

# CIS 110

## Introduction to Computer Programming

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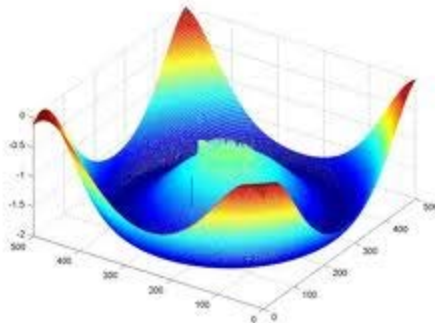
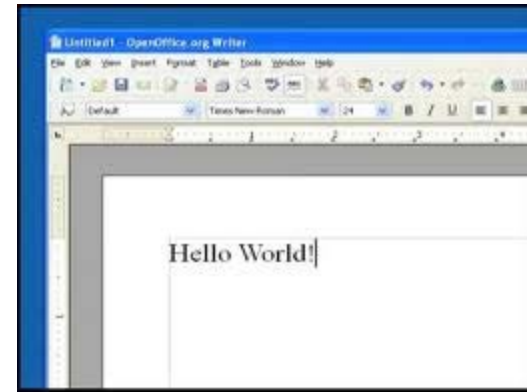
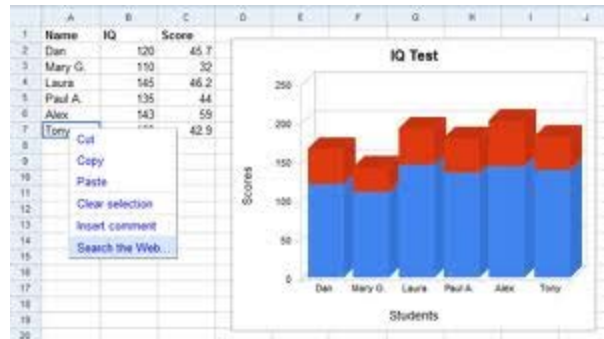


