Through Visualization and Interaction, Computer Science Concepts Come Alive


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A long time ago, back in 1979....


## Outline

- My Path
- CS Concepts Come Alive
- Alice Programming Language
- Algorithm Visualization
- Automata Theory with JFLAP
- Solving Problems with Seven Steps
- Diversity Efforts


## NC State

B.S. Computer Science and Mathematics

- My first semester, my first course in programming - PL/I Hello2: proc options (main); put list ('Hello, world!') end Hello2;



## Decisions? Industry? Grad School?

- Systems Programmer
- NCSU,

University Systems Control Center

- Undergraduate Research

- Cleanup data from buoys in the water
- Wasn't thinking about grad school
- Be sure to encourage students to think about graduate school!

Finished Graduate School!


- PhD Purdue University 1989
- Computational Geometry
- Parallel Scheduling Algorithms
- New Data Structure
- Dynamic contour search tree

- Started in 1983
- Teaching Assistant for intro programming in Fortran
- Punch cards...
- In trouble with email...



## Rensselaer

Assistant Professor

- Continued research in algorithms
-CAREER CHANGE....
- Got more interested in education

Started developing education tools Changed area to Visualization Tools and CS Education

- Tool - NPDA
- to experiment with pushdown automata


1994 - Moved to Duke University Professor of the Practice

- Position focuses on Education in the Discipline


How do you make those cakes?


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## CS Concepts Coming Alive

- What data structure is this?


2D-range tree

- Search in x-y plane
- Main tree organized by $x$-values
- Subtree organized by y values
$y$-range


Binary Search tree of points in the plane - sorted by X -value


In the $x$-range


Each subtree organized by $y$-value
Search each subtree by y-value

## Alice Programming Language

- Create interactive stories or games
- Learn programming in an easy way, drag-and-drop your code
- Problem solving with visual feedback
- Objects are visual!
- Alice is free: www.alice.org
- Developed by Randy Pausch



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## More on ... Alice Programming Language

- Has libraries of 3D objects

- Keeps Track of objects you select


Objects Have Multiple Parts that are moveable


## Alice Code is Easy to Learn

Select Code, Drag-and-Drop code in program


- Chicken rises, cow turns head and talks



## Play Alice Animation

Objects are visible


## Example - Inheritance

- Start with a chicken object
- Rename it to TalentedChicken
- Change its color
- Resize it larger
- Add new methods (jump, fly, scurry)
- Add events for this chicken
- Save this new class TalentedChicken that inherits from the Chicken class


## Variables - Timer and Score



## Example list



## Example - Arrays Shuffle, then Selection Sort

## Sort by height



Algorithm Visualization/Animation Software/Aps/Videos

- Tango, Xtango, Samba, JSamba - Stasko (Georgia Tech)
- AnimalScript - Roessling (Darmstadt Univ of Tech, SIGCSE 2001)
- JHAVE - Naps (U. Wisc. Oshkosh, SIGCSE 2000)
- TRAKLA2 - Software Visualization Group - TKK Finland
- JAWAA - Rodger et al (Duke, SIGCSE 2003)
- Lots of animations and systems on the web!
- Lots of videos of algorithm animations on the web!

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## Use of Algorithm Animation in CS 1/2

- Instructor
- Make/Use animations for lecture
- Stop/Pause - ask what will happen next
- must be interactive
- Student
- Create animations
- Replay animations from lecture with same or new inputs

Lots of other software/programs for algorithm animation

- Red Black Tree - animation on web page
 Student must have graduated. Link no longer works!
http://aleph0.clarku.edu/~achou/cs102/Gamples/bst_animation/RedBlackTree-Example.html


## Python Tutor

 Compute reverse of a list$\rightarrow 1$ def reverse(numbers)
answer $=$ []
for num in numbers:
answer.insert ( 0 , num) return answer
myList $=[4,7,8,3]$
reversed $=$ reverse (myList)
Edit code

## Python Tutor Compute reverse of a list

> Python 2.7
> def reverse (numbers) :
> answer = []
> for num in numbers:
> answer.insert ( 0, num)
> return answer
> $\rightarrow 7$ myList $=[4,7,8,3]$
> $\Rightarrow 8$ reversed $=$ reverse (myList)
> Edit code

| $\ll$ First | <Back | Step 3 of 16 | Forward $>$ | Last >> |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |



