

CompSci 101

Introduction to Computer Science

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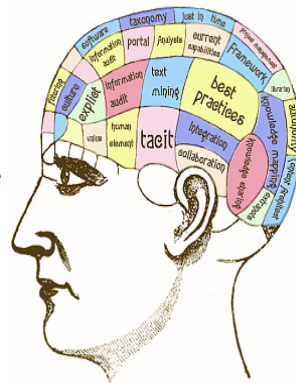
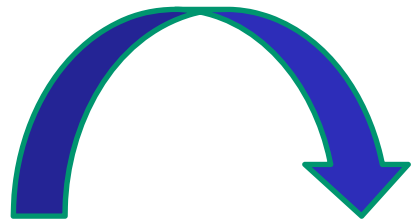
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CompSci 101

Data into Information and Knowledge

Computer Science



Prerequisites for Compsci 101



Who has taken CompSci 101?



compsci 101 fall 2016



What is Computer Science?

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Just ask Siri (or Bing?)

<http://www.bing.com/images/search?q=computer+science&go=Submit&qs=n&form=QBI R&pq=computer+science&sc=8-16&sp=-1&sk=>



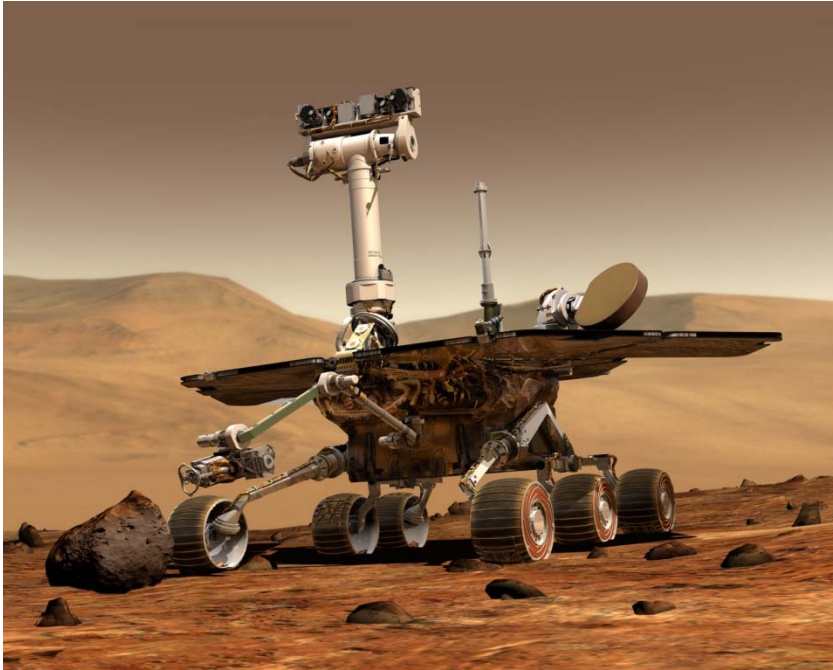
Anatomy of a search query

https://www.google.com/search?q=what+is+computer+science&espv=2&source=lnms&tbm=isch&sa=X&ei=Ib77U_09CtDhsAT07YDABA&sqi=2&ved=0CAcQ_AUoAg&biw=1293&bih=861

- What are the parameters to the query?
 - What changes, what stays the same?

What is Computer Science?

- Artificial Intelligence



Spirit, Mars Rover



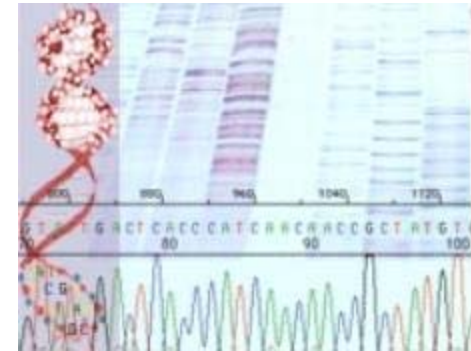
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CMU's Sandstorm₈

What is Computer Science?

- Medicine, Genomics



What is Computer Science?

- Devices



What is Computer Science?

- Animation



Who are all these people?

