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00:17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intro
01:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listener Feedback
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Chris <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Facebook group • Interest in deep, technical explanations • From Matt <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggested iconoclast to replace curmudgeon • Invited me to Penguicon, next year
08:37	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Word of the Week: yak shaving
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://catb.org/jargon/html/Y/yak-shaving.html
09"23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feature: yak shaving
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procrastination is one of the hacker's worst enemies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In addition to simple procrastination, several similar but productive activities • Makes it harder to know when what you are doing is productive • Yak shaving • I'm going to write a string parser for an existing project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My IO library is out of date • Update the library and realize it needs a newer compiler • After installing a new compiler, former warnings are now errors • Start fixing all the errors • None of this seems to have anything to do with a string parser • All of this has to be accomplished to add a string parser • Even though it is not procrastination, take care <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You can re-factor or re-write some code to work better • Do you really need to? • Probably not • Stick to the minimum needed to get back to the main task • Leave comments, TODOs, to return to • Code refinement deserves its own, separate focus • Axe sharpening • Fable of Abe and George <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.hacknot.info/hacknot/action/showEntry?eid=96 • George rushes head long in • Abe takes his time and prepares so that his actual effort is most efficiently sent • George may even think better of his work but wastes too much time rushing • A little bit easier than yak shaving

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- Many traditional activities, like the hacknot article mentions, are axe sharpening
- Agile's criticism has some validity, though
- How much is just enough?
- Coding is a form of discovery
- When you cannot answer any more questions through non-coding, start coding
- Stop when new questions arise and axe sharpen again
- Repeat until project is complete
- Not Invented here deserves a mention
 - Re-writing code you didn't write
 - Better to fix, improve documentation that re-write working code
 - Develop style callouses
 - If code is not to your style but is clear, works, leave it alone
 - Be skeptical of yourself, give others the benefit
- Be self conscious
 - Take time to think about what you are doing and why
 - Nothing wrong with talking a walk, zoning out to ruminate
 - Find others who talk about, examine practice
 - Better to know what you are doing than not and fall into a pit
 - No deadline justifies making a mistake because your rushed

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• Outro

- Contact me
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