Programming Merit Badge







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What will be seen today?

- 1. Safety
- 2. History of programming
- 3. Programming today
- 4. Intellectual property
- 5. Careers

And we'll program a little bit!

Did anyone want to present?

What will NOT be seen today?

A lot!

Because programming exists since at least 50-100 years (since computers existed – approximately)

But if you have any question (on topics seen here or on anything else related to programming), let me know and I'll try my best to answer!

(also, Stack Overflow probably has the answer to most questions! https://stackoverflow.com/questions)

And so? What is programming?

 Programming is the act of inserting instructions into a computer or machine to be followed.

 There are many different career fields involving the programming of computers; each utilizing different languages, techniques, and systems.

 We are only going to cover a few of the different aspects of programming during this Merit Badge, but there are so many more.

Programming is converting ideas into instructions



Understand the purpose of the program (*requirements*)



Break instructions into steps (*design*)



Translate design into language (*coding*)



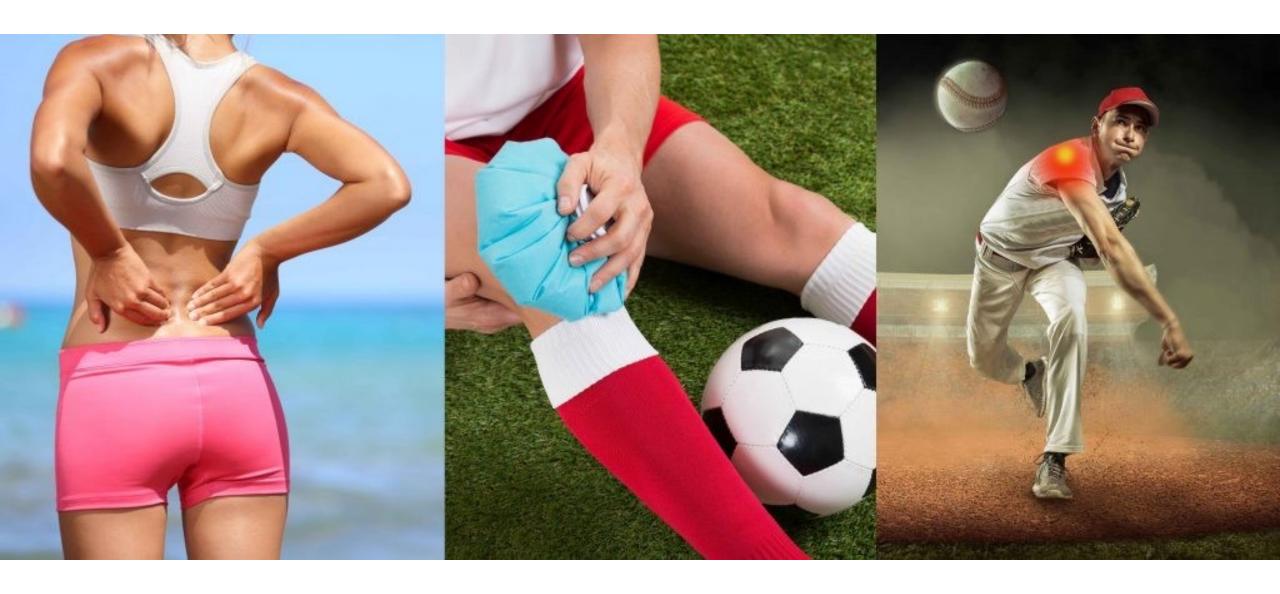
Verify actual results match expected results (*testing*)

1. Safety



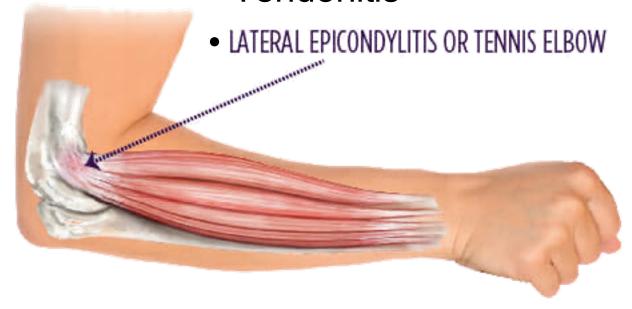
"It's the latest innovation in office safety.

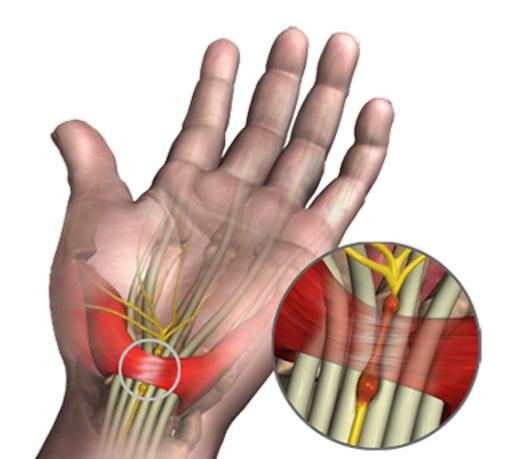
When your computer crashes, an air bag is activated so you won't bang your head in frustration."



