

# CompSci 101

## Introduction to Computer Science

### APT: CompSci 101, Fall 2016, APT

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Sept 6, 2016

Prof. Rodger

## Algorithm

- Recipe
- Sequence of steps that constitute instructions
- Step-by-step procedure for calculations

What does Nate Silver do?

<http://53eig.ht/1tZy909>



How do Netflix and Amazon know me?

- CompSci101 project: capable of implementation as a program, but much more basic

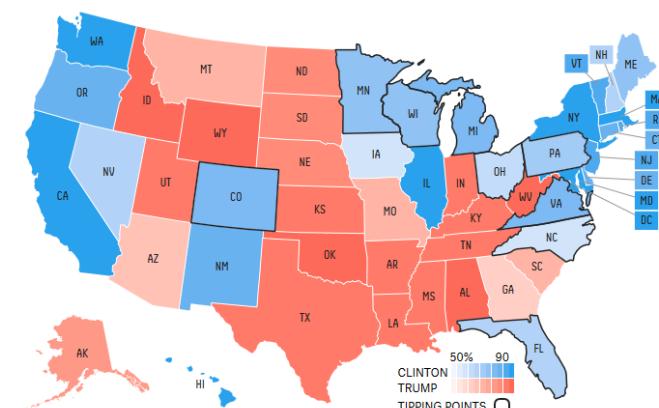
<http://moreintelligentlife.com/content/features/anonymous/slaves-algorithm>

## Announcements

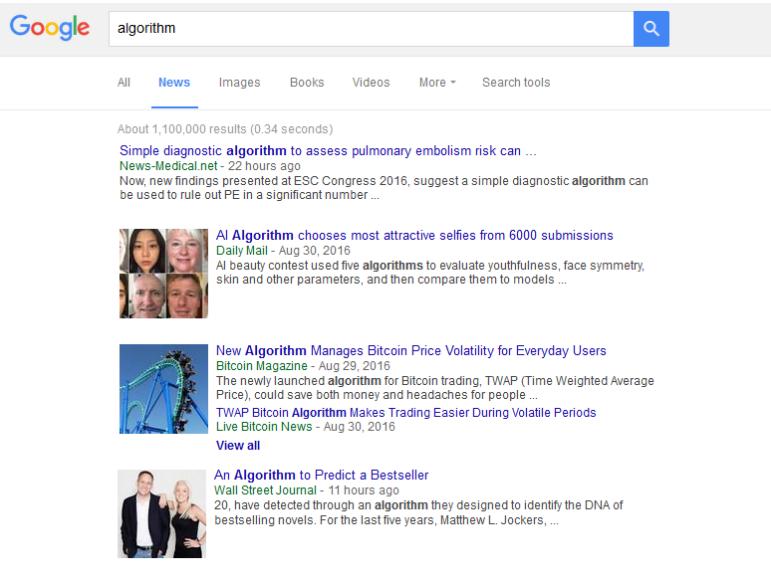
- Reading and RQ3 due next class
- Assignment 1 due today!
  - See the catch up schedule – for everyone!
- APT 1 due on Tuesday, Sep 13
- **Need a pin to add class** – fill out form
- Exam accommodations – fill out form
- Lab this week
  - try out functions, Solve APT
- Today – Problem Solving, Python practice, solve an APT

### Who will win the presidency?

#### Chance of winning



# Google “algorithm”



A screenshot of a Google search results page for the query "algorithm". The results are as follows:

- AI Algorithm chooses most attractive selfies from 6000 submissions**  
Daily Mail - Aug 30, 2016  
AI beauty contest used five **algorithms** to evaluate youthfulness, face symmetry, skin and other parameters, and then compare them to models ...
- New Algorithm Manages Bitcoin Price Volatility for Everyday Users**  
Bitcoin Magazine - Aug 29, 2016  
The newly launched **algorithm** for Bitcoin trading, TWAP (Time Weighted Average Price), could save both money and headaches for people ...
- TWAP Bitcoin Algorithm Makes Trading Easier During Volatile Periods**  
Live Bitcoin News - Aug 30, 2016  
View all
- An Algorithm to Predict a Bestseller**  
Wall Street Journal - 11 hours ago  
20, have detected through an **algorithm** they designed to identify the DNA of bestselling novels. For the last five years, Matthew L. Jockers, ...

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## Algorithms that scale: An example

- Human Genome Project
  - Multiple approaches, relying heavily on computational power and algorithms
  - Combine reads of DNA sequences, we'll look at an illustrative example
- These combine bio/chemistry techniques with computational techniques to recreate the sequencing, e.g., CGATTCCG... from "live data", actual DNA.

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## Eugene (Gene) Myers

- Lead computer scientist/software engineer at Celera Genomics, then at Berkeley, now at Janelia Farms Research Institute (HHMI)

*"What really astounds me is the architecture of life. The system is extremely complex. It's like it was designed." ... "There's a huge intelligence there."*

- BLAST and WG-Shotgun



## Whole Genome Shotgun with words

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- Creation algorithm
  - Take a phrase
  - Replicate it four times
  - Chop into "chunks"
    - 15-22 characters
- How to recreate original phrase?

