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pres 0#Intro

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pres 1#Intro

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\* Big: 1.6TB lzma'd logfiles per day  
from all over the world!

\* Fast: Deadline is 50msec

\* 100% Uptime is normal for us.

Our logfiles are money!

(we do other things, like fighting bad guys committing ad fraud,  
and everyone in my office is enjoying a beer right now...

let me know if this is something you want to know more about)

\* I'm part of the reason ads play fine, but your Youtube stutters

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pres 2#Intro

How to program computers.

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pres 3#Intro

How to program computers.  
(no really)

\* Yes, I will be talking about kOS

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pres 4#Intro - code bloat

How to program computers.

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pres 5#Intro - code bloat
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How to program computers.

- \* Give it a meaningful definition

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pres 6#Intro - code bloat
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pres 7#Intro - code bloat

How to program computers.

- \* Give it a meaningful definition
- \* Don't be distracted by other, informal uses of "code bloat"
- \* Work the problem as it appears



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pres 8#Intro - kos

How to program computers.

kos is a small team (4 people)

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pres 9#Intro - kos

How to program computers.

kos is tiny

- \* k is arthur's language; something like scheme+apl
- \* kdb is a database faster than popular rdbms by a factor of 1000x
- \* z is a gui and window manager, icons, mouse and font
- \* kos kernel is modesetting, memory, vmm, isr, and filesystem

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How to program computers.

kos is tiny

- \* k is 300 lines of C across 5 files
- \* kdb adds only about 100 lines of C
- \* z adds another 60 lines of C
- \* kos kernel is 100 lines of C/assembly

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kos is how to program computers.
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for(i=0;i<1000000;++i);      i:1000000(1+)/1
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pres 12#Intro - kos

kos is how to program computers.

for(i=0;i<1000000;++i);	i:1000000(1+)/1
real 0m0.008s	real 0m0.191s
user 0m0.003s	user 0m0.185s
sys 0m0.002s	sys 0m0.003s

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pres 13#Intro - kdb

msec

k 1  
sql 6400  
sqlA 4200

kdb: select last bid by sym from quote where date=d,sym in S

sql:  
select sym,last(bid order by time) from quote  
where date=d and sym in (select sym from S) group by sym

sqlA:  
select sym,bid from  
(select sym,bid,row\_number()  
over(partition by sym order by time desc)  
as row from quote where date=d and sym in(select sym from S)  
) AS q where row=1

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pres 14#Intro - how

- \* Unnecessary code is a bug and we try to remove it.
- \* Slow programs are the programmers responsibility.
- \* Bugs are mistakes we programmers make;  
they are not inevitable or ok.
- \* The programmer is responsible that the program is used  
correctly.
- \* "O" complexity ignores that computers are made of hardware
  - \* Arrays might be  $O(1)$  when small but  $O(\log n)$  when bigger
  - \* B-trees are a terrible data structure for storing data
  - \* Hashtables aren't remotely close to  $O(1)$
- \* "Best practices" are a straw man that make having  
real discussions about making systems difficult.
  - \* That includes syntax highlighting
  - \* ... and object-oriented programming
  - \* ... and what is "clean code"?
  - \* ... and unit-tests
  - \* ... and debian packages
  - \* ... and puppet/chef/etc
- \* Programming correctly is hard!
- \* Can you write an algorithm shorter or faster than me?  
If so I'd like to talk to you: PUTITYYEUOP

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pres 0#What else
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What else?
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pres 1#Hello World?

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main(){puts("Hello World");} k:"Hello World"  
real 0m0.006s real 0m0.016s  
user 0m0.001s user 0m0.012s  
sys 0m0.002s sys 0m0.006s
```

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pres 2#What else

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pres 3#What else

What else?

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pres 4#Goodbye

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n:0;p:0:"p.md";co:{p::0:0'""}  
c::(&"#="*:'p),#p;a::*(1 0+c[n,n+1])_p;x::($n),p c n  
z::{1'((x**F),0;a[x])}'!#a;  
lx:{2'(0;W;7);n:|/0,&/(-2+#c),n+x}
```