

💡 thinkdev #1

Introduction

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Consider it an introductory course to *programming concepts*.

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- Values and types 
- Making decisions 
- Using functions 
- Testing 
- Developer tools 
- Source control 
- Repetition 
- Files and input/output 
- Modules 
- Data structures 
- Exceptions 
- JavaScript quirks 

(This may change)

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Demo: editor tour

Exercise

1. Install the necessary software.
2. Customise VS Code (optional).
3. Write a JavaScript program to show your name.
4. Make sure it works and all is clear 😊.