

## Re: Abolish Fractions?

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On Jan 31, 4:03 am, Tim Little <t...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>  
wrote:  
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I do see part of the point. There's a reason why virtually no programming languages make any provision for dealing with rationals.

Um. A fairly common homework assignment learning the C++ language is to write a class that does rational number math. Add, subtract, multiply, and divide. Lots of fun. Had to remember my grade school stuff to remember the algorithm for getting a common denominator.  
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