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8 Places to Learn to Code (Live) in Cincinnati

Guide to Coding Schools in the Queen City

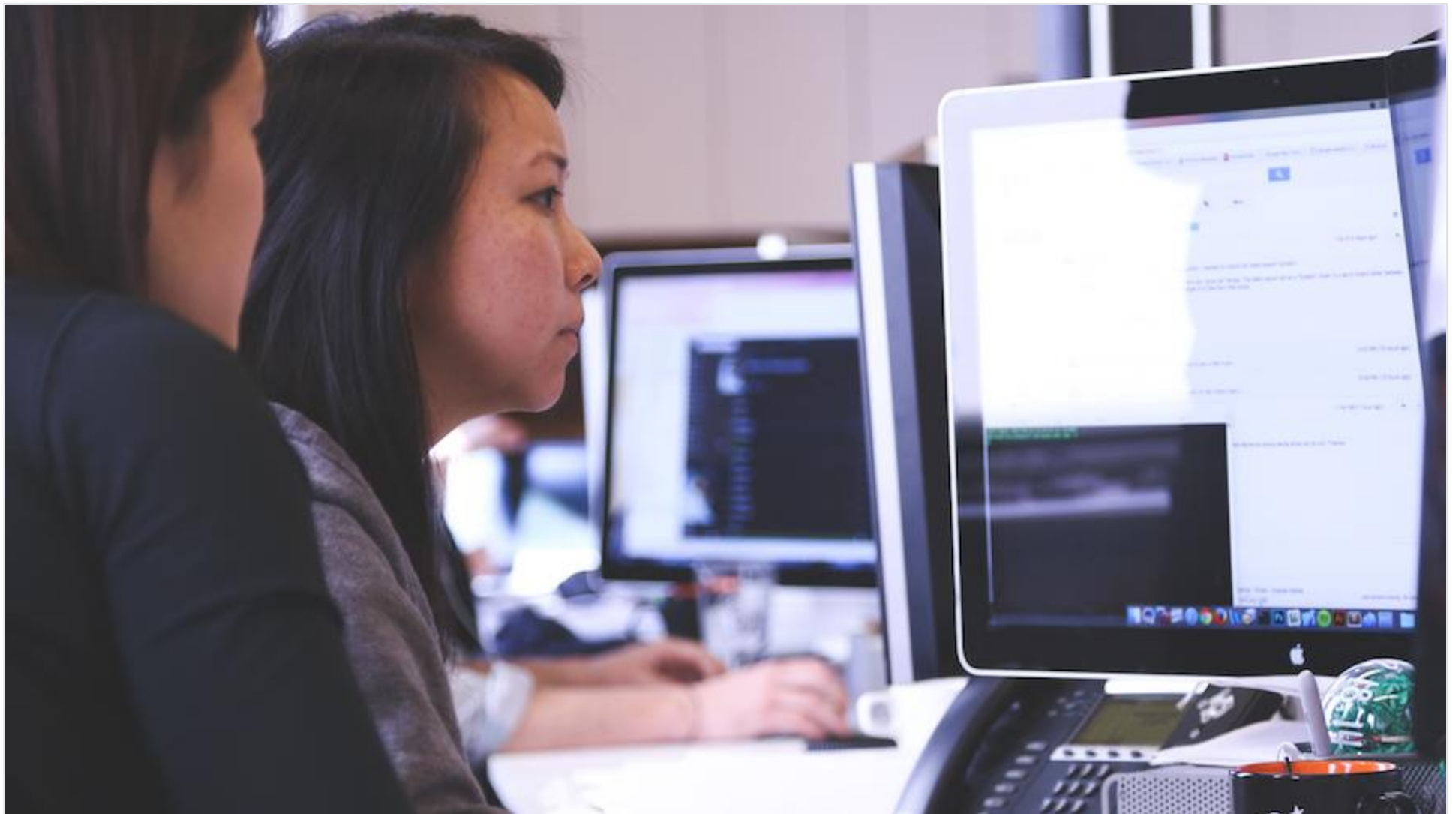| ✉ Email | f Facebook | in LinkedIn | 🐦 Twitter |

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For those looking to boost their career, understand software a bit better, or otherwise pursue a new hobby, learning to code may be their best bet.

The good news? Cincinnati has multiple ways to do to this, from formal, pricier bootcamps with career placement assistance, to casual meetups (with drinks), to opportunities for younger kids to get a coding leg-up from a young age. We've rounded up seven of these spots, below.

Are we missing anything? As always, drop us a line if so.

Editor's Note: This guide has been edited to reflect new additions to the Cincy startup landscape, as well as changes to the offerings at those entities already present. We will routinely update this resource so that it contains relevant and timely information.