# What is Computing?

# Computing: internet, e-mail, network...



# Computing: Productivity...

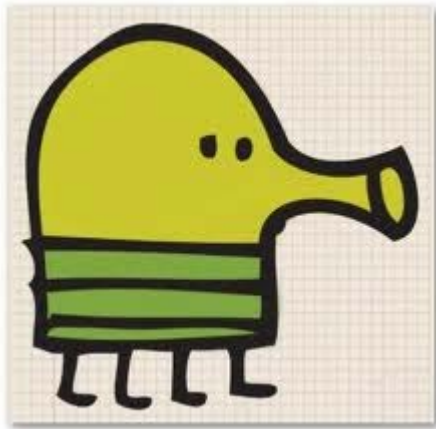


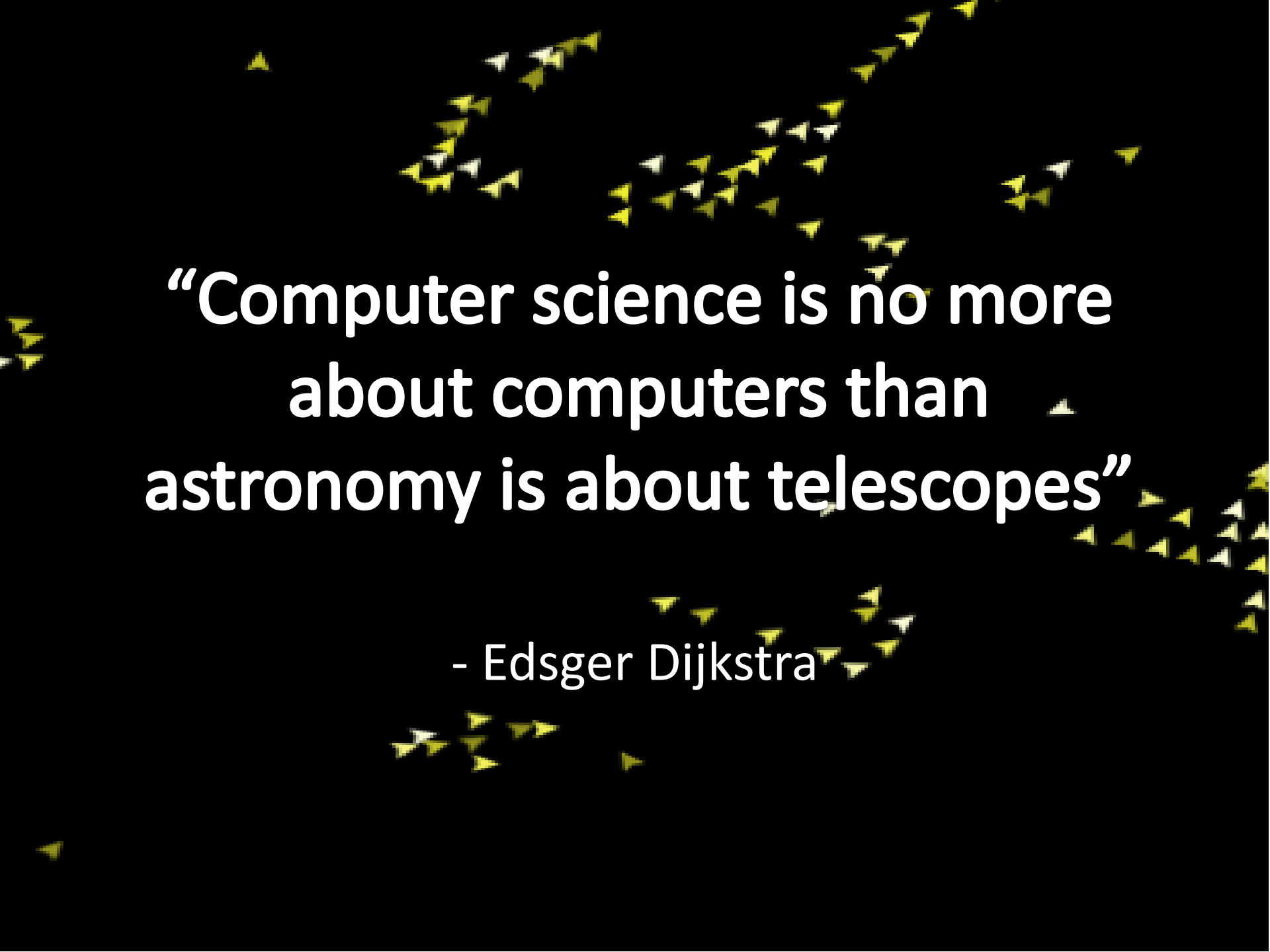
# Computing: Entertainment...





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**“Computer science is no more  
about computers than  
astronomy is about telescopes”**

**- Edsger Dijkstra**

# Cutting Edge Computer Science





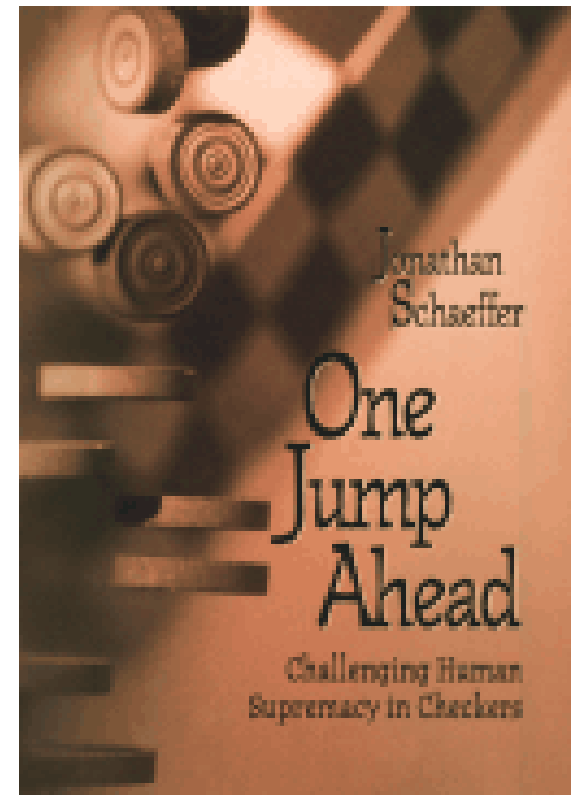
# Chinook

- Chinook is the World Man-Machine Checkers Champion, developed by researchers at the University of Alberta.
- It earned this title by competing in human tournaments, winning the right to play for the (human) world championship, and eventually defeating the best players in the world.
- Visit <http://www.cs.ualberta.ca/~chinook/> to play a version of Chinook over the Internet.
- The developers have fully analyzed the game of checkers and have the complete game tree for it.
  - Perfect play on both sides results in a tie.
- “One Jump Ahead: Challenging Human Supremacy in Checkers” Jonathan Schaeffer, University of Alberta (496 pages, Springer. \$34.95, 1998).

