

Carta de Agradecimento - CS50x 2025

To: Professor David J. Malan and the CS50x Team

Harvard University

Dear Professor Malan and the CS50x Team,

I would like to express my deepest gratitude and admiration for the opportunity provided through the CS50x 2025 course and other online programs from Harvard University. These programs are not merely educational resources-they are gateways to new beginnings, especially for people like me who are seeking a career transition in a more mature stage of life.

In Brazil, as in many parts of the world, people over 50 often face significant barriers when trying to enter or return to the field of Information Technology. We are frequently perceived as "too old" to compete in a fast-paced digital economy. However, initiatives like CS50x offer not just knowledge, but also hope and empowerment.

Moreover, courses like CS50x have a remarkable impact in emerging countries, where access to quality education remains a challenge for many. By making world-class content freely available, Harvard directly contributes to the formation of more qualified professionals, strengthening local job markets and driving social and economic development in these regions.

Your open and inclusive approach-welcoming students of all ages, backgrounds, and levels of experience-has made a profound impact on me. The course's emphasis on problem-solving, critical thinking, and real-world application, combined with its flexible and welcoming structure, is exemplary.

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By participating in CS50x, I feel not only intellectually challenged but also respected and encouraged. The course reignited my passion for learning and innovation. It reminds us that age should never be a barrier to growth, reinvention, or contributing to society through technology.

Thank you for believing in lifelong learning and for designing a course that truly changes lives.

With sincere gratitude,

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Student of CS50x 2025