

Re: Any recommendations for a good overview of pic and basic stamps

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Roger Hamlett wrote:

> "Bill Velek" <billvelek--NO-SPAM--@alltel.net> wrote in message

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>>While in the process of trying to find a solution to a problem, I
>>received several suggestions that PIC or Basic-Stamps might be a
>>solution. In order to fairly evaluate those suggestions, and decide
>>whether or not I'm capable enough to use that approach, I'd like to get
>>a good overview of what I'll be facing. I've joined another e-list for
>>basic-micros -- Parallax's forum -- but so far I haven't received an
>>adequate answer to the questions that I'll pose here. I *think* this
>>would be on-topic here, and I hope no one minds.

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>>What I'm looking for is links to sites that will give a broad general
>>explanation to a complete novice of the nature and potential of PIC and
>>Basic-Stamps; I've done a some googling without coming up with anything
>>that is very helpful, so I might be way off base right now.

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>>My impression is that these are simply chips that can be programmed
>>(perhaps something like an EPROM?), but it is done with very simple
>>basic-language programs that are fairly short with relatively few
>>instructions, and that the programming is done on a computer and then
>>loaded onto the chip via a cable linking the chip and a PC. Then the
>>chip can be installed on a small circuit board of some sort (e.g., a
>>thermostat), after which it is then able to run the basic-program
>>completely independent of the PC. Besides my thermostat needs, I can
>>see possible future applications in my beer brewing hobby, so I am
>>definitely interested at this point; for example, if I'd eventually like