The board set for play



Red to play





# Autonomous Cars



- Nevada made it legal for autonomous cars to drive on roads in June 2011
- Three more US States (California, Florida, Michigan) and DC have enacted similar laws

Penn's Autonomous Car →  
(Ben Franklin Racing Team)



# 2011 Jeopardy!



- 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

# Robot Soccer



Aibo League



UPennalizers  
Robot Soccer Team



# Areas in Computer Science



Artificial  
Intelligence



Robotics



Human-Computer  
Interaction



Computer  
Graphics



Computer  
Vision



Operating  
Systems



Computer  
Networking



Databases



Computer  
Security



Ubiquitous  
Computing



# What is Computer Science?

Computer science is the study of solving problems using computation

- Computers are part of it, but the emphasis is on the problem solving aspect



Computer scientists work across disciplines:

Mathematics

Biology (bioinformatics)

Chemistry

Physics

Geology

Geoscience

Archeology

Psychology

Sociology

Cognitive Science

Medicine/Surgery

Engineering

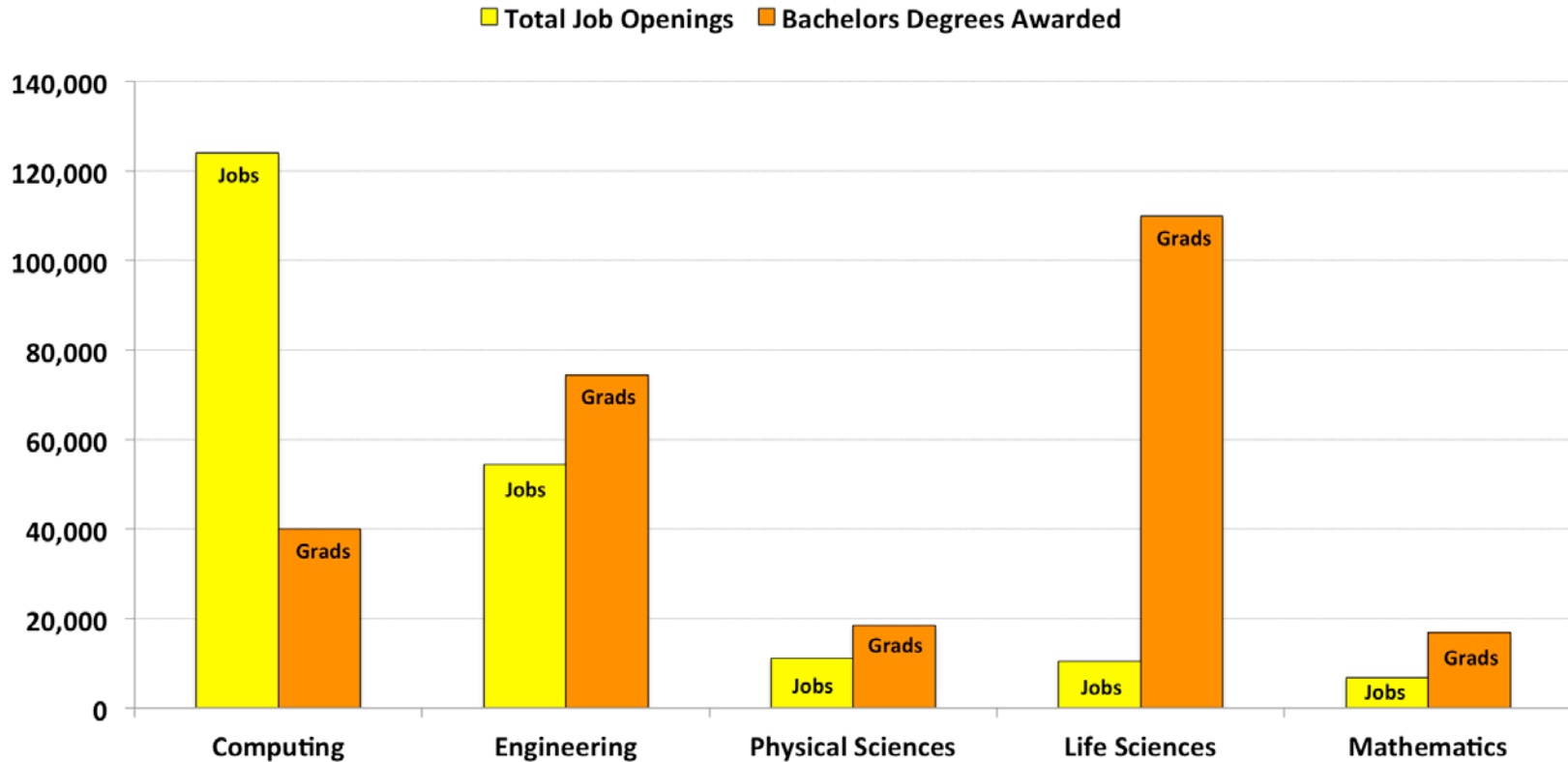
Linguistics

Art

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# Computing is important

## Annual Total U.S. STEM Jobs Thru 2022 vs. Recent College Grads

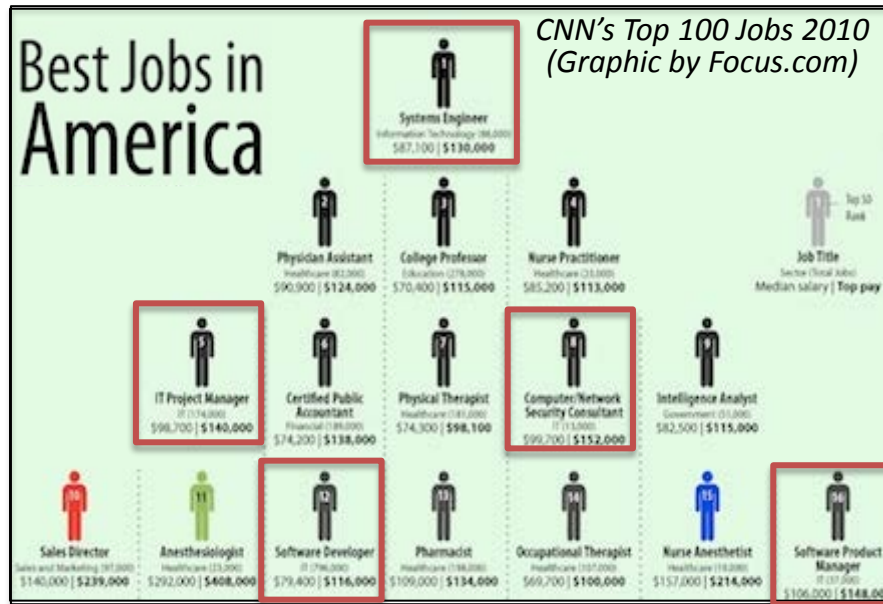


Data Sources: US-BLS Employment Projections, 2012-2022 ([www.bls.gov/emp/ep\\_table\\_102.htm](http://www.bls.gov/emp/ep_table_102.htm))

