

Paul Graham

Hackers & Painters

<http://www.paulgraham.com/hp.html>

Revenge of the Nerds

<http://www.paulgraham.com/icad.html>

He essentially says hackers work more like artists than they do as mathematicians or whatever people think of them as. He hates the term "computer science." Says building programs is as much an experimental ("buggy") and make-based process as what artists do. Which is kinda cool way of looking at it. We had a student in our year at MICA that did undergrad in painting. At MICA he taught himself everything there is to know about programming and at the time I found it an extremely odd transition. But it makes sense, production, push and pull, and he said that painting ended up annoying him because it was so self-absorbed.

Y Combinator : founded in 2005 by Paul Graham

<http://ycombinator.com/>

viaweb : founded in 1995, first ASP (application service provider) : bought by Yahoo!