## Python Tutor Compute reverse of a list

|  | Python 2.7 |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | def reverse (numbers) : |
| $\rightarrow 2$ | answer = [] |
| $\rightarrow 3$ | for num in numbers: |
| 4 | answer.insert (0, num) |
| 5 | return answer |
| 6 |  |
| 7 | myList $=[4,7,8,3]$ |
|  | reversed = reverse (myList) |




# Python Tutor <br> Compute reverse of a list 



## Electronic Textbooks (ebooks) engage students

- OpenDSA (Shaffer, Virgina Tech)
- Algorithm animations built in
- runestoneinteractive.org (Brad Miller)
- Several books (Python)
- Python - try and run code built in
- Quizzes
- ZyBooks - interactive textbooks
- Track student progress
- Requirements and design strategies for open source interactive computer science eBooks
- ITiCSE 2013 Working Group (Korhonen, Naps, et al)

Run and edit code in the book
Learning with Python: Interactive Edition 2.0How To Think Like a Computer Scientist
Index Operator: Working with the Characters of a String
The indexing operator (Python uses square brackets to enclose the index) selects a single character from a string. The characters are accessed by their position or index value. For example, in the string
shown below, the 14 characters are indexed lef to right from postion 0 to position 13 .


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Questions for feedback

- Error, you cannot use the [] operator with a string.

Incorrect. Index locations do not start with 1 , they start with 0
strings-4-2: What is printed by the following statements?
$s=$ "python rocks"
print $(s[2]+s[-5])$

- tr

Ops
O Error, you cannot use the [ ] operator with the + operator.

How does a compiler work? Determining if a Java program is syntactically correct

- Finite state machine (or determinisitic finite automaton - DFA) - to identify the words or tokens of the program
- Context-free grammar - to write the rules of the programming language
- LR Parsing determining if the program fits the rules - trying to derive the program. (modelled using a pushdown automaton)
- This area is known as Formal languages and Automata theory


## Formal Languages and Automata Theory

- Traditionally taught
- Pencil and paper exercises
- No immediate Feedback!
- More mathematical than programming
- Less hands-on than most CS courses

JFLAP Overview of JFLAP

- Java Formal Languages and Automata Package
- Instructional tool to learn concepts of Formal Languages and Automata Theory
- Topics:
- Regular Languages
- Context-Free Languages
- Recursively Enumerable Languages
- Lsystems
- With JFLAP your creations come to life!


## Why Develop Tools for Automata?

| Textual | $\begin{aligned} & \left(\left\{q_{0}, q_{1}, q_{2}\right\},\{a, b\}, \delta, q_{0},\left\{q_{2}\right\}\right) \\ & \delta=\left\{\left(q_{0}, b, q_{0}\right),\left(q_{0}, a, q_{1}\right),\left(q_{1}, a, q_{0}\right),\left(q_{1}, b, q_{2}\right),\left(q_{2}, a, q_{1}\right)\right\} \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| Tabular | $\begin{array}{l\|l\|l\|}  & \mathrm{a} \mid \mathrm{b} \\ \hline q_{0} & q_{1} q_{0} \\ \hline \frac{q_{1}}{q_{2}} & q_{2} \\ \hline \end{array}$ |
| Visual |  |
| Interactive |  |

## Thanks to Students - Worked on JFLAP and Automata Theory Tools

- NPDA - 1990, C++, Dan Caugherty

Over 30 years!

- FLAP - 1991, C++, Mark LoSacco, Greg Badros
- JFLAP - 1996-1999, Java version Eric Gramond, Ted Hung, Magda and Octavian Procopiuc
- Pâté, JeLLRap, Lsys

Anna Bilska, Jason Salemme, Lenore Ramm, Alex Karweit, Robyn Geer

- JFLAP 4.0 - 2003, Thomas Finley, Ryan Cavalcante
- JFLAP 6.0 - 2005-2008 Stephen Reading, Bart Bressler, Jinghui Lim, Chris Morgan, Jason Lee
- JFLAP 7.0-2009 Henry Qin, Jonathan Su
- JFLAP 8.0Beta - 2011-14 Julian Genkins, Ian McMahon, Peggy Li, Lawrence Lin, John Godbey
- JFLAP in OpenDSA - 2015 Sung-Hoon Kim and Martin Tamayo
- Yu and Pester (2016), Yeh and Fang (2017), Patel (2018)


