

Looking for a career change? The humble computer programmer is quite possibly one of the most underrated professions out there. The demand for coders far exceeds the supply, so you'll have no troubles finding a job. In fact, it's projected to grow at a rate of 30% between 2010 and 2020. That's twice as fast as most other jobs.

And because the supply of coders around the world is so low, the pay is quite attractive too. Google and Facebook employees, for instance, are paid a base salary of ~\$125K.

START A BUSINESS

Let's say you've got an idea for a software product or web business. You want to create the next Facebook. But you're short on cash, and being able to hire a team of coders is a pie in the sky. Why not learn code and build the product yourself?

It's a path that many entrepreneurs are choosing to go down. They've started off with virtually no coding knowledge and have gone on to build their own small software businesses. For example, Nick D'Aloisio famously sold his iPhone app, Summly, to Yahoo! for \$30m.



Some of the kinds of businesses you can start include...

- ✚ selling software
- ✚ selling mobile apps
- ✚ e-commerce
- ✚ selling your coding time.

If you do have a product idea, there's no reason to sit twiddling your thumbs waiting for money to fall out of the sky. If you can learn code, you'll not only be able to realize your product, but also know the source code of your software inside out.

UNDERSTAND HOW COMPUTERS WORK

This is probably the biggest benefit of all, and the one that will apply to you no matter who you are or why you're interested in learning code. After all, you use the Internet, mobile phones, computers and software in your daily life. Isn't it a bit strange that you don't fully understand how these technologies work?

With any luck, you'll be able to discover ways in which coding can help you in your everyday life or job. You may decide to write your own scripts, to perform routine tasks like sending emails, handling data, editing text or doing calculations.

Understanding how software and coding works is definitely valuable for anyone, in any walk of life.

Internet

In-ter-net ['in(t)ər.net]

A global computer network providing a variety of information and communication facilities, consisting of interconnected networks using standardized communication protocols:

SUMMARY



Benefits of Learning Coding

- Make you own website
- Career prospects
- More independence in business
- Understanding the technology we use everyday

APPLYING IT TO MY CAREER

Knowing coding will allow me to show my works to more people.

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