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Thread: [Am I Smart If I Am A Programmer?](#)

JustDevyThing - January 19, 2020, 3:52 am

When I was younger, people referred to programmers as to some smart god-like entities, that are not only smart but also earning good money as well.

Although I am not working as a programmer, (i dont have a job, with some work on portfolio I could get a job i guess), I code in my free time and I know about 7 programming languages (and many other technologies) if not more. Am I smart then? I dont feel smart honestly. What makes you feel smart is if you can get money easily.

Unfortunately I do not have money... Nor I can get it easily... Only choice for me left is to join the workforce like every other guy in the world...

So does it mean im not smart?

Bossk - January 19, 2020, 4:13 am

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JustDevyThing - January 19, 2020, 4:15 am

(Jan 19, 2020 05:13 AM)Bossk Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I believe programmers used to be very smart and intelligent people.

used to? you mean they're stupid now? ? ? ?

bevc - January 19, 2020, 4:22 am

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LoremIpsum - January 19, 2020, 4:25 am

(Jan 19, 2020 05:22 AM)bevc Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I'm a programmer, and I'm a fucking idiot. So no, not necessarily.

Programming is nothing more than learning the language of the "computers".

You don't have to be very intelligent to do so, but you must be able to recognise a lot of codes as well as being intelligent enough to remember the right order of the codes. OP wouldn't be smart even if he was a programmer.

DrDoof - January 19, 2020, 4:30 am

What does smart mean to you?

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Don't think about it too much, just keep on learning- ask when you wonder and take a break and come back when you get stuck. Do your best and don't let others' knowing more scare you- because it doesn't matter who is the best.

V?rt - January 19, 2020, 5:50 am

I would say it depends. I mean, if you're just copy and pasting code or looking up how to do things repeatedly. I would say no, but if you can look at code and know what's wrong, yes.

Linux X - January 19, 2020, 5:54 am

(Jan 19, 2020 05:13 AM)Bossk Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I believe programmers used to be very smart and intelligent people.

Ye, I believe the same. Not everyone can be a programmer.

certifa - January 19, 2020, 5:59 am

I mean, if you're good in programming then yes. But it isn't like that you can program you are smart in everything. I can work in linux but I'm dumb as hell for some basic crack tools.

Zero - January 19, 2020, 6:38 am

Knowing a code language doesn't mean you are smart.

It's whether you know how to use it to make smart thing or not.

MavenGradle - January 19, 2020, 12:50 pm

Let's figure your question out by looking at the definition of the words smart and intelligent, shall we?

Smart:

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Intelligent:

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Following one of the given definitions: being a programmer doesn't mean you dress well, at all. I've met programmers that wear the same old clothes every single day.

But no, to answer your question, most programmers I come in contact with are completely lost in what they're doing. Sometimes, not having the slightest clue how things work or why/how the code they wrote works. It's not because you know how to talk to a computer, so to say, that you're efficient at it. Nor does it imply that you have any advantage over others in any other scenario.

E.g. A programmer, by trait and education, will not be able to build a skyscraper or even model one without the proper guidance, tool set and education.

EnG1ne - January 19, 2020, 12:53 pm

this is a troll post isnt it?

Katyuska - January 19, 2020, 1:30 pm

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This is very good advice and way to look at it. I couldn't agree more,