

Telling the story of computer programming

The history of computer programming as a career choice is contained in this highly readable book.

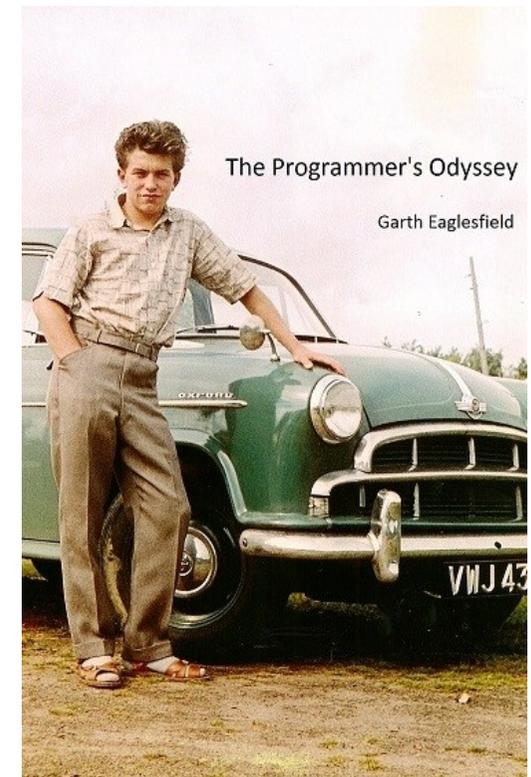
Originally aimed at trainee coders and computer science students it has also gained a following among working programmers, former programmers and the technically curious.

The Programmer's Odyssey penetrates the jargon filled fog that frequently surrounds computer technology.

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An offbeat real world account of working as a commercial computer programmer while the digital age unfolded in all its craziness



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*A Journey Through
The Digital Age*

A Book Is Born

The global shortage of coders has led to a huge emphasis on coder training. Computer science courses and coding bootcamps are proliferating.

Enhancing the Training Experience

In the rush to train new coders some courses, understandably, are brief and intensely focused. Coders may learn nothing of the fascinating history of their chosen profession.

That is a shame as programming's history involves eccentric characters, 'religious' wars over standards and techniques, and outrageous claims about what is, or is not, possible.

This book aims to fill that historical knowledge gap and has been written in a readable, engaging style, lighter than the dense technical style of many books on a trainee's reading list.

"Well paced account enlivened by weaving in coming-of-age tales and the music of the time. Who would have thought a book on the history of programming could be so enthralling?"

Andrew Lewis, Fujitsu UK

The book is designed to be a self-study resource for trainee coders so they can teach themselves about the history of programming and use it as a jumping off point for further study.



*"I gave my students your book
..... and they were surprised to
see where it started for you all
those years ago"*

*Martijn Wuite, The AppAcademy,
Amsterdam, The Netherlands*

Its contents can surprise coding students.

Beyond the Training Experience

As well as trainee coders the book has gained an audience amongst professional coders and readers with a general interest in technology.

"... this should become part of the reading list for every computer science/IT student around the world ... the author has managed to pack it with great facts and chronology ... in amongst the cultural/musical backdrop he has lived through ... BUT most importantly it is very readable and enjoyable for anyone with even the faintest interest in these things ... fabulous"

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