The article “Learn foreign language” is about importance of communications for programmers and different sides of that.

In author opinion, there are at less three sides of communication in our professional life. First of all, programmer must communicate with a computer to explain it his ideas. And turn them into reality. Good programmer need to be fluent in the machine language and to abstract from usual vision for expressing his minds in machine-readable way.

However, programmers need to communicate not only with machine. Somebody should put the task. It is important to understand what peers want, but they can speak on foreign language, use some special terms and jargon. And our duty is understand them, because we are responsible for bringing their ideas to life via computer.

Mr. Robert C Martin said that professionals are team players. Mr. Klaus Marquardt doesn’t contradict him. A lot of people are working on the same project, and more use the result. Therefore, we need to understand them. Author says: “While you might think a conversation with them went well, they probably didn’t”. In my opinion, this means that we can easily miss some specific nuances if we don’t understand them on 100%.

That was the three sides, the three “languages”, in our professional communication. But life is more than software projects. And if we know language of some country or just a group of people, we can understand not only what they speak about, but also their culture, their thoughts, their souls.

People are social creatures and communication is an important part of our life. We created many languages and specific jargons, but if we want to communicate with somebody, if we want to know something important or just interesting, knowing of foreign languages will help us with this. It can help us to open our mind.