

If code comes out when you describe it, why doesn't it end there? — Coding

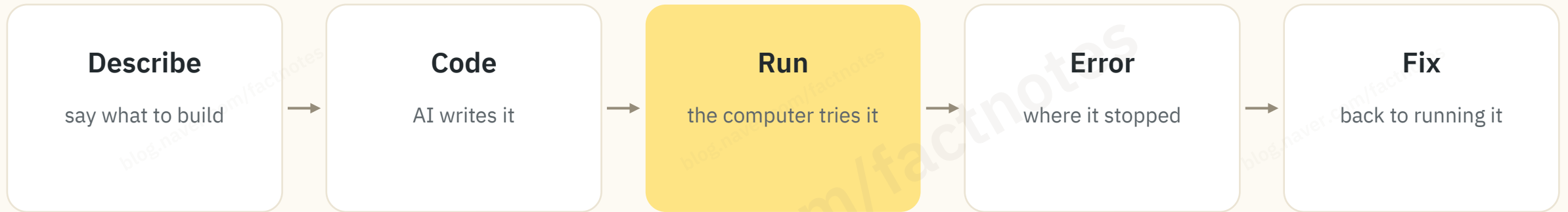
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Getting the code is just the start; coding begins the moment you run it.

In a nutshell

- 1 It's true that if you describe it in words, code comes out. But **the real half of coding happens after the code comes out** — running it, reading the errors, fixing it.
- 2 With AI-written code, **nobody knows if it's right until it runs**. What decides isn't whether it looks believable, but whether running it gives the result you wanted.
- 3 So a red error message isn't you getting scolded — it's **a note telling you what went wrong**. Showing the whole thing to AI is the fastest way to fix it.

Coding isn't one line, it's a loop



The orange box is the referee. Whether code is right isn't decided by a person or by AI — the result of running it decides.

Key idea: it isn't working code until you've run it

The order it takes to get code running

Start to finish

- 1 Describe what to build
- 2 Code comes out
- 3 Run it
- 4 An error pops up
- 5 Fix it and run again

There are three more boxes after the code comes out. The last two usually go ar...

When you hit an error

- 1 Copy the error message
- 2 See which line it is
- 3 Give it to AI as is
- 4 Run the fixed code
- 5 Watch it actually work

The error message says where it stopped. Don't summarize it — giving the whole...

When you want to build big

- 1 Ask in small pieces
- 2 Run one piece at a time
- 3 Check it works, then next
- 4 Run it all at the end

Check each piece, and you see the broken spot right away. Ask for it all at onc...

Tap the mixed-up pieces in order. Whether you're building a game or organizing a homework spreadsheet, this ord...

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Just three questions

Q1

AI wrote you some code. Who decides whether it's right?

- ① The result you get when you run it
- ② If AI says it confidently, it's right
- ③ If the code is long, it's right
- ④ No errors means it's definitely right

Q2

When an error pops up, how should you ask AI about it?

- ① Just write 'it doesn't work'
- ② Show it the whole error message
- ③ Delete the code and ask again
- ④ Pass on a summary of the error

Q3

What's the trick for building something big?

- ① Ask for it all at once
- ② Write long code
- ③ Small pieces, one at a time
- ④ Ignore the errors

Know the why, too

Q1

①

Code that looks believable and code that runs are two different things. Whether the computer runs it and gives the result you wanted is the only referee.

Q2

②

The error message says which line it stopped on and why. Shorten it, and those clues disappear.

Q3

③

Run and check each piece, and you see the broken spot right away. Ask for it all at once, and the cause hides inside long code.

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Tomorrow: Making pictures — the more detail you describe, does the picture really look more like what's in your head?