

What is Programming?

Problem: how to clean hair with a bottle of shampoo

Read the label on a shampoo bottle

- 1. Wet hair
- 2. Pour shampoo to hand
- 3. Apply shampoo to hair
- 4. Work into a lather
- 5. Rinse thoroughly
- 6. Repeat step 2 to 5 until clean



Programming is about writing a computer program to solve a problem.



Problem solved BUT how?



Why Programming Skill is Essential to Everyone?

- It trains your problem-solving skill which means your ability to
 - Understand and formulate the problem (requirements and scope)
 - Design and develop a solution to the problem
 - Express the solution clearly and accurately
 - Evaluate tradeoffs among alternatives
 - Discover more creative solution
- It makes you more ready to the Information Age





Why Programming Skill is Essential to Everyone?

- You will be patient
- You will be more attentive to details

Do you need more good reasons to convince yourself to learning programming?





Why Programming Skill is Essential to Engineering Students?

- Improve working efficiency (task automation)
- Discover creative solutions
- Communicate effectively (with programmers)

https://cacm.acm.org/blogs/blog-cacm/166115-why-scientists-and-engineers-must-learn-programming/fulltext







Once again, what is Programming?

 Programming is a process to define the sequence of instructions (i.e., a computer program) to be executed on the computing device, one after another

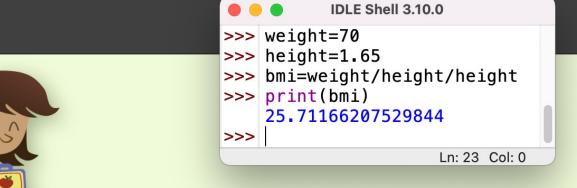
> Let's try a toy problem: How can I tell whether I am too fat?





A Sample Computer Program

```
weight=70 #weight in kg
height=1.65 #height in m
bmi=weight/height/height
print(bmi)
```





What is a Computer Program?

- A sequence of instructions executing on a computer / computing device
- Written in **programming language** (the language computers understand)
- A solution to a problem
- An artwork





What is a **Computer**?









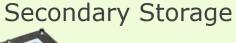




Computing Device

3. Instructions are read from memory to the CPU for execution, one at a time.



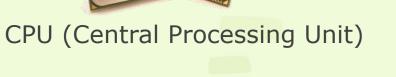




1. To run a program stored on the disk.

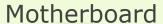


2. The program is loaded from the disk to the memory.





Input device



4. Results are stored back to memory or displayed through the output device.



Output device







Some Difficulties

- Computer only follows instructions. It won't solve problems by itself.
- Programmers need to:
 - 1. develop an appropriate solution (logic)
 - 2. express the solution in programming language (implementation)
 - 3. find and correct bugs (programming errors) (debugging)
 - 4. validate the logic and implementation (testing)





Requirements

- Correct syntax
- Correct logic
- Efficient
- Robust: running properly under various constraints
- Scalability
- Maintainability
- Portability: platform independent

