Announcements

- Reading for next time on calendar page
  - RQ 2 due Tuesday
- Assignment 1 due Tuesday
  - Have fun with Blockly
- Plan for Today:
  - Algorithms, Problem Solving and Python

Tips on Using the VM

- Each netid only one VM
- Kill the tab you are in when you are done!
- On Windows 10? Try Microsoft Edge
- OIT is making available a local VM
Lab 1 This Week Done!

- Run the VM
- Modify Python program
- Scratch program for fun

Last Time Scratch program

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

Python data reading code

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print "total # chars = ", total
print "number of z's", zc
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    print ch, st.count(ch)
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**Explain Python data reading code**

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**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](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

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**Our Programming Environment**

- Install 5 items or just use VM!
- 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

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**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**

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

**Write an algorithm for making a cookie sandwich**


Cookie Sandwich should look like:

Here are your supplies:
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

Who will win the presidency?

Google Algorithm – with News
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

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• Creation algorithm
  – Take a phrase
  – Replicate it four times
  – Chop into "chunks"
    • 15-22 characters

• How to recreate original phrase?