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Instruction Programs

PROGRAM FOR A NOVICE

Search stackoverflow.
Copy the first code segment you see.
If there is an error, search for the
error on stackoverflow.
Repeat the process endlessly.

2021 Spring

REFERENTIAL PROGRAM

Document specific function call behavior
by referring to man page line numbers.
Do this with your terminal set to 54
characters wide.

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BRAIN PIECE

Use your brain to program.
Keep programming until you sleep. (a)
Keep programming until you die. (b)

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DEFIANT PROGRAM

Create a program that erases any files
that contain its source code.
License the program under the GPL.

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PROGRAM THAT RUNS ON ONE COMPUTER

Develop a kernel module which corrupts
certain system calls.
Write a program that depends on this
behavior.

Require others to run the program;
do not provide them with the kernel
module.

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PROGRAM FOR MEDIATION OF REALITY

Cut a hole in your monitor so you can see
the world through it.
Decorate it to look like a video
conferencing window.
Try to move it out of the way so you can
finish your program.

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PROGRAM FOR PHD

Discover an interesting fact.
Create a program that proves the
interesting fact.
Repeat several times.
Defend your thesis.

2010 Fall

REVISED PROGRAM

Begin a program, but have a better idea
before it is finished.
Continue this process indefinitely.
Always believe that the current idea is
the final idea.

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