

Hey Dallas, Meet Your Software Development Mentors!

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We may be new to town here in Dallas, but Codeup has a long history of training software developers. After launching our first class in February 2014, we've now successfully trained 574 alumni. So while the streets might look different around 75202, the code looks the same. To anyone nervous about trusting us 'newbies' with your careers, meet the incredible team of software development mentors you'll get to learn from.

Professionally, Douglas Hirsh and Fernando Mendoza have over **30 years of industry experience** between them. They've worked at household names like CitiBank and bring a wide range of diverse industry experience across gaming, oil, and SAAS. Combined, they also bring nearly **10 years of formal teaching experience**. Fernando worked as an instructor over the weekends while he was going through University for four years, and is also one of our most tenured instructors with almost 4 years of Codeup experience under his belt. PS, that's over 20 cohorts and 400 students! Douglas is a life long mentor, but also taught at another coding bootcamp earlier in his career before joining Codeup.

Technically, the pair is experienced in a wide range of languages and technologies, including:

- OOP and back-end tech: PHP, Java, C#, Ruby, Node.js, Visual Basic, VB.NET, Android Development
- Database tools: MySQL, MongoDB, PostgreSQL, SQL Server, Oracle
- Front-end technologies: JavaScript, Angular, React, HTML, CSS, JQuery, Ajax, PWA apps
- Web frameworks: Spring Boot, Laravel, CodeIgniter, ASP.NET Web Forms/MVC/Web API
- Testing tools: JUnit, PHPUnit, NUnit, MSTest, Jasmine

But what's our favorite part of this dynamic duo? They come from opposite ends of the development world.

Douglas is a self-taught programmer. He started self-teaching at the age of 12 with a C++ book, and by the time he was 19 he was being paid to write code. He's worked as a Software Engineer, a Senior Software Engineer, a Chief Technology Officer. So all sorts of software development, but he also has a non-traditional career path.

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Fernando has also been programming since he was 15. He then received his BS in Computer Systems Engineering from the Institute of Technology in Uruapan, Mexico. Over the next 12 years, he progressed from a Jr. Developer to a Senior Web Developer. He even has his own freelance web development agency. With his formal background, Fernando brings deep expertise in software architecture, database design and administration, and CS theory.

When you join Codeup Dallas, you first and foremost join a classroom to learn alongside Senior Developers with 30+ years of practical experience and 10+ years of teaching experience. Contact us today to learn about kickstarting your career in software development in the quickly growing Dallas market!

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