## DFA Example

- Build a deterministic finite automaton(DFA) to recognize even binary numbers with an even number of 1 s .
- Only use symbols 0 and 1
- Binary numbers: $0,1,10,11,100,101,110$, 111, ...
-When is a binary number an even number?
- Ends in 0
- Which strings should be accepted?
- 11010, 10010, 1111, 10100

| No, odd <br> no. of 1's | Yes | No, ends | Yes |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| In 1 |  |  |  |




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| Step | Reset | Freeze | Thaw | Trace | Remove |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |





Test Multiple Inputs



Example: Build an NFA for valid integers

## - Example:

- Valid integers $\{-3,8,0,456,13,500, \ldots\}$
- Not valid: \{006, 3-6, 4.5, ...\}


## Example: NFA for all valid integers



Another Example: Grammar

- Grammar - set of replacement rules to define a language
- Grammar for $a^{n} b^{n} c^{n}$
-Why look at such a grammar?
- Consider representing underlined words in a text file (to be interpreted later):
- cookie\&\&\&\&\&\& $\qquad$ cookie \& = go back one


## NFA annotated and shortcut

- Shortcut: [1-9] on labels


Grammar for $a^{n} b^{n} c^{n}$

$$
\left\lvert\, \begin{array}{|ll|}
\hline \mathrm{S} & \rightarrow \mathrm{~A} \mathrm{X} \\
\hline \mathrm{~A} & \rightarrow \mathrm{a} \mathrm{~A} \mathrm{~b} \mathrm{c} \\
\mathrm{~A} & \rightarrow \mathrm{a} \mathrm{~B} \mathrm{~b} \mathrm{c} \\
\mathrm{~B} \mathrm{X} & \rightarrow \lambda \\
\mathrm{~B} \mathrm{~b} & \rightarrow \mathrm{~b} \mathrm{~B} \\
\mathrm{~B} \mathrm{c} & \rightarrow \mathrm{D} \\
\mathrm{D} \mathrm{X} & \rightarrow \mathrm{E} \mathrm{X} \mathrm{c} \\
\mathrm{D} \text { b } & \rightarrow \mathrm{b} \mathrm{D} \\
\mathrm{D} \mathrm{c} & \rightarrow \mathrm{c} \mathrm{D} \\
\hline \mathrm{a} \mathrm{E} & \rightarrow \mathrm{a} \mathrm{~B} \\
\mathrm{~b} \text { E } & \rightarrow \mathrm{E} \mathrm{~b} \\
\hline \mathrm{c} \mathrm{E} & \rightarrow \mathrm{E} \mathrm{c} \\
\hline
\end{array}\right.
$$

- Unrestricted grammar
- Generates strings with an equal number of a's, b's, c's
- a's first, then b's, then c's
- Example strings can derive: abc aabbcc aaabbbccc aaaabbbbcccc aaaaabbbbbccccc

Example Derivation for aabbcc
$S \rightarrow A X$
rule: S -> AX

Example Derivation for aabbcc

```
S }->\textrm{AX
    ->aAbcX
    ->aaBbcbcX
```

        rule: \(S\)-> AX
    rule: A -> aAbc
    rule: \(A\)-> aBbc
    NOTE: We have generated the correct symbols, aabcbc, but they are in the wrong order!

Example Derivation for aabbcc

| $S$ | $\rightarrow A X$ |  | rule: $S->A X$ |
| ---: | :--- | ---: | :--- |
|  | $\rightarrow$ aAbcX |  | rule: $A->a A b c$ |

Example Derivation for aabbcc

```
S A AX
    aAbcX
    ->aaBbcbcX
    -> aabBcbcX
        rule: S -> AX
        rule: A -> aAbc
        rule: A -> aBbc
        rule: Bb -> bB
```


## Example Derivation for aabbcc

| S | $\rightarrow \mathrm{AX}$ |  | rule: $\mathrm{S}->\mathrm{AX}$ |
| ---: | :--- | ---: | :--- |
|  | $\rightarrow$ aAbcX |  | rule: $\mathrm{A}->\mathrm{aAbc}$ |
|  | $\rightarrow$ aaBbcbcX |  | rule: $\mathrm{A}->\mathrm{aBbc}$ |
|  | $\rightarrow$ aabBcbcX |  | rule: $\mathrm{Bb}->\mathrm{bB}$ |
|  | $\rightarrow$ aabDbcX |  | rule: $\mathrm{Bc}->\mathrm{D}$ |

Note: the D absorbed the c !

