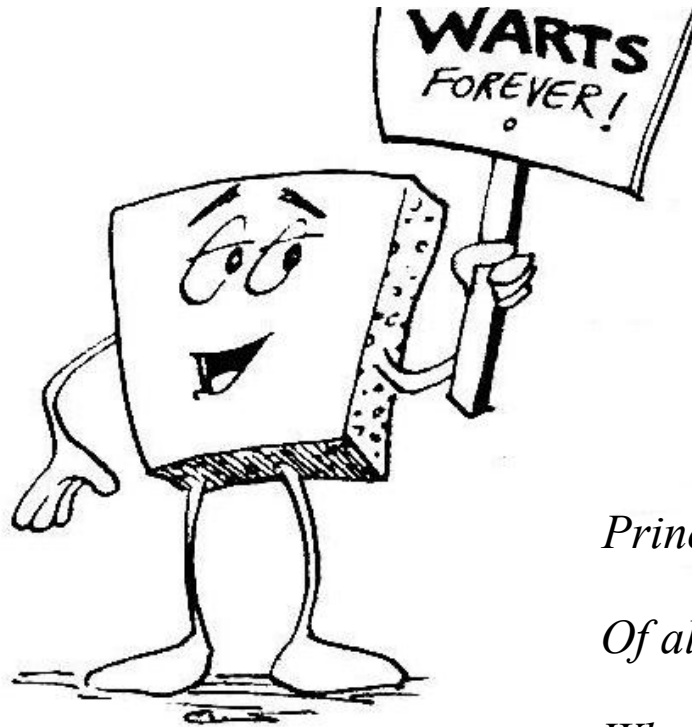


Welcome to CS 60 !



an advocate of
concrete computing

Principles of CS

Principles of CS gets two thumbs.

Of all the classes I took, this was one of them.

When CS 60 was over, I knew it was a good thing.

- Megacritic's course reviews

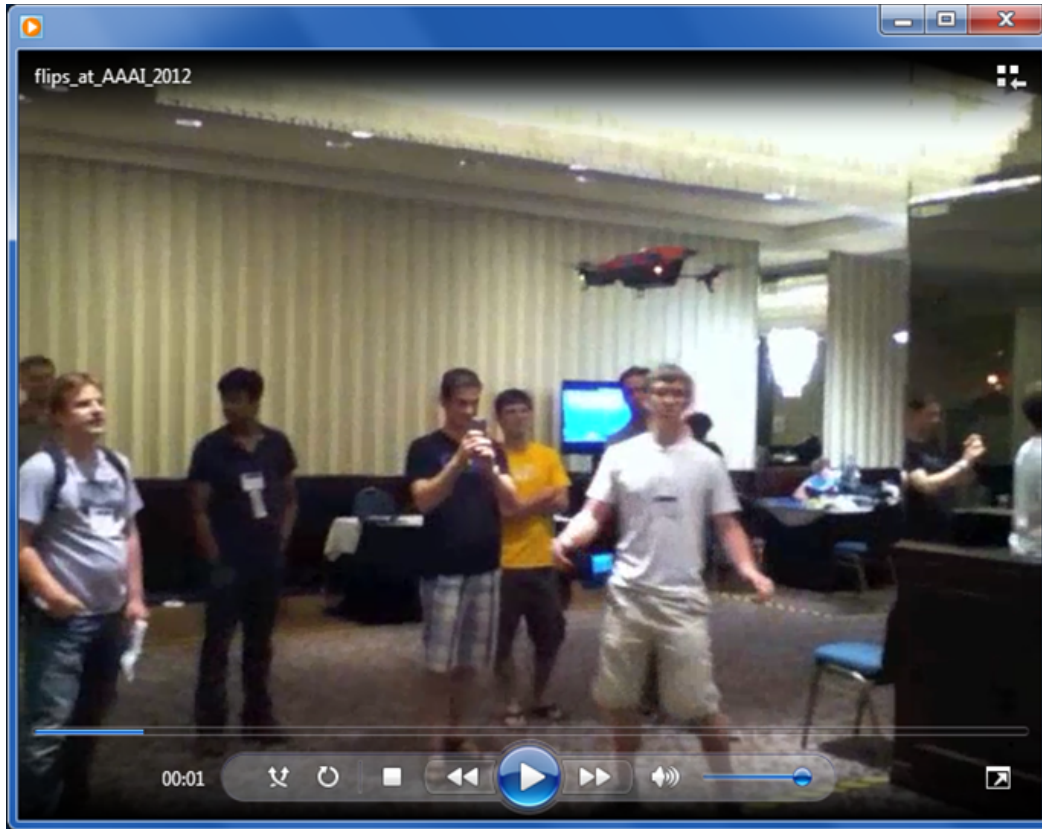
Some of your hosts...



