CSCI111: Fundamentals of Programming I

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If You Can't Read That, You'd Better Read This Code: An Essay $_{\mbox{\tiny p13}}$

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My Bio

- From Dallastown, PA
- B.S., Gettysburg College
- M.S., Duke University
- Ph.D., University of Delaware
- For fun: pop culture, gardening, Rockbridge Animal Alliance





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Survey Says...

- What year are you?
- Who has used a computer regularly?
- Who has used the Internet regularly?
- Who has made a web page?
- Who has written a program?
- Why are you taking this course?

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What is Computer Science?

"Computer Science is no more about computers than astronomy is about telescopes."

--Edsger Dijkstra

CS = Complexity Science

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- Microsoft VP of Research



When people talk about the smart grid, smart vehicles, and smart buildings — what makes them 'smart'?

Computer science.

When people talk about personalized medicine and personalized learning, how do you think personalization is possible?

Computer science.

We're not there yet, but the next generation of computer scientists can help us realize these visions — with immeasurable benefits to society and the economy.

http://www.nytimes.com/roomfordebate/2011/06/15/computersciences-sputnik-moment/writing-code-has-become-self-expression

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(emphasis is mine)

CS == Complexity Science or the Study of Complexity

- How can it be done?
 - Based on information
 - Managing, manipulating data
 - Possible algorithms
- How well can it be done?
 - ➤ Most **efficient** algorithm in terms of time and/or space
- Can it be done at all?
 - Often, proof is a program--an implementation of the above

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Computer Science Fields

Systems

- Architecture
- Operating systems
- Networks
- Distributed and parallel systems
- Databases

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Software

- Compilers
- Graphics
- Software engineering
- Software testing and verification,

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Theory

- Algorithms
- Theory of computation

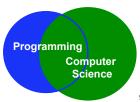
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Other

- Artificial intelligence
- Robotics
- Natural language processing
- Bioinformatics
- Visualization
- Data science
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- Often research involves combinations of these fields
- Not just programming!
 - But programming is a tool to do much, much more!

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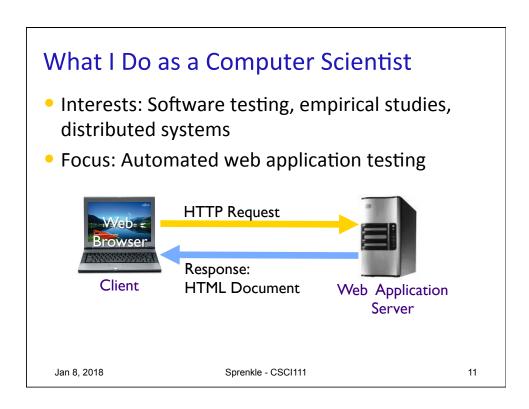
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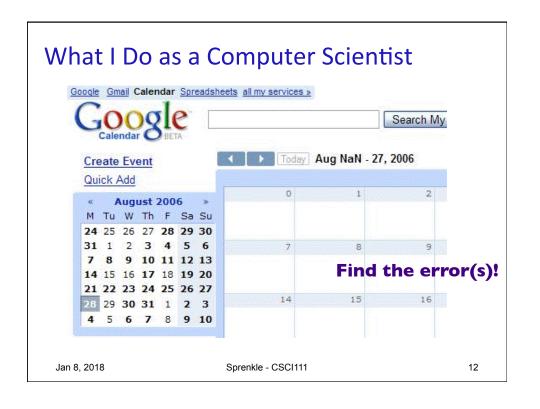
What I do not do as a Computer Scientist

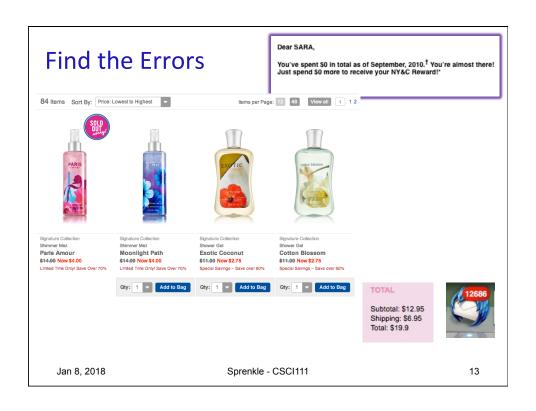
- Fix hardware
- Fix Microsoft Windows (or other operating systems) problems
- Fix Microsoft Office (or other desktop applications) problems

