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My advice to you would be to stop reading and start messing about.

You cannot damage the computer by writing code on it so whatever you do you'll be learning.

Program something that has a visible result. Something like a graphics program that draws lines or bounces a ball around. That way you can see the results immediately.

Start off small with a new windows forms application. See if you can pop up a message box in response to a button click.

The most important thing to do is to have fun with it. You'll never do that with your nose stuck in a book full of code.

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"John Salerno" <johnjsal@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
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> Ok, I've been reading an intro book to C# and I'm learning a lot of the
> basics. I can follow along with all the sample code and understand exactly
> what it's doing, but I know there's no way I'd be able to write the code
> myself.
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- > Also, it seems like every time I come here, or read info online, there is
- > so much complicated stuff that I haven't even seen yet. Basically what I'm
- > wanting to know is, how long do you expect it to take a hobbyist to
- > actually be able to write programs? I know right now I'm just learning the
- > basics, but I'm having trouble seeing myself bridging the gap from basics
- > to actual programmer. Did anyone here learn a lot on your own, or did you
- > have formal training?
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- > Just trying to gauge how I'm going to progress, I suppose...

• **References:**

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