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Friday1995 - July 16, 2013, 8:41 am

I'm wanting to learn Java so that I can start to get to grips with making an Android App. What are the best E-Books or Youtube video's to look at?

?Eccentric? - July 16, 2013, 9:09 am

youtube.com/thenewboston. He, is god. Then once you start getting a bit better, you can self teach a wide range of skills using <http://projecteuler.net/>, after you're done with that, you will be finding a wide range of applications for your new programming skills

vitafortis - July 16, 2013, 9:24 am

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Ps. I wanted to add, you might not have the same learning style as he does, at the same time you might. Think it's possible you disliked thenewboston because you learned better from a different medium, aka books?

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I agree. I agree. Eh yeah I agree. All good.

Also, OP, just realized i might have a collection of java programming E-Books if you're interested. Might take a bit to find them but I can have them pmed within the day.