

The Programmer's Caste

The C Programmer

- God consults with the C programmer on every major issue.
- The C programmer can walk on water.
- He programs on a P90 with 8 Meg RAM w/ Mach32.
- He can program a graphical spreadsheet in about 2 days.
- The C programmer tends to put "()" after every major verb when they talk or write: "are you going() to see() NIN tomorrow? I'll try() to get() tickets!"

The Visual Basic Programmer

- The Visual Basic programmer does lunch with God every day.
- He is an olympic class swimmer.
- He programs on a 486dx/2 66 with 8 Meg RAM w/ SVGA and can program a good text based spread sheet in a little over a week.

The PowerBasic Programmer

- The PowerBasic programmer is God's secretary.
- She is a great swimmer.
- She programs on a Pentium 4 with 7 Megs of RAM.
- She can do a good Notepad replacement in about two weeks.

The Turbo Pascal Programmer

- The Turbo Pascal programmer occasionally has a word with God.
- He can swim pretty well.
- He programs on a 486dx 33 with 4Meg RAM and can program a complicated scientific calculator in a week and a half.
- The Turbo Pascal Programmer tends to put "begin" and "end" before every major topic: "begin That new game is awesome, man! end"

The Fortran Programmer

- The Fortran programmer sometimes catches a glimpse of God.
- He manages to keep himself afloat in shallow water.
- He programs on a DEC VAX with a VT100 (he's too manly for a GUI). A Fortran programmer can do a passable calculation device in a few weeks.
- Nobody really know how Fortran programmers talk because there are so few of them these days.

The QBASIC Programmer

- The QBASIC programmer knows who God is.
- He has trouble avoiding drowning in his own bathtub.
- QBASIC programmer works on a 486sx 25 with 4 Meg RAM. He can write a program that accepts two numbers and adds them together in just under 4 weeks.

The LOGO Programmer

- About the only thing a Logo programmer knows about GOD is that the word is short enough for him to sound out, but he has trouble spelling it.
- He wets himself with a squirt gun.
- He programs on an Apple IIc, and can do a program that puts a box on the screen that some may argue looks like a calculator in about eight weeks (with help from his teacher).
- The LOGO programmer can't actually talk very well, but instead draws a whole lot of pictures, crayon being their favorite media.

The Beginning Assembly Language Programmer

- The Beginning Assembly Programmer is God's son.
- He doesn't cross water, he flies over it.
- He programs on a massively overclocked Pentium 4 with 2GB of RAM.
- He can optimize a simple Linux distro to be $\frac{1}{4}$ its size and 3x as fast.

The Assembly Language Programmer

- The assembly language programmer is God's creative side.
- He parts the water if he wishes to cross it.
- He programs on what ever he wants and can code a multi-tasking, multi-user networkable operating system that includes a GUI spreadsheet, debug it, and optimize it, in his sleep.

The Hardware Designer

- The hardware designer is God's logical side.
- If he wants to cross an ocean, he'll take a cruise.
- He designs whatever chips he wants and can take the operating system the assembly programmer came up with and make an OS chip out of it.