National Science Foundation NCSES ([www.nsf.gov/statistics/nsf13327/pdf/tab26.pdf](http://www.nsf.gov/statistics/nsf13327/pdf/tab26.pdf), [tab33.pdf](http://www.nsf.gov/statistics/nsf13327/pdf/tab33.pdf), [tab34.pdf](http://www.nsf.gov/statistics/nsf13327/pdf/tab34.pdf), [tab35.pdf](http://www.nsf.gov/statistics/nsf13327/pdf/tab35.pdf), [tab46.pdf](http://www.nsf.gov/statistics/nsf13327/pdf/tab46.pdf))

# Computing is Consistently Ranked Among the Best Occupations

## CS-Related Jobs Highlighted in Red



BEST JOBS  
USNews  
2012

## The 25 Best Jobs of 2012

#1	Registered Nurse	#6	Web Developer
#2	Software Developer	#7	Computer Systems Analyst
#3	Pharmacist	#8	Physical Therapist
#4	Medical Assistant	#9	Computer Programmer
#5	Database Administrator	#10	Occupational Therapist

## CS Careers Rank Highly In:

- Job satisfaction
- Salary
- Work/life balance
- Growth potential
- Employment rate
- Work environment

## Computer science tops list of best major for jobs

BY RACHEL GOTTFRIED

Computer science graduates now get more offers of employment than any other major. This is the first time since 2008 that computer science has topped the list: previously, accounting majors had the highest offer rate.

In 2011, 56.2% of computer science majors received job offers, compared to only 53.8% of accounting majors. The offer rate for computer science majors increased 13.8% this year from the previous year.

