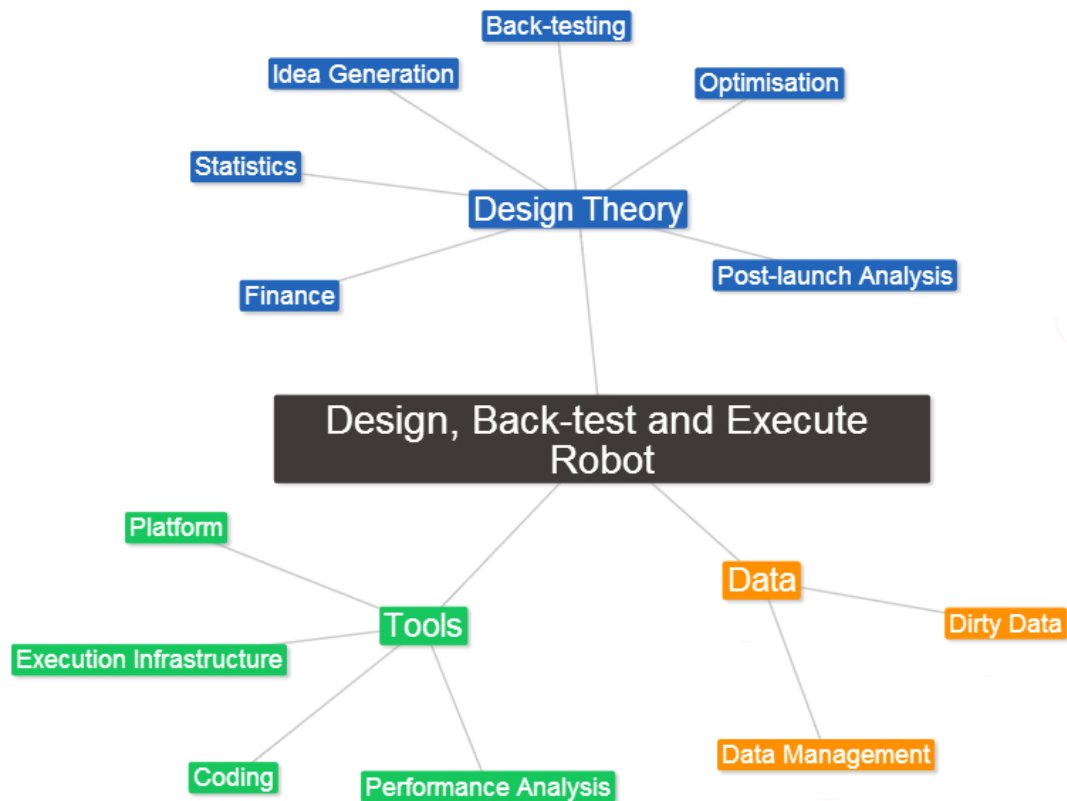# The First Step - How To Start This Journey?

The 3 things we need

Our aim is to build Long-Term Profitable Robots. To do this, we need knowledge on 3 things:

1. Design Theory
2. Tools
3. Data

Design Theory is the most important takeaway from this course. This theory, coupled with the technical know-how of coding robots and data management skills will allow us to build amazing robots.

Project-Based Learning

This course is designed based on Project-Based learning. This entails:

Step 1: Teaching a bite-sized piece knowledge on Design Theory, Tools and/or Data

Step 2: Designing and coding a robot

Step 3: Repeat Step 1 and Step 2!

Help Channels

There are 4 help channels in this course:

1. Post in the discussion board!
2. Private message me on Udemy
3. Contact me at lcsudemy@gmail.com for programming and trading help
4. Contact me at lucas@blackalgotechnologies.com for any other queries or to chit-chat!

All updates to course will be listed on www.facebook.com/blackalgotrading. Do like it to keep updated!

Reviews

Do consider dropping an honest review for the course after you've completed a significant part of it. It will take you 20 seconds (3 seconds if you skip the qualitative part). It will greatly help potential students and allow me to improve the course. Cheers

Changelog

A changelog is a log or record of all notable changes made to a project. Here's a link to our changelog: https://goo.gl/HqR3xD

Take notes!

Keep a notebook with you when you watch the videos and take notes!

I cannot stress how important this is. Keep notes and structure them in an organised manner. As you take notes, you will realise how the different parts of the course fit together.

P.S.

Here's a good mentality to have when taking this course - question everything. Always ask try to figure out why things are, or if they can be done better. The financial markets are ever-changing. Thus, much knowledge on the markets and trading can't be considered facts, only opinions. Finally, don't memorise the course content, understand it and make it part of your thought process.