



LEARN HOW TO PROGRAM

Who We Are

CoderDojo is a global movement of **free**, volunteer-led, community-based programming and technology clubs for young people. CoderDojo Toledo is Toledo's chapter—one of many thousands around the world.

What We Do

We design video games, build websites and mobile apps, create and print 3D models, and much more, and then we teach others how to do the same.

Where You Can Find Us

CoderDojo Toledo meets every Saturday from noon to 3:00pm at Communica in Downtown Toledo. For information on events, how to attend, and where to park, please visit our website at coderdojotoledo.com.

LOCATION & CONTACT

CoderDojo Toledo has sessions every Saturday at Communica, a local marketing, advertising, and development agency.

Communica AIGA Gallery

705 Monroe St, Toledo, OH 43604

Parking

Parking in the lot off of Monroe St. underneath the horse mural. The spots will say reserved for Communica employees. Coder Dojo attendees can use those spots. If the lot is full, there is a Qwik pay lot across from the Shell station.

Contact Information

info@coderdojotoledo.com

Contact us on Facebook chat @coderdojotoledo.

FAQ

Answers to frequently asked questions by new parents and children attending CoderDojo.

Is there an age requirement?

Children between the ages of 7 - 17 years old are welcome to attend CoderDojo sessions.

When is CoderDojo held?

CoderDojo sessions are every Saturday, barring holidays or special circumstances, from noon to 3:00pm.

What does CoderDojo cost?

100%, absolutely free! All CoderDojos, our's included, are free of any charge. The only thing we require is your time and attention for a few hours each week.

Do you teach a set course, what will my child learn?

We don't adhere to any set curriculum. We have programming expertise on staff to lead short tutorials, provide support and resources, and help with roadblocks, but each child is working with their own technologies toward their own goals. For new attendees, we provide some one-on-one time to get them up to speed, figure out their goals, and give them the tools they need to reach them.

How many children attend?

Right now, between 8 to 12 children regularly attend our dojo, but we'd love to have more!

Does my child need to already know how to code?

Not at all! We take new learners all the time and give them the direction, tools, and tutorials they need to learn. It is better, albeit not required, if your child has basic computer literacy: navigating the file system, browsing the web, and writing an email.

Do I have to stay at CoderDojo with my child?

We do ask that parents stay at the dojo for the full session (barring extraneous circumstances) and encourage them to become active participants in the technology and programming community. If your child is old enough to drive, they can attend without parental supervision.

What should I bring?

Children should bring a functional laptop computer with a full-featured operating system (Windows, Mac, or Linux). Netbooks or tablets (Kindles, Android, or iOS) are not suitable devices for learning programming.

If a computer is not available, attend anyway, and we'll work to find a way to get your child involved and even procure a donated laptop computer.

Should I bring snacks?

We do encourage parents to bring snacks, baked goods, or potluck style food to share with the group. It is appreciated, but not required. Individual snacks and sack lunches are permitted.

How do I register? Is there a certain date when you'll accept new attendees?

Nope! No need to register. We can accept new children anytime. Simply show up, let a mentor know that you're new, and they'll work with you to get you set up and introduced to the club!

Do you have marketing materials I can share with others in my community?

Certainly! Copy this flyer and pin it on your local community bulletin board or distribute to anyone you think might be interested.

I want to help, can I mentor?

Absolutely! If you have computer programming, design, or hardware knowledge to pass on, send us a note and let us know before attending. Even if you don't have those skills, reach out anyway. Dojos require more than just programmers to run! If your support is monetary, please reach out to us for more information.

Can I start a Dojo in my community?

CoderDojo Toledo serves the entire Toledo and Northwest Ohio region, and our goal is to grow into multiple dojos. If you'd like to start one in your local community, let us know, and we'll get you the resources to get started!