RSIs - Repetitive Stress Injuries

- Carpal tunnel syndrome
- Cervical radiculopathy
- Reflex sympathetic dystrophy
- Tendonitis





First Aid for RSs

- Apply an ice pack to the injured area to help reduce pain and swelling
- Use an elastic joint support or wrap the area firmly with an elastic bandage to limit the swelling and to protect the injury. Do not wrap it so tightly that blood circulation is restricted!
- Rest the injured area
- Take an anti-inflammatory pain reliever as recommended by your physician
- After 24 hours, heat (hot packs, heating pad, whirlpool) may be applied
- As symptoms diminish, gently exercise the affected muscles or joints to help relieve remaining tenderness, stiffness, and tingling or numbness
- If pain is severe or persistent, seek medical attention

Injury prevention

Proper equipment (+ ergonomics)

HYDRATION

- Soda, juices and other sweet drinks are not a substitute for water
- Program in a well-lit room (prevent eyestrain)
- Minimize the contrast between your monitor and the rest of the room
- Make sure there is no glare on the screen
- Take breaks to give your body time to recover



Take breaks

Eye breaks

• Look away from the monitor from time to time, preferably at something more than 20 feet This gives your eyes a chance to relax and helps prevent eyestrain.

Typing breaks

• Rest your hands in a relaxed, flat, straight manner to give them time to recover and prevent RSIs

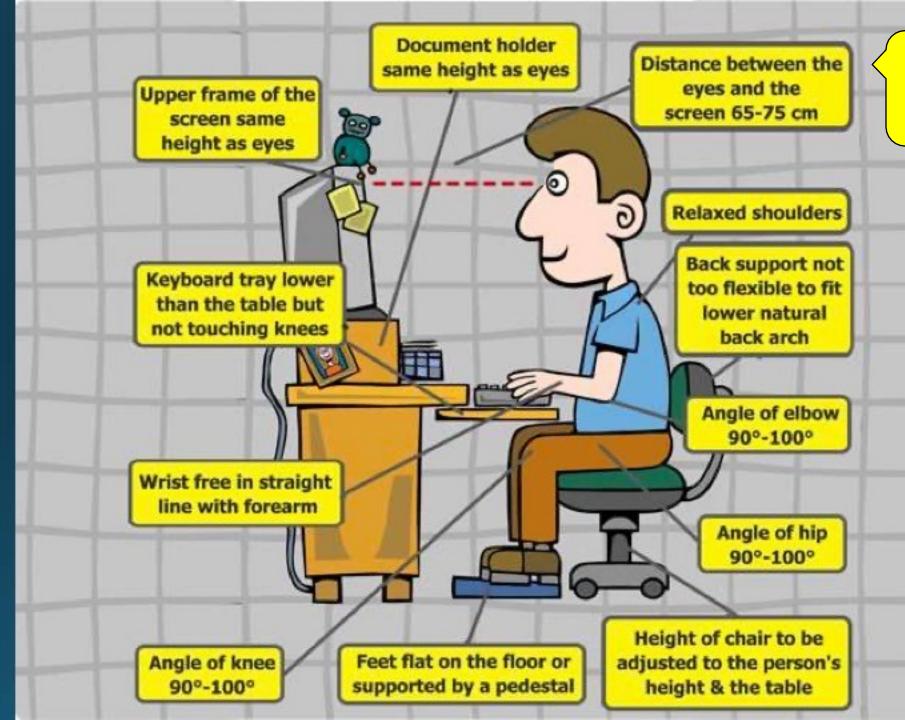
Rest breaks

Take a break every 30 minutes or so to give your body a chance to relax. You can use software
programs that remind you to take a break so you don't get stuck in a trance staring at your
monitor

Exercise breaks

- Get up and stretch, rotate your head and shoulders, move your arms and legs.
- You will find that you can program better and longer if you do this regularly





65cm = 25.6 in75cm = 29.5 in

Electrical safety

- Keep liquid and food away from plugged-in machines
- Be sure the equipment is properly grounded to prevent shock hazards
- It's best to unplug the computer when it's not in use, especially during a thunderstorm
- Make sure any cords are neatly stowed to prevent tripping