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and not afraid of stuffed animals!

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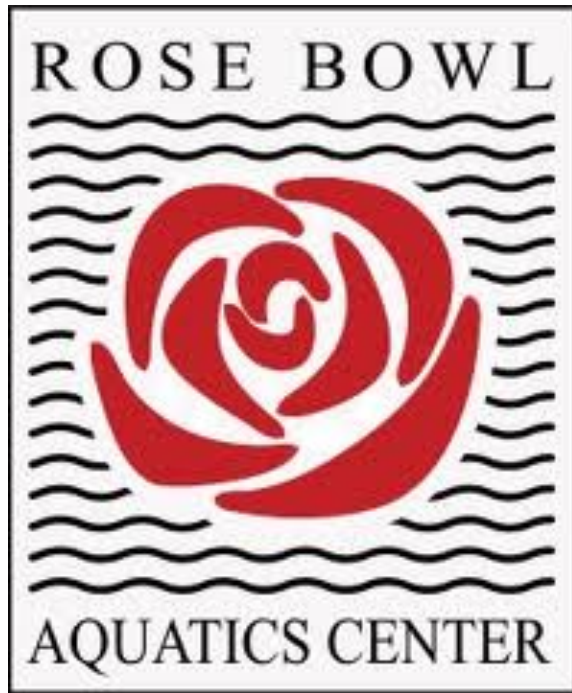
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fan of *baking*



How I spent my summer vacation...

Finishing my PhD at Berkeley...



...teaching 6th graders
computer science!

SCRATCH



CS 60 vs. CS 5

CS 5's goals

Solving computational problems in *one language* (Python)

Conveying some of CS's **breadth**

scheduled labs?

CS 60's goals

Solving computational problems in *several different languages!*

Conveying more of CS's **depth**

Understanding computational problems
their difficulty and limitations
solution principles and *efficiency*

I'm sure it's just a coincidence
that this CS 60 stuff definitely
seems more alien!



Syllabus, briefly

Lectures

MW : 1:15-2:30 pm

Key skills, topics, and their motivation

Insight into the HW problems (what, *why*, how)

Required! Let me know if you won't make it



*laptops not
encouraged*

Website

<http://www.cs.hmc.edu/courses/2012/fall/cs60/>

Tutors and tutoring hours

LOTS!! See website...

Email help

Piazza!

copies to us and to
all of the tutors...

Office Hours

Fri. 2:00-4:00 (Z.D.) **Mon.** (C.L.)

Fridays ~ come by the LAC computer lab
anytime: contact us by email or stop by...

Mondays in LAC	Tuesdays in LAC	Wednesdays in LAC	Thursdays in LAC	Fridays in LAC	Saturdays in LAC	Sundays in LAC
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Keys to CS 60 happiness!

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Grading and HW

Grades

- ~ 60% Assignments
- ~ 30% Exams
- ~ 10% Participation/"quizzes"

```
(define (score p)
  (cond
    ((>= p 0.95) "A")
    (>= p 0.90) "A-")
  ;; and so on...
```

This seems like a
crazy *scheme* !



