

## Re: What are the benefits?

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Richard Seguin wrote:

> *I know a couple programming langages that are...well basically scripting*  
> *tck/tk, python ... etc etc... I want to dive into the C++ world but I*  
> *can't figure out what kind of purpose it would serve. The book that I*  
> *bought just seems to play around with variables and classes and tells*  
> *you the do's and don'ts... I really haven't saw an end result. They*  
> *claim that you can link to a gui but the code looks so cryptic that I*  
> *wonder if it is even worth my time...*  
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> *Any comments?*

I think the best thing I've ever read, that dealt with this sort of topic is at <http://www.norvig.com/21-days.html>

I just liked the whole idea, and have sort of set it as a personal goal/guide.

It all comes back to use the tool that best works for the job you plan to do. No matter what your profession, programmer, electrician, mechanic, etc etc you are always better off using the tool designed for the job you are doing, rather than one that "can do it if you...".

Personally, I'm a Millwrite that occasionally needs to make a small app or minor change in VBA as part of my job. I happen to really enjoy the whole problem solving thing that comes with making those apps and changes, so have started learning as much as I can, one language at a time.

Not sure if that gives you any benefits or not. Hope it does.

Mike