Example Derivation for aabbcc

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| ---: | :--- | ---: | :--- |
|  | $\rightarrow$ aAbcX |  | rule: $A->a A b c$ |
|  | $\rightarrow$ aaBbcbcX |  | rule: $A->a B b c$ |
|  | $\rightarrow$ aabBcbcX |  | rule: $B b->b B$ |
|  | $\rightarrow$ aabDbcX |  | rule: $B c->D$ |
|  | $\rightarrow$ aabbDcX |  | rule: $D b->b D$ |
|  | $\rightarrow$ aabbcDX |  | rule: $D c->c D$ |

rule: S -> AX
rule: A -> aAbc
rule: A -> aBbc
rule: Bb -> bB
rule: $\mathrm{Bc}->\mathrm{D}$
rule: Db -> bD
rule: Dc -> cD

Example Derivation for aabbcc

$$
\begin{aligned}
\mathrm{S} & \rightarrow \text { AX } \\
& \rightarrow \text { aAbcX } \\
& \rightarrow \text { aaBbcbcX } \\
& \rightarrow \text { aabBcbcX } \\
& \rightarrow \text { aabDbcX } \\
& \rightarrow \text { aabbDcX }
\end{aligned}
$$

Example Derivation for aabbcc

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& \rightarrow \text { aAbcX } \\
& \rightarrow \text { aaBbcbcX } \\
& \rightarrow \text { aabBcbcX } \\
& \rightarrow \text { aabDbcX } \\
& \rightarrow \text { aabbDcX } \\
& \rightarrow \text { aabbcDX } \\
& \rightarrow \text { aabbcEXc }
\end{aligned}
$$

Eventually ... $\rightarrow$ aabbcc
rule: $S$-> AX
rule: A -> aAbc
rule: A -> aBbc
rule: $\mathrm{Bb}->\mathrm{bB}$
rule: $B c->D$
rule: $\mathrm{Db}->\mathrm{bD}$
rule: Dc -> cD
rule: DX -> EXc $\begin{aligned} & \text { on right } \\ & \text { end! }\end{aligned}$

We could have done this derivation of aabbcc with JFLAP.

Now let's see how JFLAP visualizes


Parse DAG




|  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Editor Brute Parser |  |  |  |
| Table Text Size |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| Start Pause StepNoninverted Tree |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| \|rinutaabocc /tring accepted! 51 nodes generated. |  |  |  |
| LHS | RHS | Note all letters there, but wrong order: aabcbc |  |
| S | $\rightarrow \mathrm{AX}$ |  |  |
| A | $\rightarrow \mathrm{aAbc}$ |  |  |
| A | $\rightarrow \mathrm{aBbc}$ |  |  |
| Bb | $\rightarrow$ bB |  |  |
| Bc | $\rightarrow$ D |  |  |
| Dc | $\rightarrow \mathrm{cD}$ |  |  |
| Db | $\rightarrow \mathrm{bD}$ |  |  |
| DX | $\rightarrow$ EXc |  |  |
| BX | $\rightarrow \lambda$ |  |  |
| cE | $\rightarrow \mathrm{Ec}$ |  |  |
| bE | $\rightarrow \mathrm{Eb}$ |  |  |
| aE | $\rightarrow \mathrm{aB}$ |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |

## What's happening? <br> $\mathrm{Bb} \longrightarrow \mathrm{bB}$


 Editor Brute Parser
Table Text Size

\section*{| Start | Pause | Step | Noninverted Tree |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | <br> Inputaabbcc}

String accepted! 51 nodes generated


| Db | $\rightarrow \mathrm{bD}$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| DX | $\rightarrow \mathrm{EXc}$ |
| BX | $\rightarrow \lambda$ |
| cE | $\rightarrow \mathrm{Ec}$ |
| bE | $\rightarrow \mathrm{Eb}$ |
| aE | $\rightarrow \mathrm{aB}$ |





Table Text Size

## 

Inputaabbcc
String accepted! 51 nodes generated





## JFLAP - L-Systems

- L-Systems may be used to model biological systems and create fractals.
- Similar to Chomsky grammars, except all variables are replaced in each derivation step, not just one!
- Commonly, strings from successive derivations are interpreted as strings of render commands and are displayed graphically.