Exams

Midterm 1: Wed. 11/7/12

Final: Fri. 12/21/12

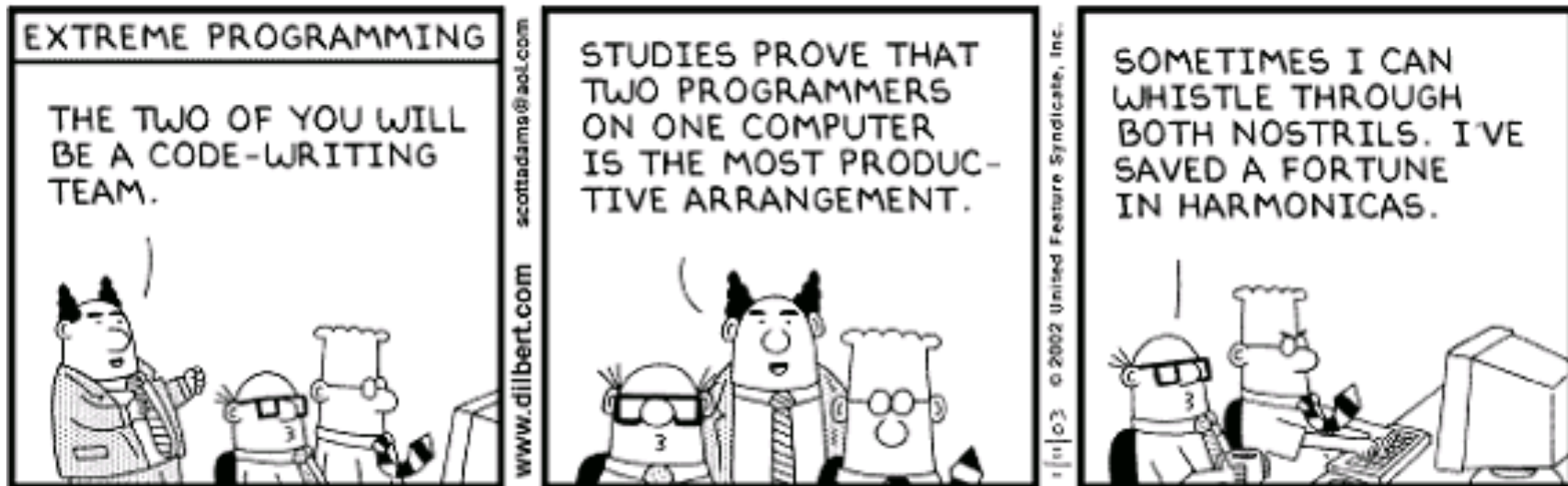
Assignments

"Late Days"

1-10 problems, 100 points per week; You have 3 **CS 60 Euros** to use...

Due Monday nights: by 11:59 pm at the submission site: **asdf**

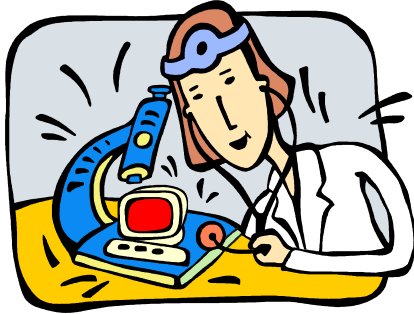
Some problems are *individual*, some are optionally *pair* →



- On some problems, you may pair program – **do!**
- ***You must practice "pair programming"***
 - both people at the computer at the same time
 - trade off "driver" and "navigator" every 30 mins
 - both people contribute equally and fully to the solution
- Individual problems must be completed individually
- Read the syllabus Collaboration Policy!

Pairing!

Principles of CS?



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

— E. W. Dijkstra

Properties and applications

raw material

field

matter 'n' energy

physics

molecules

chemistry

cells and organisms

biology

rule-based systems

mathematics

information

computer science

Computer Science *Principles*

Information-based problems...

Algorithms + Programs

Design

- Which language?
- Which data structures?
- **What algorithm?**
- How to structure my functions?

Analysis

- **Does my algorithm solve the problem?**
- Is my program bug free?
- How fast does my algorithm run?
- Is the problem solvable at all?

We'll do both of these today & in this week's HW!

Computer Science *Principles*



Subsequence
alignment...

AACAGTTACC

TAAGGTCA

What insertions/deletions would best align these two sequences?

“Left-justify algorithm”

AACAGTTACC
TAAGGTCA--
1011001022

Total cost: 8

“Gonzo greed algorithm”

-AA---CAGTTACC
TAAGGTCA-----
20022200222222

Total cost: 20

“Try all pairs algorithm”

