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Introduction Post

I am 46 years old. Close to 30 years ago, I sat down at an old Apple IIe computer and was introduced to AppleBasic, my first programming language. Since then, I have been hooked, and proceeded to teach myself. Most of my experience in programming comes from one of the subsets of the BASIC programming language. It is my understanding that Python is, in many ways, the spiritual successor to BASIC, which is how I first got interested in the language.

I have found that the best way for me to learn a programming language is to learn the basic syntax and then force myself to solve problems with that language. Like most people, I learn best by doing.

In addition to COP2373, I am also taking COP2250, Java Programming I. It is my hope that I can use the skills that I learn in this class to help me rapidly develop solutions. In contrast, I am hoping the Java course can help me understand lower level languages such as C++ better. By taking both classes, my intention is to fill in gaps in my programming skillset. I intend to continue to regularly use programming, both personally and professionally.

I have had a passion for computers for my whole life and revel in learning more about how they work and how I can help others using them. I also love math, science, learning, teaching, and psychology.