jonwil wrote on Sun, 01 March 2009 19:14I would advise learning C and C++, they are the most widely used languages.

If you want to do web development, go learn PHP, HTML and JavaScript as they are the most widely used for web development.

I agree to this completely, however it also depends on his experience and ability to problem solve and have patience (in no way am i calling ssnipe stupid, dumb or anything of the like) if hes going to self teach himself. To learn something like c++ can be extremely overwhelming unless he takes the absolute baby steps, which is where much easier languages like VB and basic scripting help you learn the principles without having to worry about the behind the scenes stuff. When you really grasp most of the concepts is when you should be concerned about quality and performance which c++ is for.

IDK i still recommend a language like VB to fiddle around with to attempt simple, basic programs. Work on if structures, loops, arrays and user input by doing small simple applications (like asking a user to enter values then manipulate those values). Then move in to studying how memory works and how the level of programming languages work. After studying how memory works and the CPU id definately suggest doing a SMALL little bit of ASM, it'll help grasp the ideas of memory accessing and whats actually performed on the lower level. Following this would definately jump into c++ and work with pointers and object oriented.