

1. Even despite the fact that in video you will see main concepts related to specific topic, I encourage all students to read books. Why? Our brain works the way it cannot consume 100% of information. And even in case you will review the video lessons multiple times, your brain will skip some details unintentionally. To ensure you absorb as much information as you can, I recommend you to read the same topic in different books. In this document I will tell you where you can download these books.

Here recommended literature for this course:

- a. Java: The Complete Reference - Herbert Schildt
- b. Thinking in Java - Bruce Eckel
- c. Core Java Volume I - Fundamentals - Cay S. Horstmann

These are the best books which helped to grow up for a few generations of Java developers.

I would recommend during your learning read the same topic in different books. That will guarantee that you understand a specific topic, because you will learn it from different points of view.

During the course in the homework you will find reference to one of the books. For example: "Read chapter #N, about primitive types in 'Java: The Complete Reference' ". In this case, feel free to find the same topic in other books in Table of Contents and read it.

Reading books is an **optional task** in most cases, because I described the main things in the video lesson, but I encourage you to read them.

2. Read 'The History and Evolution of Java' chapter from *Java: The Complete Reference - Herbert Schildt*

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3. **During the course do not forget to do the next thing for effective learning:** each time you would see lines of code in the book - rewrite them into your IDE workspace. This simple exercise will help you to understand a lot of things deeper. And you will start raising questions in case something still unclear for you.

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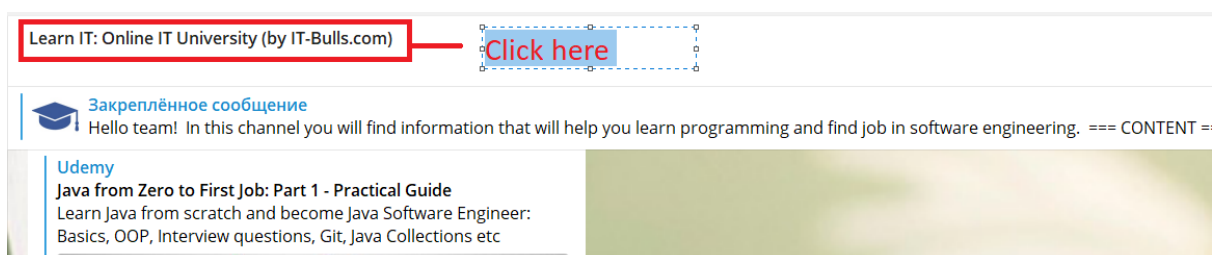
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