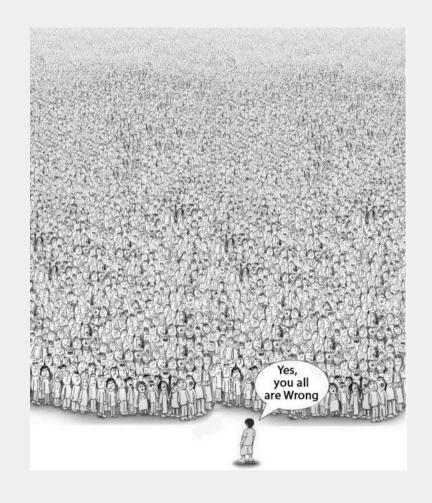
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It's a Mindset Problem



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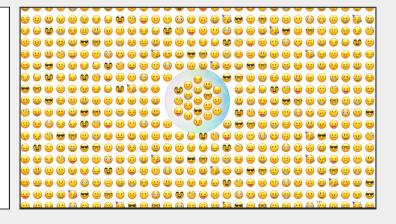
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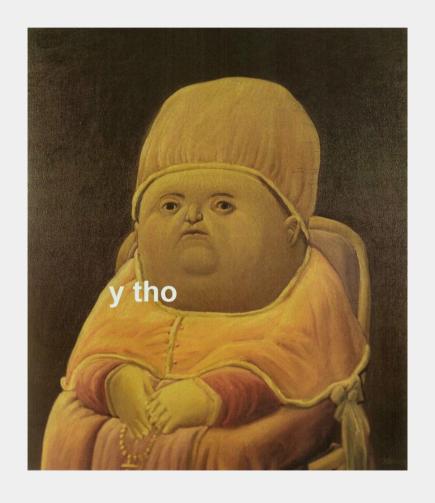


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Too many don't use the tools that should be an integral part of every C++ project







Some People don't know ...
..., but still speak up

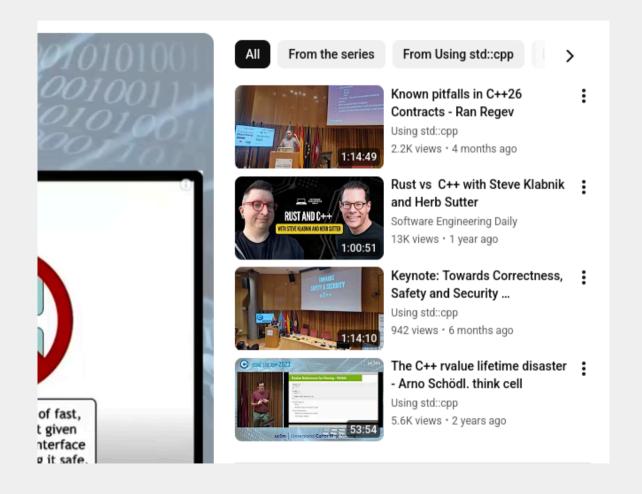


about the best practices and use the tools



Tell people to stand up, to clean up and to

become proud C++ developers that know



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One of human language

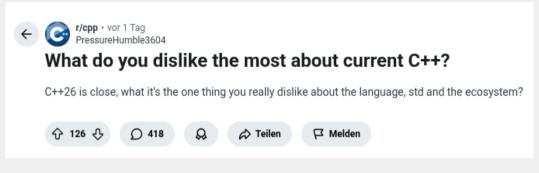
Stupid or Ignorant?

- Let's banish the word stupid
 - a lack of intelligence, understanding, reason, or wit, an inability to learn.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stupidity

- What about ignorant?
 - · a lack of knowledge or understanding

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Feelings

- Students and teachers get angry
 - Students are allowed to be angry
 - Challenged assumptions/world views is frustrating
 - Teachers are not allowed to be angry
 - If someone doesn't understand you, find a different way to explain
- Asking questions needs courage
 - Teachers should encourage
- Progress is often non-linear
 - "I could do this last week, what's wrong with me?"
 - "You could do this last week, what's wrong with you?"

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Beginner C++ programmers, when they learn a new language



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