



Hit the ground running with our programming prep class!

I hope you are looking forward to beginning your college experience at RIT. We have a request and an opportunity for you, prior to coming to campus in the fall.

First, we have a **programming skills survey** to give us an idea of your previous programming experience. Your responses will be used to help us develop future curriculum to enhance the class experience of students at all skill levels (note: this is not a “placement exam.”). It should only take about 10-20 minutes to complete.

[Complete the Survey](#)

Second, we are excited to offer you a free pre-college opportunity that helps you learn computer programming. **Code.Zero** is an online introduction to programming from the ground up.

Code.Zero is a no-cost, no-credit, online course for incoming students who have no previous programming experience. It begins at ground level and works through some basic computer programming constructs with short explanations and hands-on exercises. You will get online feedback as you submit each exercise.

The course is organized into seven “days” of instruction. (In reality, you should be able to complete “a day’s work” in only a few hours.) Because it is self-paced, you can take as little or as much time as you need for each lesson. You will find the instructor easy to follow and the lessons to be concise. All you need is a computer (of any type), an Internet connection, and a text editor.

If you have no previous programming experience, **Code.Zero** is designed for **you**. If you already have previous experience or have taken programming courses, then **Code.Zero** is not needed.

Code.Zero will be available online starting Saturday, July 24, through Saturday, Aug. 14. **To register for the course, email code.zero@rit.edu by Monday, July 19.**

See you soon,

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