

Steve McConnell

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Good code is its own best documentation.

~Steve McConnell

Heuristic is an algorithm in a clown suit. It's less predictable, it's more fun, and it comes without a 30-day, money-back guarantee.

~Steve McConnell

The trouble with quick and dirty is that dirty remains long after quick has been forgotten.

~Steve McConnell

It's better to wait for a productive programmer to become available than it is to wait for the first available programmer to become productive.

~Steve McConnell

A brute force solution that works is better than an elegant solution that doesn't work.

~Steve McConnell

The default movement on a software project should be in the direction of taking elements of the software away to make it simpler rather than adding elements to make it more complex.

~Steve McConnell

Good visual layout shows the logical structure of a program.

~Steve McConnell

It's hard enough to find an error in your code when you're looking for it; it's even harder when you've assumed your code is error-free.

~Steve McConnell

Engineering is the application of scientific principles toward practical ends. If the engineering isn't practical, it's bad engineering.

~Steve McConnell

In software, the chain isn't as strong as its weakest link; it's as weak as all the weak links multiplied together.

~Steve McConnell

A blanket attempt to avoid mistakes is the biggest mistake of all.

~Steve McConnell

It's OK to figure out murder mysteries, but you shouldn't need to figure out code. You should be able to read it.

~Steve McConnell

The job of the average manager requires a shift in focus every few minutes. The job of the average software developer requires that the developer not shift focus more often than every few hours.

~Steve McConnell

Motivation is undoubtedly the single greatest influence on how well people perform. Most productivity studies have found that motivation has a stronger influence on productivity than any other factor.

~Steve McConnell

There are no secrets on an successful software project. Both good and bad news must be able to move up and down the project hierarchy without restriction.

~Steve McConnell

In my experience, you either have encapsulation and abstraction or you have neither. There is no middle ground.

~Steve McConnell

Trying to apply formal methods to all software projects is just as bad as trying to apply code-and-fix development to all projects.

~Steve McConnell

A typical software project can present more opportunities to learn from mistakes than some people get in a lifetime.

~Steve McConnell

95% on content and the computer language remains the same.

~Steve McConnell

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