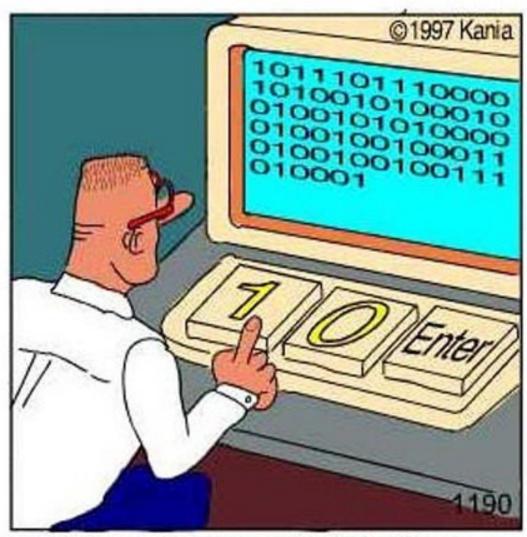
Additional pointers

- Computer-Related Repetitive Stress Injuries (Johns Hopkins): https://www.hopkinsallchildrens.org/Patients-Families/Health-Library/HealthDocNew/Computer-Related-Repetitive-Stress-Injuries
- 12 tips for an Ergonomic Computer Workstation (Cornell University): http://ergo.human.cornell.edu/DEA6510/dea6512k/ergo12tips.html
- 25 Ergonomic Tips For Students When Working At A Computer (Vista College): https://www.vistacollege.edu/blog/resources/25-ergonomic-tips-when-working-at-a-computer/

1. Safety

Now you can answer Requirements 1a And 1b!

2. History of programming



Real programmers code in binary.

Before computers

Before the modern electrical computer, mechanical devices used in factories were the first machines to be programmed.

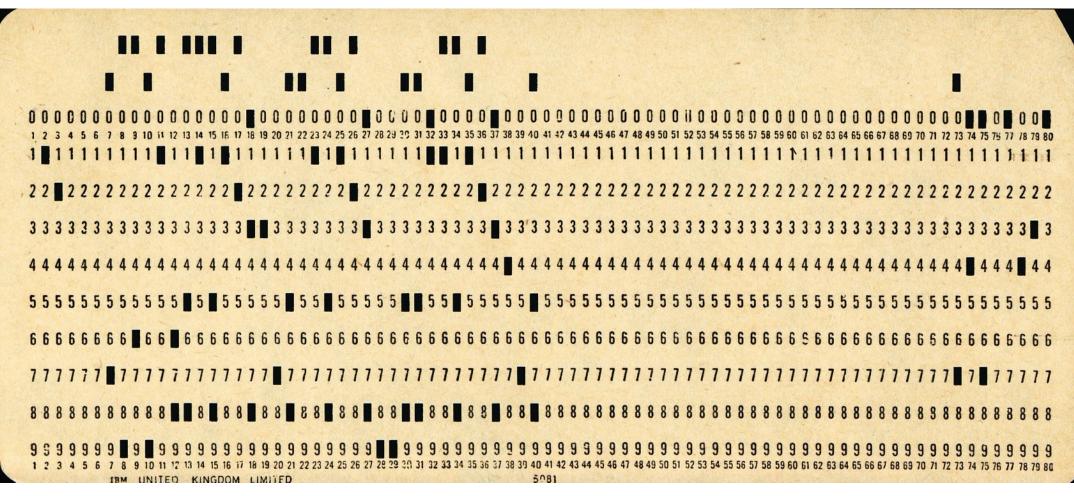
An example is the Joseph Jacquard Loom (1804) which used hole-punched cards to "program" patterns into fabric.

The picture on the left is the loom.

The picture on the right is a portrait of Jacquard was woven in silk on a Jacquard loom and required 24,000 punched cards to create (1839). One of these portraits in the possession of Charles Babbage inspired him in using perforated cards in his Difference Engine.

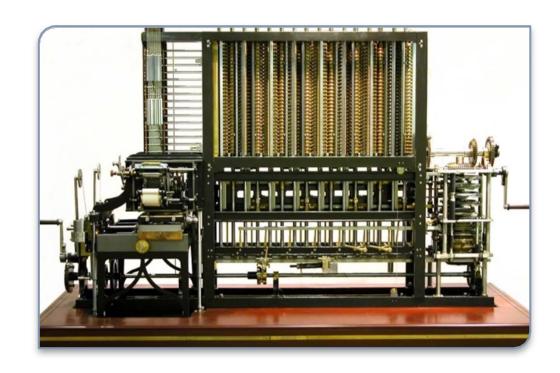






A punch card

Before computers



Ada Lovelace, the first programmer, theorized how to program Babbage's Machines.

Charles Babbage in 1823 started work on his Difference Engine. It was programmed using punch cards and could do simple calculations to 31 digits. Do to high costs, it was not built until 1991, well after his death. It weighed 15 tons and was 8 ft tall.

It used human-power to turn the gears and cranks and output the result using wheels with digits painted on.