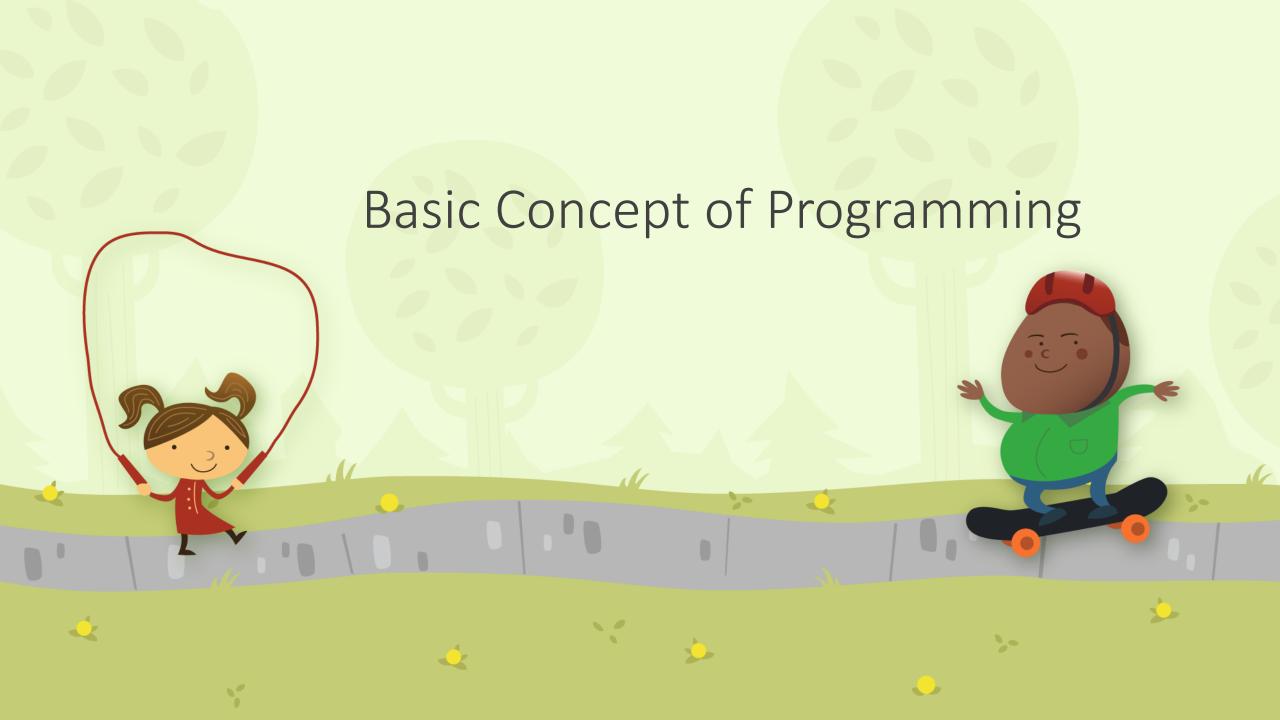


Do Things Right vs Do the Right Things?



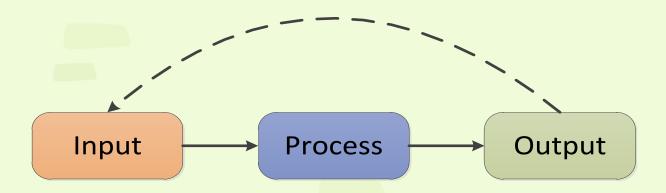






Computer Program (External View)

- Basic elements of a computer program
 - Input: get data from keyboard, file, etc.
 - Process: process the data such as perform mathematical operations
 - Output: display result on the screen, save it in a file, etc.







Computer Program (Internal View)

A list of instructions ordered logically

• Usually involve **data** access

Computer Program

Logic Flow

Instructions

Data

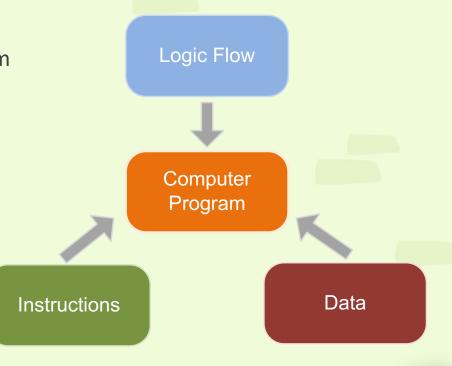






Computer Program

- Instructions
 - A set of predefined actions that a computer can perform
 - e.g., addition, subtraction, read, write
- Logic Flow
 - Arrangement of instructions
 - e.g., Calculate BMI
 - 1. Read weight from keyboard
 - 2. Read height from keyboard
 - 3. Compute BMI = weight / (height * height)
 - 4. Write BMI to screen
- Variable (data)
 - A space for storing value temporarily for processing
- Constant (data)
 - A value that will not be changed throughout the processing







Difficult...

• Computer has its own language......Machine Language (low-level language)

```
00000000 00000100 00000000000000000
   11101111 00010110 0000000000000101
          11101111 10011110 00000000000001011
   01100010 11011111 0000000000010101
   11101111 00000010 11111011 0000000000010111
   11110100 10101101 11011111 0000000000011110
   00000011 10100010 11011111 0000000000100001
   01111110 11110100 10101101
   11111000 10101110 11000101 0000000000101011
   00000110 10100010 11111011 000000000110001
   11101111 00000010 11111011 000000000110100
15
          01010000 11010100 0000000000111011
16
                 00000100 0000000000111101
```





Symbolic Language

- Uses symbols, or mnemonics, to represent the various machine language instructions
- Translated into machine language by an assembler

```
main, ^m<r2>
         entry
         sub12
                 #12,sp
         jsb
                  C$MAIN ARGS
         movab
                  $CHAR_STRING_CON
         pushal -8(fp)
         pushal (r2)
         calls
                  #2,SCANF
         pushal -12(fp)
10
         pushal 3(r2)
11
         calls
                 #2,SCANF
12
         mull3
                 -8(fp), -12(fp), -
13
         pusha
                 6(r2)
14
         calls
                 #2,PRINTF
15
         clrl
                 r0
16
         ret
```





High-level Language

- Resembles human language
- Translated into machine language by a complier or an interpreter

weight=70 #weight in kg
height=1.65 #height in m
bmi=weight/height/height
print(bmi)





Programming Languages

• To write a program for a computer, we must use a computer language



Machine Language

Language directly understood by computers



English-like abbreviations representing elementary computer operations

High-level Language

Close to human language.

