



# How to Get Started

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Dear Mauricio,

Your father has created this complete financial modeling course as a gift for you. Here's how to set it up on your computer in Brussels.

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## Step 1: Sync This Folder to Your Computer

Since this is already in Google Drive, you have two options:

Option A: Google Drive Desktop (Recommended)

1. **Install Google Drive Desktop** on your Windows PC
  - Download: <https://www.google.com/drive/download/>
2. **Sign in** with your Google account
3. **Right-click this folder** ("2025. CURSO FINANCIAL MODELING MAU")
4. Select "**Available offline**"
5. The folder will sync to: **G:\My Drive\2025. CURSO FINANCIAL MODELING MAU**

Option B: Download as ZIP

1. **Right-click this folder** in Google Drive web
  2. Select "**Download**"
  3. **Extract** to your PC (e.g., **C:\Users\YourName\Documents\FinancialModeling**)
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## Step 2: Start Learning!

Once the folder is on your computer:

1. **Open the folder** in File Explorer
  2. **Double-click:** **START\_HERE.md**
    - This opens in a text editor
    - Read your father's personal message ❤️
    - Follow the complete learning path
  3. **Next, read:** **QUICK\_START\_GUIDE.md**
    - 30-minute setup for VS Code, Python, Git
    - Everything you need to begin
  4. **Then follow the modules** as outlined in START\_HERE.md
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## Important: GitHub Copilot Subscription

Your father **strongly recommends** subscribing to GitHub Copilot (\$10/month):

- Essential for this course (70% of the value)
- 30-day free trial to start
- Saves hours of work
- Worth every cent for your PE career

**Setup during Module 1** - instructions included in QUICK\_START\_GUIDE.md

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## 📁 What's in This Folder

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Your Course/
├── START_HERE.md           ➔ Begin here! Personal letter from your
father
├── QUICK_START_GUIDE.md    ➔ Then this – 30-min setup
└── README.md               Course overview

└── Tutorials/              5 hands-on VS Code tutorials
    ├── 01_VS_Code_Basics.md
    ├── 02_GitHub_Copilot_Hands_On.md
    ├── 03_VS_Code_Data_Analysis.md
    ├── 04_Building_DCF_with_VS_Code.md
    └── 05_VS_Code_Power_User.md

└── Module_01_Setup/         Environment setup
└── Module_02_Python_Fundamentals/
└── Module_03_Data_Analysis/
└── Module_04_DCF_Modeling/
└── Module_05_LBO_Modeling/
└── Module_06_MA_Analysis/
└── Module_07_PE_Modeling/
└── Module_08_Advanced_Topics/
└── Module_09_Projects/     Real-world case studies
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## 🎯 Your Learning Journey

**Week 1-2:** VS Code basics + Python fundamentals

**Week 3-4:** DCF modeling

**Week 5-6:** LBO modeling (perfect for PE Club!)

**Week 7-8:** Advanced topics & real projects

**Total time:** 40-50 hours (your pace, your schedule)

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## ✨ Special Notes

1. **Keep files in sync:**

- If using Google Drive Desktop, changes auto-sync
- Your progress is always backed up
- Can access from anywhere

## 2. Watch for surprises:

- Your father hid special messages throughout
- Run the Python files when instructed
- You'll love them! 🎁

## 3. Stay organized:

- Complete modules in order
  - Run exercises as you learn
  - Commit to GitHub (you'll learn how)
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## Need Help?

1. **Read the module files** - Very detailed explanations
  2. **Use GitHub Copilot** - AI assistant (subscribe!)
  3. **Check solutions** - Every module has example code
  4. **Ask your father** - He built this and knows it inside-out!
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## Ready to Begin?

**Next step:** Open [START\\_HERE.md](#) and read your father's message.

This course will transform your PE career at PE Club.

**From México to Brussels with love!**  

**¡Vamos Mauricio!** 

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