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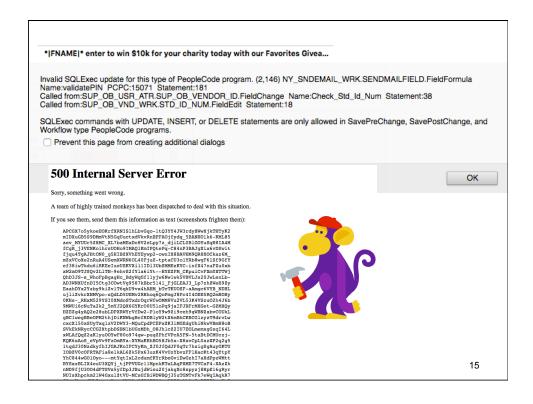
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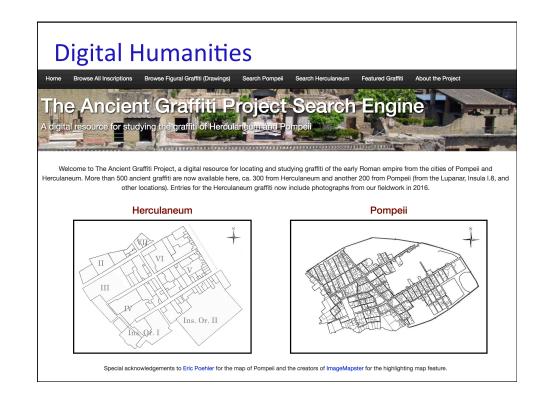


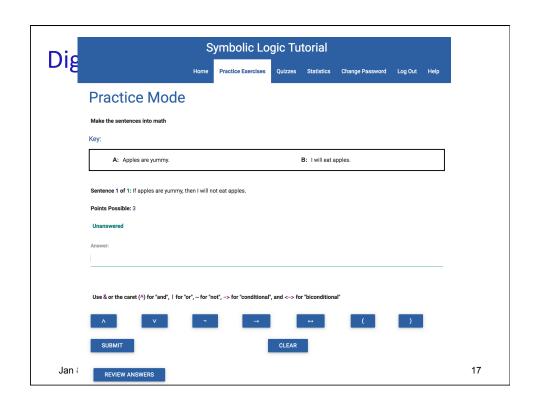


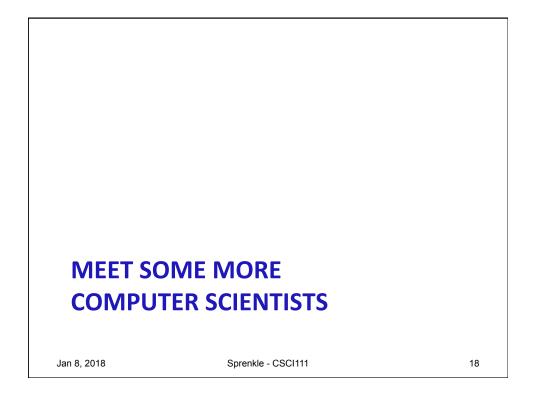


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Jamie White '17



Software Engineer at Amazon, eBook division



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Patrick Ozark '17



Bioinformatics Analyst at Northwestern University – the Feinberg School of Medicine

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Johanna Goergen '16

Software engineer at Optimizely, a startup in San Francisco

Optimizely: A/B testing and personalization

Johanna: on the application backend team, writing and maintaining the company's REST API





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Haley Archer-McClellan '15

Computer Applications Programmer/Analyst IT division, Federal Reserve Board

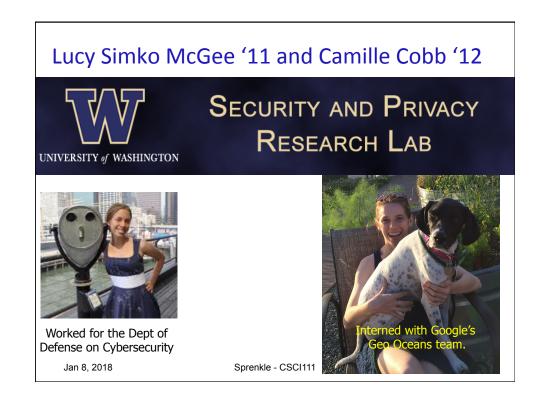


- Focus: web app that tracks
 Freedom of Information Act
 (FOIA) requests received by the board
 - meeting with the team that uses that app
 - developing requirements
 - monitoring legislation that impacts the Freedom of Information Act and our client's business processes
 - developing and testing our app

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Christyann Pulliam



- Double major in CS and Political Science from Gettysburg College
- Law Degree from Wake Forest University
- Patent Examiner at the US Patent and **Trademark Office**
 - > Focus: Search engines, DB apps

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We use data analytics, computer systems, servers, programming, network and database administration all the time to provide the data necessary to inform our donors, government officials, advocates, and the general public about our mission to feed the hungry.