AACAGTTACC
TA-AGGT-CA
1020010201

Total cost: 7

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Java

Prolog

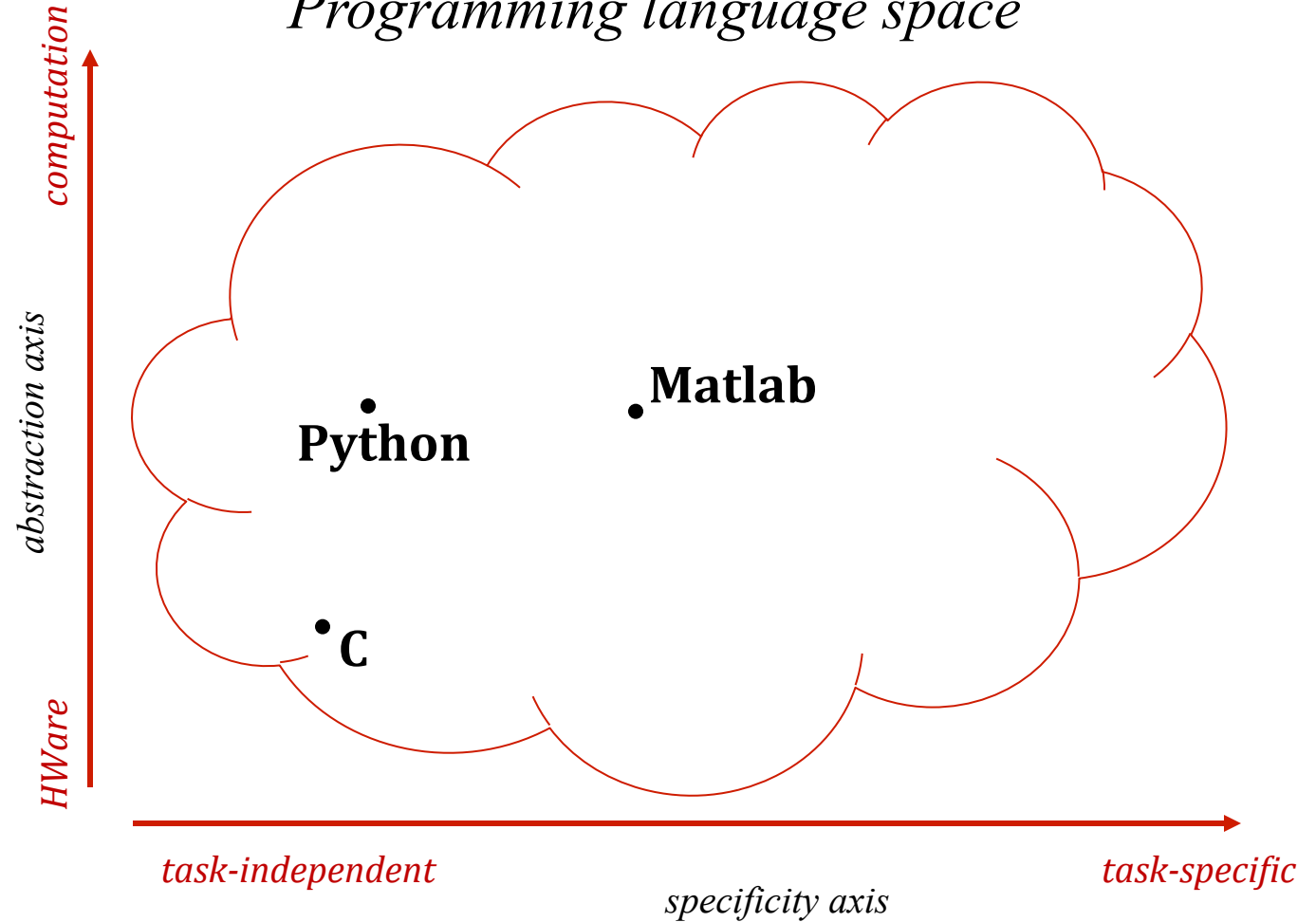
Racket

the language formerly
known as Scheme



In CS 60 you'll use *at least* four
programming languages...

Programming language space



JFLAP

Java

Prolog

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Problem 1: fun!