Fun Fact: The gear technology didn't exist to build his machine, so Babbage invented new ways of cutting gears. This incidentally advanced machinery and factories during the end industrial revolution (1760-1840).



Ada Lovelace (1815 – 1852)

Before computers

In 1985, Herman Hollerith designed the "Electric Tabulating System", a machine designed to take on the 1890's Census. It was an early Scantron machine using punch cards.

The 1880's Census took 7 years to count, so do to the growing population, the 1890's and 1900's Censuses would have taken more than 10 years. This would not be good.

With his machine, the 1890's Census only took 6 weeks rather than 10 years. This proved computers were a viable solution to many previously impossible problems.



John von Neumann

Conditional Control Transfer

If <condition>then <action a> else <action b>

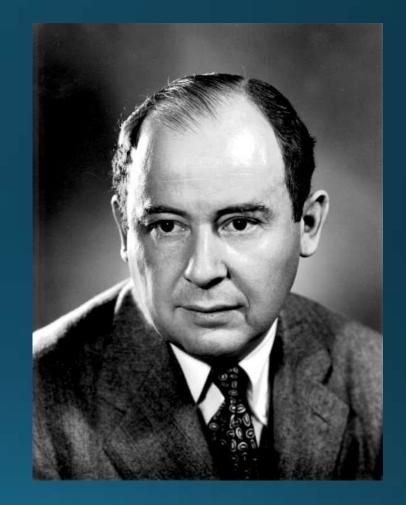
if <raining>then <stay inside>else <go outside>

While < condition > do < action >

while <raining>do <hold umbrella>

subroutines, libraries, reusable code

go outside:
stand up
walk to the door
open the door
walk out the door
close the door



Programming Pioneer 1903-1957

Early computers



ENIAC 1946 – What do you notice about this photo

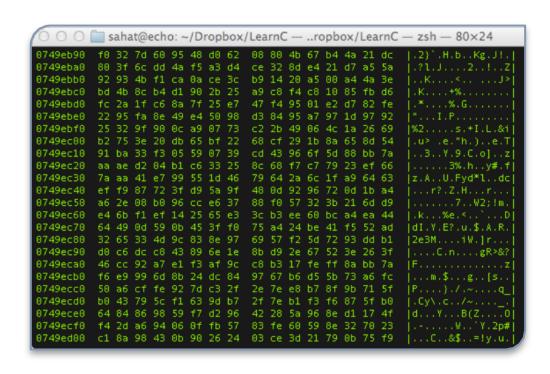
ENIAC – Electronic Numerical Integrator And Computer (1946)

- First general purpose computer
 - Used Base-10 instead of Binary (Base-2)
- Used to calculate firing-tables for the military.

UNIVAC – UNIVersal Automatic Computer (1951)

- First commercial computer
- Brought computers into the public eye after it correctly predicted the "total-upset, landslide", 1952 Presidential Election.

History of programming



- What was the first programming language?
 - Binary / Machine Language (ML)
- Binary / ML is really hard to read, but it can be done.
- Early computers used switches and cables to accomplish this.
- It is insanely fast, only limited by hardware speed.
- All programming languages end up as Binary / ML at some point during execution.



History of programming

- Next came Assembly Language (ASM)
- Slightly easier to read than Binary / ML
- Still very fast because it maps back to Binary / ML
- Very few people 'need' to program is ASM
- There is a different Assembly Language for each CPU design, so it is not portable code.
 - Why is portable code good?

Assembly Language

9-14-80 TSC ASSEMBLES PAGE 2 MONITOR FOR 6862 1.4 BCM+\$0000 BEGIN MONITOR COOO BE OO 70 START LDS BRYACK * PUNCTION: INITA - Initializa ACIA * IMPUT: none * OUTPUT: none * CALLS: none * DESTROYS: acc A 0013 RESETA EQU \$00010011 0011 CTLREG EQU \$00010001 C003 86 13 INITA LDA A ERESETA RESET ACIA C005 B7 80 04 STA A ACTA C008 86 11 LDA A #CYLREG SET B BITS AND 2 STOP COGA B7 80 04 STA A ACIA C000 7E C0 F1 SIGNOM GO TO START OF MONITOR * FUNCTION: INCH - Input character * IMPUT: none * COTPUT: char in acc A * DESTROYS: acc A * CALLS: none * DESCRIPTION: Gets I character from terminal LOA A ACIA CO10 B6 80 04 INCH ARR A C013 47 SHIFT RORF FLAG INTO CARRY RCC INCH RECIEVE NOT READY C014 24 FA C016 B6 80 05 LDA A ACTA+1 GET CHAR C019 84 7F AND A #STF MASK PARITY COID 7E CO 79 THE CUTCH ECHO & RTS ******************************* * PUNCTION: INNEX - INPUT HER DIGIT * IMPUT: none * OUTPUT: Digit in acc A * CALLS: INCH * DESTROYS: acc A * Returns to monitor if not HEX input C01E 8D F0 INHEX BSR GET A CHAR C020 81 30 CMP A #'0 ZERO C022 2B 11 BMT HEXERR NOT REX C024 B1 39 CMP A #19 NINE C026 2F 0A BLE HEXRTS GOOD HEX C028 81 41 CMP A #'A C02A 2B 09 BMI HEXERR NOT HEX C02C 81 46 CMP A #'F C02E 2E 05 BGT HEXCERR C030 80 07 SUB A #7 C032 B4 OF HEXRTS AND A #\$0F CONVERT ASCII TO DIGIT C034 39 RTS CO35 7E CO AF HEXERR JMF CTRL RETURN TO CONTROL LOOP

