

# Martin Fowler

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Any fool can write code that a computer can understand. Good programmers write code that humans can understand.

~Martin Fowler

If you're a technical lead, you need to be coding.

~Martin Fowler

If you're afraid to change something it is clearly poorly designed.

~Martin Fowler

Now I'm a pretty lazy person and am prepared to work quite hard in order to avoid work.

~Martin Fowler

Never in the annals of software engineering was so much owed by so many to so few lines of code

~Martin Fowler

Comprehensiveness is the enemy of comprehensibility.

~Martin Fowler

When to use iterative development? You should use iterative development only on projects that you want to succeed.

~Martin Fowler

I find that writing unit tests actually increases my programming speed

~Martin Fowler

One of the big dangers is to pretend that you can follow a predictable process when you can't.

~Martin Fowler

The biggest issue on software teams is making sure everyone understands what everyone else is doing.

~Martin Fowler

A pattern is an idea that has been useful in one practical context and will probably be useful in others.

~Martin Fowler

So I hope I've made clear that imposing agile methods is a very red flag.

~Martin Fowler

I can't choose whether someone is offended by my actions. I can choose whether I care.

~Martin Fowler

I can only think of so many good ideas in a week. Having other people contribute makes my life easier.

~Martin Fowler

I've learned to always avoid saying "always"

~Martin Fowler

Comparing to another activity is useful if it helps you formulate questions, it's dangerous when you use it to justify answers.

~Martin Fowler

Why is composing symphonies tough? I don't know. It's just very few people in the world can do it well. And I think that's the case with upfront design. It is very hard to do well.

~Martin Fowler

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