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Thread: [Difference between programming and coding](#)

Smexy - January 28, 2014, 1:16 pm

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LMFAO - January 28, 2014, 1:18 pm

(Jan 28, 2014 02:16 PM)Smexy. Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) What difference is there actually?

This is not a troll thread, i'm actually wondering. Someone please correct me if I'm wrong:

-I've always thought that coding is a blanket statement; covering every type of language (HTML/CSS, Java, PHP, Python, etc).

-Programming, I've understood to apply only to languages that are making programs, (excludes HTML/CSS).

IIBAN - January 28, 2014, 1:19 pm

"Context defines meaning.

As mentioned already:

1. In general usage: the word coding means the entering or the putting of information into a system, almost always synonymous with either ciphering (like into a code, or the older word for reading and writing) - remember that decoding is the same as to decipher meaning from a less natural form, or entering information (just like typing / data entry). The word program (noun) means either a chronology of what is to occur (like a play's program or a print out of a computer program), or (verb) the act of issuing instructions that **MUST** be carried out (such as programming your VCR, or programming a brainwashed assassin to kill a target).

2. In the computer world in normal usage, they are perfect synonyms.

3. In the computer world some groups in some context choose to distinguish the words differently. Some consider coding to have connotations that imply a lighter, less planned nature, more like a hobbyist would do - as directly opposed to the types of programming you would be doing if you were doing software engineering. In this context, the word programming would cover both of these acts and everything in between.

4. In another usage, people use the word coding in a derogatory manner, as in "he's just a simple coder" (implying they cannot design their own systems, but are more of a junior programmer).

Every group has their subgroups who use their own slang."

Source: <http://www.gamedev.net/topic/392174-difference-between-programming-and-coding/>

BlueFreakLP - January 28, 2014, 1:23 pm

I dont know what others understand, but for me its the same.

Pa??ter of bl??d?fa?th - January 28, 2014, 1:24 pm

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Htem - January 28, 2014, 1:26 pm

There's no difference, the difference is what you make of it.

Debroski - January 28, 2014, 2:14 pm

(Jan 28, 2014 02:24 PM)Macronus Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) If you were to look at levels it would go like this. Programmer makes a programming language on which you code, in a really short terms.

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wait how does that even make sense?

OP, there is no difference, they mean the same thing.

~Dec - January 28, 2014, 4:24 pm

OP there were already 2 threads regarding this subject - please use the search feature next time!
My answer is in this one, and it was good enough that people agreed with it:

<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=3922142&pid=36903477#pid36903477>

webdev77 - January 28, 2014, 4:31 pm

I consider programmers to be those who can be told what the problem is and will come back at the end of the day with a progress report saying what has been accomplished and how much more time it will take until there is a fully functional software ready for deployment.

I would consider a coder to be someone who is told what to make and just writes code to achieve exactly what is specified. I don't consider coders to be problem solvers.

ilikepenguins - January 29, 2014, 9:12 pm

Programmers = those that get paid for what they write

Coders = those in their basement not getting paid

Qmz_ - January 29, 2014, 10:18 pm

To my knowledge they're just synonyms..

IRP_MJ_SCSI - January 30, 2014, 6:48 am

Most people tend to see programming as writing programs and coding as anything that involves code (programming, scripting).

iVision - January 30, 2014, 11:53 am

People who make a difference, get a dictionary? It are just synonyms.. Although I agree that to program/develop sounds more formal then to code but the words are just the same;)

Edit: qmz already said it are synonyms, didn't see that post, sorry