## What else can JFLAP do?

- Create other machines
- Moore and Mealy
- Pushdown Automaton
- Turing machine


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Step Reset Freeze

- Parsing of grammars
- regular, context-free grammars
- Unrestricted grammar
- Conversions for proofs
- NFA to DFA to minimal DFA
- NFA $\leftrightarrow \rightarrow$ regular expression
- NFA $\leftrightarrow$ regular grammar
- CFG $\leftarrow \rightarrow$ NPDA













## L-Systems

The same stochastic L-system, rendered 3 different times all at the 9th derivation.


- Duke

Two-year JFLAP Study 2005-2007

Fourteen Faculty Adopter Participants
-small, large

- public, private
- includes minority institutions
- UNC-Chapel Hill
- Emory
- Winston-Salem State University
- United States Naval Academy
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- UC Davis
- Virginia State University
- Norfolk State University
- University of Houston
- Fayetteville State University
- University of Richmond
- San Jose State University
- Rochester Institute of Technology


## Students like L-systems



## Conclusions From Study

- Results of Study showed
- All the faculty used JFLAP in their courses, mostly for homework, some in lecture
- Students had a high opinion of JFLAP
- Majority of students felt access to JFLAP
- Made learning course concepts easier
- Made them feel more engaged
- Made the course more enjoyable
- Over half the students used JFLAP to study for exams
- Over half the students thought time and effort using JFLAP helped them get a better grade.

Now a few tips if you ever write educational software...

Make your tool as interactive as possible - but not too tedious!

- User shouldn't type everything
- Sometimes select
- Example: DFA to regular expression in JFLAP


Allow user to proceed on if they got it


Avoid Too Many Pop up windows

- OLD JFLAP LR PARSE TOOL



## Add Pause/Checkpoint questions

- Allow for pause to think about what comes next
- Undo/go back
- Pop up a quiz question to see if the user understands what he/she just did
- JHAVE tool does this
- Can integrate into ebooks


## Naming your software

What is a "good" name for your tool?

What can make the tool more useable?

- Annotations on states
- Multiple run window
- Develop test data
- Easier for grading
- General definitions

- FA - recognize one or more symbols
- NPDA - pop or push 0 or more symbols
- Batch processing

Jawaa

- Algorithm Animation tool

Rectangle


Example:
rectangle r1 1020100120 black red
rectangle r 21502018060 cyan yellow
rectangle r2 1502018060 cyan yellow
The first example will create a rectangle with its upper left corner at $(10,20)$ and
rectangle will be red with a black outline, as shown in the figure below rectangle will be red with a black outline, as shown in the figure below on the lef rectangle will be yellow with a cyan outline. This is shown in the figure below or

## JAWAA name is not unique



JFLAP name is unique


Google JFLAP


## FLAP

- Formal Languages and Automata Package
- 1996 - converted to Java
- FLAP -> JFLAP


## Much more than Google Analytics Forums, Blogs, Course websites

Newest 'jflap' Questions - Stack Overflow
stackoverflow.com/questions/tagged/jflap -
We can use small letters for terminals and caps for Non-terminals in JFLAP while entering grammar. But this restricts to only 26 options. Can we have more

Blog:Recent posts - JFLAP
jflap.wikia.com/wik/Blog:Recent_posts -
Watchlist Random page Recent changes - Create blog post. Recent posts. Blog posts.
Retrieved from "http://jflap.wikia.com/wiki/Blog:Recent_posts?oldid=3140"

## CS 301: Using JFLAP

www.cs.colostate.edu/~massey/Teaching/.../JFLAP/gettingstarted.html This course uses the JFLAP package. According to the JFLAP website, JFLAP is a package of graphical tools which can be used as an aid in learning the basic

## [PDF] JFLAP Startup

www.inf. unibzit/~calvanese/teaching/10-11-fl/.../JFLAP-manual.pdf Download JFLAP and the files referenced in this book from www . j flap. org to get started. JFLAP is written in Java to allow it to run on a range of platforms


Stuck on solving a problem? Don't know where to start?