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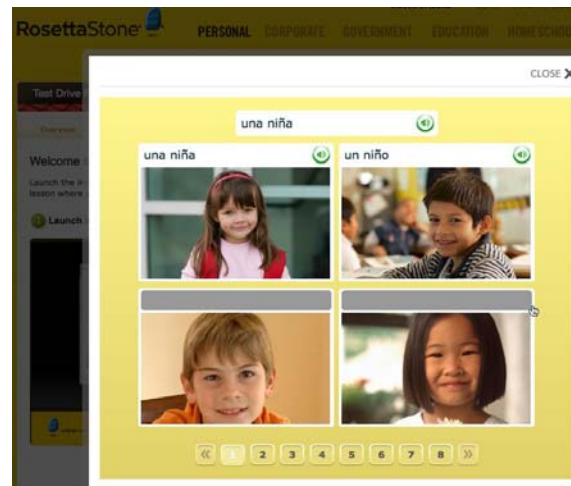


Questions about Computer Science

What is it that distinguishes it from the separate subjects with which it is related? What *is the linking thread* which gathers these disparate branches into a single discipline? My answer to these questions is simple --- *it is the art of programming a computer*. It is the art of designing efficient and elegant methods of getting a computer to solve problems, theoretical or practical, small or large, simple or complex.

How will you learn to 'speak'?

- <http://www.rosettastone.com/personal/demo>
- <http://duolingo.com>



How will you learn to program?

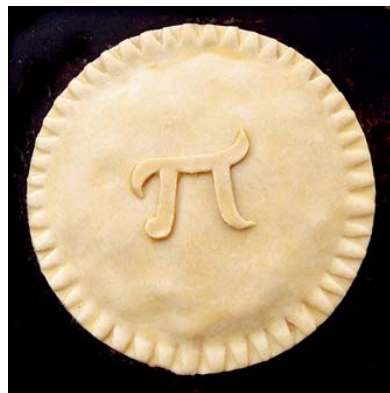
- You learn more than programming
- Coding, Algorithms
 - UX/UI: User Experience, User Interface
 - Data Analytics, Software Engineering
- A course, a way of thinking, a set of skills and practice that can lead to more or ...

What language will we learn?

- <http://www.python.org/>
- Python is a *multi-paradigm* language
 - Procedural
 - Functional
 - Object-Oriented
- Simple, libraries, widely used
- Guido is BDFL



Why is it called Python?



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Who are you?

- Let's look at survey to see who is taking Compsci 101 in Fall 2016
 - Do you recognize yourself?
 - Is there a stereotypical Compsci 101 student?
 - Is there a stereotypical computer scientist?
- Everyone can succeed! Ideally you won't have lots of experience programming

Daphne Koller, AI Pioneer, Educator

Computers learn to diagnose breast cancer? And more? *The Data Scientist on a Quest to turn Computers into Doctors*

- <http://bit.ly/koller-cancer>
- <http://wrd.cm/1E9zFqy>



On Coursera: "But to practice problem-solving, a student must first master certain concepts. By providing a cost-effective solution for this first step, we can focus precious classroom time on more interactive problem-solving activities that achieve deeper understanding — and foster creativity."

Coursera Founder, NY Times, December 5, 2011

Course overview, logistics

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- Programming assignments: APTs and Assignments
 - Acknowledge assistance, to learn to program ...
 - Be aware of late policy
- Exams: midterms and final: paper-based, different
 - All old midterms available
- Class work/attendance
 - Examples today, benefits hopefully clear

