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🎂 Member for 16 years, 4 months    🕐 Last seen this week

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## Stats

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| **369,167** | **29.3m** | **3,986** | **2** |
| reputation | reached | answers | questions |

## About

Not a software developer in the sense that I write software as part of my job or otherwise get paid to do so. Also, not a developer in the sense that I write software for others.

I write software for myself, often for no other reason than that I want to. (What I call recreational programming.)

My current go-to language is Ruby, but I'm interested in all sorts of other languages as well: Newspeak, Seph, Ioke, Self, Io, Slate, Reia, Cobra, Fortress, Sapphire, Haskell, Scala, Clojure, Racket, Go, Fancy, Poison, and many more.

Most of the code I write currently is actually [ECMAScript](#) and [TypeScript](#), although those are not languages I would have chosen myself.

## Badges

**79**
gold badges

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| ● scala | Mar 29, 2017 |
| ● ruby | Jul 7, 2010 |
| ● ruby-on-rails | Jul 20, 2015 |

**453**
silver badges

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| ● metaprogramming | Apr 21, 2016 |
| ● rubygems | Jul 20, 2022 |
| ● oop | Aug 22, 2020 |

**661**
bronze badges

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|---|---|
| ● monkeypatching | May 12, 2021 |
| ● instance-variables | Apr 1, 2022 |
| ● jruby | Jun 7, 2012 |

## Top tags

| ruby ● | 19,239 score | 2,573 posts | 65 posts % |
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| scala ● | 2,110 score | 426 posts | 11 posts % |
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| python ● | 1,941 score | 115 posts | 3 posts % |
| ruby-on-rails ● | 1,830 score | 353 posts | 9 posts % |
| javascript ● | 1,610 score | 139 posts | 3 posts % |
| java ● | 1,249 score | 168 posts | 4 posts % |

# Top posts

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| All | Questions | Answers | Articles | | Score | Newest |

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| A | 1343 | Begin, Rescue and Ensure in Ruby? | Feb 3, 2010 |
| A | 1272 | When monkey patching an instance method, can you call the overridden method from the new implementation? | Dec 17, 2010 |
| A | 780 | How do I clone a subdirectory only of a Git repository? | Mar 1, 2009 |
| A | 730 | How to convert a normal Git repository to a bare one? | Feb 4, 2010 |

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| A | 620 | Does ruby have real multithreading? | Sep 11, 2008 |
| A | 545 | What is the difference between task and thread? | Nov 9, 2010 |
| A | 517 | What blocks Ruby, Python to get Javascript V8 speed? | Mar 2, 2011 |
| A | 494 | Framework vs. Toolkit vs. Library | Jun 16, 2010 |
| A | 482 | Why are scripting languages (e.g. Perl, Python, and Ruby) not suitable as shell languages? | Sep 4, 2010 |
| A | 391 | View differences of branches with meld? | Jan 5, 2010 |

## Top Meta posts                          Q 4   A 22

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| | 106 | How can we stop failing the users who we actually want to join, and remain as, members of our community? |
| | 54 | What should you do when you realize you have answered a duplicate question? |
| | 43 | Why was this spam flag declined, yet the question marked as spam? |

|   | 37 | [Is it acceptable to split a question into two different questions?](#) |
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|   | 30 | [Which flag should be used on a topic which talks about programming but is not a question?](#) |

## Top network posts

|   | 255 | [Why is a while(true) loop in a constructor actually bad?](#) |
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|   | 249 | [Understanding the differences: traditional interpreter, JIT compiler, JIT interpreter and AOT compiler](#) |
|   | 215 | [Do we really need OO languages to manage software complexity?](#) |
|   | 166 | [How does Firefox know my ISP login page?](#) |
|   | 158 | [Why do languages require parenthesis around expressions when used with "if" and "while"?](#) |

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## Communities

| Stack Overflow | 369.2k |
| Software Engineering | 104.1k |
| Space Exploration | 20.7k |
| Computer Science | 6.3k |
| Aviation | 6.2k |