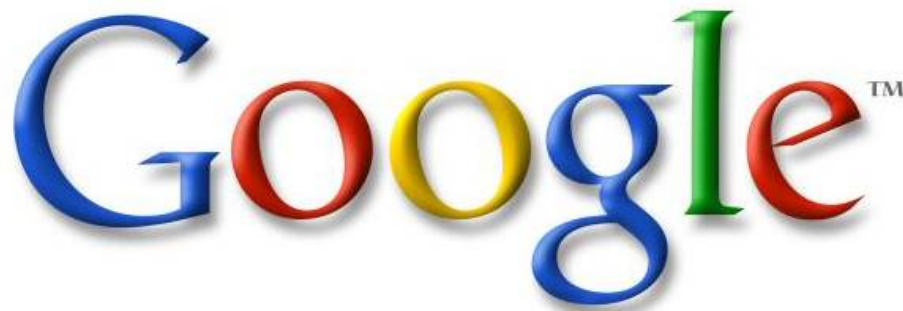


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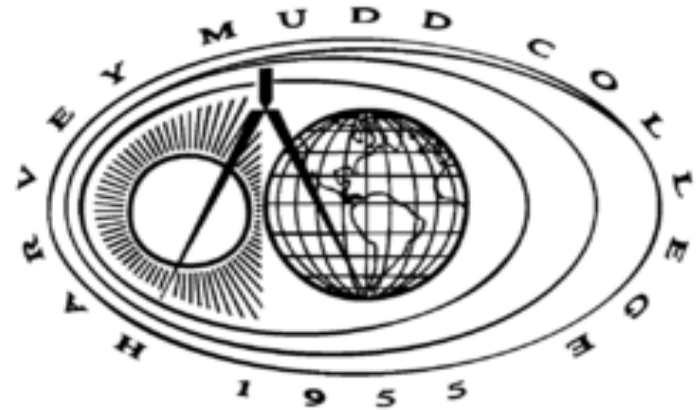
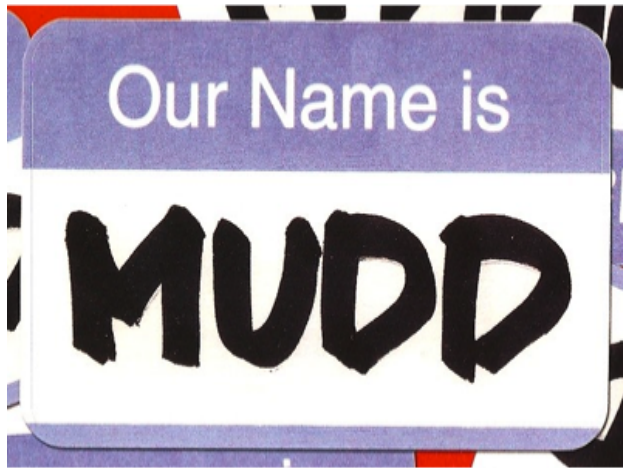
Day 1, Session 1

Welcome!

*MyCS: Middle-years' Computer
Science*



July 9- July 13, 2012



- **Housekeeping:** where? when?
- **Introductions:** who?
- **Welcome:** what? (1) CS, (2) ECS, and (3) MyCS
- Account information, forms, binders, etc.
- Dive in!

Housekeeping and Schedule

Restrooms? ~ SW corner

Schedule

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|-----------------------------------|---|---|---|---|--------------------------------|
| Session 1: 9am-10:30am | Introduction: Computers?! Finding facts | Introduction to computational problem solving | Algorithms: searching and sorting them out | Using the web: social responsibility | Wrap-up and looking forward |
| Session 2: 10:45am- noonish | Introduction to programming: Making music with Scratch | Scratch: Position (and more debugging!) | Scratch: Ifs and Elses | Creating the web: HTML and CSS | field trip |
| Lunch | noon to 1pm | | | | |
| Session 3: 1pm-2:15pm | Computers: Getting the inside view | Bits and binary... and Lego | Limits of computing: AI, 20 questions, and life | Security and passwords | field trip |
| Session 4: 2:30pm-4pm | Scratch: Movement and debugging | Scratch: Images | Scratch: Broadcasting | Javascript and final recipes | field trip |

Introductions? ~ coming next...

Introductions

- Name tags...
- Our own introductions...
- Saying hello to our pairs around the room...
- Please take the "Welcome!" survey

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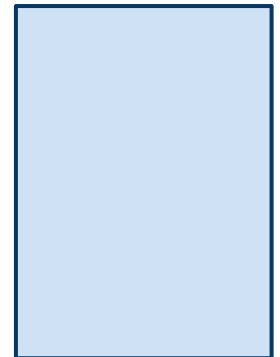
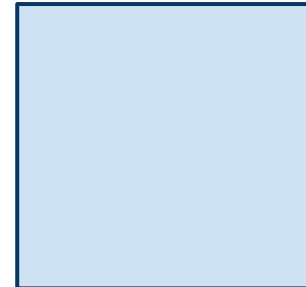
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Computer Science's 'Sputnik Moment'?

Will the surge of students into the field continue, raising American educational achievement along the way?

Debaters

**Remember the Tech Bust?**
Norman Matloff, computer scientist, University of California, Davis

**Software as Self-Expression**
Jeannette M. Wing, computer scientist, Carnegie Mellon University

**Encourage More Hackathons**
Jonathan Zittrain, Harvard Law School

**Grass Roots, Not Government**
Chris Wiggins, co-founder, hackNY.org

It Starts in High School

Updated June 16, 2011, 02:20 AM
John M. Staudenmaier, S.J.
2010. He is assistant professor of computer science at the University of Maryland, Baltimore.

...are the associate academic dean of ... has recognized, and redesigned the curriculum for, ...

"High school graduates come to computer science programs without much sense of what it takes to move from a skilled IT consumer enthusiast to a skilled and disciplined IT creator," she said, when I asked her about The Times article. The curricular energies the story describes respond directly to the opportunities for young people for whom social media navigation feels as natural as breathing.

Don't use introductory computer science courses as filters to wash out students but as launching pads.

We are in the era of Computer Science.

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Table 1. Occupations with the fastest growth

| Occupations | Percent change | Number of new jobs (in thousands) | Wages (May 2008 median) | Education/training category |
|--|----------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Biomedical engineers | 72 | 11.6 | \$ 77,400 | Bachelor's degree |
| Network systems and data communications analysts | 53 | 155.8 | 71,100 | Bachelor's degree |
| Home health aides | 50 | 460.9 | 20,460 | Short-term on-the-job training |
| Personal and home care aides | 46 | 375.8 | 19,180 | Short-term on-the-job training |
| Financial examiners | 41 | 11.1 | 70,930 | Bachelor's degree |
| Medical scientists, except epidemiologists | 40 | 44.2 | 72,590 | Doctoral degree |
| Physician assistants | 39 | 29.2 | 81,230 | Master's degree |
| Skin care specialists | 38 | 14.7 | 28,730 | Postsecondary vocational award |
| Biochemists and biophysicists | 37 | 8.7 | 82,840 | Doctoral degree |
| Athletic trainers | 37 | 6.0 | 39,640 | Bachelor's degree |
| Physical therapist aides | 36 | 16.7 | 23,760 | Short-term on-the-job training |
| Dental hygienists | 36 | 62.9 | 66,570 | Associate degree |
| Veterinary technologists and technicians | 36 | 28.5 | 28,900 | Associate degree |
| Dental assistants | 36 | 105.6 | 32,380 | Moderate-term on-the-job training |
| Computer software engineers, applications | 34 | 175.1 | 85,430 | Bachelor's degree |
| Medical assistants | 34 | 163.9 | 28,300 | Moderate-term on-the-job training |
| Physical therapist assistants | 33 | 21.2 | 46,140 | Associate degree |
| Veterinarians | 33 | 19.7 | 79,050 | First professional degree |

Who reads these charts anyway?

Two of the fastest growing detailed occupations are in the computer specialist occupational group. Network systems and data communications analysts are projected to be the second-fastest-growing occupation in the economy. Demand for these workers will increase as organizations continue to upgrade their information technology capacity and incorporate the newest technologies. The growing reliance on wireless networks will result in a need for more network systems and data communications analysts as well. Computer applications software engineers also are expected to grow rapidly from 2008 to 2018. Expanding Internet technologies have spurred demand for these workers, who c

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Computer Studies Made Cool, on Film and Now on Campus



High

Christopher Capozziello for The New York Times

related majors, visiting an engineering lab at Yale.

CS is exciting - and it needs to be!
TBD: Who will consume vs. create it?



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Choose a role: *consumption* vs. *contribution*

it's not really vs.

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Course Overview

Goals

from page 5...

Exploring Computer Science is designed to introduce students to the breadth of the field of computer science through an exploration of engaging and accessible topics. Rather than focusing the entire course on learning particular software tools or programming languages, the course is designed to focus the conceptual ideas of computing and help students understand why certain tools or languages might be utilized to solve particular problems. The goal of *Exploring Computer Science* is to develop in students the computational thinking practices of algorithm development, problem solving and programming within the context of problems that are relevant to the lives of today's students. Students will also be introduced to topics such as interface design, limits of

ECS's Goal: to democratize CS

Pacific Islander, 2.3% Filipino, 73.0% Latino, 10.9% African American, 8.8% White, and .6% Other or multiple responses. Over 38% of students are English-language learners, with most English language learners' students speaking Spanish as their primary language. Furthermore, 74% of students qualify for free or reduced lunches.

