

Re: Reading Source Code

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"deech_99" <deech_99@yahoo.com> writes:

> *On a broader scope I would like to know why the practice of reading*
> *real-world code is not more widespread. In all other crafts the formative*
> *years of the student are spent learning what has already been done— a jazz*
> *musician, for example, studies others solos, and a writer is constantly*
> *reading. Why is it that programmers do not study other's source code as*
> *diligently?*

Perhaps because programmers are more likely to be sued for
copyright infringement than writers or jazz musicians.

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"While the Melissa license is a bit unclear, Melissa aggressively
encourages free distribution of its source code."

--Kevin Dalley <kevin@seti.org>