

# exercism.io

## One Platform, Three Perspectives

# About Me



I am 31 years old, started  
coding at 26, became a Gopher  
about 1 year ago.

# I live in Bielefeld, Germany.



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# I love Japanese curry.



# Agenda

1. What is exercism.io?
2. As a Mentee
3. As a Mentor
4. As a Team



**Exercism is an online coding platform that offers code practice and mentorship.**

— [Wikipedia](#)

**Where other online coding platforms are about challenges and competition, Exercism focusses on **community** and **compassion**.**

# Exercism has

- A community of **330k users** in **200 countries**
- A group of **2.5k mentors** in **29 timezones**
- A variety of curated exercises in **50 programming languages**

# As a Mentee

I grew up learning new things  
being on my own and with long  
feedback loops.

**After finding out about online coding platforms, I often ditched learning a language **idiomatically** in favour of performance and leader boards.**

You often have to unlearn old habits in order to write idiomatic code when learning a new language.

**Exercism and its short feedback loop based on human mentors and test-driven development provides for a welcome change.**

**Is Exercism the right platform  
for me?**

**It is great for learning your  
second language, as the  
exercises do not teach  
programming concepts  
explicitly.**

In addition, you should be comfortable using the command line.

# As a Mentor

**After being a teaching  
assistant at university, I  
wanted to keep on mentoring,  
but didn't have the time for in-  
person classes.**

I was looking for an open  
community where I could help  
mentoring all people,  
regardless of their  
backgrounds.

# Mission Statement

**To enable anyone to achieve fluency in any programming language for free, in order to give opportunity to all and improve the quality of software development worldwide.**

— [exercism.io](https://exercism.io)

# Values

**We envision a world where anyone from any background can become fluent in any programming language for free. Through programming exercises, resources and a safe and nurturing community.**

— [exercism.io](#)

## As a Mentor

- being able to identify with the values and mission statement
- lets you leverage your skills by helping many mentees at once
- easy entry because of community mentor notes
- recap core concepts
- get to know different view points, learn from mistakes you might've not made yourself
- help at your own pace without being rushed (compared to classroom setting)

## **As a Team**

- I introduced Exercism in my product area for remote code dojos
- convenient infrastructure for async discussion
- lots of tasks at different levels
- clearly defined tasks allow to concentrate on solving instead of discussing surrounding conditions

# thank you!