Everyone should have a chance to help author and understand the computation we use everyday.

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LA Unified students taking ECS:

| | |
|------|-------|
| 2009 | 306 |
| 2010 | 922 |
| 2011 | 1377 |
| 2012 | 2000+ |

Other cities starting, as well...

We are working to bring this to the I.E. --
and PUSD in particular, *only a bit earlier*

CS, ECS, and MyCS

MyCS is an ECS-inspired course developed for middle-school and "middle-years" audiences.

what

- engaging CS ideas and activities
- hands-on skills, emphasizing **creativity**
- can be **spliced** with technology courses, typing courses, and other existing electives

how

- ECS curriculum with emphasis on **skills**
- we are looking for what will work in **one term**
- *we'd love your help* creating a **usable** MyCS!

Non-programming

What is CS? ~
computers and
computing

**Data and
algorithms** ~
the heart of CS

Programming

The web ~ web
pages, and web
applications

Scratch ~
programming with
sound and graphics

**2 modules of
problem-solving**

**2 modules of
programming**

18 weeks total

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Is this "real"?

**2 modules of
problem-solving**

too abstract...

Aargh!

**2 modules of
programming**

*smoother
Scratch?*

Scratch > Web

18 weeks total

Two 18-week
schedules

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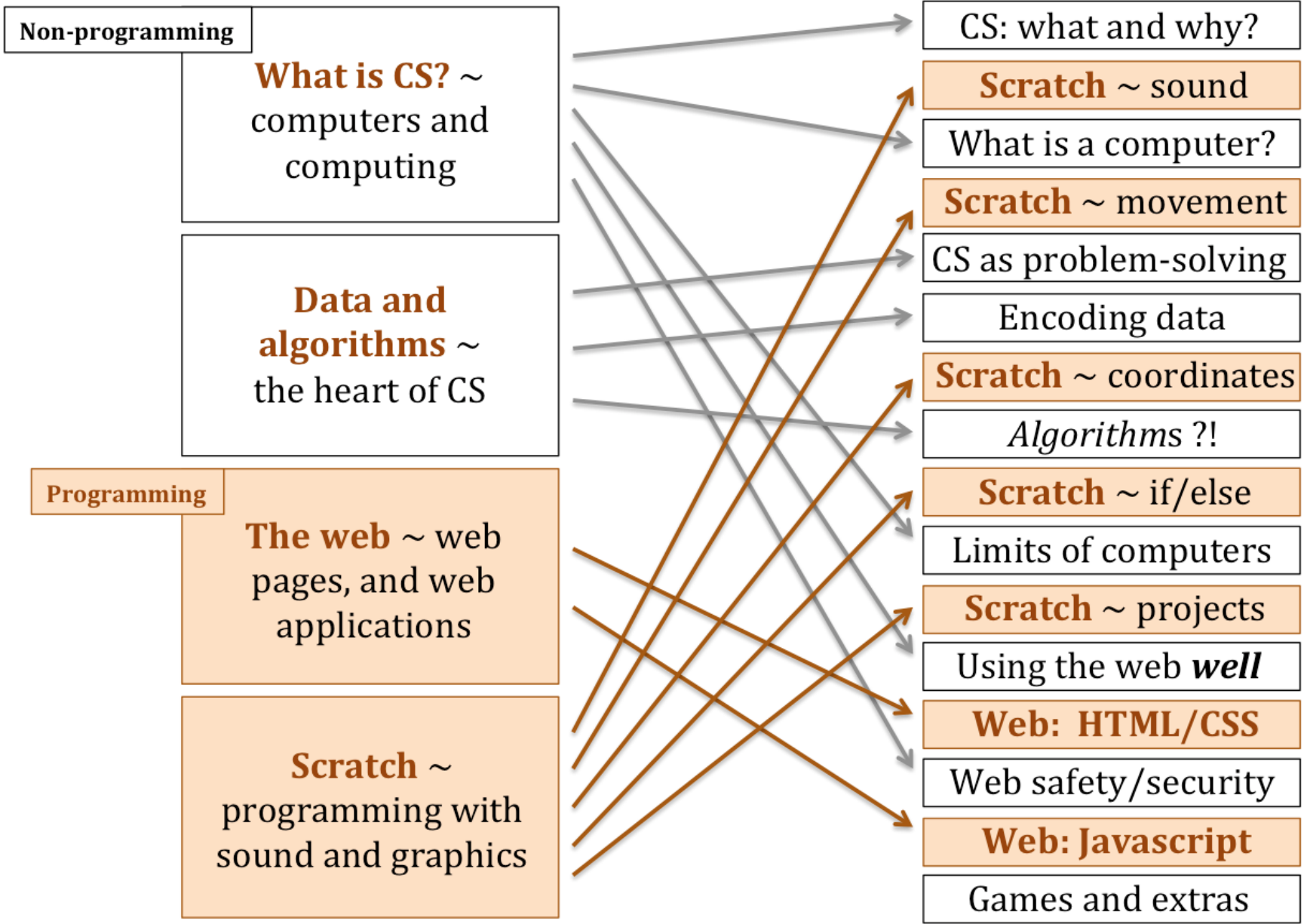
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4-5 week
units

4-7 days
spiraling

MyCS

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~15 modules
interleaving
problem-solving
and programming

18 weeks total

CS: what and why?

Scratch ~ sound

What is a computer?

Scratch ~ movement

CS as problem-solving

Encoding data

Scratch ~ coordinates

Algorithms ?!

