



Introduction to Programming

Duration: 3 Days Course Code: ITP Delivery Method: Virtual Learning

Overview:

The Introduction to Programming course comprises sessions dealing with variables, expressions, conditional statements, collections, iterative statements, functions, objects, compilation and execution, and best practices.

This hands-on course does not concentrate on any one language in particular, rather its aim is to familiarise delegates with standard programming terminology, structures, and principles. Examples are given in three languages - Python, Java, and JavaScript - and delegates may choose any one of these languages with which to carry out the practical exercises.

Exercises and examples are used throughout the course to give practical hands-on experience with the techniques covered.

The delegate will learn and acquire skills as follows:

Writing to reading from the console
Declaring and initialising variables
Constructing expressions
Constructing conditional statements
Working with arrays/lists
Constructing iterative statements
Declaring and invoking/calling functions
Writing procedural programs
Working with classes and objects
Writing object oriented programs
Compiling and executing code

Virtual Learning

This interactive training can be taken from any location, your office or home and is delivered by a trainer. This training does not have any delegates in the class with the instructor, since all delegates are virtually connected. Virtual delegates do not travel to this course, Global Knowledge will send you all the information needed before the start of the course and you can test the logins.

Target Audience:

This Introduction to Programming course is designed for those new to programming, who want to learn about the terminology, structures, and principles of programming generally.

Attending this course will provide delegates with the prerequisite knowledge and required skills to go on to learn any programming language in detail, e.g. Java, JavaScript, Python, C, C++, C#, PHP, Perl, Ruby, etc.

Objectives:

- This course aims to provide the delegate with the knowledge to be able to produce simple computer programs that demonstrate an understanding of the three core principles of programming - sequence, selection, and iteration. Delegates will also be exposed to functions, objects, and both procedural and object-oriented programming paradigms. The course further aims to prepare delegates to go on to learn any one of many programming languages in detail.
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Prerequisites:

Delegates should be able to navigate the filesystem, edit a file, and browse the web. No programming experience is necessary.

Follow-on-Courses:

- Java Programming 1 (JAVA1)
 - C# Programming (C-SHARP)
 - C++ Developer (CPLUSDEV)
 - Python Programming 1 (PYP1)
 - PHP Programming (PHP)
 - Ruby Programming (RUBYP)
 - Perl Programming (PERL)
 - JavaScript 1 (JS1)
 - Object Oriented Analysis & Design (OOAD)
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Content:

Introduction to Programming Training Course Course Contents - DAY 1

Course Introduction

- Administration and Course Materials
- Course Structure and Agenda
- Delegate and Trainer Introductions

Session 1: INTRODUCTION

- Thinking Like a Computer
- Input/Output
- Storage
- Arithmetic
- Comparison
- Decisions
- Repetition
- Reuse
- What is a Program?
- Statements
- Comments
- What is Code?
- From Source Code to Runtime
- Why So Many Languages?
- What Does a Programmer Do?
- Hello World
- stdin and stdout
- The Console

Session 2: VARIABLES

- Variables - What and Why
- Name and Value
- Literals
- Data Types
- Declaration
- Initialisation
- Assignment
- Constants

Session 3: EXPRESSIONS

- Expressions - What and Why
 - Operators and Operands
 - Unary and Binary Operators
 - Arithmetic Operators
 - Assignment Operators
 - Precedence
 - Associativity
 - Complex Expressions
- Introduction to Programming Training
Course Course Contents - DAY 2

Session 4: CONDITIONAL STATEMENTS

- Conditional Statement - What and Why
- Comparison/Relational Operators
- Logical Operators
- if else
- switch
- The Ternary Operator
- Code Blocks
- Variable Scope

Session 5: COLLECTIONS

- Collections - What and Why
- Strings
- Arrays/Lists
- Declaration
- Initialisation
- Getting and Setting Elements

Session 6: ITERATIVE STATEMENTS

- Iterative Statements - What and Why
- while
- do
- for
- break
- continue
- Array/List Traversal

Session 7: FUNCTIONS

- Functions - What and Why
 - Declaration
 - Parameters
 - Return Type
 - Invocation/Call
 - Arguments
 - Return Value
 - Variable Scope (Review)
 - Modules
 - Libraries
 - Procedural Programming
- Introduction to Programming Training
Course Course Contents - DAY 3

Session 8: OBJECTS

- Object - What and Why
- Object Literals
- Object Properties
- The Trouble with Object Literals
- Classes
- Fields
- Methods
- Instances
- Reference Variables
- Primitive Variables
- Passing by Val/Ref
- Object Oriented Programming
- The Three Principles

Session 9: COMPILATION ; EXECUTION

- From Source Code to Runtime (Review)
- Compilation
- Debugging
- Linking
- Execution
- Interpretation
- Platform Dependence
- Compilation and Interpretation (Bytecode)

Session 10: BEST PRACTICES

- Program Design
- Stating the Problem
- Devising the Solution
- Pseudocode
- Coding Conventions
- White Space
- Indenting
- Naming
- Coding Style
- Readability
- Flexibility
- Scalability
- Unit Testing
- Test Driven Development (TDD)

Further Information:

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