

**Work in pairs:** This requires fewer computers, and students collaborate to learn more.

**On the board:** If your classroom has a web-connected projector, the entire classroom can do an Hour of Code together on the shared screen.

**Engage parents to bring hardware:** Ask parents to bring in tablets or laptops for the class to share (in schools that have WiFi).

**Use mobile devices:** If your school doesn't have enough computers or Internet access, many of the one-hour activities will also work on smartphones and tablets.

**Go unplugged:** We will offer "unplugged" tutorials that teach basic principles of computer science without any electronic device.

Find how-to resources for educators at [hourofcode.com/resources](http://hourofcode.com/resources).

## 4 Spread the word to students and parents

**Share Promotional Materials.** Inspire students with videos and posters. Find everything you need at [hourofcode.com/resources](http://hourofcode.com/resources).

**Tell parents.** Make sure parents know the Hour of Code is coming. Encourage them to participate too. Students with engaged parents are more likely to pursue computer science and parental involvement is critical to building the support we need to bring computer science to every K-12 school. See a sample email to parents at [hourofcode.com/resources](http://hourofcode.com/resources).

**Reward participants.** Go big and create prizes and awards for Hour of Code participants, whether for students or teachers.

## 5 Celebrate your Hour of Code

There are tons of ways to kick off the Hour of Code in your community during December 7-13, joining celebrations around the world!

**Host a school-wide assembly.** Show a Code.org video or invite a speaker and try an "unplugged" activity with students in front of the entire school.



"When I finish coding, I feel accomplished!"

— Ysatis, 4th grade

Contact press and local officials to tell them about your school's participation in the international Hour of Code movement.

**Invite the community.** Parents, grandparents, volunteers, and business leaders can learn to code, too. In high schools, this is a great way to recruit students to sign up for spring computer science courses.

Celebrate by sharing your experience and photos on social media with [#HourOfCode](https://twitter.com/HourOfCode).

## 6 Keep learning! Go beyond the Hour of Code

**Here's what you and your students can do after finishing the Hour of Code:**

**Continue learning in-class or online.** Keep going with Code.org's online learning platform, Code Studio, where you can track student progress as they learn at their own pace, or find the best learning resources for your classroom at [code.org/educate](http://code.org/educate).

**Add computer science to your school's curriculum.** Visit [code.org/educate](http://code.org/educate) to learn how to bring computer science courses and professional development to your school or district. If you're an elementary school teacher, find free, one-day workshops in your area at [code.org/k5](http://code.org/k5).

**Help remove policy obstacles to computer science.** Code.org and our partners are working to change policies at the federal, state and local level to increase access to computer science for all students. Learn about what's happening in your area and how you can help at [code.org/promote](http://code.org/promote).

**Mark your calendars for December 7-13, 2015!**  
**Start at [hourofcode.com](http://hourofcode.com)**

The Hour of Code is organized by Code.org, a public non-profit dedicated to expanding access to computer science and increasing participation by women and underrepresented students of color. The Hour of Code is celebrated during the annual Computer Science Education Week in December.

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\*demographic estimates are sourced from surveys sent to registered Hour of Code organizers in December 2014.

HOUR  
OF  
CODE

# The largest learning event in history

During Computer Science Education Week,  
December 7-13, 2015

The Hour  
of Code  
is coming,  
again!



Join students all over the world for an Hour of Code during Computer Science Education Week, December 7-13. We're aiming to reach 100,000 Hour of Code events worldwide, introducing millions of new learners to computer science!

**Sign up at [hourofcode.com](http://hourofcode.com)**

## What is the Hour of Code?

**A one-hour activity.** Students of all ages can choose from a variety of self-guided tutorials, for kindergarten up.

**A spark to keep learning computer science.** Once students see what they create right before their eyes, they're empowered to keep going.

**A global movement with more than 100 million learners in 196 countries.** Anyone, anywhere can organize an Hour of Code event. Tutorials are available in 40 languages.



