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# Coder's Career Paths

*Summary:*

1. *Dispelling the illusion of picking the wrong language.*
2. *How the language initially impacts the TYPE of coding you will do and the TYPE of job you will get.*
3. *Understanding Salaries - it's about the XPs and not the language.*
4. *Personality of the language: how your personality will impact your language choices.*
5. *Finding a job ... where to look?*
6. *How to get your first job - the 4 steps.*

## 1. Dispelling the illusion of picking the wrong language.

1. *The top 10 languages and the way we write code is stable. It hasn't really changed much in many years. Python, JavaScript, Java, PHP, C++ and the other top 10 languages have been around for 25+ years ...*

2. *Languages rarely fall out of favour. It has happened just a few times in my career going back to the 1990's. When they do fall out of favour, it is a slow process that gives you time to pivot.*

3. *Pivot: it is easy to pivot from language A to B. Most of the top languages are built on the same principles and basic construct ... learning a new language is super easy. In fact, most experienced developers use multiple languages over their careers. I have personally written software with 9 languages.*

## 2. The Language impacts both the TYPE of programming you will do and WHERE / what type of company you will work for.

1. *Java*
2. *JavaScript*
3. *PHP*
4. *Python*
5. *C#*
6. *C++*
7. *SQL*
8. *Swift*

## 3. Salaries - don't pick a language / stack based on salaries. It is far more about supply/demand and experience.

## 4. Personality - certain types of programming will be fun for you based on your personality.

## 5. Finding jobs - look at local market (*indeed.com*) ... use google to research demand.

*6. How to get your first job … the steps:*

1.  *Learn foundations of coding.*
2.  *Build a portfolio / resume site … regardless of the type of programming you want to do.*
3.  *Do 2-3 small projects for clients for free. Work experience is key!*
4.  *Optional: get a few certifications to add to your site.*

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