

The Joy of Starting From Scratch

For those who embrace it, building from scratch is not only a method, but a source of joy and purpose. For them, there is always a quite of thrill in starting with a blank page and turning it into something tangible and valuable. Whether sketching, solving a problem, understanding a concept, writing an essay, building from scratch has always been there way. As it's not merely about doing a thing or about creating something, its' more about discovering, diving deep and understanding each aspect of an idea.

The idea of starting from scratch is often being misunderstood, in its true sense it means, In its truest sense, it involves breaking a problem or case into smaller, simpler parts and gradually building up to the complex one with a builder's mindset: curious, patient, and innovative. This mindset not only allows one to fully grasp a thought, but also helps an individual to create in present and prepare to, grow and adapt in future.

I remember the first time I encountered the Black Scholes equation (the European Pricing), through a Youtube video titled, "A Trillion Dollar Equation". At first, I didn't fully grasp it. I didn't completely understand what it meant, but it intrigued me deeply. I was curious, like so curious to dive into it. I paused and rewound the video multiple times, just trying to catch the logic, answer what does those symbols even meant. During the process I have truly understood that to fully grasp something complex, I have to dig deep, go beyond the curriculum, and build from the very base. I can't rush it, I need to start simple, build the foundation patiently, and grow from there. That's the energy I bring to every single challenges I faced, start simple, build the foundation and grow from there.

Over time, this way of thinking has become second nature, whether I' am learning something new or solving a problem, I find myself drawn to the ground level first. Starting small, understanding deeply, and building up slowly. That is how I make sense of the unfamiliar.

Ultimately, building from zero (or scratch) is more than just a skill. It is an habit of mind. It means approaching the unknown with curiosity and not with hesitation. It's the willingness to begin with nothing but just a sense of direction and without any clue of where could it lead, trusting the process. To build from zero is to believe that, understanding unfolds itself through exploration and that, the act of creating is itself a journey, toward clarity, growth, and peace.