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- Assembling and working with programming tools
- Getting inside a programming language: Liberty BASIC
- Programming basics: From variables, constants, and comments to strings, control statements, and loops
- Creating user interfaces for your programs
- Dealing with data structures
- Playing with object-oriented programming
- Debugging and optimizing your code
- Top Ten lists on the top programming careers and additional resources

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