

**Rules of Code-vember**

1. Have as few rules as possible.
2. Come with a software-based goal or vision
3. Work toward your goal/vision to the best of your ability

**Code-vember Proposal:**

* Duration
  + Through November
  + Average 30 minutes a day for 30 days dedicated to writing code
* Pick a team or choose to work solo. For teams…
  + Consider folks in your office
  + Consider folks in your area
  + Consider folks around the globe
* Pick a programming language (or two)
* Pick a goal. Yes, we’d love your ideas to be something to be sharable with customers, but this is not an obligation. This effort should be about creativity, learning, and collaborating. So if you have….
  + A software idea you think a customer will be interested in
  + A software idea you are interested in
  + A programming language you want to learn but haven’t yet made the time
  + Other

Then do it!

**FAQ**

* **“Who can participate?”** – You! Ain’t nobody layin’ down the law at this point. (Refer to the Rules – or the lack thereof – for details.)
* **“Where am I getting this time?”**
  + Ideally this would come from your daily work (need manager approval)
  + Outside work hours. You wouldn’t be the first; you won’t be the last. Ideas don’t keep a schedule. Stick those kids in front of the TV and put the dog on a treadmill because it’s go time! (Disclaimer: no one seriously wants you to neglect your family…. Unless you don’t like them.)
  + Time machine
  + A person holding an object

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* **“That’s 15 hours over the course of a month… are you crazy?!?!”**

1. Yes, but you’re missing the point
2. Now imagine what you could accomplish if you did this every month for a whole year – 180 hours in all; 7.5 full days; 22.5 workdays.

* **“No way. My idea would probably require 150 hours to complete. How do you propose I account for that?”** 
  + Okay, so see note bullet in the Proposal about possibly picking a team
  + Ain’t nobody said you need to *finish*…. One of the most difficult parts of any project is getting started; use this opportunity to help make that happen for you.
* **“Aren’t you just ripping off Day of Code?”**
  + God, I hope so… I really miss those.
  + With this we’re aiming to build a habit
  + We’re encouraging a bit more of an extended personal commitment here. No promises on lunch or pizza dinners, especially since you may be picking team members in other states or regions. Pizza delivery fees and tips would be a nightmare.
* “**What if I try and I can only hit 12 days out of 30?”**
  + Fair point.
  + A sign on a building

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  + What if you try and you manage to hit 20 days out of 30 and still get something started that you’re proud of?
* **“Ahem… I like turkey. I will be eating turkey on one of those days! Thoughts?”**
  + I see where you’re going, but let’s be honest, you’ll probably be eating turkey for a week.
  + Skip a day or two and redistribute time. You figure it out.
  + A person and person smiling

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