Assembly language is hardware specific and is compiled into machine language (binary code)



History of programming

Next-Generation Languages came around the 1950's.

They allowed:

- Code portability between different systems
- Easier to write, read and debug code
- Allowed for new concepts (i.e. functions, classes, objects, OOP)
- Explored new fields (i.e. science, math, computer science, data science, business)

The first big languages were... (in order of creation)

FORTRAN, LISP, COBOL, BASIC and Pascal

Early Important Languages

1950s

FORTRAN (1957)

- John Backus (IBM)
- Formula Translating System
- High performance computing -weather and climate modeling
- Computationally intensive

• LISP (1958)

- John McCarthy (MIT)
- Recursion and list processing
- Artificial intelligence

• COBOL (1959)

- Common Business Oriented Language
- Primarily used in business, finance, and admin systems

1960s-1970s

• BASIC (1964)

- John Kemeny and Thomas Kurtz (Dartmouth)
- Beginner's All purpose Symbolic Instruction Code
- Based on FORTRAN II

Pascal (1970)

- Niklaus Wirth
- Developed to encourage good programming practices
- Structured programming
- Data Structuring

• C(1972)

- Dennis Ritchie (AT&T Bell Labs)
- Developed to implement Unix OS
- One of the most widely used programming languages

Additional pointers

- History of programming languages: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History of programming languages
- Visual history of programming languages: https://visual.ly/community/infographic/technology/history-computer-programming

Ada Lovelace: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ada_Lovelace

2. History of programming

Now you can answer Requirements 2a!

3. Programming today



Programming Now

How many languages do you

recognize?

C++

SQL F# RegEx MATLAB R PL/SQL

Java Erlang Go MIPS

JavaScript Ada PowerShell ColdFusion

HTML Objective-C BASH LaTeX

CSS Swift TypeScript XML

Python Mathematica PostScript JSON

Ruby C# CoffeeScript Ladder Logic

PHP Visual Basic Perl YAML
OpenCL Rust x86-Assembly MASM Batch

Programming Now

Why are the languages grouped into colors?

C SQL
C++ MATLAB
Java Erlang
JavaScript Ada
HTML Objective-C
CSS Swift
Python Mathematica

Ruby

PHP

OpenCL

C# Visual Basic Rust F# RegEx
R PL/SQL
Go MIPS
PowerShell ColdFusion
BASH LaTeX
TypeScript XML
PostScript JSON

CoffeeScript Ladder Logic YAML

Batch

x86-Assembly MASM

SOF# RegEx **PL/SQL** C++MATLAB R Erlang Go **MIPS** Java **JavaScript** Ada PowerShell ColdFusion HTML Objective-C BASH LaTeX CSS Swift **TypeScript** XMI Mathematica JSON Python PostScript C# CoffeeScript Ruby Ladder Logic PHP Visual Basic YAMI Perl OpenCL x86-Assembly MASM Batch Rust

The Green Languages are General Programing Languages

The Purple Languages are Scripting Languages

The Red Languages are Markup Languages

The Blue Languages are Declarative Languages

The Orange Languages are Assembly Languages

Different types of languages have different purposes.

It is important to match the type of work to the correct language to insure the best results.

