

My Brief Guide to Getting Started with Bitcoin

I've gotten a fair number of questions from friends and strangers like you about how to explore, understand, and use bitcoin properly. Rather than send you the same email and retread old ground, I've decided to make my recommendations available publicly here. I hope this helps you in your search!

Here are a few other resources you'll find helpful for educating yourself about bitcoin in general, tiered in terms of depth of coverage of the material:

- **Level 1:** Understand the basics of what bitcoin is, functionally speaking:
<https://bitcoin.org/en/>
- **Level 2:** Understand what bitcoin is, technologically speaking, and why it's important:
<https://ybitcoin.com/articles/what-is-bitcoin/> (yBitcoin.com/articles is full of good stuff here) < **You already have this**
- **Level 3:** Understand how bitcoin works at a high level (5 min.):
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l9jOJk30eQs>
- **Level 4:** Understand how bitcoin works in depth: <https://bitcoin.org/bitcoin.pdf> or
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lx9zgZCMqXE>

This is a nice short talk on why Bitcoin matters:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3MLy5Z5ISeA&feature=youtu.be>

If you want to learn how to send a bitcoin payment, check out bitpay.com/how-to-pay. Coinbase.com is a good way to buy bitcoin. The BitPay wallet is an easy to use but highly-secure app for storing and sending bitcoin.