Quick: An Introduction to Racket with Pictures

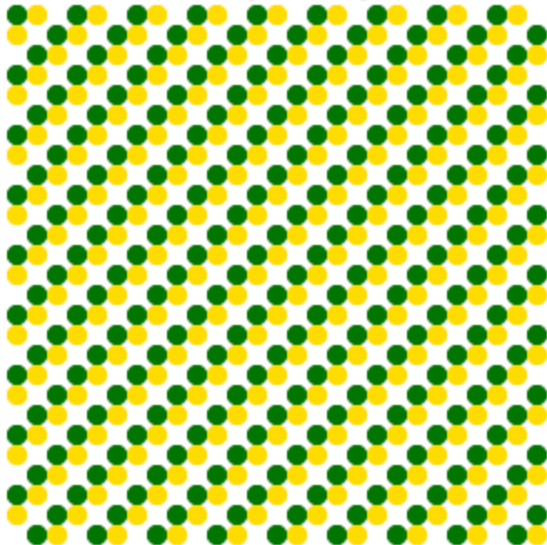
This tutorial provides a brief introduction to the Racket programming language by using one of its picture-drawing libraries. Even if you don't intend to use Racket for your artistic endeavours, the picture library supports interesting and enlightening examples. After all, a picture is worth five hundred "hello world"s.

Along the same lines, we assume that you will run the examples using [DrRacket](#). Using DrRacket is the fastest way to get a sense of what the language and system feels like, even if you eventually use Racket with Emacs, vi, or some other editor.

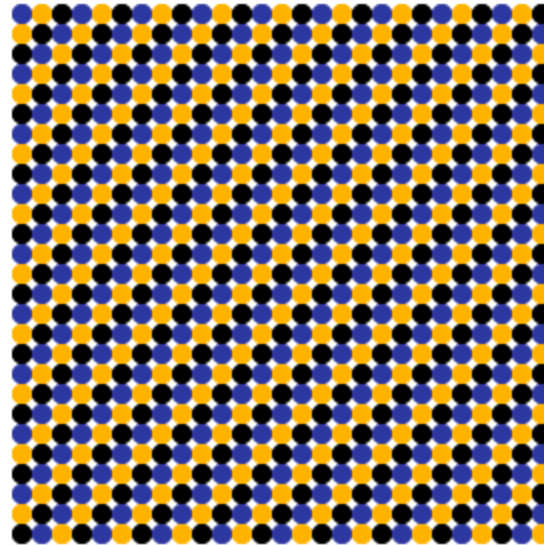
1 Ready...

[Download Racket](#), install, and then start DrRacket.

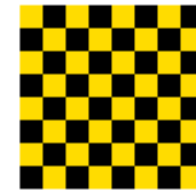
```
> (hcomb 10 "darkgreen" "gold" "white")
```



```
> (hcomb 10 "navy" "orange" "black")
```



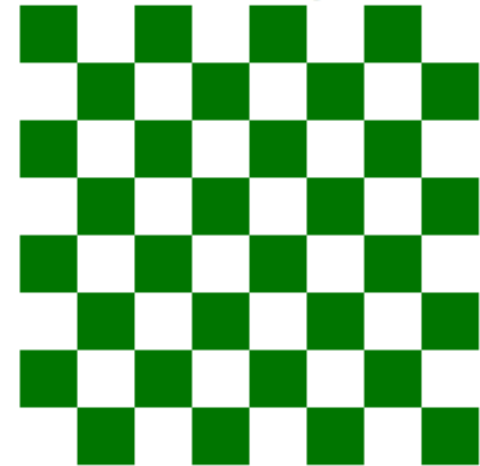
```
> (cboard 10 "gold" "black")
```



```
> (cboard 10 "darkgreen" "white")
```



```
> (cboard 25 "darkgreen" "white")
```



Problem 2 must
be MORE fun!



DEMO: Calling Functions

```
> 3
```

```
3
```

```
> (+ 3 4)
```

```
> (sqrt 16)
```

```
> (+ 3 (sqrt 16))
```

```
> (+)
```

```
> (*)
```

```
> (- 1 1 1)
```

**Not
3 + 4**

**Calling two
functions?
Work from the
inside-out**

**Someone designed
these to make sense.
EVERYTHING
should make sense!**

DEMO: Labeling Data

String

```
> "hello"  
"hello"  
> hello  
❗ ❗ hello: undefined;  
cannot reference an identifier before  
its definition  
> (define hello "how are you?")  
> hello  
"how are you?"
```

**Label
data**

**Helpful error
messages
READ THEM**

How to Label Data

(define variable value)

Keyword

**Shouldn't
be an
expression**

**An
expression**

How to label functions

Function
Name

Formal parameters

```
(define (avg x y)
```

```
(quotient
```

```
(+ x y)
```

```
2))
```

