



Topic: 2.3.2 Transferable skills

A good programmer can easily transfer code (rewrite) between languages.

However, the catch is that a good programmer, by definition, is someone who has the skills to use a variety of languages already. If any software house is hiring someone that only has experience in a single language and programming environment (compiler, framework, etc.) then they may not have the necessary experience, especially given that the PHP 'stack' is somewhat different to .NET.

If, however, you are hiring someone who knows Java, PHP and has some experience with Python, then this indicates they have a good range of programming experience already and it's much more likely their skills will transfer easily to ASP.NET.

The tricky part about those high level languages is the "class library", it takes some time to get use to what "built in" functions you can use.

But if you only look at the language itself, since most languages are related to each other in some way a programmer who knows 5+ languages has an advantage over a programmer that only knows only one language.

And if a software house is recruiting a programmer, it is a question about how long do they plan to keep the programmer? Is he hired to do a quick job, say 2-3 months or do they hire a new programmer that they want to keep for 3 or more years?

The multi-language programmer will probably be better in the long run but it will take some time to get him up to speed if he doesn't know this specific language.

