



Retroprogramming Study Groups

***** Starting September 2026 *****

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01. Context & objectives

What we want to achieve (objectives) = organise Guided Study Groups:

- > Series of **guided workshops** with **active contribution** from participants
active learning $\Rightarrow$ learn by doing
preparing, writing, testing & presenting code
- > **Defined period** in time (3 to 4 Months)
- > Limited commitment from all but shared
 $\Rightarrow$ regular **small steps**
 $\Rightarrow$ **shared** in the group
- > **Limited to basics:**
after that, can fly by themselves

01. Context & objectives

Confirmed Guided Study Groups

> **BASIC65** 

> **6502 ML** 

> **BASIC V2 (CBM 64)** 

> **BASIC V3.5 (264 series) & 7.0 (CBM 128)** 

02. Organization



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Expectations **Active** participants = target learners

> Join preferably all sessions

Contribute actively

⇒ active learning = **learn by doing**

preparing next session ,

writing, testing

presenting code and learnings

03. Timeline



Overview (2026)

> **Summer:**

Registering participants

> **Mid Sep: Kick-off**

Kick-off event

> **Mid Sep to mid Dec** or mid Jan

Series of Workshops

Closing event

04. Feynman inspired approach



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Methodology in brief:

- > Each member is assigned a specific concept
(i.e. data type conversion, sprites, file read/write, etc.)
- > **They** must explain it to the group as teaching a beginner, using simple examples.
- > **Group** helps fill the gaps if necessary

05. Guiding principles



Tool agnostic

> no specific IDE, emulator, etc.

(otherwise: also need to start explaining this one)

> OS agnostic

Everyone should be able to use OS of their choice

I.e. Win, Mac, Linux

05. Guiding principles

We keep in mind:

- > **Hobbyist** targeted programme
- > Entry level
- > Open to everyone
 - Different backgrounds
- > No judgment on quality / progress
- > if not working for someone, allow to leave without issue
- > Focus: **having FUN is first priority!**
 - We contribute to **increasing the active community** of users

06. Supporting tools

Tools:

- > Meetings: Zoom

 - Easy for everyone, no install needed

- > Source code repository: shared Google Drive

- > Channels: Discord

 - Easy & quick to create account

 - privacy OK

- > Recorded sessions into private “Zoom Channels”
(new, to be evaluated)

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Register as of today!!!

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