Keyword

Body

```
> (avg 10 4)  
7
```

Actual argument
values



How to use `if` & `cond`

```
(if <predicate>  
  <true case>  
  <false case> )
```

```
(cond  
  [ <test1>      <result> ]  
  [ <test2>      <result> ]  
  [ else        <result> ] )
```

How to use **Let**

(create new variables in definitions)

(let

([*<variable1>* *<value1>*]

[*<variable2>* *<value2>*]

)

<body>

)

> (= 2 2) **DEMO: procedures/parens**

#t

> (odd? 4)

#f

> (if (odd? 3) "duh" "what?"
"duh")

> +

#<procedure:+>

> avg

#<procedure:avg>

> (7)

❗ ❗ *application: not a procedure;
expected a procedure that can be
applied to arguments
given: 7
arguments...: [none]*

**#t and #f are
Booleans**

**Procedures are
just things**

**No extra
parens!**
Racket thinks the
thing after a paren
is a function

The Factorial function

```
;; fac: the factorial function  
;;   inputs: a positive integer, N  
;;   outputs: N!
```

```
(define (fac N)
```

```
  (if (< N 1)
```

```
      1
```

```
      (* N (fac (- N 1))))
```

```
  ))
```

$$1! = 1$$

$$N! = N * (N - 1)!$$

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      1
      (* N (fac (- N 1)))))
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```
;; add42: adds 42|
;;   inputs: an integer, N
;;   outputs: the integer one larger than N
(define (add42 N)
```

```
;; is42: is it Douglas Adams's answer?
;;   inputs: an integer, N
;;   outputs: true if N=42, false otherwise
(define (is42 N)
```

```
;; sign: returns -1, 0, or 1
;;   inputs: an integer, N
;;   outputs: -1 if N<0; 1 if N>0; 0 otherwise
(define (sign N)
  (cond
```

```
;; halve-count:
;;   inputs: an integer, N
;;   outputs: (log base 2 of N), i.e.,
;;             # of times you can divide N by 2
;;             until you reach 1
(define (halve-count N)
```

Try these!

**A new programming language
might not extend the set of all
possible algorithms,**

**but it *does* extend the set of all
algorithms we can *efficiently think
about, write, & analyze...***


big-O

Big-O analysis

Problem	Find N!
Problem Size	value of input, N
Algorithm	5! is $5*4*3*2*1$

Racket Code

```
(define (fac N)
  (if (< N 2)
      1
      (* N (fac (- N 1)))))
```

How many steps are needed if a “step” is...

a multiplication

an arithmetic
operation

a comparison

a function call

Big - O

...summarizes the asymptotic “Order” of the work done

ignore constant coefficients

ignore all but the biggest term

$$N - 1 \quad \text{is} \quad O(N)$$
$$2N^2 + 5N \quad \text{is} \quad O(N^2)$$
$$2N^2 + 4N^3 \quad \text{is} \quad O(\quad)$$

Big-O is **the key** to comparing algorithms and problems...

Big-O analysis

Problem	Compute (halve-count N)
Problem Size	value of input, N
Algorithm	If N = 11, then 11-5-2-1 takes 3 steps

Racket Code

