

Douglas Crockford Quotes

*People, Javascript, Innovation, Ideas, Language, Giving, Comment, Design,
Writing, Use, Misunderstood, Cost, Structure, Accepting, Produce, Program,
Obsolete, Productive Life, Data, Holy Grail*

Generally, the craft of programming is the factoring of a set of requirements into a a set of functions and data structures.

~Douglas Crockford

Computer programs are the most complex things that humans make.

~Douglas Crockford

JavaScript is the only language that I'm aware of that people feel they don't need to learn before they start using it.

~Douglas Crockford

Code reuse is the Holy Grail of Software Engineering.

~Douglas Crockford

In JavaScript, there is a beautiful, elegant, highly expressive language that is buried under a steaming pile of good intentions and blunders.

~Douglas Crockford

Most programming languages contain good parts and bad parts. I discovered that I could be better programmer by using only the good parts and avoiding the bad parts.

~Douglas Crockford

People who use Class will never understand all the crap they are doing.

~Douglas Crockford

Things don't change because people change their minds. They change because they retire or die.

~Douglas Crockford

It turns out that style matters in programming for the same reason that it matters in writing. It makes for better reading.

~Douglas Crockford

Just because something is a standard doesn't mean it is the right choice for every application. Like XML, for example.

~Douglas Crockford

People who should be the first to recognize the value of an innovation are often the last.

~Douglas Crockford

The good thing about reinventing the wheel is that you can get a round one.

~Douglas Crockford

Progress comes from finding better ways to do things. Don't be afraid of innovation. Don't be afraid of ideas that are not your own.

~Douglas Crockford

Using int made sense in the 50s. Not any more

~Douglas Crockford

Good architecture is necessary to give programs enough structure to be able to grow large without collapsing into a puddle of confusion.

~Douglas Crockford

Software is usually expected to be modified over the course of its productive life. The process of converting one correct program into a different correct program is extremely challenging.

~Douglas Crockford

A JSON decoder MAY accept and ignore comments.

~Douglas Crockford

It turns out that strong typing does not eliminate the need for careful testing. And I have found in my work that the sorts of errors that strong type checking finds are no the errors I worry about.

~Douglas Crockford

JavaScript is the world's most misunderstood programming language.

~Douglas Crockford

Obsolete comments are worse than no comments.

~Douglas Crockford

Features that offer value to a minority of users impose a cost on all users.

~Douglas Crockford

JS will be a real functional language.

~Douglas Crockford

I give permission for IBM, its customers, partners, and minions, to use JSLint for evil.

~Douglas Crockford

The structure of software systems tend to reflect the structure of the organization that produce them.

~Douglas Crockford

Programmers are as emotional and irrational as normal people

~Douglas Crockford

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