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Thread: [Which programming language for making internet forum/blog?](#)

fogstone - January 27, 2017, 6:26 pm

So I recently came very close to completing the front page of my autism club web site that I've been working on for like two days. I want to have a separate forum as part of the website, as well as a blog as part of it too. Me and a buddy decided to start the club and I felt like I could add in a private online community for now. I kind of have one page of the web site up as of last night.

I asked a friend and Googled a couple of things. I wanted to have a website where we also store presentation slides, forums, and a blog, all of which members of the club have access to. I want club members to be given an account on our website.

On the forums, people can anonymously discuss private information. I'm hoping to only give access to the forum for club members. I send invite codes to the different members of the club. Non-members would be able to see the rest of the site besides the forums, including the blogs.

What I have so far again, is just one page. It is written in HTML/CSS, but I'm thinking of adding in JavaScript into the site as well. I'm thinking though that I need more languages to make my sight what I want it to be.

I used to do Python, and I got a B+ both semesters of Java. Are those good languages to develop a website in? What would you recommend to do what I'm trying to do. I know it would probably be wise to include PHP and MySQL.

I have the code posted in a recent thread so far, but when I have the whole thing done I'll show you it uploaded to some sort of upload site. If you want to see the updated code, let me know.

I've only been working on this club with a couple of days with some friends. But I'm the only one who knows anything about web development, so I'm the only one writing the web site.

Annabelle Lee - January 27, 2017, 6:31 pm

Backend: Php/SQL, maybe NodeJs or something? Doubtful tho. Most forum software is php/SQL.

Frontend: HTML, CSS, Javascript, Php (I'm not sure if this counts as front end.)

Exemplification - January 27, 2017, 8:24 pm

You can do it in Javascript, Java, Python, or PHP.

Respective possible solutions for each include Node.JS, JSP, Django, A 12 week treatment program in a mental health ward.

fogstone - January 27, 2017, 9:55 pm

What are the benefits to doing it in one languages vs another?

That said, I think I'm going to do it in Java or Python because I know I got a B+ in two semesters of Java and the class I'm taking now also includes python as well as some other languages but I used to know some Python as a kid. May have forgotten it now but I still think it will be useful to do either. My class I'm taking should involve some PHP too, but I have more experience in the two prior, or at

least they are familiar.

Exemplification - January 27, 2017, 10:01 pm

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fogstone - January 28, 2017, 12:11 am

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fogstone - January 31, 2017, 1:39 pm

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Ok, so I'll just use JS like you said. Gotta finish the web site's CSS and HTML first. Maybe I'll split up what's on the home page and then instead just add JS to the site so it has animated features. Thanks for the advice. I will want to continue my skills but maybe when I'm done making the site I'll get back to networking for now.

Member Details - February 12, 2017, 6:44 am

Use PHP and MySQL. CSS in case you want a nice theme. ?