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## From Algorithms to Code

- An algorithm that scales needs to run on a computer --- programming to the rescue!
- Extensive libraries help with programming
  - Brain or Neuroscience
  - Engineering and Mathematics
  - Genomics
  - Graphic User Interfaces, ...
- We are using Python, extensible and simple

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## Hello around world code

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## Understanding terminology: code

- Move from "Hello World" to "Hello Around the World"

- Look at Python, code, libraries
- Learning (reviewing) terminology about Python

```
print "hello world"
```

```
f = open("hello.txt")  
for line in f:  
    print line
```

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## Running and Understanding Code

- Need Python compiler/interpreter
  - We're using Canopy, includes libraries
- Need an editor development environment
  - We use Eclipse and PyDev, open source and widely used, Ambient is Duke Plugin
- You need experience thinking and coding and debugging ideas and code:
  - Installing the suite of tools can be cumbersome
    - Persist, Perservere, Get Help, start over ☺

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# Barbara Liskov

- (one of) first women to earn PhD from compsci dept
  - Stanford 1968
- Turing award in 2008
  - Programming Languages



“It's much better to go for the thing that's exciting. But the question of how you know what's worth working on and what's not separates someone who's going to be really good at research and someone who's not. There's no prescription. It comes from your own intuition and judgment.”

## Starting with Python

- Variable
  - Name of a storage location – holds a value
  - to assign a value to a variable
- Type
  - Different types of data
  - A variable can store data of a certain type
  - int, float, str
- operators in Python for numbers
  - Arithmetic: + - \* / % \*\*
- Built-in functions: pow, abs, round, int, float
  - example: `pow(2, 3) + round(1.6)`<sub>15</sub>

## Hello Around the World in Python

- We open a file, and we open a URL
  - Syntax slightly different, concept is similar
  - Real-world differences between files and URLs?

```
f = open("hello_unicode.txt")
```

```
f = urllib2.urlopen("http://nytimes.com")
```

- Must adhere to syntactic rules of Python
  - Naming, whitespace, : or . or ( or ) or [ or ]
- Must adhere to semantic rules of Python
  - Can't loop over anything, more rules to follow

## Eclipse – Three ways to run

1. Write program and store in file
  - Create a PyDev project – a folder for programs
  - Create a PyDev module for each program (file)
  - Run in console
2. Create an APT in Eclipse and run on web
3. Run interactively
  - Open PyDev console
  - Execute each line as typed
  - Code not saved

## Demo: Run interactively in Eclipse PyDev Console

- If Console window is not showing then
  - Click on Window, Show View, Console
- Then at the bottom of Eclipse, click here:



- Select PyDev Console, Python Console

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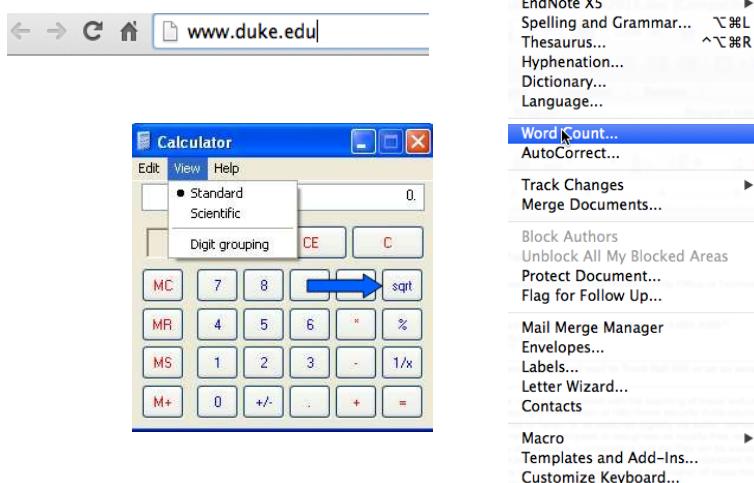
## Variables, Types, Expressions?

```
a = 5
b = 4
print b
a = a + b
print a
c = "fred"
print c
```

```
print a + b * 3
print (a + b) *
3
print a / b
print a / (b *
1.0)
```

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## Examples of functions



## Functions explained

- In a calculator, `sqrt`: number in  $\rightarrow$  number out
  - What is domain, what is range?
- In MSWord, `word count`: document  $\rightarrow$  number
  - Domain is word doc, range is integer
- In browser, web: URL  $\rightarrow$  HTML formatted "page"
  - Domain is valid URL, range is HTML resources
- In Python we see similar structure!

## Demo

- In Eclipse write a file with a function and run it
- stuff.py

```
def sum(a, b):  
    return a+b  
  
print sum(3,5)  
print sum(1,4)
```

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## Python Functions

- Answer these questions based on thinking, don't run any code
  - <http://bit.ly/101f16-0906-3>
- Why do we need functions?
  - Manage complexity of large programs
  - Test and develop code independently
  - Reuse code in new contexts: create APIs!

## Functions return values

- Most functions return values
  - Sometimes used to make things simpler, but returning values is a good idea

```
def inch2centi(inches):  
    return 2.54*inches  
  
xh = inch2centi(72)
```

```
def pluralize(word):  
    return word + "es"  
  
pf = pluralize("fish")
```

## Functions can print info

- Some functions only print info
- Note there is no return statement in the function

```
def helloPerson(name):  
    print "hello" + name  
  
helloPerson("Susan")  
helloPerson("Ademola")
```

# APTs

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## What is an APT? [BMI APT](#)

- Automated/Algorithmic Problem Testing
  - Write one function, 2-30 lines, solve a problem
  - Tested automagically in Eclipse or the browser
  - Lots of test cases – test test test
- Start simple, build toward more complex
  - What is a function? A function call?
  - What is a parameter? Argument?
  - How do you run/execute a program



## Demo Solving APT BMI

- Write your code in Eclipse
  - Create python file
  - Name of file important – case matters
  - name of function important – cut and paste this
  - Write your code
  - Test a few examples in Eclipse
- Run online on using APT Tester
  - Tests on lots of examples, Debug, fix
  - Get all **GREEN**
- Submit on APT page
  - README form too