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A few years ago, a colleague and good friend of mine described me as a "magic bullet" programmer, in that I tend to spend insane amounts of time trying to find the "right" language/IDE/platform for any given project, instead of *just picking something and getting to work*.

I just stumbled across this article, and I think it effectively describes this problem of over-engineering and the solution:

[The Duct Tape Programmer](#)

The takeaway? Don't succumb to the peer-pressure of new/shiny/complex.

The programmer in question, Jamie Zawinski, worked for Netscape in a past life. He is also one of many tech types profiled in [Code Rush](#), an interesting documentary detailing the effort to release the source code for the Netscape web browser. This code would eventually become [Firefox](#).

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