Algorithms

Python, CS and so on

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Class summary T3

Topics

- Computer Science
- Algorithms
- Programming
- Developer practices

Tools

- Python 3
- Git
- Sources for self study



Tests

- Class assignments
- Homeworks

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Reading Sources:

Python Programming: An Introduction to Computer Science

Think Python

RealPython

... <u>my web</u>: https://sites.google.com/site/svarnypetr

Programming Sources:

Python

HackerRank

Codility

Colab notebook

What is a computer program?

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"A detailed, step-by-step set of instructions telling a computer what to do.

If we change the program, the computer performs a different set of actions or a different task.

The machine stays the same, but the program changes!"

Can any computer run any program?

in practice/ in theory



What is computer science?

"Computers are to computer science what telescopes are to astronomy." –

E. Dijkstra



Basic (contemporary) HardWare



Fetch-execute cycle and all programs are just in the memory

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Programming languages

- Unambiguous (to the machine) instructions to the computer
- Syntax and semantics strictly set
- High level (human readable) and low level (closer to the computer's machine language see <u>TIS 100</u>)



Interpreters and compilers

- **Compiler** translates programming language into machine code
- Interpreter that takes one part of the code at a time



Compiled languages

Compiled program runs faster

Code

- Does not need compiler after compilation
- Cannot be changed after compilation
- Compiled for a given setup
- E.g.: C, C++



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Interpreted languages

- Needs interpreter to run
- Can be altered easily
- Can be run on other setup
- E.g.: Python, Clojure



• Note on Java and JVM



UNIX versus Windows

- UNIX is family of operating systems
- Created in Bell Labs in 1969
- In UNIX, users are encouraged to extend and improve the system



Command Line Interface vs Graphical User Interface

"Graphical user interfaces make easy tasks easy, while command line interfaces make difficult tasks possible"

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Make your life easier with tools

- Integrated Development Environment (<u>PyCharm</u>, <u>Notepad++</u>, <u>Vim</u>, ...)
 - Linters
 - Testing
 - Debug tools
 - o ...
- Version-control system (<u>Git</u>, ...)
- Notes and journal (paper, Notepad++, Vim, ...)
- Processes (debugging, refactoring, testing, code review ...)



Working

- Get Python running
 - Own installation (preferred)
 - Colab notebook