- Use the 7 step process!
- CompEd 2019, Translation from Problem to Code in Seven Steps, Hilton, Lipp and Rodger



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Problem Solving to Code - Steps 1-4


1. Work small examples by hand
2. Write down what you did in words (algorithm)
3. Find Patterns (generalize algorithm)
4. Work another example by hand (algorithm work? If not, go back to 3 , or 1)

## Problem Solving to Code - Steps 5-7


5. Translate to code
6. Test several cases
7. Debug failed test cases

## Examples

## Examples

1. "text message"

Returns "tx msg"
5. "aeiou bcdfghjklmnpqrstvwxyz"

Returns: "aeiou b"

## Problem - TxMsg

## Problem Statement

Strange abbreviations are often used to write text messages on uncomfortable mobile devices. One particular strategy for encoding texts composed of alphabetic characters and spaces is the following:

- Spaces are maintained, and each word is encoded individually. A word is a consecutive string of alphabetic characters.
- If the word is composed only of vowels, it is written exactly as in the original message.
- If the word has at least one consonant, write only the consonants that do not have another consonant immediately before them. Do not write any vowels.
- The letters considered vowels in these rules are ' $a$ ', ' $e$ ', ' $i$ ', ' $o$ ' and ' $u$ '. All other letters are considered consonants.

For instance, "ps i love $u$ " would be abbreviated as "pilv $u$ " while "please please me" would be abbreviated as "ps ps m". You will be given the original message in the string parameter original. Return a string with the message abbreviated using the described strategy.

## Focus on transforming one word Write helper function transform

-How?

- Use seven steps
- Work an example by hand

Transform word - Step 1: work small example by hand

- Word is "please"
- Letter is 'p', YES
- answer is " $p$ "
- Letter is 'l', NO
- Letter is 'e', NO
- Letter is 'a', NO
- Letter is ' $s$ ', YES
- answer is "ps"
- Letter is 'e', NO

Step 3: Find Pattern and generalize
Need to initialize letter before, pick "a" answer is empty
for each letter in word
If it is a consonant, and the letter before is a vowel, then add the letter to the answer
This letter is now the letter before return answer

Step 2: Describe what you did

- Word is "please", create an empty answer
- Letter is ' $p$ ', consonant, no letter before, YES
- Add ' $p$ ' to answer
- Letter is ' 1 ', consonant, letter before " $p$ ", NO
- Letter is 'e', vowel, letter before ' $I$ ', NO
- Letter is 'a', vowel, letter before 'e', NO
- Letter is 's', consonant, letter before 'a', YES
- Add 's' to answer
- Letter is 'e', vowel, letter before 's', NO
-Answer in "ps" $\qquad$

Step 4 - Work another example

- Word is message Use vowel not part of word
- Letter is ' $m$ ', before is ' $a$ ', add ' $m$ ' to answer
- Letter is ' $e$ ', before is ' $m$ ', NO
- Letter is ' $s$ ', before is 'e', add ' $s$ ' to answer
- Letter is ' $s$ ', before is ' $s$ ', NO
- Letter is ' $a$ ', before is ' $s$ ', NO
- Letter is ' $g$ ', before is ' $a$ ', add ' $g$ ' to answer
- Letter is 'e', before is ' $g$ ', NO
- Answer is "msg"

WORKS!!

Step 5: Translate to Code \# Letter before is "a" \# start with a vowel
\# answer is empty
\# for each letter in word

Step 5: Translate to Code (code)
\#If it is a consonant, and the letter before is a \#vowel, then add the letter to the answer
\#This letter is now the letter before
\# return answer

Step 5: Translate to Code
\# Letter before is "a" \# start with a vowel
before = ' $a$ '
\# answer is empty
answer = [ ] \# or this could be an
empty string
\# for each letter in word
for ch in word:

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## Step 5: Translate to Code (code)

\#If it is a consonant, and the letter before is a \#vowel, then add the letter to the answer if !(isVowel(ch)) and isVowel(before):
answer += ch
\#This letter is now the letter before before $=$ ch
\# return answer
return answer

## Student Anecdotes

- From CompSci 101
- "I just want to tell you that I tried the seven step method, and I worked on all of my code for one or two hours before I even looked at the computer. AND IT WORKED! I got all my code right on the first try! For the first time ever, I don't have to go to the help lab ..."