For Professionals

Beer && Code Cincy *Location:* Varies, depending on event. *Price:* Free, unless otherwise specified. *Format:* B&&CC offers a variety of happy hours, bar hops and mixers monthly for coders of all skill levels. *Sounding Off:* "We bring together members of the local development community to drink beer and discuss what we're all passionate about," said B&&CC co-founders Jeremy Grice and Trent Hudepohl in an email. "We offer something unique, which is a laid back, welcoming environment taking place in the breweries and small businesses speckled around Cincinnati."

Cincinnati Software Craftsmanship *Location:* The Kroger. Co, 9997 Carver Road, Blue Ash, OH 45242 *Price:* Free *Format:* Sponsored by Kroger, the CSC hosts a variety of workshops, talks and networking events. Recent meetups include "Generating a production ready Spring Boot+Angular 4 app in minutes with JHipster" and "An Adventurer's Guide to Kotlin." *Sounding Off:* "This is a group for anyone interested in the general art of software development," it's Meetup page states. "We don't have any particular focus or topic, just general industry practices and discussions on new and evolving technologies and trends."

Cincy Code IT *Location:* 4900 Parkway Drive, #160, Cincinnati, 45040 *Price:* $14,000 for the 11-week course. CCI offer's financing via Climb Credit and accepts check and card. *Format:* Interested participants must apply. Upon acceptance, they will participate in CCI's three-month coding bootcamp with their cohort, during which time they will learn technical skills as well as have access to CCI's career placement services, with the bootcamp culminating in a graduation and a "Meet & Greet" with employers. Skill levels range from complete beginner on, but CCI does emphasize that prospective students have a passion for coding and pursuing a career in software development. *Sounding Off:* "Our boot camps work for newbies as well as coders with experience in other languages," its website states. This is because it's been powered by MAX Technical training that has been doing this for nearly 20 years. We know how to transfer knowledge — so that you are as confident as we are when you leave us for greener pastures. Our instructors not only know their stuff deeply, they love to teach and know how to teach — so you Get IT."

GirlDevelopIT Cincinnati *Location:* Varies depending on class or event. *Price:* Varies depending on class or event. For pricier courses, GDIC offers applications for need-based scholarships. *Format:* GDIC specifies the level of necessary experience necessary by each singular class or series of programs, but ultimately offers events for coders of all levels. Recent courses include "Intro to Django (Intermediate Python)" and "Wordpress Workshop (Beginner Level)," and its curriculum is community-built and licensable under fair use. *Sounding Off:* "Our vision is to create a network of empowered women who feel confident in their abilities to code and build beautiful web and mobile applications," its website states. "By teaching women around the world from diverse backgrounds to learn software development, we can help women improve their careers and confidence in their everyday lives."

Tech Elevator *Location:* Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati *Price:* The course is $14,000 per participant, with financial assistance opportunities available. *Format:* Cincinnati is the newest Tech Elevator campus (with others in Cleveland and Columbus). Participants are encouraged to first take a free, online aptitude test and attend either an open house or #learntocode meetup before applying. Once accepted, participants will spend 14 weeks in full-time instruction from storied professionals and career coaches, the later of whom work to help place students in jobs after graduation. *Sounding Off: "*You're not just 'learning to code,'" said Anthony Hughes, co-founder and CEO, on its website. "You're entering the next chapter of your career and investing in your future. And we're invested right along with you."

Untapped Code Academy   *Location:* 222 East 14th Street, Cincinnati, 45202 *Price:* Total program cost is $10,420. *Format:* Untapped Code Academy is not designed to just teach, but to lead to employment. This 14-week Practical Development Bootcamp teaches all aspects of Full Stack Development

including; HTML, CSS, Javascript, and more. **Sounding Off:** "We are combining an immersive development program with an in-house technical recruiting firm to not only educate you about technology but also to help you achieve a position in the industry."

<u>**For Kids and Students**</u>

Cincinnati Library *Location:* Branches around the city. *Price:* Free *Format:* Experience, age restrictions, and curriculums varies based on classes offered, but all mired in teaching participants how to learn to code. Recent courses include "Coding with Ozobots" and "Coding for Beginners."

CodeNinjas *Location:* Cincinnati, Ohio – Three locations coming soon. *Price:* $225 for monthly membership. *Format*: Code Ninjas combines technology, games, and fun with friends in order to teach kids how to code. By using an engaging game-based curriculum, Code Ninjas provides children with valuable coding skills.
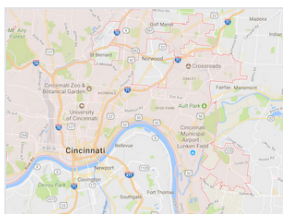

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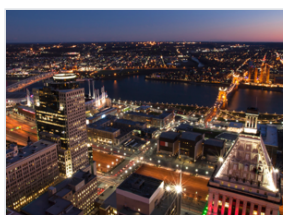Public resources for building businesses in Cincinnati

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