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Thread: [How to stay motivated?](#)

Figm3ntation - June 28, 2015, 6:38 pm

Hey, just looking for motivational tips and ways to keep focused on Java. My biggest excuse would be "I'm too tired" and such. Thanks

nullifiedvoid - June 28, 2015, 8:18 pm

Hello Figm3ntation,

The only advice I could give to you: Simply try to create/enhance programs that are either only interesting to you, or programs that have not been made before.

I do not program in Java much but my friend DMoneigh does. Here is a link to his Github page <http://www.github.com/DMoneigh>

A couple of his projects are unique in the sense that they have not been made before in Java.

Best Regards,
NullifiedVoid

Black Reaper - June 28, 2015, 9:47 pm

Go to youtube and watch some Motivational videos.

Kroos - June 29, 2015, 1:28 am

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clark.dll - June 29, 2015, 1:29 am

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This. You shouldn't need motivation if you enjoy doing it

Figm3ntation - June 29, 2015, 1:52 am

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I have no idea if its for me, I do have amazing ideas but starting slow is putting me off. I really want to bring some to life.

Dan K - June 29, 2015, 3:50 am

The same has been happening to me. I've been pumping out code updates and reviewing code for a few months straight and now when I sit down to look at the code, I get bored/don't know how to continue. I'd recommend taking a break for a while and then coming back to it in a few weeks/months.

Hackin - June 29, 2015, 5:00 am

You could set yourself lets say an hour a day for learning java, this way you will not grow bored of it

in one day by over exhausting yourself and before you know it, overtime you will see the hour passing by faster and faster and will find yourself willing to spend more time at it simply because you enjoy it.

csrk - June 29, 2015, 5:38 am

Markus Persson. Selftaught programmer. Wrote minecraft and later sold it for a couple of billion dollars. :-)

aliceinchains - June 29, 2015, 5:40 am

You can listen motivational musics. Always works :)

Reval - June 29, 2015, 7:20 am

Set your goals to be achievable. Don't start off by making a MMO game or something like that. Start with small, simple programs and work your way through. Meanwhile, listen to your favorite music.

Have a proper breaks to rest your eyes and brains.

WildeThing - June 29, 2015, 7:43 am

You can't find motivation, motivation finds you.

Just look around at projects and you'll eventually think of a cool idea. My latest idea was a web based mix of: GitHub (git source control management), JIRA (team tracking and issue tracking w/ interaction) and some kind of online social coding environment like Koding. This way it'd be like a global connection of programmers linked by their projects and would allow easy issue and team tracking in one place.

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Lel, just don't listen to your favourite song on repeat or when debugging problems as, after a while, that song will no longer be your favourite song.

JavaProfit - June 29, 2015, 10:10 am

If you have an idea to make something and it is something that you know you can accomplish (not like "today I am going to build a nuclear power plant out of Java"), write it down. Establish goals for yourself and have due dates for them. Like an elementary school planner except for your current project.

Straps - June 29, 2015, 10:13 am

You should think about the benefits in the future.

+Haze - June 29, 2015, 10:24 am

I've never had such an issue, there's nothing like "How to stay motivated" for me. I love what I do and that drives my passion for coding. I absolutely love it, even to the point that I was actually

coding a program the day before one of my most important college exam ahaha

msuper28 - June 30, 2015, 4:28 am

You need to stay motivated. Only you can stay motivated. Just keep working, just a little step forward in your work/job/passion/studies can keep you motivated, in this way you'll see results.

Th3PonyWizard - June 30, 2015, 4:30 am

Motivation's a bitch. Don't rely on it. Discipline is something you probably need. Push yourself until you enjoy it.

WojeT - July 1, 2015, 4:35 am

I make a feature list before I start on a project, it is just a list of features I want some program to have. This first list is usually short and contains features that will require a lot of work to complete. Then when I start working on a feature I break it down further, into small features that will take a few hours or a day max to complete. You then get to tick out a box every time you complete a small feature, and you will always have a list of other things to do.

Weco - July 1, 2015, 6:20 am

Imagine that you can make \$\$\$ with good Programs/Games. That's what I always do.

SIM-1964408 - July 1, 2015, 2:27 pm

Just always think of the end result and if it's worth it, that should be motivating in itself.

CheesyBread - July 1, 2015, 7:31 pm

Write a software that shows your favorite pornos. When you stop coding, it stops the video. Keep coding and it keeps showing you the video.

Or just think of the fuckton of money you're gonna make.

rowenmcdaniel - July 3, 2015, 1:44 pm

One thing that keeps me motivated to program is knowing that I created something from nothing. It also helps a lot if you find a project to work on that you are genuinely interested in.

JavaProfit - July 3, 2015, 1:48 pm

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Seems like something that would just distract me rather than keep me focused on coding.

The "fuckton of money" suggestion, however, works well. Even if you know deep down you'll never make money from it.