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So I am sitting at SIGCSE in 1995, twenty years ago today and there's a panel on the new AP, the changes to the AP. So they just announced that they were going to move from Pascal, which had been around for a while, to C++. Let's just say that it was not a very popular decision and the folks up at the table there were just getting pounded. Person after person, many of whom were very known people in the community were up there. I'm, sitting in the back and next to me is Gail Chapman with an ETS badge on and I'm going, "Oh, Gail, it's not going too well is it?" And she goes, "No, not really." I said, "Well, I guess you already did it, but if you need some C++ expertise, I just wrote a book on it and be happy to help." I didn't think anything would come of it and then a few months later, I get an email – they want me to be on the committee. Well, to me this was a great thing, it was a great opportunity. To this day, I wouldn't say till this day, but for many years when I was on the AP committee, or the development advisory committee or whatever, I would meet random people at events or whatever, just regular lay people, not computer science people, just regular neighbors and stuff like that. They would say, "Oh, Mark works on the AP exam! He's the one who writes it. He must be like the smartest person in the world." Little did they know.