Putting the "re" into Architecture

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No design system is or should be perfect.

101 Things I Learned in Architecture School Matthew Frederick

That which is overdesigned, too highly specific, anticipates outcome; the anticipation of outcome guarantees, if not failure, the absence of grace.

> William Gibson All Tomorrow's Parties

interface Iterator

{

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boolean set to first element();
boolean set to next element();
boolean set to next nth element(in unsigned long n) raises(...);
boolean retrieve element(out any element) raises(...);
boolean retrieve element set to next(out any element, out boolean more) raises(...);
boolean retrieve next n elements(
    in unsigned long n, out AnySequence result, out boolean more) raises(...);
boolean not equal retrieve element set to next(in Iterator test, out any element) raises(...);
void remove element() raises(...);
boolean remove element set to next() raises(...);
boolean remove next n elements (in unsigned long n, out unsigned long actual number) raises (...);
boolean not equal remove element set to next(in Iterator test) raises(...);
void replace element(in any element) raises(...);
boolean replace element set to next(in any element) raises(...);
boolean replace next n elements(
    in AnySequence elements, out unsigned long actual number) raises(...);
boolean not equal replace element set to next(in Iterator test, in any element) raises(...);
boolean add element set iterator(in any element) raises(...);
boolean add n elements set iterator(
    in AnySequence elements, out unsigned long actual number) raises(...);
void invalidate();
boolean is valid();
boolean is in between();
boolean is for(in Collection collector);
boolean is const();
boolean is equal(in Iterator test) raises(...);
Iterator clone();
void assign(in Iterator from where) raises(...);
void destroy();
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};
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interface BindingIterator
{
    boolean next_one(out Binding result);
    boolean next_n(in unsigned long how_many, out BindingList result);
    void destroy();
};
```

Public APIs, like diamonds, are forever.

Joshua Bloch "Bumper-Sticker API Design" http://www.infoq.com/articles/API-Design-Joshua-Bloch All architecture is design but not all design is architecture. Architecture represents the significant design decisions that shape a system, where significant is measured by cost of change.

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Learning

Satisfaction

Sufficiency

Sustainability

Sustainable development, which implies meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

> Brundtland Report of the World Commission on Environment and Development

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It is better to be roughly right than precisely wrong.

John Maynard Keynes













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Prediction is very difficult, especially about the future.

Niels Bohr







New Orleans, 1857



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Stewart Brand, How Buildings Learn See also http://www.laputan.org/mud/



Rate of change





Thomas Ball and Stephen G Eick "Software Visualization in the Large"



Scenario buffering by dot-voting possible changes and then readjusting dependencies



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If all you could <u>make was a long-term</u>

argument for testing, you could forget about it. Some people would do it out of a sense of duty or because someone was watching over their shoulder. As soon as the attention wavered or the pressure increased, no new tests would get written, the tests that were written wouldn't be run, and the whole thing would fall apart.

> Kent Beck Extreme Programming Explained

How much test coverage should your code have? 80%? 90%? If

you've been writing tests from the beginning of your project, you probably have a percentage that hovers around 90%, but what about the typical project? The project which was started years ago, and contains hundreds of thousands of lines of code? Or millions of lines of code? What can we expect from it?

One of the things that I know is that in these code bases, one could spend one's entire working life writing tests without doing anything else. There's simply that much untested code. [...]

Changes occur in clusters in applications. There's some code that you will simply never change and there's other areas of code which change quite often. The other day it occurred to me that we could use that fact to arrive at a better metric, one that is a bit less disheartening and also gives us a sense of our true progress.

Michael Feathers, "A Coverage Metric That Matters"

http://blog.objectmentor.com/articles/2010/05/28/a-coverage-metric-that-matters

All of this has happened before, and it will happen again.

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The real problem with modular parts is that we took a good idea — modularity — and mixed it up with reuse. Modularity is about separation: When we worry about a small set of related things, we locate them in the same place. This is how thousands of programmers can work on the same source code and make progress. We get in trouble when we try to use that small set of related things in lots of places without preparing or repairing them.

> Richard Gabriel "Mob Software: The Erotic Life of Code" http://www.dreamsongs.com/MobSoftware.html

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