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- From Coursera course
- "I have been programming for a couple of years. Learned from so many resources but none said how to write the algorithm, they just say you should write your algorithm first. The steps illustrated here are beautiful and definitely help to understand how to decompose a problem."

Success - Alice attracts diverse group

- At Duke
- CompSci 4 Spring 2005
- 22 preregister, 30 enroll (12 female + 3 African Amer.)
- CompSci 4 Fall 2005
- 20 preregister, 31 enroll (17 female +1 African Amer.)
- CompSci 4 Fall 2006 - 2 sections
- 64 students, 33 female, 7 African Amer.
- CompSci 4 Fall 2007-2 sections
- 84 students - > 50\% female
- CompSci 4 Fall 2008-2 sections
- 100 students ->50\% female
- Same for Spring 2009, Fall 2009...
- Advertised in school paper
- picture of ice skater
- Web site of animations
- This course is now CompSci 94



## Success - Alice Excites $4^{\text {th }}-6^{\text {th }}$ Grade Girls

- Duke Femmes Event, April 07
- 60 girls - 4 groups of 15
- Taught them Alice for an hour
- Handout to take home
- Event again in 2008 ,almost every year since



## CRA-WP

CRA-WP Board

- Organize Career Mentoring Workshops for Women and underrepresented groups
- Early Career Workshop
- Asst Prof, PhD students, PostDocs, Industry
- Mid-Career Workshop
- Assoc Prof, Industry Equiv
- Grad Cohort for Women
- For Graduate students in first 3 years

Adventures in Alice Programming www.cs.duke.edu/csed/alice/aliceInSchools

- 2-week Teacher workshops
- Over 500 teachers, middle school, high school, some elementary
- First week Teach Alice, Practice
- Second week - Develop Lesson Plans
- All disciplines: math, science, history, language arts, foreign
 language, art, music, business
- Summers 2008-2017
- Main Sites:
- Duke University, Durham, NC
- Charleston/Columbia, SC
- San Jose, CA
- Lincoln, Nebraska
- THANKS IBM and NSF



## How Visible are Notable Women in Computer Science?

- Pondered this question in early 2012
- Looked at Wikipedia
- The internet encyclopedia
-Who writes those pages?
- Why did some notables have pages and others not?
- Turing Award Winners
- Only two women at that time



## Fran Allen

- School teacher - got a job at IBM
- Compilers and Optimization Technology
-IBM Fellow - First Women
- Turing Award (2006) - First Woman
- The Turing Award was announced on Feb. 21, 2007
- Her Wikipedia page was created on...
- Feb. 6, 2007
- On Feb 21, 2007 the Turing Award was added to her Wikipedia page.

Three days later...

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## Here is that first page for Fran Allen

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## Frances E. Allen

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia
Fran Allen has made outstanding contributions to the field of programming languages for more than forty-five years, and her work has significantly influenced the wider computer science community. Ms. Allen is a pioneer in the field of optimizing compilers. Her achievements include seminal work in compilers, code optimization, and parallelization. In the early 1980s, she formed the Parallel TRANslation (PTRAN) group to study the issues involved in compiling for parallel machines. The group was considered one of the top research groups in the world working with parallelization issues. Her work on these projects culminated in algorithms and technologies that form the basis for the theory of program optimization and are widely used in today's commercial compilers throughout the industry.
Ms. Allen's influence on the IBM community was recognized by her appointment as an IBM fellow, the first woman to receive this recognition. She was also president of the IBM Academy of Technology. The Academy plays an important role in the corporation by providing technical leadership, advancing the understanding of key technical areas and fostering communications among technical professionals. In 1997, Ms. Allen was inducted into the WITI Hall of Fame. Ms. Allen retired from IBM in 2002.

# Turing Award Announced and added to her page 

In 1997, Ms. Allen was inducted into the WITI Hall of Fame 뚜. Ms. Allen retired from IBM in 2002.
Early 2007, she became the first woman to win the the A.M. Turing Award.

