

## Three COBOL Hackers

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To the tune of “Three Whores of Winnipeg” (traditional).

C  
Three COBOL programmers quarrelled

F C  
One night in the local bar

C  
Each one claimed that his payroll job

G7 C  
Was fastest of all by far.

C  
So number your decks, you hackers

F C  
The keypunch is down the hall

C  
Bring on the bugs, you lazy slugs,

G7 C  
Mine’s the quickest of all.

The first said “Mine is the quickest  
It’s obvious at first sight  
We load up the tapes on Wednesday noon  
And finish by Thursday night.”

The second said “Mine is faster  
The database stays on line  
We fire it up at eight am  
And finish by half-past nine.”

The third one said “You pikers,  
You’re starting your runs too soon—  
The job that we run in the morning’s done  
By the previous afternoon.”

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