CMSC B110: Introduction to Computing
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Grading
• 7 Assignments 42%
• 6 Problem Sets 18%
• Exam 1 20%
• Exam 2 20%

Total 100%

Office Hours
Tues/Thurs 1-4 pm by arrangement in Park 250
What is Computing?
Computing: Web, e-mail, social...
Computing: Productivity...
Computing: Digital Photography
Computing: Entertainment...
Computing: Gaming...
In February 2011, IBM Watson bested Brad Rutter (biggest all-time money winner) and Ken Jennings (longest winning streak).

IBM is currently applying Watson’s technology to medical diagnosis and legal research.
Finding Life-Supporting Planets
Mapping the Epigenome

DNA contains the genetic blueprint for all human cells, but the reading and execution of the blueprint inside each cell is controlled in part by chemical markers attached to the DNA. Scientists have begun to map some of these epigenetic markers, including CpG methylation.

CpG methylation

DNA is a code written with four letters: A, T, C and G, each standing for one nucleotide. In CpG methylation, a small marker called a methyl group attaches to the DNA at a CpG site, where a C and a G nucleotide sit next to each other.
“Computer science is no more about computers than astronomy is about telescopes”

- Edsger Dijkstra
Computing is important.
# Fastest Growing Occupations

## Table 1.3 Fastest growing occupations, 2008 and projected 2018
(Numbers in thousands)

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<td>2008</td>
<td>2018</td>
<td>Number</td>
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<tr>
<td>Network systems and data communications analysts</td>
<td>292.0</td>
<td>447.8</td>
<td>155.8</td>
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<td>Computer software engineers, applications</td>
<td>514.8</td>
<td>689.9</td>
<td>175.1</td>
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<tr>
<td>Computer software engineers, systems software</td>
<td>394.8</td>
<td>515.0</td>
<td>120.2</td>
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The Best and Worst Jobs

CareerCast rated 200 jobs based on income, working environment, stress, physical demands and job outlook, using data from the Labor Dept. and U.S. Census researchers’ own expertise. See which jobs were ranked highest and lowest, and their midlevel income. The highest-ranked jobs are highlighted in yellow. Click on headers to sort. See full rankings on CareerCast.com. (More: The Best and Worst Jobs.)

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<th>Rank</th>
<th>Title</th>
<th>Midlevel Income</th>
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<td>1</td>
<td>software engineer</td>
<td>$87,000</td>
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<td>mathematician</td>
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<td>actuary</td>
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<td>statistician</td>
<td>$73,000</td>
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<td>computer systems analyst</td>
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<td>meteorologist</td>
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<td>9</td>
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...many different companies ... need to hire computer scientists. They aren't tied to one particular industry.
How many of us are studying CS?
United States and Canada

Figure 7. Newly Declared CS/CE Undergraduate Majors

Figure 6. BS Production (CS & CE)

Computing Research News, CRA May 2010
CS=Computer Science, CE=Computer Engineering
http://www.cra.org/resources/taulbee/
# Secondary Schools

## TABLE 1

| Secondary schools offering introductory (or pre-AP) Computer Science courses, change from 2005 baseline |
|---|---|
| Yes | 2007 | 2009 |
| Yes | -6% | -17% |

| Secondary offering AP Computer Science courses, change from 2005 baseline |
|---|---|
| Yes | 2007 | 2009 |
| Yes | -20% | -35% |

*Source: Computer Science Teachers Association survey data of high schools*
We've turned a corner...

• "Stanford University enrollment for in CS106A (CS1) [in 2010/2011] is 1087, which represents a year-on-year growth of 51%"

• Why?
  1. I'm just curious
  2. Increase my potential to land a good job
  3. I love computing
  4. Need to fill a requirement
  5. Other...

What can be programmed?
http://www.videophoneinsider.com/video-phone-history/
Google’s Autonomous Car

- Nevada made it legal for autonomous cars to drive on roads in June 2011
How do you program?
What is a Computer Program?