Programming Languages

Here are a few languages and the problems they try to tackle...

```
C++- General Purpose, High Performance | ex. Game Engines, Desktop Apps (Adobe Photoshop, Chrome)
C- General Purpose, High Performance, Light Weight | ex. Linux OS, macOS, Integrated Circuits, Drivers
Java - General Purpose, Multiplatform | ex. Minecraft, Server Apps, Android Apps
C#- General Purpose, Windows Platform | ex. Unity Games, Server Apps, StackOverflow
Swift - General Purpose, iOS & macOS | ex. most apps for iPhones and macOS (replaced Objective-C)
SQL - Database Communication
JavaScript - General Web Scripting | ex. Interactive webpages, webpages that can run dynamic code
HTML - Webpage Design, Layout and Markup
CSS - Webpage Styling, Coloring, Fonts and Positioning
P+P - Web Server Code | ex. Backend Web Dev., Web Content Management Systems (i.e. WordPress)
TypeScript - Stricter Superset of JSthat transpiles into JS | ex. Large JavaScript Apps
XML - Human and Machine readable file format for data sharing between apps
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Programming Examples

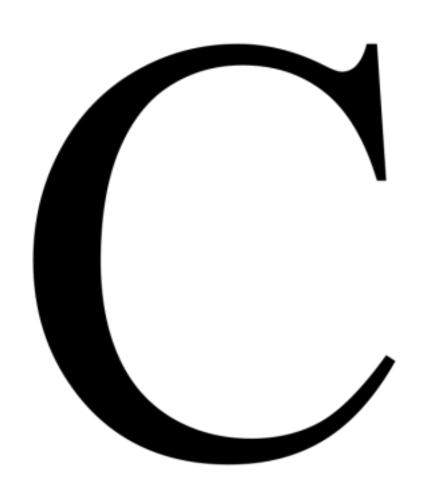
Hello World

```
C++
#include <iostream>
int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    char myString[] = "Hello World!";
    std::cout << myString << std::endl;
    return 0;
}</pre>
```

```
Java
class HelloWorld {
    private String myString = "Hello World!";
    public static void main(String args[]) {
        System.out.println(myString);
    }
}
```

Notice how different languages can look very different even when they are doing the same task. Notice also how the bracing (i.e. "{}") style is different between languages.

C - The foundation for many other language



"Combines the power of assembly language with the readability and maintainability of assembly language."

C is used for:

Computer applications

Embedded Softwares

Creating compilers

Unix Kernel

C++ - High performance programming language



"Enough rope to shoot yourself in the foot.""

C++ is used for:

Software for large scale ecommerce videogames

Adobe systems

CAD (Autodesk)

Most microsoft applications

Browsers (Firefox))



Programming Examples

Hello World

C#

```
using System;
using System.Collections.Generic;
using System.Text;

namespace ConsoleApplication1
{
    class HelloWorld
    {
        String myString = "Hello, world!";
        static void Main(string[] args)
        {
            Console.WriteLine(myString);
        }
    }
}
```