Scratch ~ if/else

Limits of computers

Scratch ~ projects

Using the web *well*

Web: HTML/CSS

Web safety/security

Web: Javascript

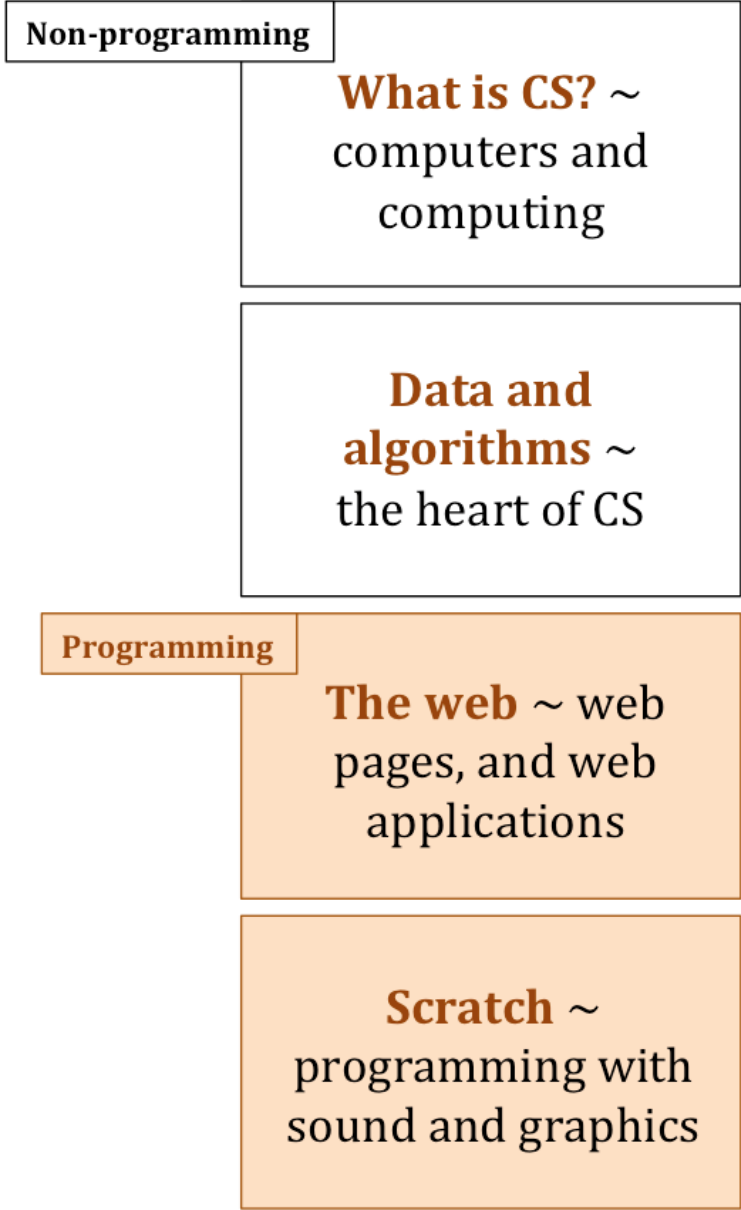
Games and extras

Two 18-week
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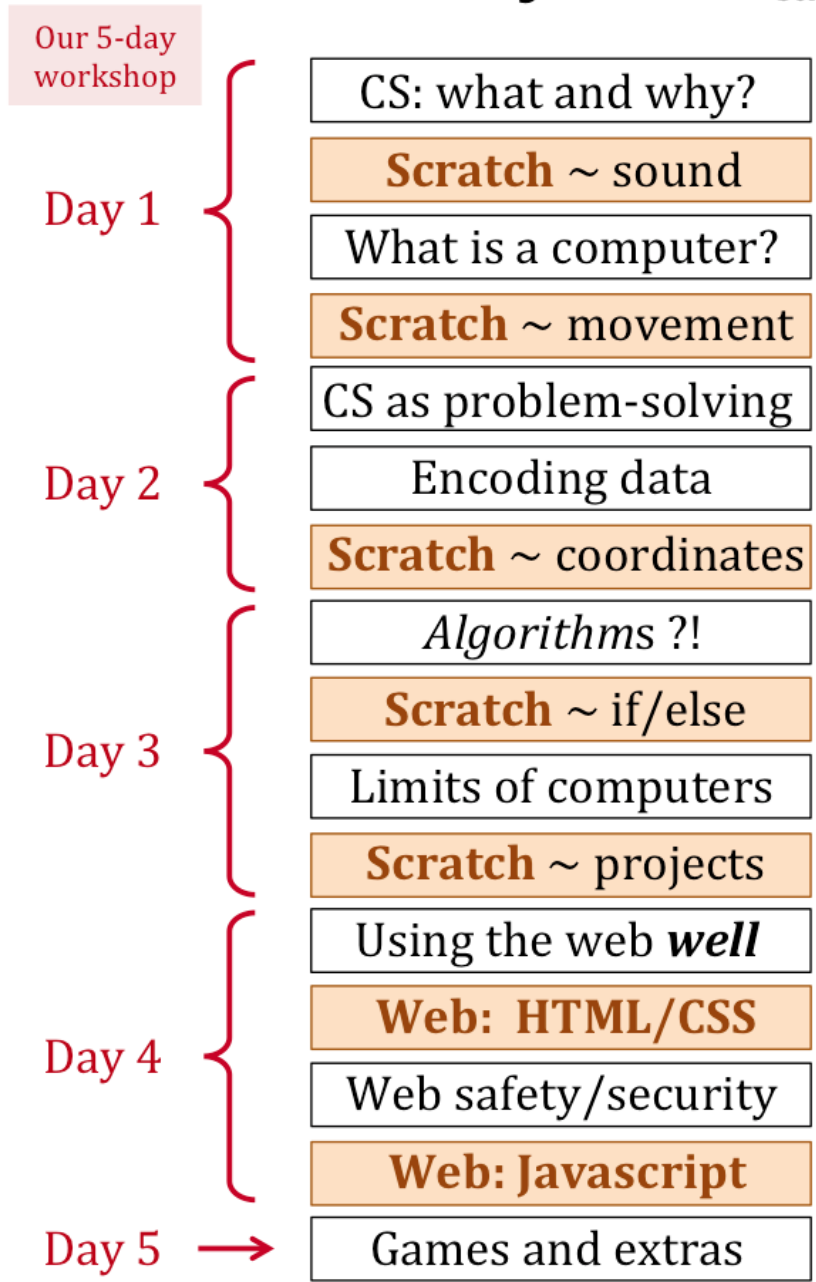
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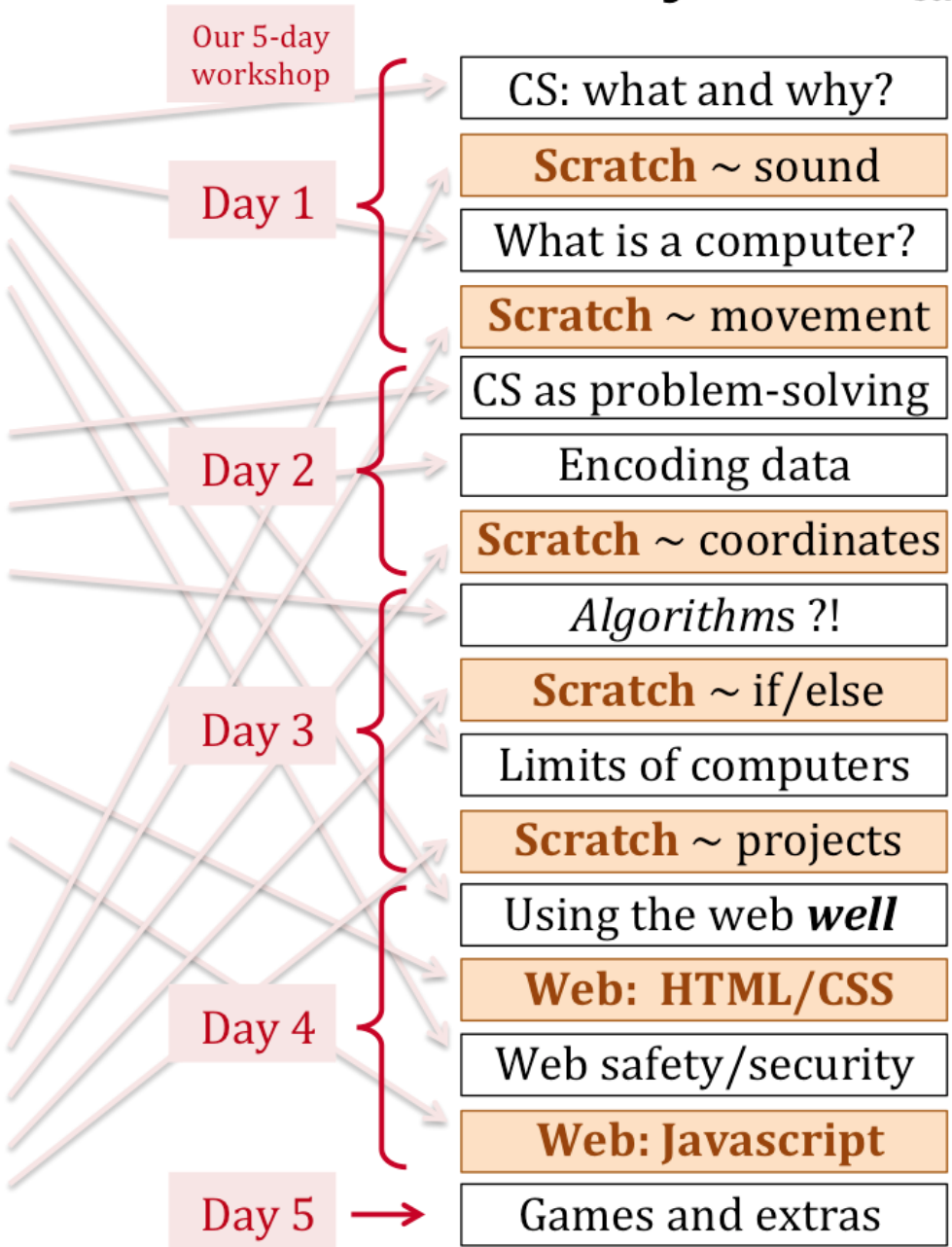
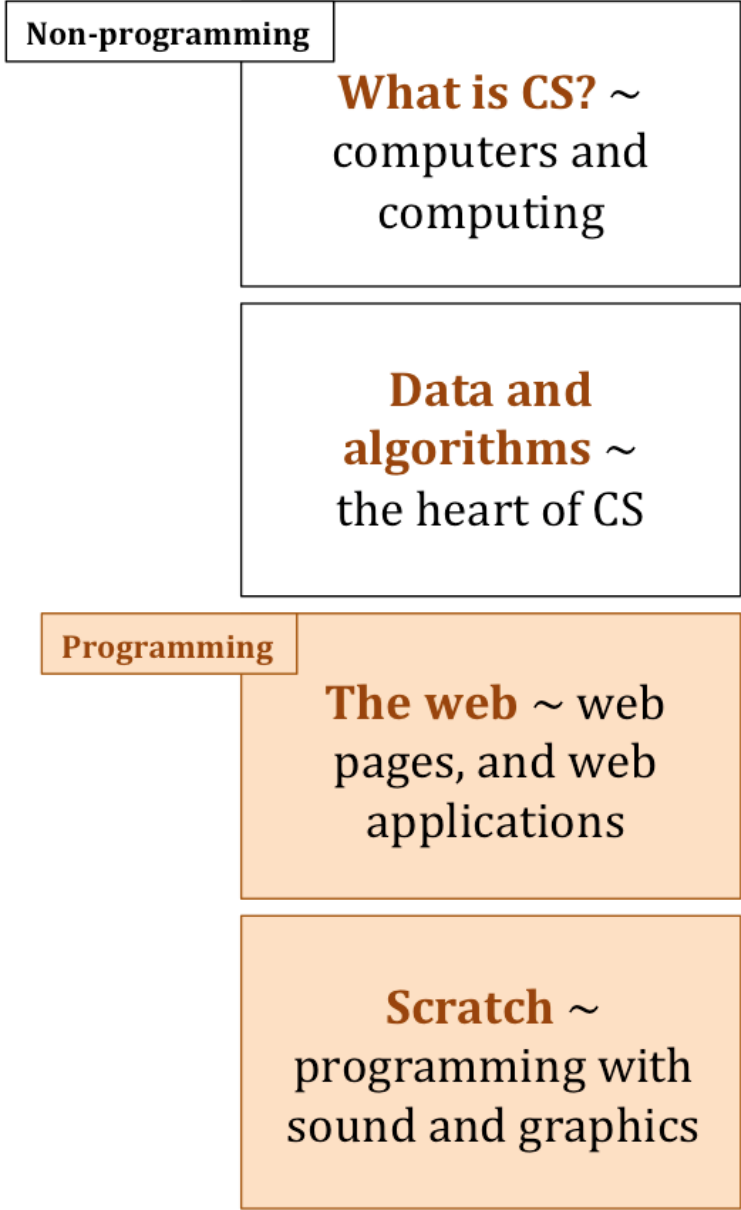
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Natural place to start:

What is computing?

