

Kent Beck

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I'm not a great programmer; I'm just a good programmer with great habits.

~Kent Beck

A plan is an example of what could happen, not a prediction of what will happen.

~Kent Beck

Optimism is an occupational hazard of programming; feedback is the treatment.

~Kent Beck

I don't like the feeling, but I've got to say that a little fear makes me a more focused, more responsible programmer.

~Kent Beck

Testing is not the point. The point is about responsibility.

~Kent Beck

Listening, Testing, Coding, Designing. That's all there is to software. Anyone who tells you different is selling something.

~Kent Beck

Make it work, make it right, make it fast.

~Kent Beck

I've known people who have not mastered their tools who are good programmers, but not a tool master who remained a mediocre programmer.

~Kent Beck

Sometimes the problem has to mature before the solution can mature.

~Kent Beck

I tell people to start implementing when they are pretty sure there aren't more important stories out there. An iteration's worth of data is worth months of speculation.

~Kent Beck

If you're having trouble succeeding, fail.

~Kent Beck

If testing costs more than not testing, then don't test.

~Kent Beck

Learning research tells us that the time lag from experiment to feedback is critical.

~Kent Beck

The system metaphor is a story that everyone--customers, programmers, and managers--can tell about how the system works.

~Kent Beck

I mean, source code in files; how quaint, how seventies!

~Kent Beck

The community isn't nearly as afraid as it thinks it is.

~Kent Beck

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