## Why computer science?

Every 21st-century student should have the opportunity to take part in creating technology that's changing our world, yet fewer schools teach computer science than 10 years ago. The basics help nurture creativity and problem-solving skills, and prepare students for any future career.



"I challenge girls in every single country to learn one Hour of Code"

— Malala Yousafzai  
Nobel Peace Prize winner

## Bring it to your classroom

**Calling ALL educators:** Whether you teach high school or kindergarten, and especially if you teach at a school that doesn't offer computer science, one Hour of Code is a fun start to modernize your school's curriculum.

**No experience needed:** We will provide activities for all students, at all levels.

**Computers are optional:** Students can learn on a computer, tablet, smartphone—or with no device at all.



## Prizes for EVERY organizer

- Every organizer will receive \$10 to Amazon.com, iTunes or the Windows store.
- One lucky school in every US state (+ Washington, D.C.) will win \$10,000 worth of technology.

More  
prizes  
coming  
soon!

## Incredible stats from last year's Hour of Code. In one week alone:

1 in 3 students in US schools  
have tried an Hour of Code.



Over 100M students have participated  
at 77,000 events worldwide.



More girls have tried computer  
science than in the last 70 years.



## gap in computer science

By exposing both girls and boys to fundamental computing concepts on a level playing field, starting with the earliest learners, we can inspire today's generation of students to build technology.

Almost half of all  
Hour of Code  
participants are  
girls. 35% of  
participants are  
black or Hispanic\*

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On average,  
computer science  
classes are only  
18% female and  
8% black or  
Hispanic

## even the President

- Every Apple Store in the world hosted an Hour of Code.
- President Obama wrote a line of code with students at the White House.
- The movement has been featured on Google, YouTube, Yahoo!, Bing and Disney homepages.
- Celebrities Ashton Kutcher and Jessica Alba and tech leaders Sheryl Sandberg, Bill Gates and Jack Dorsey talked with classrooms in live video chats.



"I have **never, ever** seen my  
students so excited about  
learning."

— Michael Clark, Teacher

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## 1 Details on Hour of Code activities

We'll host fun, hour-long tutorials for students of all ages, created by a variety of partners. Try out options at [code.org/learn](http://code.org/learn).

### All Hour of Code tutorials:

- **Require minimal prep from teachers**
- **Are self-guided**—allowing students to learn at their own pace and skill-level

Code.org's own tutorials feature Disney's *Frozen*, *Scratch* from *Ice Age*, *Angry Birds*, and *Plants vs. Zombies*. **New tutorials are coming to kick off the 2015 Hour of Code!**



## 2 Sign up your classroom and recruit your school

**Are you a teacher?** Host an Hour of Code event for all your students throughout the week. Urge other teachers to do the same.

**Are you a principal?** Plan for your entire student body to do the Hour of Code. You don't need a computer for every child (plus, you'll qualify for huge prizes!).

**Are you a superintendent?** Challenge every school in your district to sign up.

**Are you a parent?** Pass this guide on to your local school. Volunteer to help.

### How do you go bigger with your school?

- Share this brochure with your principal to get every student at your school on board.
- Tell us about your Hour of Code at [hourofcode.com](http://hourofcode.com). We'll mail organizers posters and stickers to excite students.
- Qualify for prizes at [hourofcode.com/prizes](http://hourofcode.com/prizes)

## 3 Plan your technology needs — computers are optional

The best Hour of Code experience will be with Internet-connected computers to access the Hour of Code's web-based tutorials. There will be no downloads or sign-ins.

And you don't need a computer for every student.

### Here are a few options:

**In the computer lab:** Bring your class to the computer lab for one period so students can do the Hour of Code together.

**In your classroom:** If your classroom already has Internet-connected computers, tablets, or laptop carts, your students can take turns doing the Hour of Code throughout the week.