What is a computer?

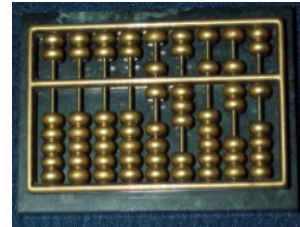
(1) For each of these items, decide if it's a computer or not.

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Computer

☐

Not a computer

☐

Computer

☐

Not a computer

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Computer

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Not a computer

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Computer

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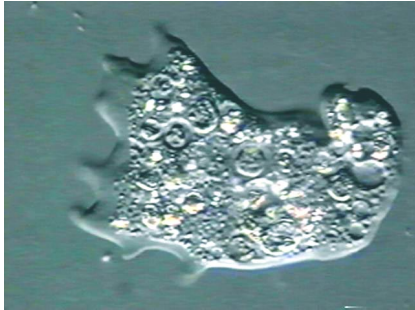
Not a computer

☐

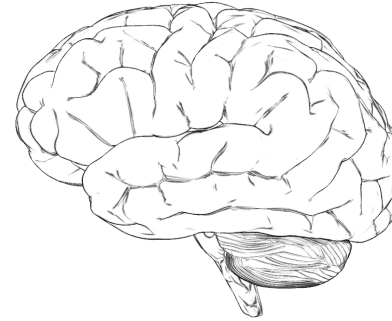
Computer

☐

Not a computer



- ☐ Computer
- ☐ Not a computer



- ☐ Computer
- ☐ Not a computer

ACTIVITY



- ☐ Computer
- ☐ Not a computer



- ☐ Computer
- ☐ Not a computer

Computer? Or, not a computer?

What is a computer / computing?



First, think of two other examples of computers - be creative!

- 1.
- 2.

Also, think of two other examples of *non*-computers

- 1.
- 2.

Now, list three traits or characteristics that make something a "computer":

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

And -- list three traits that make something ***not*** a computer!

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

CS and life?

Are there any connections there?

CS and life...

The Google logo, featuring the word "Google" in its characteristic multi-colored font (blue, red, yellow, blue, green, red).A horizontal search input field with a microphone icon on the right side.

Google Search

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... and our sponsor!

Web Search

certainly sets the standard for
"information interactions"

especially freeing in education

Giving fish vs. teaching fishing!

Web *Skills*

What are some of the strategies *you* use to make web-searching fast & effective?

*let's return to this question --
after you try things out!*

Web Scavenger Hunt



With your partner, find answers to these challenge questions...

For the later ones, estimate how difficult you think the question is (both before & after)

Web Scavenger Hunt



Web Scavenger Hunt ☆

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Web Scavenger Hunt

inspired by a *Google a Day*

Starter Questions:

1. How many results does your name get on Google? _____ on Bing? _____
2. What animal represents your birth year in the Chinese zodiac? _____
3. Which birthday is more common, yours or your partner's? _____
4. Using google trends, during when is American Idol most popular? _____
5. Using google trends, what language is most used to discuss One Direction? _____

Challenge questions: For these challenges, before you begin, *analyze* the question and mark down how hard you think it will be to find the answer, on a scale from 1-10 (1=easy, 10=hard). After you find the answer, mark down how hard it *actually* was.

| Hardness Prediction | Question | Answer | How hard was it actually? |
|---------------------|---|--------|---------------------------|
| | How many days would it take you to walk from Claremont, CA to Claremont, NH? | | |
| | If you were in the world's largest annual food fight, what color would your clothes end up? | | |

Google-a-Day

The screenshot shows a web browser window with multiple tabs open, including 'Home - Google', 'MyCS 2012', 'Slides_Day', 'CS4HS "Hell...', 'NYTimes.co', 'Computer S', 'A Google a', and 'motorcade'. The address bar shows 'agoogleaday.com/#date=2012-07-07'. The page header includes links for 'Exit to regular Google', 'Log in to Google+', 'Make Google your homepage', and a 'Hide' button. The main content area features the Google logo and a search bar. Below the search bar are buttons for 'Google Search' and 'I'm Feeling Lucky'. A 'Sign in' button is located in the top right corner. The 'Today's Question' section asks: 'You're in a motorcade on your way to brunch at a local motel when it hits you: those three nouns all have something in common. What is it?'. Below the question is an input field for the answer, a 'Submit' button, and a 'Hint?' link. To the right of the input field are links for 'Learn more', 'Share', and 'Follow'. At the bottom, there is a calendar for the week of July 3rd to 7th, with the 7th highlighted. Below the calendar are links for 'Tips & Tricks' and 'About'. The footer includes the text 'Come here often?' and 'Get the a Google a Day App', along with a 'Hide' button.

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Sample Scavenger Hunt

In your group, use the internet to find the following items. For each item in

1. A picture of the mayor of your town or city
2. A bus schedule
3. The address of the Chamber of Commerce for your town or city
4. A map of your state—and you have to point out where your town is
5. A copy of the front page of your town's or city's web site
6. Something in writing that tells how many people live in the city
7. A picture of any historical landmark in the city
8. A picture of your congressman
9. A program or flyer from a local arts event
10. The names of all the city council members
11. Something that gives information about your local hospital
12. A list of schools in your town or city
13. The phone number of the local police department
14. Anything with the colors or mascot of a local college or community
15. A picture of the state flag
16. A picture of the state bird
17. A schedule of activities or a pamphlet from a local nursing home or
18. A sticker or button from a local election
19. A list of safety tips from the local fire department
20. A speech by your governor

ECS's web challenge

Web Skills

What are some of the strategies you use to make web-searching fast & effective?

are your students already good at this -- or is this something worth reinforcing?

CS + life: *other* connections?

What else do your students already do that is determined or dominated by computer science?

Intro to Programming

Scratch: Music

Day 1, Session 2

Computer Programming

- Programming is the *stereotypical* CS activity.
- But CS is really not about screenfuls of crazy text...

```
PLEASE DO ,1 <- #13
DO ,1 SUB #1 <- #238
DO ,1 SUB #2 <- #112
DO ,1 SUB #3 <- #112
DO ,1 SUB #4 <- #0
DO ,1 SUB #5 <- #64
DO ,1 SUB #6 <- #238
DO ,1 SUB #7 <- #26
DO ,1 SUB #8 <- #248
DO ,1 SUB #9 <- #168
DO ,1 SUB #10 <- #24
DO ,1 SUB #11 <- #16
DO ,1 SUB #12 <- #158
DO ,1 SUB #13 <- #52
PLEASE READ OUT ,1
PLEASE GIVE UP
```

Intercal

```

                                     v
>v"Hello world!"0<
, :
^ _25*,@
```

Befunge

What *popular* programming languages have you used/heard of?

Programming languages

- What's popular now? (tiobe.com)

| Position Jun 2012 | Position Jun 2011 | Delta in Position | Programming Language | Ratings Jun 2012 | Delta Jun 2011 | Status |
|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------|
| 1 | 2 | ↑ | C | 17.725% | +1.45% | A |
| 2 | 1 | ↓ | Java | 16.265% | -2.32% | A |
| 3 | 3 | = | C++ | 9.358% | -0.47% | A |
| 4 | 7 | ↑↑↑ | Objective-C | 9.094% | +4.66% | A |
| 5 | 4 | ↓ | C# | 7.026% | +0.18% | A |
| 6 | 6 | = | (Visual) Basic | 6.047% | +1.32% | A |
| 7 | 5 | ↓↓ | PHP | 5.287% | -1.31% | A |
| 8 | 8 | = | Python | 3.848% | -0.05% | A |
| 9 | 9 | = | Perl | 2.221% | -0.09% | A |
| 10 | 12 | ↑↑ | Ruby | 1.683% | +0.20% | A |
| 11 | 11 | = | JavaScript | 1.474% | -0.03% | A |

