

Re: Just say no to threads [Was: Software architecture]

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On Sun, 31 Oct 2004 20:56:10 -0800, Debbie Craft <d145@yahoo.com> wrote:

*>Perhaps because we are told that someone who had experience at an ebay would
>have a chance to leverage that experience but there is no place in the process
>that actually happens because every decision is local.*

Well, Debbie, I've read all your posts carefully before replying to any. This seems to be near the latest in time, so I'll start here.

If I haven't understood your position, please correct me. What I'm getting is that your big issue with XP is that you don't see how experienced is leveraged. For example, you're concerned because some XPer's say that they wouldn't start with setting up a database even if they knew there was going to be a database in the app.

And I'm getting that you don't see how a focus on local decisions could result in applying one's broader experience.

Again, if these aren't quite right, please correct me, and read what follows as answering not quite the right questions. Thanks.

First, a short resume. I've been doing software development since 1961, and my teams and I have written language compilers, operating systems, relational database systems, and a host of applications. I have Master's degrees in math and computer science. I've been in the XP movement since its very beginning, and have trained and coached many teams in how to do it, often with great success. I mention this all just so you'll know that I'm not some kid, that I have some experience with what I'm talking about, and that I have at least a basic education in what software development is all about. I apologize if all that sounds pompous or something, I just wanted to leave you with a picture of where I'm coming from.

Now then. Let's imagine that we two database-experienced programmers are setting out to build some app that we know is going to have a

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database in it. To pick an example that I have been chatting with a fellow about recently, let's say that we have a company that has a large number of samples of some kind of material. Scientists come to our company with specs for the materials they want to look at, and we give them samples of our samples, according to what they want. We charge them various amounts, depending on what the samples are, how rare they are, and so on.

Our mission is to compute an inventory value for our samples. We'll imagine that they aren't,