**One Million Coders**

In 2017, His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, launched the ‘[One Million Arab Coders](http://www.arabcoders.ae/)’ initiative, an educational platform that offers free exceptional courses for individuals interested in developing their digital skills.

The regional initiative comes in line with the UAE’s digital cooperation approach, and aims to empower one million young Arabs in three years with the essential future skills required for the labour market by learning coding, the language of the future. The initiative has four tracks: front-end web development, data analysis, full-stack web development and Android development.

Under the initiative:

* One million coders are planned to graduate from the course within 3 years
* Students get free high-quality online courses and certifications
* The first 1,000 students with the highest rank get high-level scholarships in one of the four tracks
* The first winner get a prize of $1,000,000
* The first 10 students with the highest rank get $50,000.

In the first year, more than 375,000 individuals registered for the first edition of the initiative, which seeks to train 1 million Arab coders over three years. Over 22,000 people from 150 countries around the world completed the programme in the first year. About 3,600 tutors from large companies around the world are involved in the initiative, which features 1.5 million training hours.

The initiative will empower the Arab youth through providing them with job opportunities in the field of modern technologies, qualifying them, refining their skills, enriching their knowledge, developing their capabilities and building their experiences in the advanced sciences fields.

It will further provide them with niche scientific training, helping them master the programming language and excel in it, to be ready to deal with all future digital economic requirements efficiently. This, in turn, will contribute to the advancement of the Arab countries, stimulating innovation and making a positive difference.