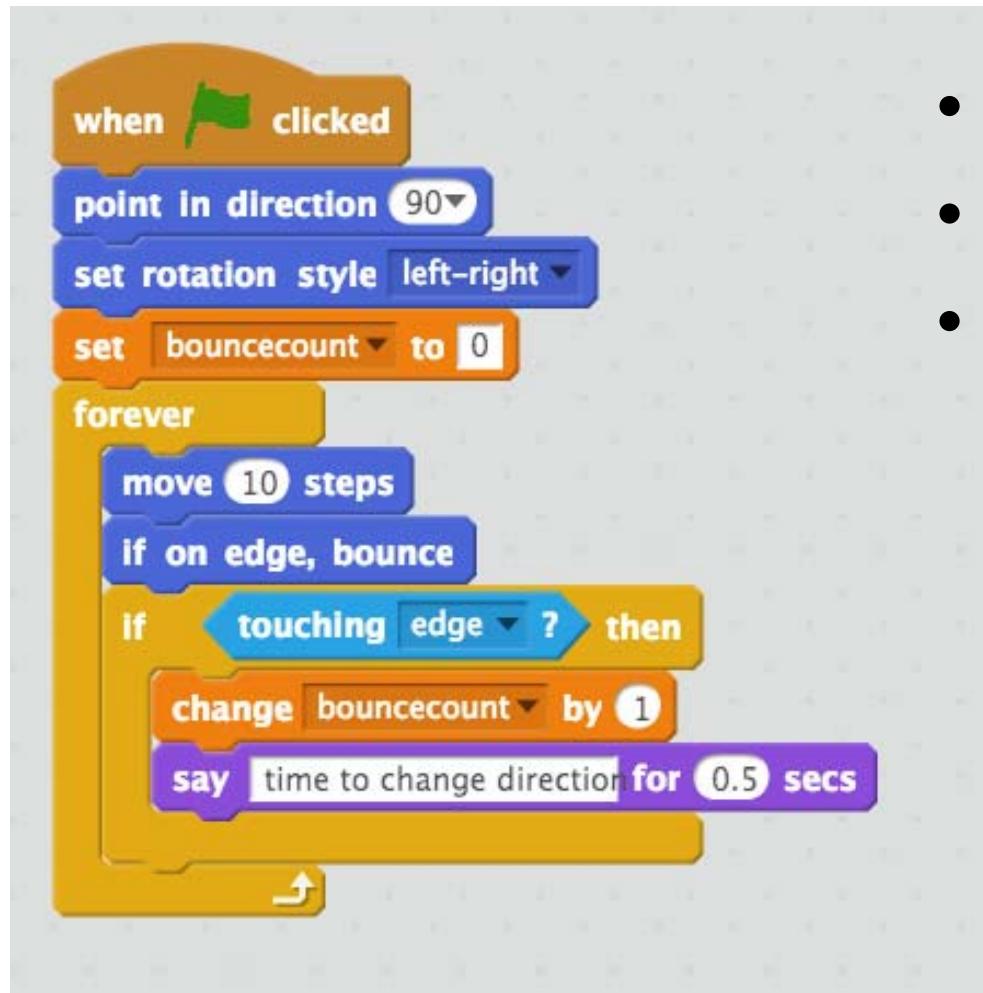
Course Overview:

Is this the right one?

- Work by yourself and collaboratively on solving problems that programming
 - Analyze the problems, think about solving them
 - Create, Collaborate, Persist, Problem-Solve
- Why should you come to class?
 - Learn things, participate in a community
 - Provide help, get help, wonder, dance, think
- Why is this course so great?
 - Because you're in it

What's in Compsci 101?

- Learning about computing, computer science, and programming
 - Vocabulary of Python and programming
 - *Power of automation, repetition, scale*
 - Understanding and changing the world
- Programming using Python
 - Tools: Eclipse, EPD, Libraries, ...
 - Using mathematical and scientific techniques
 - *Art and science of programming*



- "Hello World"
- Scratch Program
- Colors
 - Duke blue: motion
 - Mustard: control
 - Light blue: sensing
 - Orange: data
 - Purple: looks

Analyze this Scratch Program?

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Python code

hello.py

```
'''  
Created on Jan 14, 2016  
  
@author: Susan  
'''  
print "hello CompSci 101 students"
```

Python data reading code

```
f = open("kjbv10.txt")
st = f.read()
total = len(st)
zc = st.count('z')
print "total # chars = ",total
print "number of z's",zc
for ch in 'aeiou':
    print ch, st.count(ch)
```

Announcements

- See assigned reading on course web page
 - Reading Quiz 1 (RQ1) online on Sakai (out today)
 - due by 10am Thurs, Sept 1.
- Labs start this week! (Wed/Thur)
- Assignment 1 out – Due Sept 6
- Install course software
 - Try to install before going to lab
 - If you get frustrated, get help!
- Today: Introduce Computer Science

Duke Connection: Fred Brooks

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- What Would FB Say?

"The most important single decision I ever made was to change the IBM 360 series from a 6-bit byte to an 8-bit byte, thereby enabling the use of lowercase letters. That change propagated everywhere."

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Why is programming fun?

Fred Brooks

- First is the sheer joy of making things
- Second is the pleasure of making things that are useful
- Third is the fascination of fashioning complex puzzle-like objects of interlocking moving parts
- Fourth is the joy of always learning
- Finally, there is the delight of working in such a tractable medium. The programmer, like the poet, works only slightly removed from pure thought-stuff.

