Rob Pike
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There's nothing in computing that can't be broken by another level of indirection.

~Rob Pike

Data dominates. If you've chosen the right data structures and organized things well, the algorithms will almost always be self-evident. Data structures, not algorithms, are central to programming.

~Rob Pike

Narrowness of experience leads to narrowness of imagination

~Rob Pike

Object-oriented design is the roman numerals of computing.

~Rob Pike

Fancy algorithms are slow when N is small, and N is usually small.

~Rob Pike

Such is modern computing: everything simple is made too complicated because it's easy to fiddle with; everything complicated stays complicated because it's hard to fix.

~Rob Pike

Caches aren't architecture, they're just optimization.

~Rob Pike

Not only is UNIX dead, it's starting to smell really bad.

~Rob Pike

If POSIX threads are a good thing, perhaps I don't want to know what they're better than.

~Rob Pike

Procedure names should reflect what they do; function names should

reflect what they return

~Rob Pike

Eventually, I decided that thinking was not getting me very far and it was time to try building.

~Rob Pike

A smart terminal is not a smartass terminal, but rather a terminal you can educate.

~Rob Pike

Why would you have a language that is not theoretically exciting? Because it's very useful.

~Rob Pike

Languages that try to disallow idiocy become themselves idiotic.

~Rob Pike

Using Unix is the computing equivalent of listening only to music by David Cassidy.

~Rob Pike

There's no such thing as a simple cache bug.

~Rob Pike

When there is no type hierarchy you don't have to manage the type hierarchy.

~Rob Pike

Productivity is most important by engineering management rules, but enjoyment is most important for engineers. One stems from the other.

~Rob Pike

Sockets are the X windows of IO interfaces.

~Rob Pike

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