

Telerik Academy Alpha

FAQ

What is new and different about Telerik Academy Alpha?

With [Telerik Academy Alpha](#), we turn traditional education upside down. We are introducing a new training method to help you get ready for a career start in the software industry faster, better and more efficiently. By leveraging innovative teaching techniques and methodologies, we shorten the time to cover our standard program from 12 to 6 months.

The new program brings a personal training approach to everyone. It aims to foster teamwork and most importantly, to help you gain invaluable practical experience. Our trainers will serve as your personal mentors and coaches, helping you build upon your strengths.

Who can apply and how?

If you're looking for a job but have little or no programming knowledge, are a tech student or an alumnus, a junior developer or an expert in another field who has fundamental programming skills and zero work experience, you can now use the next months get ready for the application process at Telerik Academy Alph. You also need to be 18 years of age or older. Due to the format of the program, it will be very difficult to impossible for you to maintain a full-time job while attending Telerik Academy.

Application for the next admission to Telerik Academy Alpha starts on January 3, 2018. If you have little to no programming experience, you can leverage the next few months and the information on <http://telerikacademy.com/alpha> to get yourself ready for the entrance exam. You can also take part in additional preparation activities and test your skills during our online practice exams in Java. The first practice exam will take place between 5 and 8 Feb, and the second exam – between 11 and 14 Feb To apply, you need to prepare a CV and cover letter and fill in the application form in our system. As a next step, you must take an exam in Java Fundamentals in the week starting on February 26 at our training center in Sofia. If you successfully pass the exam, you will be invited to an interview at Telerik Academy. Interviews will focus on your motivation to join the program.

The program will kick off on March 26.

How can I prepare for the entrance exam?

You can prepare for the exam using our online resources on Java Fundamentals. Materials include video lessons, presentations and assignments. More information is available on <http://telerikacademy.com/alpha>.

I have little/no programming knowledge, does this mean my chances are smaller to get accepted in the program compared to people with programming education/experience?

No, all applicants will be assessed based on their entrance exam results and the qualities and motivation they show during the interviews.

How much time do I need to prepare for the entrance exam if I don't have any experience in programming?

The time necessary for preparing for the entrance exams depends mainly on your learning pace. Up to two months of regular learning and exercising should be more than enough to master the material tested at the entrance exams.

How can we take part in the practice exams? When will they take place?

Practice exams will take place between 5 and 8 Feb, and between 11 and 14 Feb. They will be held in our judge system, and you will be able to take them online. You will be able to access the exams at any point in the above mentioned timeframes. Once you enter an exam, you will have 3 hours sharp to solve the problems and submit your solutions. Please have in mind that results from the practice exams are NOT part of the application process and you will NOT be able to apply for the program with your practice exam results. These are merely for you to test your skills and knowledge, and a good assessment of your preparation towards the actual exams.

Is there a minimum passing score for the entrance exam?

No, the passing score for the entrance exam will be based on the overall performance of all applicants.

What will the interview include?

Interviews will focus on your motivation and aspirations, and will determine if the program is appropriate for you based on your needs, expectations and personality.

What is the principle of selection of candidates?

All candidates who successfully pass the entrance exam will be invited to an interview with the Telerik Academy training team. The interview aims to provide us with more information on your goals and motivation to join the program. It will also give candidates an opportunity to get to know the Telerik Academy trainers, as well as our culture and values.

How much does the training cost?

Like all other current Telerik Academy programs, the Telerik Academy Alpha tuition will be free for the students.

What will I learn?

The Java track will cover the technologies needed for web back-end Java development. The main focus will be on working with SpringMVC, MySQL and Hibernate. We will cover topics, such as object oriented programming, unit testing, design patterns, SOLID, data structures and algorithms, and many more. Find a detailed curriculum [here](#).

When and where will trainings take place?

The program will be held onsite at Telerik Academy on 31 Alexander Malinov Blvd. in Sofia. Trainings start on March 26 and are expected to end in September 2018. Lectures will be held daily Monday to Friday, from 14:30 to 18:30 h each day.

Can I choose between online and onsite training?

Training will be only onsite. Attendance in person is key to our students' successful graduation, which is why onsite participation is required. Participants must attend all classes, since they won't be available online.

Can I work while attending the program?

Due to the format of the program, maintaining a full-time job while attending Telerik Academy will be very difficult to impossible.

Do I have to sign a contract to join the program?

Yes, all admitted students will sign a contract with Telerik Academy as part of their participation in the program.

Are we going to have homework assignments?

The Telerik Academy Alpha program aims to constantly improve its format to the ultimate benefit of the students. You will not be expected to submit homework on a regular basis, but based on your progress and the specifics of the topic you are covering, you might be given a home assignment throughout the program.

Are there computers in lecture halls that we can use during exams or lectures?

No, there are no computers in lecture halls. All students need to bring their own devices while attending lectures and sitting exams.

Do all students graduate?

Similar to the other Telerik Academy programs, only the best performing students who successfully pass all requirements and assignments will graduate.

Will I receive a certificate at the end of the program?

Graduates will receive a certificate, which is widely recognized in the IT industry in Bulgaria.

Will I land a career in the software industry upon graduation?

All graduates will have access to the Telerik Academy partner network, which will help them jumpstart their career in a software company upon graduation.

What companies do you work with in your partner network?

Telerik Academy forges partnerships with some of the leading software companies in Bulgaria, and we try to give our students access to positions and employers that we believe are a great match for them. Our graduates work for companies such as Grafisoft, Tick42, Accedia, ScaleFocus, Leanplum, EPAM, etc. More information about our partner network, along with opportunities to get acquainted with the companies' work, culture and job openings, will be available throughout the program.

Can I apply for a job in a company outside your partner network?

Yes, you are not obliged to start working for any of our partners, and hence, can apply for open positions outside our network. However, you will still have access to our partner network, which will amplify your career opportunities upon graduation.