alan Kay

Artificial intelligence is what we don't know how to do yet

~Alan Kay

A new friend is new wine, when it grows old, you will enjoy drinking it.

~Alan Kay

A computer scientist is a machine for converting coffee into urine.

~Alan Kay

Perl is another example of filling a tiny, short-term need, and then being a real problem in the longer term.

~Alan Kay

Every technology really needs to be shipped with a special manual - not how to use it but why, when, and for what.

~Alan Kay

It's all about long-term, sustaining relationships.

~Alan Kay

Science requires a society because even people who are trying to be good thinkers love their own thoughts and theories - much of the debugging has to be done by others.

~Alan Kay

The biggest problem we have as human beings is that we confuse our beliefs with reality.

~Alan Kay

The tree of research must be fed from time to time with the blood of bean-counters, for it is its natural manure.

~Alan Kay

Technology is anything invented after you were born, everything else is just stuff.

~Alan Kay

We cannot predict the future, but we can invent it.

~Alan Kay

In computers, every 'new explosion' was set off by a software product that allowed users to program differently.

~Alan Kay

YazÄ±lÄ±m konusunda iddialÄ± insanlar kendi donanÄ±mlarÄ±nÄ± yapmalÄ±lar.

~Alan Kay

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