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Thread: [i-am-a-skid - The Interactive Search Helper for n00bs](#)

SIM-1725686 - November 9, 2015, 7:56 pm

Some people on this forum woke up on the wrong side of the bed, so I should mention this script isn't really anything serious. It's not a big deal if I show people another way to search for help.

Full blog post: <http://blog.thosakwe.com/2015/i-am-a-skid/>

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i-am-a-skid

The purpose of this script is simple: To eliminate skids everywhere!! All jokes aside, i-am-a-skid is a little thing that helps you shape your Google searches so that you can reach the information you need without posting a redundant question and getting roasted on the Internet. That's all.

Installation

You'll need to have Node.js to install this. If you don't know what it is, it's basically a cool thing that runs Javascript in your command prompt/terminal. Head to <https://nodejs.org> and download it. Afterwards, you'll be able to install with the following command:

Code `npm install -g i-am-a-skid`

Usage

Simply run i-am-a-skid. You can use the --language switch to specify a language beforehand.

WojeT - November 10, 2015, 5:47 am

Use command line switches.

SIM-1725686 - November 10, 2015, 6:36 am

(Nov 10, 2015 06:47 AM)WojeT Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Use command line switches.

Is this directed to me, or to users of the script?

WojeT - November 10, 2015, 7:43 am

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SIM-1725686 - November 10, 2015, 8:10 am

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Oh yeah, nice idea. Thanks for the suggestion, I'll update it when I get home.

Remix - November 10, 2015, 8:18 am

Why are you writing client software with server languages?

SIM-1725686 - November 10, 2015, 8:23 am

(Nov 10, 2015 09:18 AM)Remix Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Why are you writing client software with server languages?

Because Node.js is cross-platform. That's my only reason. Plus, Javascript is fast to write. If I have the choice between C# and JS and I don't have to sacrifice anything at the end result, I'm going with the easier language.

In short, it was just personal preference.

Remix - November 10, 2015, 8:28 am

C and C++ or many other clientside languages are cross-platform too.

Languages like Python are easy clientside languages.

Just saying

SavageBoys - November 10, 2015, 9:11 am

(Nov 10, 2015 09:23 AM)regiostech Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Because Node.js is cross-platform. That's my only reason. Plus, Javascript is fast to write. If I have the choice between C# and JS and I don't have to sacrifice anything at the end result, I'm going with the easier language.

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Have you looked at Dart?

Behaves a lot like Python but all JS knowledge crosses over.

+Haze - November 10, 2015, 12:01 pm

No offence dude but this isn't that much of a good idea. Why is everything revolving around C#? Also, I'd have to install NodeJS before I can use your tool? What if I don't want to?

Also, why is this a Console based application? Those that are non programmers are non technical so a Console based application is beyond a terrible idea. A better approach would be to make this into a responsive website. But then again there really isn't any need for this type of thing anyway.

SIM-1725686 - November 10, 2015, 12:38 pm

Guess this tool wasn't as good an idea as I thought, haha. Nobody really likes it.

Don't worry though, guys. The stuff I put out in the future will be better.

sonnyschool - November 11, 2015, 11:11 am

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SIM-1725686 - November 11, 2015, 5:14 pm

(Nov 11, 2015 12:11 PM)sonnyschool Wrote: [CITE](#) It is a good idea, but google still exists :P
Indeed it does, haha.