Benefits of Children Learning to Code

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Children who are born into the age of technology are more fluent in using it than their grandparents and parents, but the keyword here is "using." Simply using technology doesn't have the same benefits as having the ability to create and turn ideas into a reality.

Once children understand the basic concepts of how computers work and why coding is used, they can begin learning how to create. Children can benefit from learning code because they learn computational thinking, which fosters problem-solving skills. Coding is so important for children because it goes beyond creating software and websites; they can turn their ideas into a digital reality... and the possibilities are endless. There are increasing amounts of resources out there to start teaching your kids to learn how to code, both online and in the form of a <u>class</u>.

Class: LITTLE MAKERS CLASS

Online: CODE WITH ANNA AND ELSA

CODING FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

Teaching children how to code while they're still young is preparing them for the future. Our culture is becoming increasingly digital, and our children should not only be passive consumers of knowledge and entertainment. In this TED talk, Mr Rensick discusses the importance for teaching kids to appreciate computer coding with the <u>Scratch</u> website. He believes that teaching kids about programming is not about programming itself. It's about promoting creativity,

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curiosity, teaching persistence, and giving young people a sense of how they can create technology.

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