Alan Perlis (1968) • Maurice Vincent Wilkes (1967) • Richard Hamming (1968) • Marvin Minsky (1969) • James H. Wilkinson (1970) • John McCarthy (1971) • Edsger W. Dijkstra (1972) • Charles Bachman (1973) • Donald Knuth (1974) • Allen Newell / Herbert A. Simon (1975) • Michael O. Rabin / Dana Scott (1976) • John Backus (1977) • Robert W. Floyd (1978) • Kenneth E. Iverson (1979) • Tony Hoare (1980) • Edgar F. Codd (1981) • Stephen Cook (1982) • Ken Thompson / Dennis Ritchie (1983) • Niklaus Wirth (1984) • Richard Karp (1985) • John Hopcroft /

Robert Tarjan (1988) • John Cocke (1987) • Ivan Sutherland (1988) • William Kahan (1989) • Fernando J. Corbató (1990) - Robin Milner (1991) • Butler Lampson (1992) • Juris Hartmanis / Richard E. Stearns (1993) • Edward Feigenbaum / Raj Reddy (1994) • Manuel Blum (1995) • Amir Pnueli (1998) • Douglas Engelbart (1997) • Jim Gray (1998) • Fred Brooks (1999) • Andrew Yao (2000) • Ole-Johan Dahl / Kristen Nygaard (2001) • Ron Rivest/ Adi Shamir / Leonard Adleman (2002) • Alan Kay (2003) • Vint Cerf/ Bob Kahn (2004) • Peter Naur (2005) • Frances E. Allen (2008)

## In the next three days

- Over 30 edits, added awards, boards

Awards and honors
Allen is a member of the National Academy of Engineering. a fellow of the IEEE, the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) nd the American Academy of Arts and
Sciences. She is currently on the Computer Science and Telecommunications Board, the
Computer Research Associates (CRA) board and National Science Foundation's CISE
Advisory Board.
In 1997, Allen was inducted into the WITI Hall of Fame. ${ }^{[3]}$ She retired from IBM in 2002 and won the Augusta Ada Lovelace Award that year from the Association for Women in Computing. In 2007, she became the first woman to win the A.M. Turing Award. ${ }^{[4]}$


## What about other Notable

 Women in Computer Science?- ACM Fellows
- Few women
- 1994 first year over 130 Fellows
- 9-12 were women? Less than $10 \%$
- About 20-50 Fellows per year
- 2014-47 fellows, 6-8 women
- Noticed few of Women had Wikipedia pages


## Write Wikipedia pages for Notable women in Computing

- How hard is it to write a Wikipedia page?
- Lots of rules you have to follow
- Another area with few women
- 2013 study - $16 \%$ of Wikipedia writers are female

Some Rules in Writing Wikipedia Biography pages

- You cannot write your own page!
- Neutral point of view
- Person must be notable
- Be careful!
- Must write only facts and reference them
- Must be verifiable
- Do not plagiarize - write in your own words
- Regard for subject's privacy
- NOT A TABLOID!


## Our Database of Notable Women in CS

- Over 300 women
- Why notable
- Status of their Wikipedia page
- Forms for adding women and updating status

|  |  |  | Prestigious Award or why <br> notable | Wikipedia page? |
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Wrote a Guide on How to Write Wikipedia Biography www.cs.duke.edu/csed/wikipedia


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CRA-W and Anita Borg Institute Wikipedia Project
Writing Wikipedia Pages for Notable Women in
Computing
    MAIN | ABOUT | START | SELECT | CREATE | WRITER | CARDS
About this project
This project started when it was recognized that there are very few notable women (or famous women or leading women) computer scientists who have Wikipedia pages. For example, a large number of women with notable awards such as ACM Fellow, IEEE Fellow, ACM Distinguished Educator, Scientist or Engineer, or other
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## To Share These Achievements....

- August 2014, with Katy Dickinson and Jessica Dickinson Goodman....
- Created Notable Women in Computing cards


Vicki Hanson
Had no Wikipedia page, now does


Automata Theory Interaction in Class - Props

Edible Turing Machine

- TM for $\mathrm{f}(\mathrm{x})=2 \mathrm{x}$ where $x$ is unary
- TM is not correct, can you fix it? Then eat it!
- States are blueberry muffins


What happens when your hobby and your career collide?

It is now time for engaging students with edible CS

Students building DFA with cookies
and icing


## CS 1

Sorting
Cookies


CS 1 had around 300 students


Cookies for CS 1 - Python


2021

Thank You

- Questions?