Without good computer science...there is no food.

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Your Bios

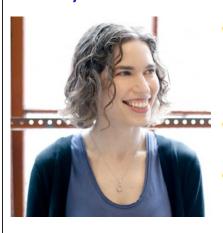
- Where you're from
- Your year
- A fun fact

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Hilary Mason



- Founder of Fast Forward Labs
 - a machine intelligence research company
 - Formerly Chief Scientist at bitly.
- "Teaching someone to program is like giving them a **superpower**." quote in *Glamour*, November 2011

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Problem Solving!



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Computational Problem Solving 101

- Computational Problem:
 - A problem that can be solved by logic
- To solve the problem:
 - 1. Create a **model** of the problem
 - 2. Design an **algorithm** for solving the problem using the model
 - 3. Write a **program** that *implements* the algorithm



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Computational Problem Solving 101

- Algorithm: a well-defined recipe for solving a problem
 - > Has a *finite* number of steps
 - Completes in a finite amount of time
- Program
 - > An algorithm written in a programming language
 - > Also called *code*
 - > As code base grows, becomes an application

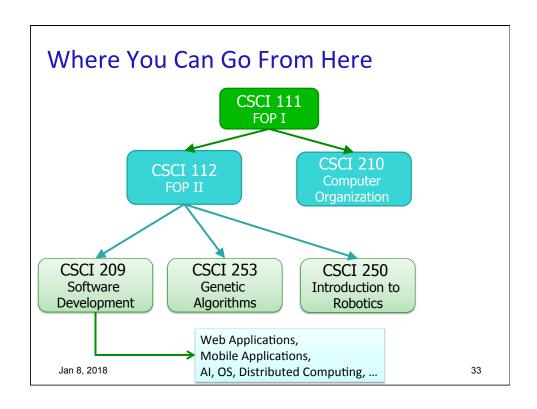
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What to Expect from this Class

- First programming course
- Lots to learn!
 - Introductions to a lot of new ideas
- Different way of thinking
 - > Similar yet different from math
 - May get stuck but ask for help!
- Writing some basic programs
 - > Foundations for more complex, sophisticated code
- Great power, great responsibility

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Class Details

- Course web page
 - http://www.cs.wlu.edu/~sprenkle/cs111
 - Check schedule frequently for updates
- Monday, Wednesday, Friday lectures
 - Slides posted after class, in PDF format
 - Don't copy down slides verbatim
 - A lot isn't on the slides
 - Use PDF slides later to review
- Tuesday labs
 - "Pre-lab" assignments in the textbook
 - Programming projects due on Friday

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Class Details

- 3 Exams
 - > 2 Exams (see schedule online for dates)
 - > Final Exam
- Discussion of broader issues in CS
 - > Articles about computer science's effect on everything
 - Get big picture of CS
 - Write up on Sakai, due Fridays by 11 a.m.
 - Discussion Friday
 - Opportunities for extra credit for finding, reading, summarizing additional articles

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Instructor Responsibilities

- Keep your interest in CS
- Prompt, constructive feedback on assignments
- Office hours:
 - ➤ Wednesday 2:30 5 p.m., Thursday: 1:30-4:30 p.m.
 - Email for appointments
- Respond within 24 hours to emailed questions

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Student Responsibilities

- Check W&L email and course web page frequently for updates
 - > Review entire syllabus online
- Attend and participate in class and lecture
 - Mandatory attendance
 - > Be respectful to other students
- Arrive promptly to lecture/lab
 - Bring your notes and handouts
- Turn off cell phone
- Be patient, flexible, and learn from mistakes

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Textbook

- Online textbook
- Supplement to the material
 - Different perspective, additional practice problems
- Register for the class (instructions on course schedule page)

Consequence: my lecture slides and handouts and your notes are vitally important

- Reference frequently
- Bring with you to lab!

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Your TODO List

- Review the course web page and syllabus
 - > Schedule (may change)
- Complete the survey and submit to me tomorrow

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Summary

- Meet & greet
- What is computer science?
- What is this class?

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