Example: a = a + b

[add values of a and b, and store the result in a, replacing the previous value]



C, C++, Java, Basic



assembly language





There are many programming languages in the world!







Programming Languages

- Programming languages usually differ in two aspects
 - Language syntax: rules that govern the structure of a program
 - Standard libraries/SDKs (software development kits) /functions





"Hello World" in C++

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
int main() {
   cout << "Hello World!" << endl;</pre>
```





"Hello World" in Python

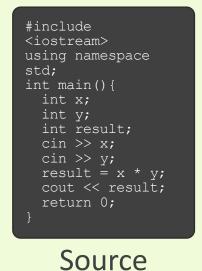
print ("Hello World!")





Building a C++ Program

- Writing source code in C++.
 - e.g., hello.cpp
- Compilation
 - Checks the grammatical rules (syntax).
 - Source code is converted to object code in machine language (e.g., hello.obj).
- Linking
 - Combines object code and libraries to create an executable (e.g., hello.exe).
 - Library: common functions (input, output, math, etc.)







Object









Building a Python Program

• An **interpreter** is a program that reads and executes program code.

weight=70 #weight in kg
height=1.65 #height in m
bmi=weight/height/height
print(bmi)

Source

weight=70
#weight in kg
height=1.65
#height in m
bmi=weight/heig
ht/height
print(bmi)

Interpreter

Executable







Where is Your Program in a Computer?



C++ Program

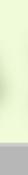
Python **Program**

Interpreter

Operating System













Python vs C++

#1

<u>Advantages :</u>

- Easy to learn
- Easy to access libraries
- Scientific community sharing (open source, many libraries)

Disadvantages:

- Slow
- Interpreted (dependencies)
- Not typed (errors at runtime)

Advantages:

- Execution speed
- Pre-Compiled (exe on machine)
- Typed (well defined)
- Modern professional libraries

Disadvantages:

- Learning curve
- Harder to acces libraries
 (less sharing than in Python)





Who Use Python?



























Installing Python 3

- Go to Python home page: https://www.python.org
- Download and install the version that matches your OS







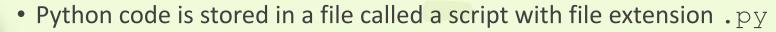
Interactive Mode vs. Script Mode

- Interactive mode
 - Programmer directly interacts with the interpreter
 - Type a line of code at the prompt and hit Enter, the interpreter displays the results

```
Python 3.10.0 (v3.10.0:b494f5935c, Oct 4 2021, 14:59:20) [Clang 12.0.5 (clang-1205.0.22.11)] on darwin Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license()" for more information.

Ln: 3 Col: 0
```

Script mode



• Run the interpreter to execute the script







The First Program

Program comments, carry no action

No indentation

#ENGG1330 Computer Programing I

print('Hello world')

#display a string on the screen

print is a function,
 to be discussed



The quotation marks ('' or "")
mark the beginning and end of
the string

Semicolon is optional





Comments

- Start with "#" symbol
- Can be placed in separated line or at the end of a line
- Document non-obvious meaning of the code, especially the rationale behind

```
print('....') #print six dots to the screen
```

```
print('....') #print "work in progress" sign
```





Function - print

Print a value on the screen

- print (1330)
- print('ENGG1330')
- print('GPA')
- print (3.8)

Data types:

- Integer (int) , e.g., 1330
- String (str), e.g., 'ENGG1330', 'GPA'
- Floating-point number (float) , e.g., 3.8 The data type can be checked using the function type.



Ln: 37 Col: 13

>>>





Function - print

Print an expression (a combination of values and operators) on the screen

- print (13+30)
- print (13-3)
- print (13*3)
- print (13/3)
- print (13**3)

Arithmetic operators:

- +: addition
- -: subtraction
- *: multiplication
- / : division
- **: exponentiation



• print('ENGG1330' + 'Computer Programming I')





Function - print

• If the expression to print contains both string and number, use the str () function to convert the number to a string.

```
• print('GPA:'+str(3.8))
```

• More examples:

```
print('2 + 3 = '+str(2+3))
print(2+3)
```



$$2 + 3 = 5$$



The Second Program

```
#in addition to Hello, get a user input (string)
#print a word Hello with input string
print('Hello '+input())
```

>> John
Hello John





Function - input

- Read a string from keyboard
- Input string can be converted to integer or float by
 - int(input())
 - float(input())





The Third Program

```
way to break it into two lines
print('How old are you?')

print('Next year you will ' \
'be ' + str( int(input())+1)+' years old! ')
```

If your code is too long, this is the

```
How old are you?

20

Next year you will be 21 years old!
```





Summary

- Why programming skill is essential to everyone (and you)?
 - Programming skill helps one improve problem solving skill
 - Learning programming helps engineer works better and faster
- Basic concept of programming
- Programming is a process of writing, compiling, testing and debugging a computer program
- Simple programs



