



PRE-WORK: JAVASCRIPT DEVELOPMENT

GETTING STARTED WITH JAVASCRIPT DEVELOPMENT

Congratulations on joining us at General Assembly for the JavaScript Development course! We are excited to have you and are looking forward to working with you all soon!

In order to help ensure your success in the course, we've made a pre-course checklist. Complete all the items on the list and when you arrive on your first day, you and your computer will be prepared for the first lesson. This should take you between 1–6 hours total to complete, depending on what kind of laptop you have and how much HTML/CSS you want to review before the class begins.

We can't tell you how excited we are to have you join the General Assembly community! Happy Coding!

BEFORE CLASS CHECKLIST

COMPLETE ALL ITEMS BEFORE YOUR FIRST CLASS

- If you're using a Mac, upgrade your laptop to OS 10.10+
- Sign up for [a free GitHub account](#)
- **Optional:** Complete any pre-course tutorials you need to get ready for the class

PRE-COURSE TUTORIALS (3 -5 HOURS)

Optional Pre-Work:

Need a refresher on HTML and CSS? No problem! We recommend going through the following tutorials to help you get ready for the course. All of the following tutorials are available at dash.generalassemb.ly:

- **Project 1: Build a Personal Website** — Learn the basics of HTML and CSS
- **Project 2: Build a Responsive Blog Theme** — Learn some more advanced CSS and the basics of responsive design
- **Project 3: Build a Small Business Website** — Learn more about CSS positioning and get a sneak peek at some of the JavaScript we'll be learning

SOFTWARE INSTALLATIONS

Please bring a laptop to every class. Mac, Windows and Linux are all fine—if you are using a Mac, follow the instructions below:

SOFTWARE

If you plan on bringing a Mac to class and haven't already, update your operating system: install OS 10.10 (Yosemite) or 10.11 (El Capitan) via the Mac App Store.

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NOTES

If you're running an older version of Mac OS X, it may be more difficult for us to help you troubleshoot issues that arise during Installfest.