CompSci 101
Introduction to Computer Science

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Announcements

• Reading for next time on calendar page
  – RQ 2 due Thursday
• Assignment 1 due Thursday
  – Have fun with Blockly
• Install your environment! Get Help!
• Lab 1 this week!

• Plan for Today:
  – Problem Solving and Python
Software Failure
Last Time Scratch program

- "Hello World"
- Scratch Program
- Colors
  - Duke blue: motion
  - Mustard: control
  - Light blue: sensing
  - Orange: data
  - Purple: looks
Python code

... hello.py ...

Created on Jan 11, 2017

@author: Susan ...

print "hello CompSci 101 students"

<terminated> hello.py [C:\Users\Susan\AppData\Local\Enthought\C] hello CompSci 101 students
Python data reading code

```python
f = open("kjv10.txt")
st = f.read()
total = len(st)
zc = st.count('z')
print "total # chars = ",{total}
print "number of z's",zc
for ch in 'aeiou':
    print ch, st.count(ch)
```
Explaining Python code?

bit.ly/101s17-0117-1
Daphne Koller, AI Pioneer, Educator

Computers learn to diagnose breast cancer? And more? The Data Scientist on a Quest to turn Computers into Doctors

• http://wrd.cm/1E9zFqy

On Coursera: "But to practice problem-solving, a student must first master certain concepts. By providing a cost-effective solution for this first step, we can focus precious classroom time on more interactive problem-solving activities that achieve deeper understanding — and foster creativity."

Coursera Founder, NY Times, December 5, 2011
Lab 1 This Week

• Install Before attending if can
• Modify Python program
• Scratch program
Our Programming Environment

• Install 5 items

• Why Java? – not using

• Eclipse – platform for development

• Python – programming language
  – Pydev – Python IDE for Eclipse

• Canopy – python libraries

• Ambient – turnin/snarf files to/from Duke
How does one get help in CompSci 101?

• Consulting hours
  – Sunday-Thursday 7:30-11:30pm

• Office hours (prof, TAs)

• Collaborate with other students

• Piazza
  – Ask questions
  – Do not post your code and ask what is wrong!
  – Post error message and line of code for error message
  – If added class late, may need to add yourself
How to succeed in Compsci 101

• Start assignments early, they'll take longer than you think
• Read the book, we'll build on it in class
• Collaborate well, but be sure you can do work on your own!
• Be curious, work hard at beginning, think carefully
Your goal is to …

• Get all assignments completed and turned in on time.

AND…
Algorithm
bit.ly/101s17-0117-1a

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

Cookie Sandwich
Algorithm

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

How do Netflix and Amazon know me?
- Compsci101 project: capable of implementation as a program, but much more basic

What does Nate Silver do?

http://53eig.ht/1tZy909

More on algorithms:

http://moreintelligentlife.com/content/features/anonymous/slaves-algorithm
Algorithm – Nate Silver and others

How to Tell Someone’s Age When All You Know Is Her Name

By Nate Silver and Allison McCann

RECOMMENDED

Voters Really Did Switch To Trump At The Last Minute

How The Golden Globes Changed The Oscars Race

How Much More Money Could ‘Rogue One’ Make?
Who will win the presidency?

Chance of winning

Hillary Clinton

73.8%

Donald Trump

26.1%
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.
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

• **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
Understanding terminology: code

- Move from "Hello World" to "Hello Around the World"
  - Look at Python, code, libraries
  - Learning (reviewing) terminology about Python

```python
print "hello world"
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```python
f = open("hello.txt")
for line in f:
    print line
```
Hello around world code