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Thread: [Is nobody passionate about cs anymore?](#)

junooo - January 21, 2026, 12:44 pm

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It's great to hear that you have found yourself in technology. Why are there not more like you?

Also I can handle the spectrum. I can see the difference between autism and just social ineptitude.

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I get that. I'm not saying I'm perfect, but I am on the spectrum and my autism radar has never failed me. I know some people are just not good socially, but autism things you just pick up on. I also know a lot of people with autism that are great socially. I genuinely just want a man that is passionate about cyber, who is confident and who can just have a conversation with me and look me in my eyes lol. I guess I'm just venting xD

Terry A. Davis - January 21, 2026, 1:22 pm

You probably are.

It's like tech attracts femboys, you're going to notice it also attracts tism.

It sounds like you're doing steps to find what you want, so hopefully those steps get you to your goal. Just remember, the big tiddy goth gf doesn't fall on your lap being a keyboard warrior at home. You need to be worthy of it.

CL1B - January 22, 2026, 12:44 pm

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I hear you.

Hackers - January 22, 2026, 1:24 pm

They still exist, but not sure about the younger kids. I've heard from many teachers and others that the younger generation is not as socially capable, and also borderline tech illiterate.

Gen Z is comparable to Boomers for tech / computer literacy, statistically.

I always played sports and then nerded out at night too. In later life, I threw a lot of big parties but also freelanced and then started a tech company. We do exist! But yeah... there are stereotypes you will see in IT in general.

Dystortion - January 27, 2026, 2:45 pm

The passion is near lost because it's so difficult to get into the industry that you must be so insanely driven to even get close these days. that's if you ain't going through a serious amount of degrees

and stuff that don't guarantee a position anywhere. Yet it's apparently in such high demand.

FrostMost - January 29, 2026, 8:13 am

As a new gen I completely agree with you on this one. I have some acquaintances who are going to the CS major just because of pay and career opportunities while not even knowing what the for loop is. It has become so depressing really. Though things are even worse when u consider that this thing doesnt happen only in software engineering but also in cyber security. I have heard that "cyber punks" till 2020s were just learning and improving simply cuz of the "lolz" and it was just for shits and giggles but now they are chasing 6 figures.

Its good to see that there are still guys preserving the same old mindset tho man highly appreciate ur post

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crOmalware - January 29, 2026, 8:26 am

estoy de acuerdo con que esta generación en su gran mayoría, no es tan extrovertida como antes, siento que es, pq no tienen ya la necesidad ni el placer de socializar ya que todo lo hacen a travez de la tecnologia, se que sueno como abuela, pero es una realidad

DNA - January 29, 2026, 9:21 am

I've been programming for two and a half decades now, the passion has faded, mainly because operating your own business takes that desire and runs it into the ground, it becomes a chore not a task you do for fun.

Today is the first time in 10 years that I have to return to paid work.

In this industry, only hype is appreciated, actual skill is often ignored.

If you work in I.T., you should be working under someone who can afford it, not attempting to run your own business, especially with grandiose expectations.

I hope someone reads what I am saying and thinks twice if they intend to make the same mistake that I did.

I have been humbled by the system.