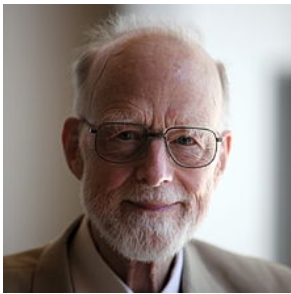# Charles Antony Richard (Tony) Hoare

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QUOTATIONS

"In the interest of increased quality of software products, we may be well advised to get rid of many facilities of modern, baroque programming languages that are widely advertised in the name of "user orientation," "scientific sophistication," and "progress." (Hoare 1975)

"I don't know what the programming language of the year 2000 will look like, but I know it will be called Fortran."

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