Intro to Computer Programming

Here are two more *"Hello, World!"* programs:

```
print 'Hello, World!'
```

Python

```
int main()  
{  
    std::cout << "Hello, world!";  
}
```

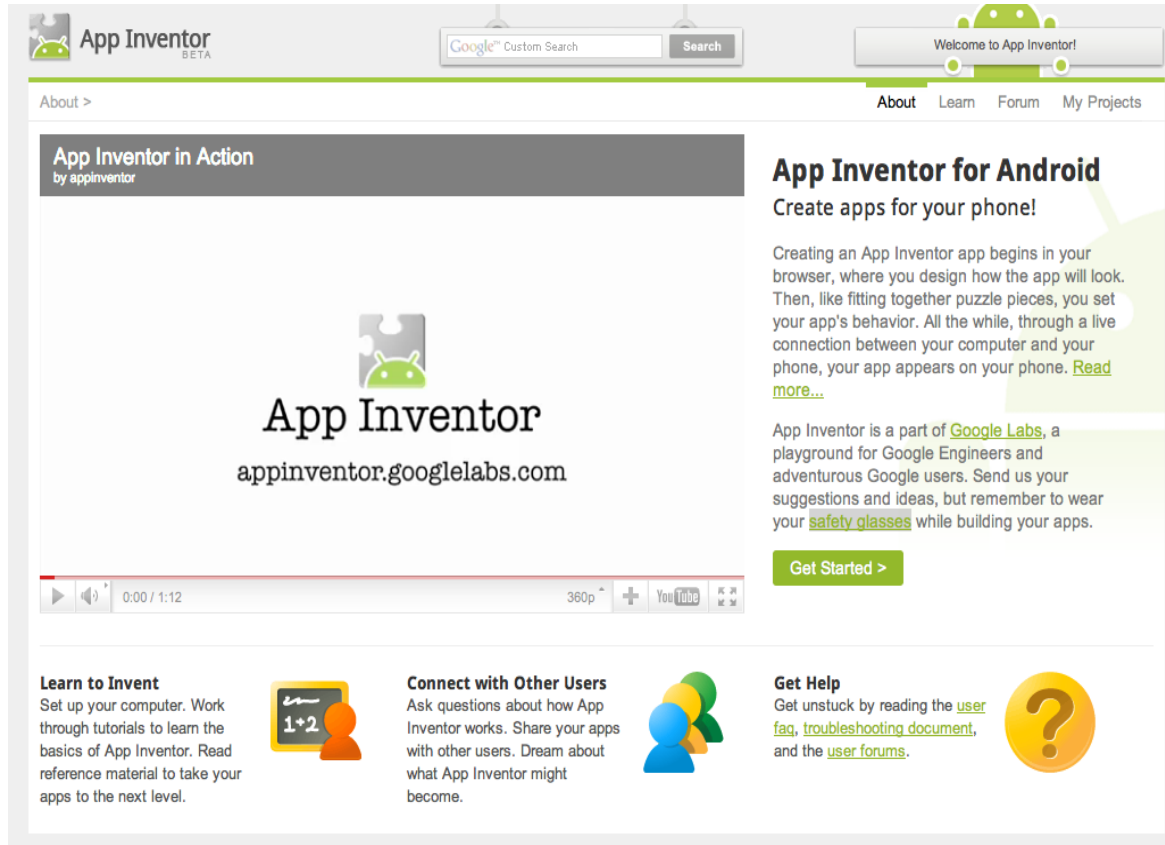
C++

CS is fundamentally about *problem-solving*...
... and programming is just its *language*

Programming is much more like learning a new *human* language
than many suspect: it's just *translation*, *but easier!*

Programming languages

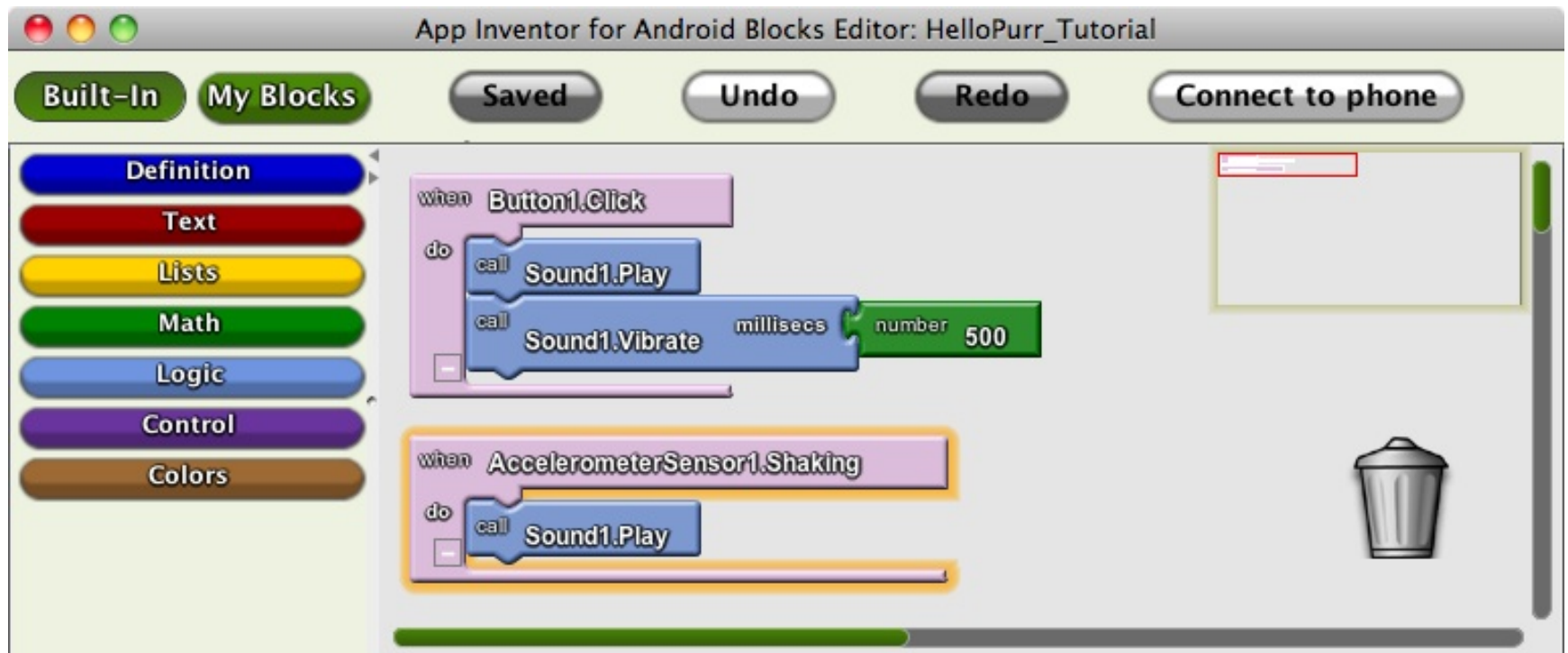
- What does the *future* of programming look like?



Graphical interfaces are ever more popular in education *and industry*.

Programming languages

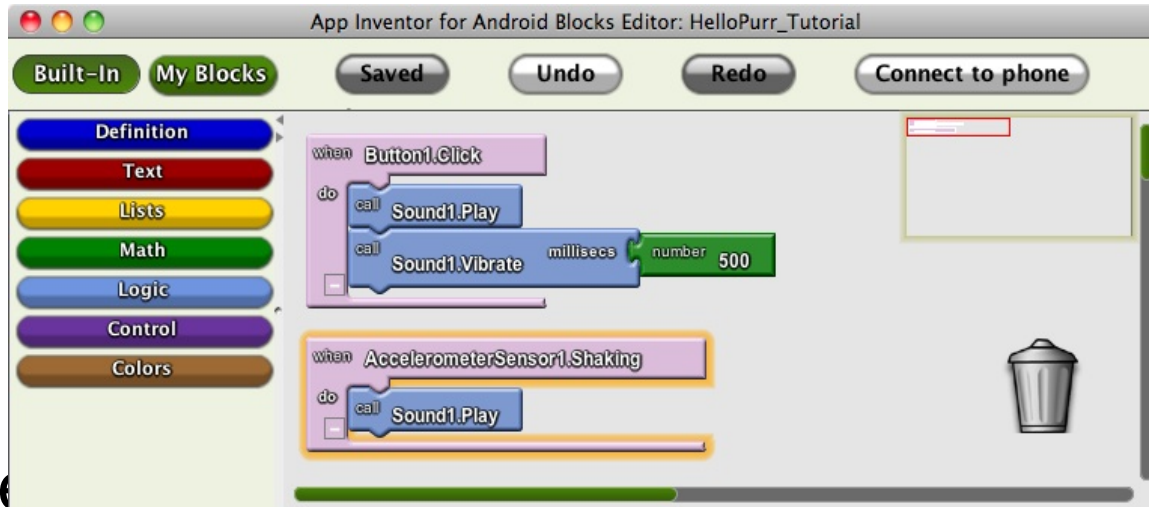
- A "Hello, Kitty" Android Program:



What are these bricks saying?

