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Thread: [How do you stay motivated?](#)

Zealot - November 14, 2014, 6:51 pm

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Fluxorful - November 14, 2014, 7:11 pm

I'm learning Java too, I'd just say if you have knowledge offer your services and build shit for people, that would help keep you interested. I'm trying to build something like JSpy or Adwin rat.

Rote - November 14, 2014, 7:13 pm

Java For Dummies is a great start. I say look at what the outcome could be, the more time you put into the the better that app you want to make will end up being and make that bank quicker.

raven1337 - November 14, 2014, 7:35 pm

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JavaProfit - November 14, 2014, 7:42 pm

(Nov 14, 2014 08:35 PM)raven1337 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Have an imagination, code things that would interest you.

+ this. Coding for fun and get bored with your current project? Put it down for later and start something that's fun.

Of course you should make finished products, but learn when to put things aside. Had I known to put stuff down in the past year, I would have probably learned a lot quicker.

g4143 - November 15, 2014, 4:14 am

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H.K.S - November 15, 2014, 4:29 am

Maybe you dont actually like to program/code. If you want to stay motivated, think about everything you can do with the knowledge Java offers you. All the stuff you can do. The possibilites. Think about something you would like to see working. If you lose interest on a project, then start a new one. If this doesnt work, i guess you should re-think what you want to follow or do.

Zealot - November 15, 2014, 8:19 pm

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Well the first step is getting through a entry level book on Java.

whitewoollyhat - November 16, 2014, 2:22 am

Work on projects which seem interesting. Do loads of stuff with swing. Improve your knowledge by using APIs and programming plugins for chat servers and/or games. That's how I personally stay interested :)

wolf67 - November 16, 2014, 2:38 am

Try using teamtreehouse.com, the courses on there split into manageable chunks. They already offer android app courses but they have just released a java basics course also. Far better than the likes of Lynda and it's not as boring as reading PDFs.

Bibl - November 16, 2014, 11:26 am

I'm not motivated to write code lol, I just sit there and type and drink energy drinks and type and go to school and come home and drink more energy drinks and type. Usually when I start a project I get bored about a week or two later but I realise that people are waiting and depending on it so I have to just persevere and do the work.

