Learning programming —

"The more I practice, the luckier I get"

Let me welcome you. You've enrolled in the course, got here, and downloaded this document. That alone already places you way in front of most others who want to learn and can't, and those who want to learn and don't.

But even though you are now in a select group, you are still at the bottom of the group. You can change that, though. I'm here to help, and I always will be, but nobody can do the work for you.

Programming requires time, thought, and practice. There's a big upside though: the more you do it, the more enjoyable it will become.

In the next page, I'd like to give you a quick tip regarding your learning journey.

Your learning journey

I'm assuming you are a beginner in programming. Everyone was a beginner at some point, and there's only two things that you really have to remember while you learn:

- 1. Pay attention
- 2. There are no stupid questions

Pay attention

Whenever someone asks me a question, I am not rushed. I take my time in making sure that everything is left answered. That way I know that I am helping someone get unstuck, and advance their learning.

But don't be lazy! Asking the same questions others have asked before, or questions whose answer can be found with a bit of thought or research make others lose a bit of respect for you.

While you learn, pay attention to **everything**—every single little detail, character, word and number—, and understand everything. That way, you'll always know if the question you are asking is worth asking.

There are no stupid questions

With that said, if at any point there is absolutely anything you don't understand or that isn't clear: **don't think it's your fault**. It's most likely my fault.

Go ahead and ask the question, because if you don't, that will only put you further back and prevent your learning later on.

Keep learning, and keep programming!

Your instructor

— Jose