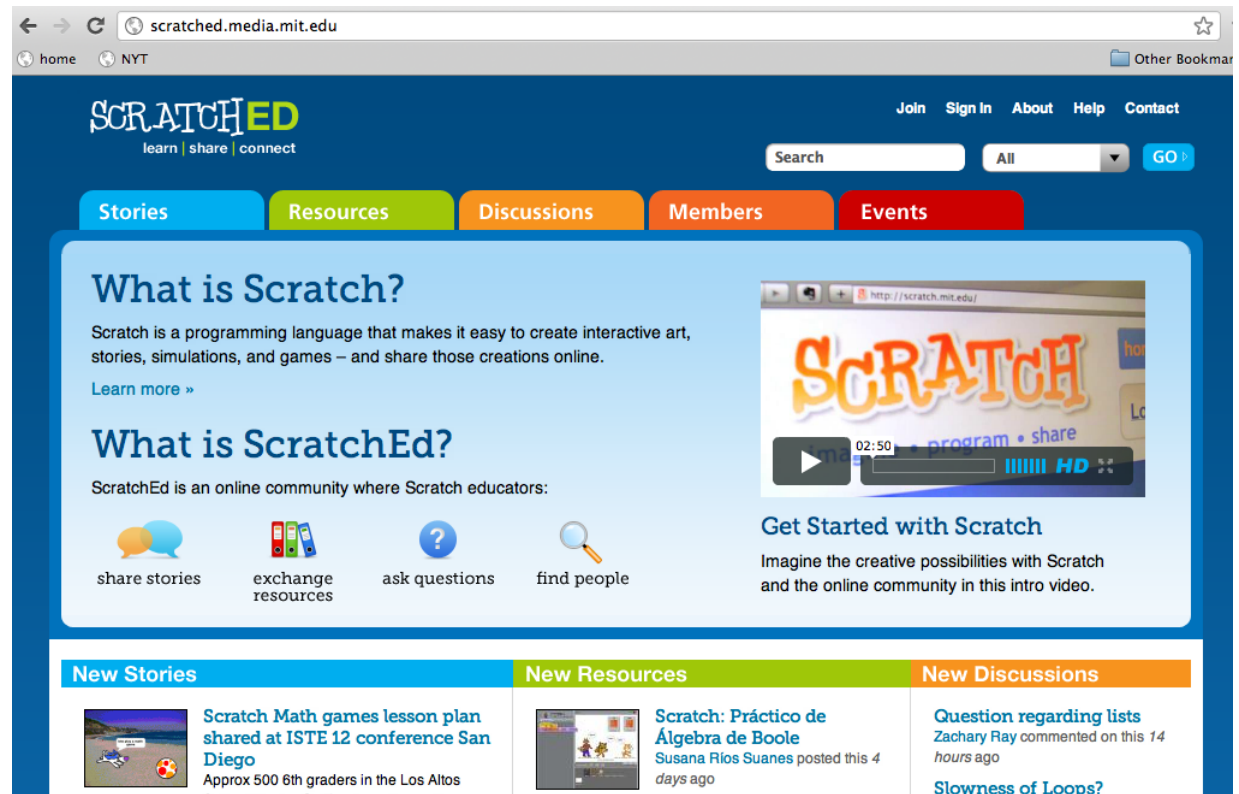
Programming *ideas*

- **Actions** are the basic building blocks (literally!)...



- The
- The actions can be simple.
- The combinations can be powerful!

Scratch!



- Developed at MIT
- Helps anyone learn to program without worrying about syntax
- Its **graphical interface** includes a set of blocks that snap together

Lingo

A picture of a character or object that can be controlled.

Sprite

Block tabs

Click on these to get different sets of blocks.

Blocks

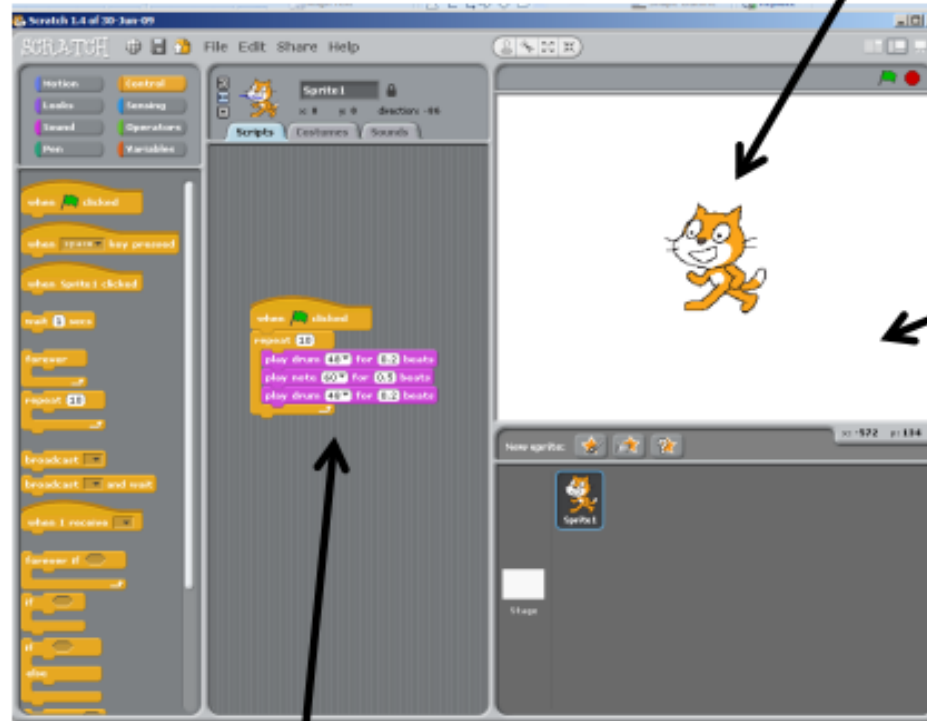
Individual instructions for the sprite. Can be combined to make scripts.

Script

A set of instructions for a sprite to follow.

Stage

The place where the sprites perform your scripts.



Notes!



The play note block plays a musical note. It has 2 variables:

1. You can change the note.
2. You can change how long the note plays (in beats).

Drums!



The play note block plays a percussion note. It has 2 variables:

1. You can change the instrument.
2. You can change how long the note plays (in beats).

Rests!



The rest block makes the script pause. It has 1 variable:

1. You can change how long the pause **lasts** (in beats).

Make a song!



Use notes, drums, and rests to create a short song.

When you are done, make sure to save your program -- *saving to the desktop is OK*

Then, have the other partner make a second song -- and play both songs for a nearby group!

Repeats!



The repeat block tells the computer to do the same thing over and over again. It has 1 variable:

1. You can change how many times to repeat the blocks inside the repeat block.

Repeats, continued!



Other blocks can be placed inside of the repeat block. Everything inside the repeat block will be repeated as many times as you want.

Nested Repeats!



A nested repeat is a repeat block placed inside another repeat block.

Nested Repeats, continued!



Nested repeats multiply together.

1. This drum note will play 6 times.

Tempo!



The tempo block increases the speed at which notes play. It has 1 variable:

1. You can change how many beats play per minute.

Review: Set Tempo!



The tempo block sets the speed at which notes play. It has 1 variable:

1. You can change how many beats play per minute.

When using the set tempo block, it does not matter what the current tempo is. Set tempo will set the new tempo to the number you type in.

Change Tempo!



The change tempo block increases or decreases the tempo by whatever amount you want. It has 1 variable:

1. You can change how much to increase or decrease the tempo. You may use positive or negative numbers.

When using the change tempo block, it does matter what the current tempo is. Set tempo will add or subtract from the current tempo.

Volume works the same way!

1. Use the **checkbox** next to the “volume” block to always see the volume.
2. Use the **set volume** block to reset the volume to the level you want.
3. Use the **change volume** block to increase or decrease the volume by a certain amount.

Song Improvements



Use repeats, tempo, and volume to make improvements to your songs or create a new one...

... either way, explore all of the tools!

“Mapping” Commands to the Keyboard



The “when key pressed” block is a control block. It runs a script when a button on the keyboard is pressed. It has 1 variable:

1. You can change which key will start the script.

The “when key pressed” block only works at the beginning of a script. (You can think of it as a “hat” for the script.)

Mapping Commands to the Keyboard!

To control a script with the keyboard, place a “when key pressed” block on top of it and choose which key will run the script.



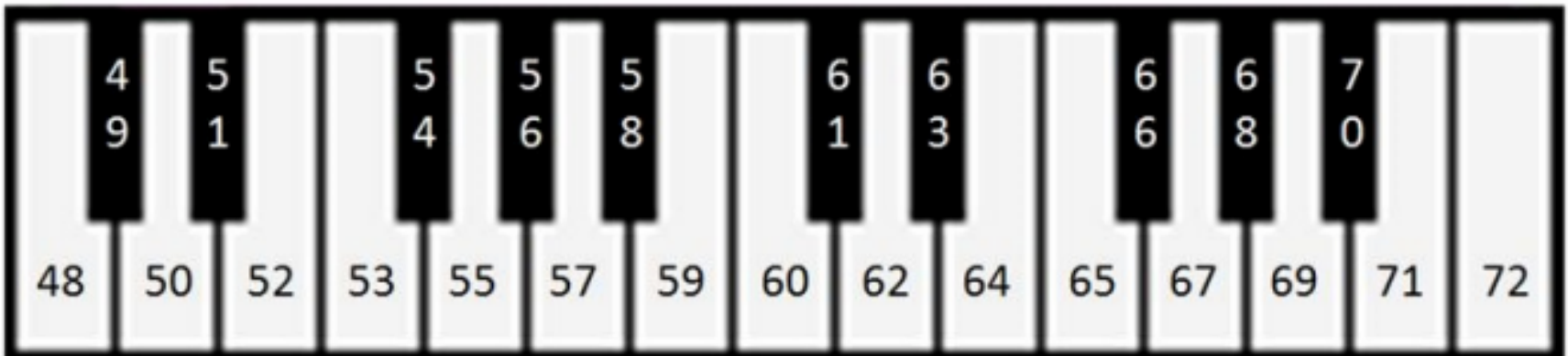
When a key on the keyboard starts a script, we say that script has been “mapped” to that key.