```
.model flat, stdcall
   .stack 100h
  option casemap :none
  ExitProcess PROTO Near32 stdcall, dwExitCode:dword
   putch PROTO Near32 stdcall, bChar:byte;
  strMyString byte "Hello World",0
.code
main PROC
  mov ecx, LENGTHOF strMyString
  mov esi, OFFSET strMyString
  invoke putch, byte PTR esi
  inc esi
  loop L1
  invoke ExitProcess,0
main ENDP
END main
```

Programming Examples

Hello World

JavaScript

myString = "Hello World!";
console.log(myString);

Python

myString = 'Hello World!'
print(myString)

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Python - simple zen like programming language



"Compile, run and ship your pseudocode."

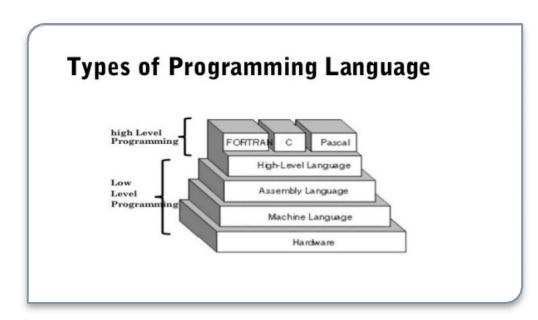
Python is used for:
scientific and numeric computing
Web and Internet Development
Teaching programming
Software Development
Desktop GUIs

Programming Language Types

Languages can be split into a three different levels...

- High-Level (ex. Python, Ruby, JavaScript, Java, SQL)
- C-Level (ex. C, C++, Rust)
- Low-Level (x86 Assembly, Machine Language)

Programming Language Types



Notice: Java, Python, etc. are one level higher than FORTAN, Cand PASCAL

Why would you use a High-Level, Low-Level or C-Level language?

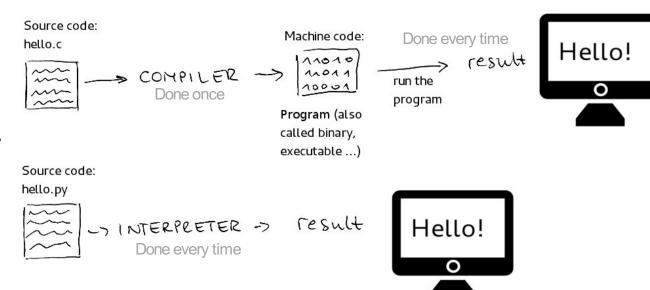
- Low Level
 - Pros: Fast Execution, No Overhead, Single Platform, Compiled
 - · Cons: Hard to read, write, debug, and maintain
 - Examples: ML, MASM, TASM, NASM, MIPS
- High-Level
 - Pros: Easier to read, write, debug, and maintain, Multi-Platform, Compiled or Interpreted
 - Cons: Slower than Low-Level, not as much control over hardware
 - Examples: Python, Ladder-Logic, JavaScript, Java, SQL
- C-Level
 - Best of both worlds, Compiled
 - Good control over hardware with ease of writing.
 - Examples: C, C++, Rust, FORTRAN, PASCAL

Programming Language Types

This photo illiterates the difference between compiled and interpreted languages...

Use your computers to make a list of 3 compiled languages and 3 interpreted languages.

Where would you use a compiled languages vs an interpreted language?



Grace Hopper creates first compiler

The first compiler A-0 turned statements into ones and zeros which the computer could understand.



Programmed Devices

Our lives are filled with so many programmed devices, you many not even notice...

What are somethings around your house that are programmed?

- Smart TVs, Smart Door Bells
- Xbox, PlayStation, Wii, Ms. Pacman
- Microwave, Wi-Fi Router (these two are the same thing)
- Etc...

What language do you think these were programmed in?

Additional pointers

- 100 Of The Most Popular Programming Languages Explained In Minutes: https://www.whoishostingthis.com/resources/programming/
- Code academy: www.codeacademy.com
- Code.org: <u>www.code.org</u>
- Learn Python: <u>www.learnpython.org</u>
- Learn C++: www.learncpp.com
- Scratch: scratch.mit.edu
- Killer PHP: www.killerphp.com
- W3 Schools: www.w3schools.com

Programming Merit Badge



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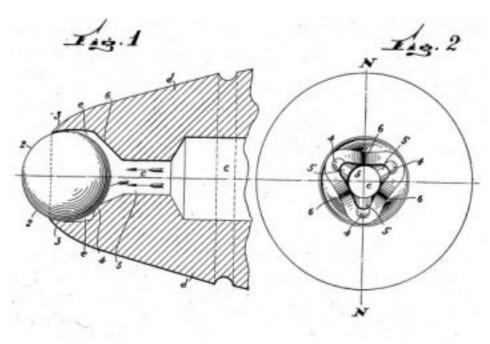
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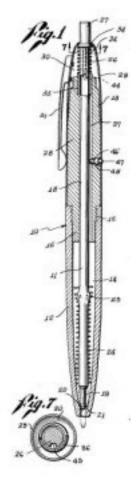
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László Jozsef Bíró, the inventor of the ballpoint pen



U.S. Patent No. 2390636: "Writing Instrument."



U.S. Patent No. 2734484: "Ball Point Pen."



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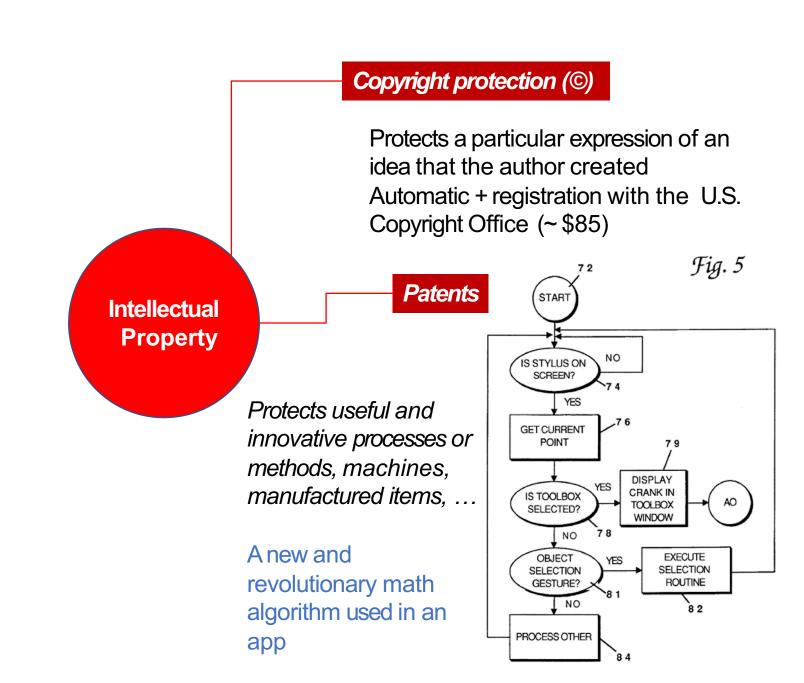
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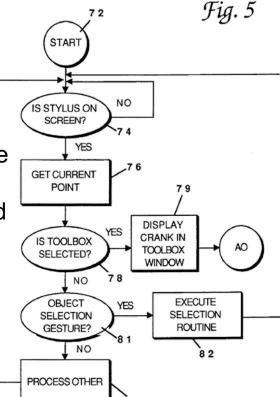
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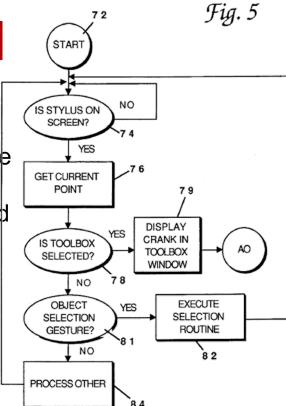