```
(define (h-c N)
  (if (equals? 1 N)
      0
      (+ 1 (h-c (quotient N 2)))))
```

How many steps are needed in big-O terms ?

does it matter what a “step” is here?

Big-O analysis

Problem	Find the <i>min</i> of an N-element list
Problem Size	length of list, N
Algorithm	Walk the list!?

indices	0	1	2	3		N-1
elements	60	8	1	7	...	42

How many steps are needed in big-O terms ?

a “step” is often one comparison

Big-O analysis

Problem *Sort* an N-element list

Problem Size length of list, N

Algorithm Keep finding the next *min!*

original list	60	8	1	7	...	42
sorted list					...	

How many steps are needed in big-O terms ?

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"Quiz"

Estimate the worst-case big-O complexity for these problems:

- 1** **Prob:** Find the minimum of a list
Size: $N = \#$ elements in the list
Count: the number of comparisons... $O(N)$
- 2** **Prob:** Sort a list via repeated min-finding
Size: $N = \#$ elements in the list
Count: the number of comparisons... $O(N^2)$
- 3** **Prob:** Compute some base to a power: b^N
Size: $N =$ the integer exponent
Count: multiplications...
- 4** **Prob:** Find the dot product of two vectors
Size: The vectors are both of length N .
Count: multiplications and additions ...
- 5** **Prob:** Guess (and find) a hidden integer X , from 1 to N
- For each guess G , you're told $G > X$ or $G < X$ or $G = X$.
Count: the number of guesses required...

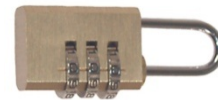
Name:

Birthday:

Your favorite _____ is _____ .

Your *least* favorite _____ is _____ .

- 6** **Prob:** Open a combination lock like these below:
Size: $N = \#$ of digits in the combination
Count: the number of guesses required...



$N = 3$



$N = 4$

- 7** **Prob:** Multiply two square matrices: $() () = ()$
Size: $N =$ one dimension = one matrix side
Count: multiplications and additions...
- 8** **Prob:** Find the median of a list
Size: $N =$ length of the list
Count: the number of comparisons
- 9** **Prob:** Determine if a program has an infinite loop.
Size: $N = \#$ of characters in the program
Count: all operations.

My "Quiz"

- Name Zachary Dodds
- Birthday 1/21/1969
- A place you considered home Pittsburgh, PA
- Your favorite tv drama is White Collar.
- Your least favorite coffee is decaffeinated.

Pittsburgh
Hat



the perfect
balance...

NOT
Pittsburgh
locale

What is something you
have in common that
you didn't know
before?

Our taste in hats!

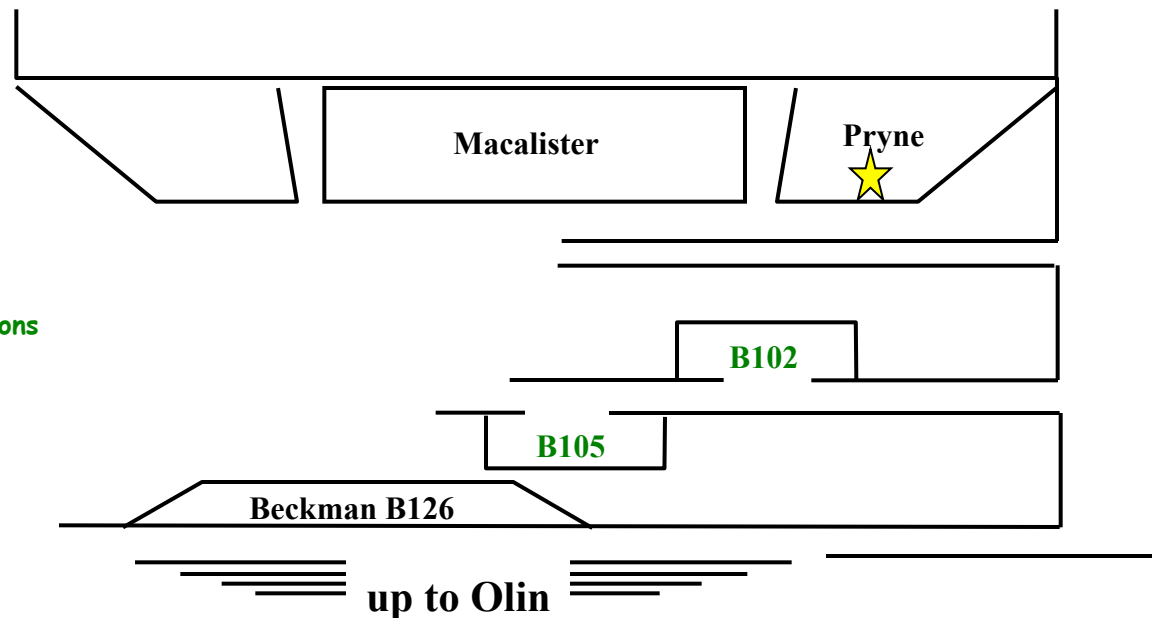


Assignment #0 Due 9/10 11:59pm

- Implementing, testing, and analyzing several *Racket* functions
- Using your machine OR the CS labs: **B102**, **B105** or CIS labs
- Friday 2-4 and lots of grutor hours in the LAC lab



Here there be dragons
(or engineers!)



CS labs' code:

Thought for the day:

**Racket is an easy language
to learn once you get over
your fear of parentheses**

... nothing to be afraid of in hw#0 !