thinkdev #1

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Consider it an introductory course to *programming concepts*.

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- I love to teach 😅.


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- It's the language I'm most accustomed to 🙃

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- Values and types 🔢
- Making decisions ❓
- Using functions ➗
- Testing 🧪
- Developer tools 🛠️
- Source control 💾
- Repetition 🔁
- Files and input/output 📂
- Modules 📦
- Data structures 🏛️
- Exceptions ❌
- JavaScript quirks 🤓

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Demo: editor tour

Exercise

1. Install the necessary software.
2. Customise VS Code (optional).
3. Write a JavaScript program to show your name.
4. Make sure it works and all is clear 🙂.