Keyboard Challenge



In a new Scratch project, create a **keyboard**.

That is, make each key in a row of keys on your computer keyboard correspond to a note in a scale. *Want more? Try different instruments!*



The MyCS curriculum starts with music -- would that work? How could it be sold more effectively?

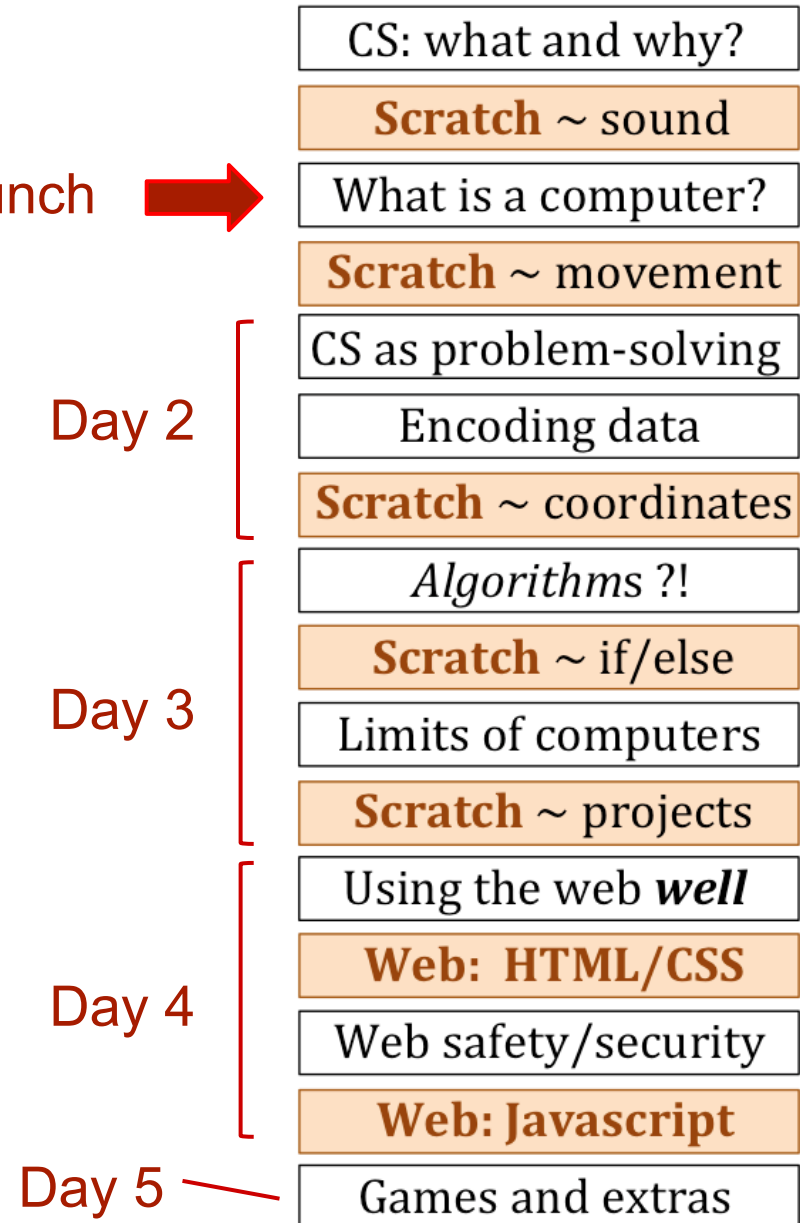
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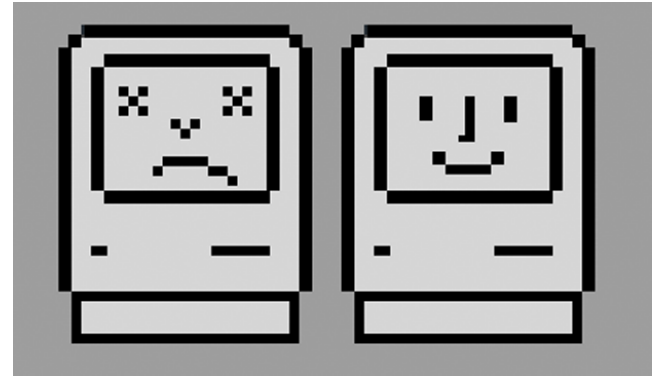
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Computer Disassembly

Day 1, Session 3

Behind the "curtain"...



Friend, foe, *or fork* ?

Computers can seem like magic...

- and not necessarily benign magic, at that!
- it's unclear what's happening inside
- leads to anthropomorphizing
- but they're the opposite of us...



they're 100% understandable

How do we chip away at our defenses?

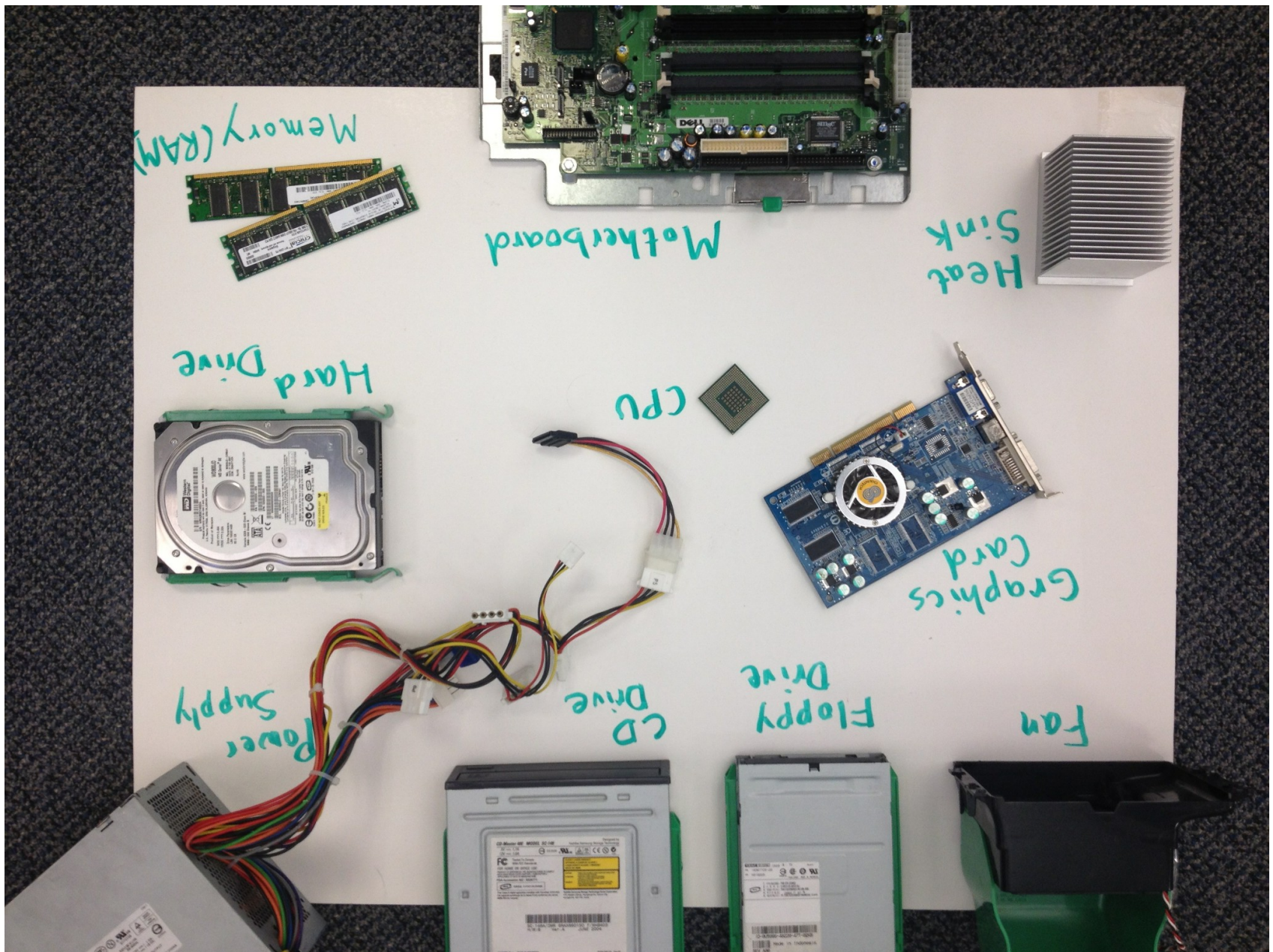
Computer Disassembly



Use a search engine to look up the parts of a computer - while taking it apart.

Create a poster with the parts and (briefly) what each part does.

Here's an example...



...you should get something like these computer entrails...