Computer science and accounting majors are in high demand because both are needed in a wide range of industries.

Architects  
firm.

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"There are many different companies that need to hire computer scientists," said Mimi Collins, director of communications at the National Association of Colleges and Employers.

"They aren't tied to one particular industry—majors like nursing do not enjoy that benefit."

Although this is good news for computer science grads, it might not be for the computer industry. According to Collins, "One computer science graduate may have 10 offers as opposed to one accounting graduate that's getting five offers." So, computer science majors may be getting more offers, but this is only because there is a shortage of people who graduate with such a degree.

According to Collins, companies like to hire recent graduates because they have the latest skills.

"Things change very quickly, especially in computer science," said Collins. "Many organizations have a formal track where they want to bring in new college graduates and train them the way they want them to be trained."

Annabelle Evans graduated as a computer science major from the University of Southern California in 2008. "When I picked my major, I knew there wouldn't

be a lack of jobs as a computer scientist, and that was part of my goal," she said. Evans now works at Google. ■

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# Overview

## CIS 110: Introduction to Programming and Computer Science

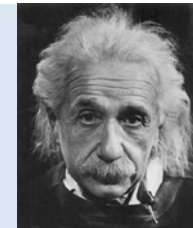
### Goals:

- How can we use computers to solve problems?
- How can we formulate problems so that we can solve them via computation?

### Topics:

- **Programming** in Java
- Computer organization and assembly language
- **Applications** to science, engineering, and art

*“ Computers are incredibly fast, accurate, and stupid; humans are incredibly slow, inaccurate, and brilliant; together they are powerful beyond imagination. ” – Albert Einstein*





# The Basics

Instructors: Paul “Will” McBurney (I go by my middle name)

- Office hours will be announced via piazza
- Will will have an office hour today from 1-3 p.m. in Levine 268
  - All other office hours are still TBD
- E-mail: [paulmcb@seas.upenn.edu](mailto:paulmcb@seas.upenn.edu)

Recitations: In class time, usually last 45-ish minutes of class

A-H or S, you go to 315 Towne

G-R or T-Z, you stay here

TA Office Hours:

- Help with debugging
- Bring your laptop or use lab computers
- All office hours are posted on piazza.
- Office Hours in Moore 100

Full details: [\*\*www.cis110.com\*\*](http://www.cis110.com)



# Grading

## Grade Breakdown:

- Homeworks: 50%
- Midterm Exam: 15%
- Final Exam: 25%
- Recitation : 10% (includes attendance AND participation)

**Midterm Exam:** *Tues, July 17 in class (in your recitation room)*

**Final Exam:** *Thur, August 2 in class (in your recitation room)*

## Notes:

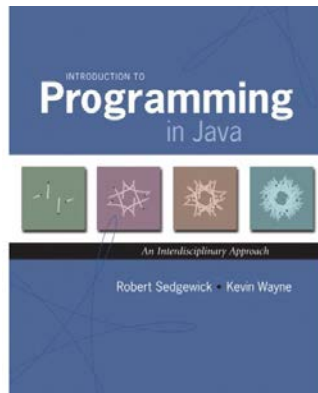
- We will be testing a new submission system this semester, namely Gradescope. As such, submission instructions are still being update, but should be up by the end of the day.

# Course Materials

Course Website: [www.cis110.com](http://www.cis110.com)

- Programming assignments and checklists
- Lecture slides
- Discussion board (Piazza)

Required Text : Sedgewick and Wayne.



skim before lecture;  
read thoroughly afterwards



# Homework Programming Assignments

**Due:** 11:59pm on the specified due date, submitted through Gradescope (we'll talk more about this next week)

## Computing equipment:

- Your desktop/laptop
  - Setting up the software will be described in HW0 (Info on Friday)
  - You should bring a laptop to class if at all possible, especially for recitation
- Moore computer labs

# Advice

- Start on HWs early! Debugging can take time.
- Back up your work like crazy.
- Office hours are less crowded if you show up early in the week
- Do not hesitate to ask for help. If you have been trying to debug something for an hour and are getting frustrated, remember that we are there to help you.
  - Side note: I've been coding for more than half my life now, and I still get stuck on stupid bugs that take me hours to notice.
- Your best sources for help are the instructors, the TAs and piazza.
- Please read the collaboration policy
  - Do not use Stack Overflow