Hi, I am Giuseppe and I am 50 years young.

I am Italian and I am currently leaving in Barcelona (Spain). I have been here for the last 4 years. Before Barcelona, I lived in Ireland for about 21 years.

My work experience of the last 15 years is based on customer service, fraud analysis and credit risk analysis. I have completed my secondary school Diploma in electronics and I have never been a programmer in my life.

I was never able to imagine myself sitting at a desk beside another programmer while working on software. It was a very controversial image for me, despite the fact that I have always been fascinated since young age with electricity (I played a lot with that), electronics, physics and technology.

In time, I figured out that, in order to understand if I like to engage in a particular duty, I need to know what that duty is really about and not basing my decision on fragmented ideas.

Things started to change when I began to work for an ecommerce company: I got passionate about ecommerce, websites and online shops.

It took a couple of years of my time, after work, to read, research and try to understand it all to create an online business.

Towards the end, I noticed that, more than trying to become the next successful sales man, what took the most of my attention was understanding how web pages and apps work, even if in a very limited way because I was not familiar with any particular programming language.

It was then when I decided to take this interest seriously and look for a proper course.

I am a very analytical person and problem solving challenges are for me a great way to spend many hours of the day. I am very familiar with basic computer concepts because of my previous studies and because I have always been in love with the machine.

I really enjoyed the first part of the course and I hope the training is going to explore more complex concepts and examples. I tend to be a perfectionist and, even though, I am aware that I could never know everything, I would like to feel confident enough one day to approach the idea to start a new career in programming.

I have searched a lot on the internet before I fixed my attention on Launchschool.

Firstly, I went through so much advertisement on how to be an engineer in six months or less and blogs about what language I should learn first that I got several headaches before my mind learned to split the truth from the lie.

What attracted me to know more about Launchschool was the realistic and human way of proposing a programming course: In very simple words, I need to work hard and I need time.

The Prep courses for me have been a kind of journey during which I could experience if, what I was doing, it was enjoyable and if it was something I wanted to continue doing until I reached the end.

I am really enjoying this course: the structure of it and the content. I like the idea that in many parts of the training not everything is given naturally but I have to search for what I need and I need to understand how.

This first part of the course has been a bit fractionated for me, because I was studying after or before work but I was in between two jobs, the one I had and the one I was trying to get. So it took me a few months to complete the Prep courses but also to get with my mind into it and understand that I really want to complete the whole core training.

I have read all the articles you made available on your website. They are all interesting readings and they all confirmed that your idea of teaching completely matches my idea of learning.

I would like to thank you for proposing the reading of Mastery by George Leonard.

The book is very helpful to understand how to find determination in starting something and enjoy it while I do it, no matter what it is I am trying to achieve.

I have also covered all the remaining books (I was eager to get into technical stuff),

and I have completed all the basic exercises too. I believe I am ready to start learning Ruby.

I understand the school fees have to be paid monthly and if, for whatever reason I need to, I can stop the payments at any moment, if I wish to withdraw from the course. Any fees already paid will not be refunded.

I am ready to start the subscription/paid courses at Launch School