

Vibe Coding

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What Is Vibe Coding?



There's a new kind of coding I call "vibe coding", where you fully give in to the vibes, embrace exponentials, and forget that the code even exists. It's possible because the LLMs (e.g. Cursor Composer w Sonnet) are getting too good. Also I just talk to Composer with SuperWhisper so I barely even touch the keyboard. I ask for the dumbest things like "decrease the padding on the sidebar by half" because I'm too lazy to find it. I "Accept All" always, I don't read the diffs anymore. When I get error messages I just copy paste them in with no comment, usually that fixes it. The code grows beyond my usual comprehension, I'd have to really read through it for a while. Sometimes the LLMs can't fix a bug so I just work around it or ask for random changes until it goes away. It's not too bad for throwaway weekend projects, but still quite amusing. I'm building a project or webapp, but it's not really coding - I just see stuff, say stuff, run stuff, and copy paste stuff, and it mostly works.

Kid in SF won hackathons with zero coding experience

Vibe coding = idea + prompt + iteration

Term coined by Andrej Karpathy

AI writes code, humans guide direction

Less typing → more steering, reviewing, refining

Business

He's the hackathon king of SF — and he doesn't even know how to code

Rene Turcios has attended more than 200 in two years, perfecting the art of "vibe-coding" before it was even a thing.

Why It Matters Now



Dario Amodei, CEO of Anthropic

"I think we will be there in three to six months, where AI is writing 90% of the code. And then, in 12 months, we may be in a world where AI is writing essentially all of the code,"

Coding

vs

Programming

Writing syntax

Creativity, architecture, judgment

Once prized skill (100 wpm)

Debugging, optimization, product thinking

Now automated by LLMs

Experience needed to handle
abuse, hacks, edge cases

...Can Vibe Coding Work?

Yes, if done methodically

Follow a structured workflow

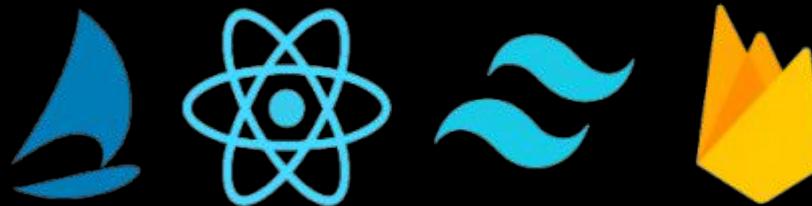
Step 1: Use an AI IDE

IDEs: Cursor, Windsurf

Step 2: Choose Simple, Popular, Tech Stack

React, Tailwind, Firebase, Next.js

AI performs best with problems already solved in the past



STEP 3

Use GitHub Frequently



Or automate your commits.

Commit early and often.



AI can occasionally overwrite or delete working code



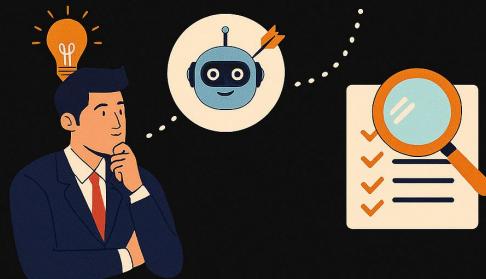
It is impossible to prompt it back into existence.

Version control is your parachute.

STEP 4: Think Like a Product Manager

Instead of asking,
“What can AI do for me?”

Ask, “**What can I do to help the AI understand my goals?**”



- ✓ Break tasks into small pieces
- ✓ Give proper context
- ✓ Explain requirements clearly
- ✓ Treat the AI like a very fast intern

Step 5:

Don't Let the AI Get Creative

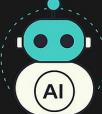
The more deterministic your prompts,
the less garbage you'll deal with.



Provide specific documentation



UI sketches or example images



Detailed acceptance criteria

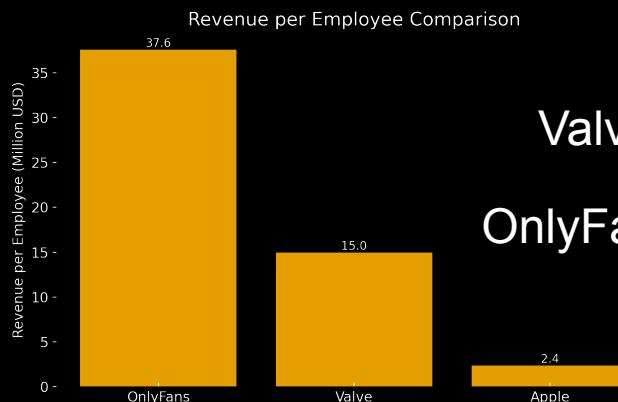


Clear constraints

Congratulations!

You can now produce a mountain of failed side projects — just like the rest of us

But among them, one might just hit



But Remember...

Valve has a higher revenue-per-employee ratio than Apple

OnlyFans reportedly runs with around 40 full-time employees

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