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Fig. 5 START IS STYLUS ON SCREEN? GET CURRENT **POINT** DISPLAY CRANK IN IS TOOLBOX TOOLBOX SELECTED? WINDOW NO OBJECT **EXECUTE** SELECTION SELECTION ROUTINE GESTURE? NO 8 2 PROCESS OTHER

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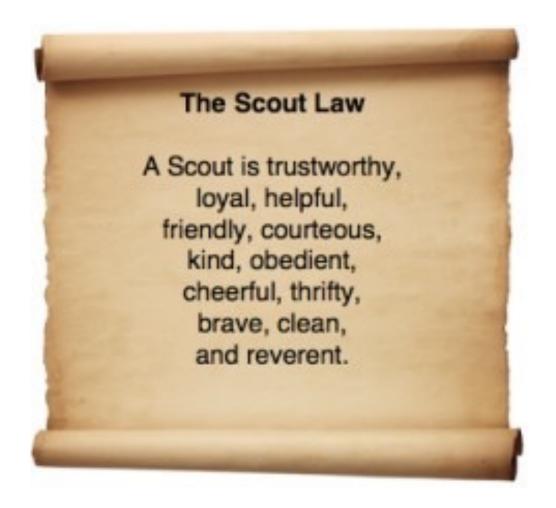
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- Freeware 100% free to use, not necessarily free to be modified or distributed
- Shareware free to download and use but asked for donations (i.e. Ad-Block). Not free to modify or distribute
- Demo A free trial version of the program, may not have all the features enabled. Not free to modify or distribute
- Closed Source the code is NOT exposed to the public and cannot be edited or distributed (doesn't mean free)
- Open Source the code is exposed to the public and can be modified or distributed, may be limits or restrictions (doesn't mean free)
- Public Domain There is absolutely no ownership such as copyright, trademark, or patent. Software in the public domain can be modified, distributed, or sold even without any attribution by anyone

Software piracy





Owning or licensing?

Do I own a copy of PowerPoint?

Do I own a copy of Google Chrome?

Do I own a copy of an App I built?

What is the difference between owning and licensing?

- Owning means you have every right to do what you want with the software or code. Most people do not own software.
- Licensing is where you "buy or get permission" to use the software, often subscription based.

Additional pointers

- What is Open Source? https://opensource.com/resources/what-open-source
- The Open Source Initiative: https://opensource.org/
- Intellectual Property: <u>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Intellectual_property</u>
- Intellectual Property Theft/Piracy: https://www.fbi.gov/investigate/white-collar-crime/piracy-ip-theft

4. Intellectual property

Now you can answer Requirements 4a, 4b and 4c!

6. Careers

A Day in the Life of a...

Computer Programmer

Median Salary: \$84,280



Know computer languages



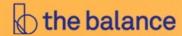
Write computer programs



Collaborate with other programmers



Test software programs





Where is programming used?



Where is programming used?

- Mobile devices
- Business applications
- Factory automation
- Robotics
- Internet
- Animation
- Entertainment
- Outdoor

- Engineering
- Science
- Automobiles
- Traffic control
- Information security
- Gadgets
- Medical devices
- Healthcare

• ...

Can you find examples around you?

Additional pointers

- Examples of programs for different industries (Boys Life): <u>https://boyslife.org/merit-badges/programming-merit-badge/</u>
- How to become a computer programmer? (Learn How To Become): https://www.learnhowtobecome.org/computer-programmer/
- 9 Programming Careers for Coding Connoisseurs (Rasmussen College): https://www.rasmussen.edu/degrees/technology/blog/programming-careers-for-coding-connoisseurs/
- What Does a Computer Programmer Do? (The Balance Career): https://www.thebalancecareers.com/what-does-a-computer-programmer-do-525996
- 10 signs a career in coding and software development might be right for you (The Guardian): https://www.theguardian.com/careers/ten-gareer-coding-software-development-right-for-you

6. Careers

Now you can answer Requirements 6!

What's next?

Check the requirements
 (https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/Merit_Badge_ReqandRes/Programming.pdf)



- Use the worksheet to track progress
 (https://boyslifeorg.files.wordpress.com/2019/06/programming.pdf)
- If you need anything, tell me. I'm happy to explain, re-explain, or debug with you!
- When you are ready, let's discuss! The easiest is 20-30 minutes before a Troop meeting