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- *From:* sheldonlg <sheldonlg>
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Paul Lautman wrote:

lenbell wrote:

Or perhaps I should say Ladies and Gentlemen

I am grateful for the help you have given me today and yesterday, but I have always been told that the only stupid question is the one you don't ask.

Please indulge me for a minute and continue reading.

I started writing Assembler on punch cards in 1964 to mainframes, then FORTRAN on punch cards to main frames, next circa 1980 I started programming on my Sinclair ZX80 in BASIC and machine code. Circa 1984 I started programming on my first IBM PC BASIC

As time went on Pascal, dBase, FoxPro, (yes they both had languages as well as database) clipper (the version was called summer of 86) and then when Windows and the internet came around Delphi.

I have made a living as a contract programmer for the last 22 years.

I taught myself every language I know I had to because I'm dyslexic and can not learn like "Normal Folks"

While I was using Clipper I used to help out on lots of newsgroups and I never told anyone.

"Your questions fall into the DUH!!! category."

"Your question(s) are pretty much an FAQ in the WYSIFA Forums."

"Before I tried to program anything in php, I read the manual."

"I know you are just learning and starting out, but this was rather basic." "What a cleverly selected Subject:!"

My questions are probably stupid – at least to all you "Experts"
But you know what? Real quick this all will click in my dyslexic little mind and then we'll see who's the export

Len Bell

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IT's not that your questions are stupid, it's that you obviously haven't even bothered looking at the manual to discover the very basics.

If you really did teach yourself all those languages, then you should be at least starting with this one by making an effort to discover the very basic steps, before asking for help.

To lenbell:

Two of those comments were mine. I, too, have taught myself every language I know and I, too, first started (with Fortran) in 1964. I, too, have made my living for the past 26 years as a programmer. However, there the similarity ends.

I have, at times, asked a question and gotten back the equivalent of the RTFM. You know what? They were right!!!! They were absolutely correct. I should have done a little more homework FIRST before asking those questions. I try to do that now every time every time I post a question (although I still fail sometimes). The people who help here are PROFESSIONALS and they are taking time away from their busy schedules earning money in order to generously help others who are professionals or trying to achieve that status.

As Paul has stated, it is obvious that you didn't do any homework — meaning learning the basics. Now, if you had said something on the order of "I am trying to teach myself PHP and I am confused on thisblah..... I looked on google doing a search with "foo bar", but didn't find anything and I looked on www.php.net and must not be searching it right. Can someone point me in the right direction?", then, I think, the attitude of the people here — who have been VBRY helpful to me in the past — would have been different. Rather, you came across as someone who just didn't bother to even try to learn the basics.

I don't know if it was your post or someone else's. The post I am thinking of was where the OP asked what are those tags (<? and ?>). I laughed (and then gave what I thought was a helpful answer). My daughter, who is a web designer but knows essentially NO php (she knows how to include a file) is visiting and I showed her that post. She rolled on the floor laughing. As I said, I don't know whose post it was. (At least in that one the poster had TRIED to google for the answer).

So, either do some homework first, develop a thicker skin or find another pursuit.

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