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"Ode to 'Real' Programmers" Real programmers don't do documentation. Users should consider themselves lucky to get any programs at all, and take what they get. Real programmers don't comment their code. If it was hard to write, it should be hard to understand. Real programmers don't need comments — the code is obvious. Real programmers don't eat quiche. They eat twinkies, M & M's, Snickers, Ring—Dings, and other healthful food. Real programmers don't play tennis, or any other sport which requires you to change clothes. Mountain climbing is OK, and real programmers wear their hiking boots to work in case a mountain should suddenly spring up in the middle of the room. Real programmers don't wear neckties Real programmer's programs never work the first time. But if you throw them on the computer, they can be patched in only a few 30 hour debugging sessions. Real programmers never work 9 to 5. If they are around at 9 A.M., its because they were up all night. Real programmers don't write in Pascal, ADA, Bliss, or any of those silly 'strongly typed' languages. Strong typing is for people with weak memories. Real programmers arrive at work in time for lunch.