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Thread: Organizing notes

VCPU - *September 8, 2017, 12:57 pm*

Hello HF, I am in the process of learning a language and I am currently taking notes. I have a few questions about notes organization though. Currently, I am using notepad++ for notes.

Paper, Plastic or Pixels (Please place your answer in the comment area): Would you recommend writing notes on paper or in a text document? I feel as though this is more personal preference than anything, but I thought I'd add it, you might have some insight I don't. I prefer np++ because I can easily c+p examples and my writing is baaaaaaaaaaaad (Are the extra a's necessary? Yes xD)

Mixing code with notes: I feel as though I will be confused when going over my notes thinking a note is a part of the function. Currently, I am using -'s as a separator but it feels wrong.

Color coding: Currently using a dark grey background with white font. If you have a preference I'll give your's a try!

If you could give me an example of your strategy or any recommendations I would appreciate it greatly!Anything from separator recommendations, specific color coding, etc. to absorb info more effectively will help a great deal.

tl;dr I am taking notes to better my understanding of the material I am learning and need help organizing it. Please give me your recommendations.

Any answer helps. Thanks in advance! ?

terribleopsecisterrible - *September 8, 2017, 3:00 pm*

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Basicslly this.

When I first started learning I took notes, but they didn't really help me except for when I was learning boolean logic.

Most programmers I know just google whenever they forget a keyword, and that happens a lot

Uiqueblhats - *September 8, 2017, 3:24 pm*

Notes just wont help just understand a little basics and do practicals of it and just picup any project you can think of and try to make it you will learn a tons of shit

VCPU - *September 8, 2017, 3:53 pm*

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Thanks, guys I appreciate it! You put me on a better track already! I was noting everything and I think it did more harm than good because it made me less focused on the task at hand. I think I'm gonna first try making a basic calculator that supports basic arithmetic not stuff like square roots obviously lol, and move on from there. From now on I will only write notes for hard concepts I can't understand.

ps Terrible you are 100% right. I took 4 years of German and it was 90% heavy note taking. Very little actual application of the language. It goes to show too, I barely recall shit. 4 years should be enough to hold a conversation, but when I went to Germany with my class we confused the fuck out of everyone we talked to. I can't imagine how much less I would know if I used Rosetta Stone xD