

Re: help

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"osmium" <r124c4u102@xxxxxxxxxxxx> writes:

"Keith Thompson" writes:

And using a busy loop on a shared or multi-processing system, which someone just learning C is almost certainly using, is antisocial behavior.

My God man, how old are you? The use of main frames in schools went out with high button shoes. Or at least the 8-track player.

I didn't mention mainframes.

Even on a single-user system (say, a PC running Windows or Linux), a busy loop will consume CPU resources that could otherwise be used by other processes.

Other than in some embedded systems where the CPU is running one and only one program, using a busy loop to wait for a specified period of time is, as far as I can tell, **never** a good idea.

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"We must do something. This is something. Therefore, we must do this."

— Antony Jay and Jonathan Lynn, "Yes Minister"

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