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"Wayne Niddery [TeamB]" wrote

I'm just trying to take one step back – what caused the college to select that brand in the first place. There can be multiple answers to that but

No buts—there are multiple answers (overdetermination).

A factor I haven't seen raised, for example, is 'sexiness.' Academicians are fashion followers as much as anyone else. One could explain the rise of Pascal as a teaching language by its tie to structured programming—the 'big answer' of the time. Java similarly was 'designed for OO'—the next big theoretical wave.

At the most prestigious schools, teaching the latest and greatest is much more likely to be seen as important than being a trade school catering to what businesses think is useful.

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