

# Why I Wrote this Course

The real motivation behind this course lies here.

Hey Champ! When the amazing people at Educative asked me to write a CSS course, I was delighted. Why? You ask?

Here's the backstory...

## Where it all started

Years ago, when I started out my journey into being a developer, I had lots of challenges.

I was self-taught and didn't have any guidance from any mentor or friend. I literally read everything that came my way. Blog posts, books, pointless articles, all of that.

You know what I got in return?

Chaos!

I was so confused, and many times frustrated. There was just too much to learn - on my own.

## After One Year

Fast forward one year, I had still not found a suitable learning path 😞

From Html, to CSS, to WebGL, to JS, to PHP, to NodeJS, and countless unwatched videos on my harddrive.

The most annoying bit was, I never felt like there were any real beginner tutorials around. Everything seemed hard to digest. Except a few, I guess.

## After Two Years

To be honest, I don't remember all that happened in my second year of learning to code.

I probably gave up learning and slowed down a bit.

## Should Learning be Hard?

Learning to code in itself is hard 😞

Shouldn't there be simplified, visual, and practical learning articles or tutorials to aid the process of learning to code?

## So, Why I Wrote this Course?

I think I may have learned a lot from my horrible learning experience. I understand the frustration that comes from learning on your own.

So here is the real reason why I wrote this course:

I don't want you to be as confused as I was. So, I have bundled all that frustration into one well-thought-out course.

### These may interest you:

1. I have taken the difficult concepts and explained them in very simple terms.
2. We all learn better with visual aids. In this course, you'll find beautiful illustrations I have drawn by hand - to aid your learning process.
3. I have organized the lessons in the most sensible order for a beginner.
4. Learning by doing is very effective. This is why the course has lots of exercises and code snippets to get your hands *dirty*.
5. Uh, what more can I do?

### Generally Speaking...

If it makes you feel any comfortable, a lot of people think I write in very simple language.

I swear this is the best thing I  
learned today. Thank you,  
Ohans Emmanuel. Keep coding.  
*- Ankit Suvarna*

Great information, very helpful.  
Thank you for taking the time to  
write it all down in book form.  
Good visual examples!!.  
*- Richard Bloom*

Reeeeaally enjoyed this reading  
and done the exercises too;  
Dude great work, million  
thanks. This helped!  
*- Godfried M*

Really love the way you break  
down things, can't wait to see  
what you got up your sleeves for  
the next ...  
*- Emmanuel Raymond*

