

Objectives

- Computer Science is Complexity Science
- BI: Facebook

Review

- What are common constructs in programming languages?
- What are some differences between programming languages?

A human must turn information into intelligence or knowledge.
We've tended to forget that
no computer will ever ask a new question.
-- Grace Hopper

Computers are incredibly fast, accurate, and stupid.
Human beings are incredibly slow, inaccurate, and brilliant.
Together they are powerful beyond imagination.
-- Albert Einstein

COMPLEXITY SCIENCE

CS == Complexity Science

- 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 != Programming

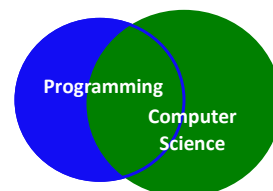
programming : CS ::

machining : engineering

grammar : literature

equations : mathematics

walking : W&L



a vehicle, not a destination

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Computer Science Fields

Systems

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

- Compilers
- Graphics
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- Software testing and verification
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Theory

- Algorithms
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Other

- Artificial intelligence
- Robotics
- Natural language processing
- Bioinformatics
- Visualization
- Numerical analysis
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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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* = field we discussed or did a problem in

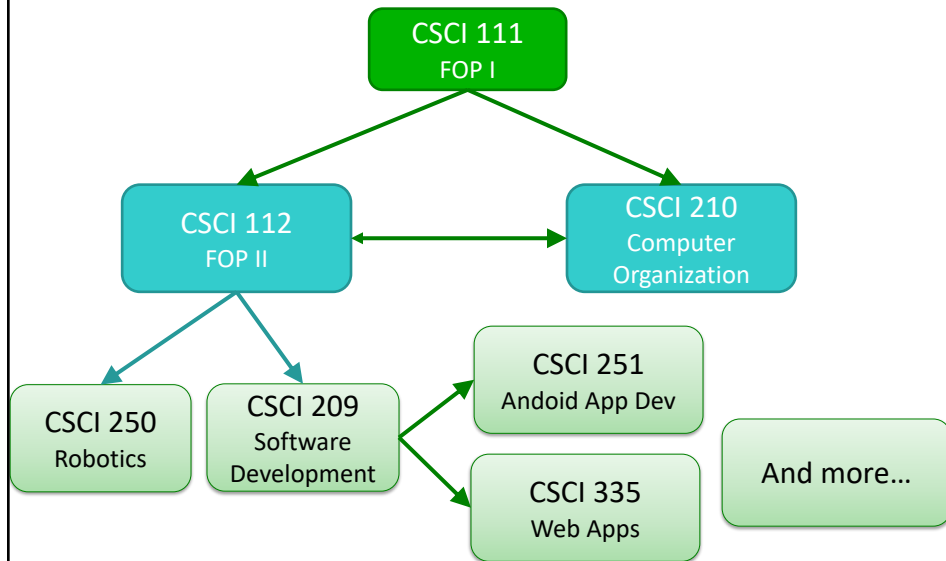
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Where Can You Go from Here?



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Conclusions

- See impact of computer science on your life
 - Think differently about issues
- Understand some of the computing issues better
 - Taking out some of the mystery
 - Testing, debugging, efficiency
- Algorithms are everywhere
 - Process for solving problems, **efficiently**
 - Mapping human intuition to systematic/automatic process

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Course Evaluations

- On Sakai, due Sunday
- Incentive
 - If 60% of students complete evaluation, 1% Extra Credit on lab grades
 - For each additional 10% of students who complete evaluation, 1% additional EC on lab grades
 - Total possible EC: 5%

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Final Exam

- Finals are taken in the lab classroom (Parmly 405)
 - No computers
 - If need to change your time, sheet outside the CS department office
- Evaluations due Sunday at midnight on Sakai
- Take-home essay due Friday at noon.
 - End of exam period
- All lab work and extra credit articles must be submitted by **MONDAY midnight**
- Office hours: by appointment
 - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday afternoons

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Final Exam Review

- Focus on object-oriented programming
- New content: search techniques, lists (1D and 2D), complexity science
- Cumulative:
 - Functions, data types, common methods & operations
 - How to model data

Your questions?