A collection of human and machine readable statements that can be translated to instructions executable by a computing device.

A text file.
Creative Computing

Introduction to Creative Computing

Computing

Visualizations

Programming

Aesthetics & Art

Algorithms

Processing/Java

Computational Media
Our Goal

• Use computing to realize works of art

• Explore new metaphors from computing: images, animation, interactivity, visualizations

• Learn the basics of computing

• Have fun doing all of the above!
Software

Processing

– Already installed in the CS Lab
– Also available for your own computer @ www.processing.org
– Processing == Java

Book


http://www.learningprocessing.com/
Primitive 2D Shapes

- point
- line
- triangle
- rect (rectangle)
- quad (quadrilateral, four-sided polygon)
- ellipse
- arc (section of an ellipse)
- curve (Catmull-Rom spline)
- bezier (Bezier curve)
Language (API). The Processing Language has been designed to facilitate the creation of sophisticated visual and conceptual structures.

Structure

[] (array access)
= (assign)
catch
class
, (comma)
// (comment)
{} (curly braces)
delay()
/** */ (doc comment)
.(dot)
draw()

Shape

PShape

2D Primitives
arc()
ellipse()
line()
point()
quad()
rect()
triangle()

Color

Setting
backgroundColor()
colorMode()
fill()
noFill()
noStroke()
stroke( )
Anatomy of a Function Call

```
line( 10, 10, 50, 80 );
```

- Function name
- Parentheses
- Arguments
- Statement terminator
Pixels
Processing Canvas

```
size( width, height );
Set the size of the canvas.

background( [0..255] );
Set the background grayscale color.
```
Drawing Primitives

point( x, y );

line( x1, y1, x2, y2 );

triangle( x1, y1, x2, y2, x3, y3 );

quad( x1, y1, x2, y2, x3, y3, x4, y4 );

rect( x, y width, height );

ellipse( x, y, width, height );
smooth() vs. noSmooth()
Colors

Composed of four elements:

1. Red
2. Green
3. Blue
4. Alpha (Transparency)
Why 0 .. 255?
Shape Formatting

1. Fill color
2. Line thickness
3. Line color

*These are properties of your paintbrush, not of the object you are painting.*
Fill Color

```javascript
fill(gray);
fill(gray, alpha);
fill(red, green, blue);
fill(red, green, blue, alpha);

noFill();
```
Stroke (Line) Color

stroke(gray);
stroke(gray, alpha);
stroke(red, green, blue);
stroke(red, green, blue, alpha);

noStroke();
strokeCap()

```java
smooth();
strokeWeight(12.0);
strokeCap(ROUND);
line(20, 30, 80, 30);
strokeCap(SQUARE);
line(20, 50, 80, 50);
strokeCap(PROJECT);
line(20, 70, 80, 70);
```

strokeWeight()

```java
smooth();
strokeWeight(1); // Default
line(20, 20, 80, 20);
strokeWeight(4); // Thicker
line(20, 40, 80, 40);
strokeWeight(10); // Beastly
line(20, 70, 80, 70);
```

http://processing.org/reference/strokeCap_.html
http://processing.org/reference/strokeWeight_.html
**ellipseMode**

```
ellipseMode(CENTER);
ellipse(35, 35, 50, 50);
ellipseMode(CORNER);
fill(102);
ellipse(35, 35, 50, 50);
```

**rectMode**

```
rectMode(CENTER);
rect(35, 35, 50, 50);
rectMode(CORNER);
fill(102);
rect(35, 35, 50, 50);
```

http://processing.org/reference/ellipseMode_.html
http://processing.org/reference/rectMode_.html
Dropbox

• https://www.dropbox.com/
Processing.JS

• A Javascript implementation of Processing
• Runs in any modern web browser
  – Does not run well in IE8 and under
• Most of Processing is implemented
  – Images are processed slowly
  – No file IO
• http://processingjs.org
Studio Sketchpad

- Collaboratively edit, run and chat about a Processing.js program
- http://sketchpad.cc
- http://studio.sketchpad.cc