Lecture 28



Computer Programming II

CSE 143: Computer Programming II

Goodbye World! YOUR PROGRAMMING **JOKES ARE BA** AND YOU SHOULD FEEL B

CSE 142 vs. CSE 143: The Big Picture

In **CSE 142**, you learned how to use logic, control flow, and decomposition to write programs.

In CSE 143, you learned to solve more complex and larger tasks efficiently.

Big Learning Goals

- Abstraction (implementation vs. client)
- Data Structures (organizing complex data)
- Algorithms (standard ways of completing common tasks)

We built some really cool programs. And had a lot of fun?

The "Art" of Computer Programming

Programmers waste enormous amounts of time thinking about, or worrying about, the speed of noncritical parts of their programs, and these attempts at efficiency actually have a strong negative impact when debugging and maintenance are considered. We should forget about small efficiencies, say about 97% of the time: premature optimization is the root of all evil. Yet we should not pass up our opportunities in that critical 3%.

Computer programming is an art, because it applies accumulated knowledge to the world, because it requires skill and ingenuity, and especially because it produces objects of beauty. A programmer who subconsciously views himself as an artist will enjoy what he does and will do it better.

Case Study: Duolingo

Overview of Topics We Covered

- Lists
- Stacks and Queues
- Recursion
- Sets and Maps
- Grammars
- Searching
- Sorting
- Binary Trees

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Computer Science + Your Interests = A Match Made In Heaven



- Foreign Policy: outcome prediction
- Law: evidence summary
- Medicine: smart diagnostics
- Music: hit identification
- Sports: superstar discovery
- Wall Street: high frequency trading

What Should I Do Next?

There are a variety of "next steps" in computer science and programming. Here's some of them:

- Learn a new programming language. (Some people find learning new languages fun! The best part is that now that you know Java it's surprisingly easy!)
- Learn how to make games/websites/mobile apps/etc. Whatever is interesting to you...go for it!
- Choose a project to work on that sounds interesting!
- Take another course!
- Interview for a job!
- Use programming in your area of interest!
- Learn more theoretical computer science (by reading a book, or something)

Book Recommendations



What Project?

When choosing a personal project, the most important thing is that **you think what you're doing is cool**. Here's some suggestions:

- Automate something that you do a lot!
- Make one of the HWs from this class cooler!
- Write a program that solves your homework for you!
- Make a game!
- Write an app and sell it!
- Contribute to an open source project!

Java is a perfectly good language, but...

Depending on what you want to do, you might want to (or need to) learn another language.

- Python has very consise and clean syntax. It's useful for whipping up quick programs.
- Javascript is the language of the internet.
- Java is the language for Android.
- Objective-C is the language for anything Apple.
- C is the langauge for low-level systems programming.
- Haskell is a "functional" programming language. Learn this one if you want a challenge!

What Courses?

CSE Non-Majors

- CSE 154: Web Programming
- CSE 373: Data Structures and Algorithms
- CSE 374: Programming Concepts and Tools (C/C++, Linux, ...)
- CSE 131: Digital Photography
- CSE 460: Animation Capstone (open to all majors)
- INFO, AMATH, DXARTS, ...

CSE Majors

- CSE 311: (Mathematical) Foundations of Computing
- CSE 332: Data Abstractions (Data Structures and Algorithms)
- CSE 331: Software Design and Implementation
- CSE 341: Programming Languages
- CSE 344: Intro to Data Management (and databases)
- CSE 351: Hardware/Software Interface

Using APIs & Frameworks

 Making computers understand language: http://nlp.stanford.edu/software/

Building Games: http://lwjgl.org/

Building Games with Physics: http://jbox2d.org/

Processing Biological Data: http://biojava.org/wiki/Main_Page

Accessing Facebook Data: http://restfb.com/