- 1) Find these components in your computer
- 2) Remove and/or identify each
- 3) Label each with what it does on your poster



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|----------------|----------------------|
| ● Memory (RAM) | ● Processor (CPU) |
| ● Hard Drive | ● CD or DVD Drive |
| ● Transistor | ● Graphics Card |
| ● Motherboard | ● LED |
| ● Power Supply | ● Heat Sink |
| ● Capacitor | ● Crystal Oscillator |
| ● | ● |



- 4) *add two more part names that you find (or know)*
- 5) *Finally, take a picture and upload it to our Google doc!*

Other parts of computers that you won't find **IN** the computer

- Speakers
- Monitor
- Modem
- Keyboard
- Operating System
- Mouse

Which one of these is not like the others?

How do these fit together? (an abstract picture)



If we make an internet search, in what order would these parts be involved in that process?

- ___ Keyboard
- ___ Monitor: show results
- ___ Graphics Card
- ___ Memory
- ___ Processor
- ___ Network cable or wifi
- ___ Hard Drive

One answer...

If we make an internet search, in what order would these parts be involved in that process?

True or False?



___ If I get a computer with a better processor, I'll be able to download faster.

___ The larger my processor's clock speed, the faster my computer will be.

___ The more space my computer has, the faster it'll run a lot of programs at once.

___ If I add another processor to this computer, it will run Minecraft with less lag.

___ If I'm running out of space on my computer, I need to get more memory.

Scratch: Movement

Day 1, Session 4

Move!



The move block makes the sprite move forward. It has 1 variable:

1. You can change how many steps the sprite takes.

The stage is 480 steps wide (-240 to +240) and 360 steps tall (-180 to +180).

The sprite will move in the direction it is facing.

Turn!



The turn blocks make the sprite turn clockwise or counterclockwise. They each have 1 variable:

1. You can change how many degrees the sprite turns.

Movement Practice



Can you make your sprite move in a triangle?

In a square?

Pen down!



Pen blocks can be found in the pen tab.

The pen down block makes the sprite draw a line as it moves.

The sprite will continue to draw a line until you have it lift the pen back up.

Pen up!



The pen up block makes the sprite stop drawing lines as it moves.

This does NOT make the lines you've already drawn disappear.

Clear!



The clear block erases all of the pen lines that have already been drawn.

Set pen color!



The set pen color block changes the color of the line the sprite draws when the pen is down.

Clicking on the color box will let you choose the color you want from a palette.

Set pen size!



The set pen size block changes the thickness of the line the sprite draws as it moves. It has 1 variable:

1. You can change how thick the line is. A bigger number makes a wider line.

Show and Hide!



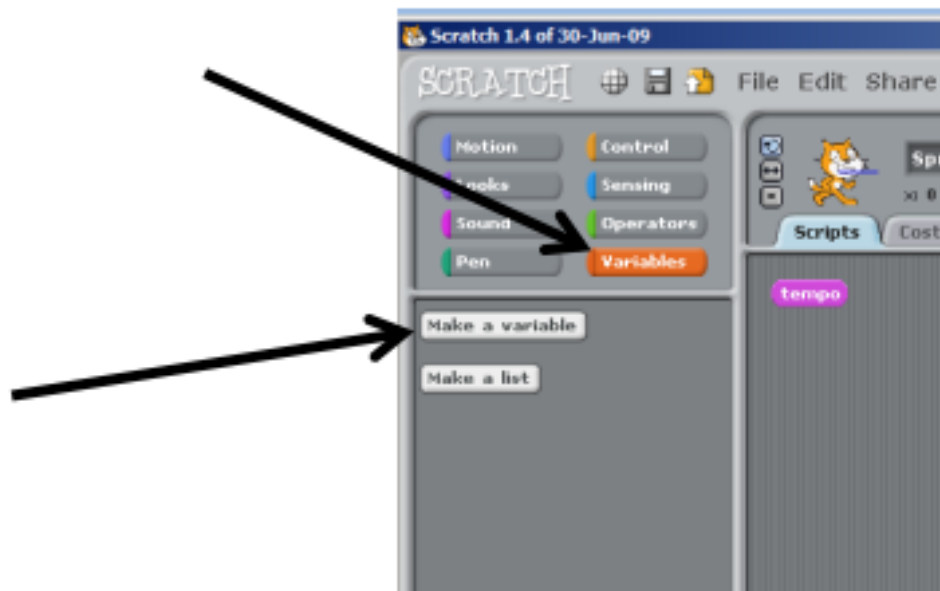
If you do not want to see the sprite on the stage, use the hide block to make it invisible. The sprite will still move and draw lines while it is invisible.

If you want to make the sprite visible again, use the show block.



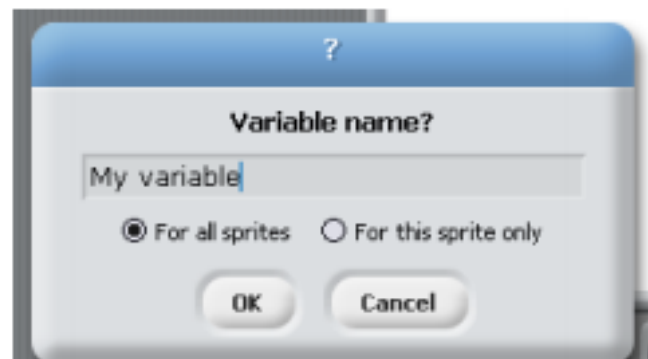
Both the show and hide blocks can be found in the “Looks” tab.

Making a New Variable!



To make a new variable:

1. Click on the “Variables” tab
2. Click “Make a variable”
3. Give your variable a name



Making a New Variable, continued!



You now have new blocks to use with your variable!

You can add your variable to any block that has a variable.



Using Your Variable!



You can change your variable using the set variable and change variable blocks, just like you did with tempo and volume.

Remember to use the checkbox to keep track of what your variable is at any time.



Choose Your Challenges



Pick a challenge from the worksheets and implement it.

Bugs



A bug is a mistake in a computer program that makes it not work the way it is supposed to.

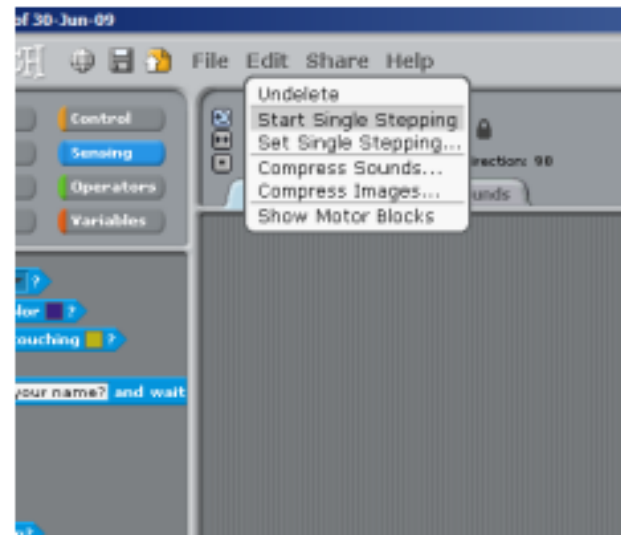
If a computer program (or script) doesn't work the way it is supposed to, that is almost always because of human error.

Debugging



Debugging is the process of fixing the bugs in a computer program so that it works the way it is supposed to.

Using Single Stepping



If your script, or program, isn't working the way you expect it to, a good debugging strategy can be to run the script in "single stepping" mode. This will cause Scratch to run the script more slowly and highlight each block as it is run. This can help you see which part of the script is causing the problem.

To start single stepping, go to the Edit menu and select "Start Single Stepping".

Debugging Practice



Use the worksheet to practice debugging.

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Computer Science for the Rest of Us

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READING, writing and — refactoring code?

Marie desJardins, a computer science professor at the [University of Maryland, Baltimore County](#), says her department uses Scratch in its “Introduction to Computers and Programming” course, in which students can try a few basic concepts. About 25 percent of the semester is spent on programming.

Explaining why Scratch is used at the college level, she says that all students arrive on campus having taken high school classes in English, math, biology and so on, but that many have not taken a computer science class.

Michael Littman, who leads the computer science department at [Rutgers University](#), agrees. “Computational thinking should have been covered in middle school, and it isn’t,” he says. “So we in the C.S. department must offer the equivalent of a remedial course.”

It's increasingly popular in colleges' CS1 courses... !

Thanks & see you
tomorrow!

Tomorrow's plan

4-7 days
spiraling

MyCS

Middle-years
Computer
Science

| | |
|-------|------------------------------|
| Day 1 | CS: what and why? |
| | Scratch ~ sound |
| | What is a computer? |
| Day 2 | Scratch ~ movement |
| | CS as problem-solving |
| | Encoding data |
| Day 3 | Scratch ~ coordinates |
| | <i>Algorithms ?!</i> |
| | Scratch ~ if/else |
| Day 4 | Limits of computers |
| | Scratch ~ projects |
| | Using the web <i>well</i> |
| Day 5 | Web: HTML/CSS |
| | Web safety/security |
| | Web: Javascript |
| Day 5 | Games and extras |