Final Exam Review

- What is our typical process for testing classes we have defined?
- What are the different ways to iterate through a list?
- How can you iterate through a dictionary?

Animal Shelter Software

- We want to keep track of animals at an animal shelter

What is our process for developing a class?

Process

- Determine data, functionality
- Create class
 - Create `__init__`, `__str__` methods
- Test
- Create additional methods, testing

Class: Pet

- Data:
 - Name
 - Species of animal (dog, cat, chinchilla)
 - Status (in holding, in adoption room, adopted)
- Functionality
 - Getters for this information
 - Mark animal as adopted or in holding!

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Counter Class Specification

- Implement, Test
- Example use:
Caesar cipher

- A class that represents a counter that wraps around from a high value back to its low value
- Functionality:
 - Constructor – takes as parameters the low value and the high value; default – counter starts at low value
 - A string representation of the Counter
 - Increment the counter by a given amount (a positive amount), wrapping around to low again, if necessary. Returns number of times had to wrap around.
 - Decrement the counter by a given amount (a positive number), wrapping around to high again, if necessary. Returns number of times had to wrap around.
 - Sets the counter's value, only if $\text{low} \leq \text{value} \leq \text{high}$. Otherwise, prints an error message.
 - Getters: low, high, current value

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Palindrome

- Write a program that determines if a string (input by a user) is a palindrome. A *palindrome* is a word that is the same forwards and backwards. Some example palindromes: "kayak", "A man A plan A canal Panama".
- http://www.fun-with-words.com/palin_example.html
- Break the problem into at least two functions: main and isPalindrome, which returns True iff the parameter string passed into the function is a palindrome.
- Depending on how you think about the problem, you may want to break the solution into more functions, e.g., using a reverseString function

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Broader Issue Groups

Danielle
Ellis
Jake
James
Karel

Alice
Charlotte
Danny
Matt
Nate

Callie
Dan
Giovanni
Hayden
Melissa

August
Jenna
Laurie
Mike
Natalie

Andrew
Bobby
Cat
Kassi

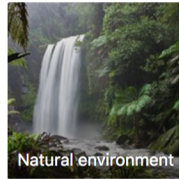
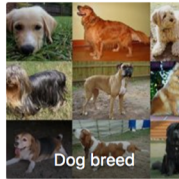
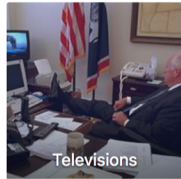
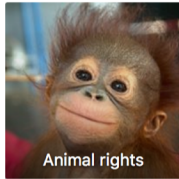
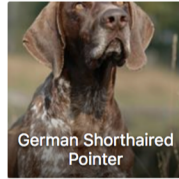
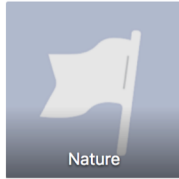
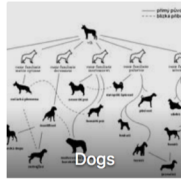
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My Facebook Ad Interests

Choose an interest to preview examples of ads you might see on Facebook or remove it from your ad preferences.



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Facebook News Feed: Then and Now

- Then
 - How could you implement Facebook's news feed?
 - What information do you need?
 - What weights would you apply?
 - What did you like/not like about the work environment?
 - What is your ideal work environment?
- Now
 - Did you check out "Why am I seeing this?"
 - What did it reveal?
 - Do you see a lot of surprising posts?
 - What impact does Facebook's news feed have on us? Businesses? Other stakeholders?
 - What does Facebook need to work on next?

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Facebook News Feed: Then and Now

- Recognize the iterative process
 - Facebook took a long time to make
- People don't like change
 - But they can get used to it

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Make Good Decisions!

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