

# Bertrand Meyer

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Use, Cobol, Looks, Perfect, Debate, Two, Fighting, Documentation,  
Indispensable, Thinking, Roles, Practice*

You can either have software quality or you can have pointer arithmetic, but you cannot have both at the same time.

~Bertrand Meyer

There are only two things wrong with C++: The initial concept and the implementation.

~Bertrand Meyer

Incorrect documentation is often worse than no documentation.

~Bertrand Meyer

Correctness is clearly the prime quality. If a system does not do what it is supposed to do, then everything else about it matters little.

~Bertrand Meyer

C++ is the only current language making COBOL look good

~Bertrand Meyer

Ask not first what the system does; ask what it does it to!

~Bertrand Meyer

Software entities (classes, modules, functions, etc.) should be open for extension, but closed for modification.

~Bertrand Meyer

Eiffel borrows quite openly from several earlier programming languages and I am sure that if we had found a good language construct in C we would have used it as well.

~Bertrand Meyer

The role of a trainer or consultant is to empower the customer, not to make himself indispensable

~Bertrand Meyer

Perfect reusable components are not obtained at the first shot.

~Bertrand Meyer

Constants are widely known for the detestable practice of changing their values; we should prepare ourselves against the consequences of such fickleness

~Bertrand Meyer

I have always felt sympathy towards the biologists who accept to debate creationists. Now I also understand them better; one can fight opinions, not articles of faith.

~Bertrand Meyer

I think Smalltalk is inappropriate for serious industrial developments. After all, run time is a little late to find out whether you have a landing gear.

~Bertrand Meyer

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