

# John D. Bell



Polymath for Hire

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# Polymath??

- Merriam Webster (on-line) defines it as:
  - A person of encyclopedic learning
  - From the “Greek *polymathēs* very learned, from *poly-* + *manthanein* to learn”

## “A human being should be able to ...

- change a diaper
- plan an invasion
- butcher a hog
- conn a ship
- design a building
- write a sonnet
- balance accounts
- build a wall
- set a bone
- comfort the dying
- take orders
- give orders
- cooperate
- act alone
- solve equations
- analyze a new problem
- pitch manure
- program a computer
- cook a tasty meal
- fight efficiently
- die gallantly.

... **Specialization is for insects.**”

- Robert A. Heinlein

## ...program a computer...

- 40 years experience programming in a dozen or more languages, under nearly as many operating systems
- 30 years *professional* experience in programming and systems administration
- Available for contract systems architecture and design, implementation, training, documentation, and support.

## ... write a sonnet ...

- Both technical and creative writing
- User manuals
- “How-To”s for users and developers
- short and short-short stories (science fiction)
- sf novel “The Rose Has A Thorn” in progress

# other hidden talents

- change a diaper



- build a wall



- cook a tasty meal  
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Café de la Casa dos Gatos  
Wine List 3/24/2010

Red		
Cabernet Sauvignon, "Tribute Red" (Washington state)	2008	
Cabernet Sauvignon, Borden & Goulet "Black Wine" (France)	2008	
Cabernet Sauvignon, Lindheimer "Black" (U.S. Australia)	2008	
Pinot Noir, Beringer "Black Cat" (California)	2008	

  

White		
Merlot, Green Vineyard (Napa Valley, Calif.)	2008	
Chardonnay, Borden & Goulet "White Wine" (France)	2008	
Chardonnay, Peter Dinklage (California)	NV	

  

Sparkling		
Cava Colomeres Brut (Douro, Portugal)	2008	

- fight efficiently,  
die gallantly

**May this never be put to the test!**

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- If you need a deep specialist,  
hire someone else!

BUT

- If you need a flexible, quick-learning generalist –  
hire **me**.

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