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LEARNING PATH

Zero to Shipped

The self-taught builder's roadmap – fewer tutorials, more finished work.

Un degré au-delà / One degree beyond

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There's no syllabus when you teach yourself – which is freedom and a trap. This is the path we'd give a younger builder: **fewer tutorials, more shipping**.

PHASE 0 – FOUNDATIONS (DON'T SKIP, DON'T LINGER)

01 Pick one language and stop shopping

JavaScript or Python. The “best” language is the one you finish a project in. Switching costs you months.

Trap to avoid: tutorial hell. If you've done more than 3 tutorials on the same topic, you're hiding from building.

02 Learn the web's spine

How the browser, a server, and a database actually talk. You can't debug what you can't picture.

03 Get comfortable being lost

Reading errors, searching well, and asking AI good questions is the real skill. Confusion is the job.

PHASE 1 – GO ONE STACK DEEP

04 Choose a stack and marry it (for now)

e.g. React/Vite on the front, one back-end + one database. Depth in one beats shallow in five.

05 Build three real things

Not clones of to-do apps – things you'd actually use. A tracker, a tool, a tiny site for someone you know.

06 Use AI as a pair, not a crutch

Let it explain and review; make yourself type and understand. If you can't rebuild it without AI, you didn't learn it.

THE ONE-DEGREE HABIT

Most people learn to make it work. The builders who stand out learn **why** it works – they read one layer deeper than the tutorial asked them to. That degree compounds.

PHASE 2 – SHIP IN PUBLIC

07 Put your work where people see it

GitHub, a personal site, a thread. A visible body of work beats any certificate.

08 Finish things

A finished small project teaches more than three abandoned ambitious ones. Shipping is a muscle.

09 Learn to deploy

Domain, hosting, environment variables, going live. "It works on my machine" isn't a product.

PHASE 3 — COMPOUND

10 Specialise after you generalise

Once you can ship, go deep on what you love — AI, design, infra. Range first, then a spike.

11 Teach what you just learned

Write it up. Teaching is the fastest way to find the holes in your own understanding.

12 Build a network by being useful

Help people, share work, answer questions. Opportunities come from people, not applications.

Tip • You don't need permission or a degree to call yourself a builder. You need a **track record of finished work**. Start the next one today.

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