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Computational Structures in Data Science

Lecture #1: Welcome to CS88!

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Welcome

- We are all here to learn:
  `Knowledge(end) - Knowledge(start)`

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CS88 Team - me

- Michael Ball
  - ball@Berkeley.edu – You're best off by using Piazza! ☺
  - 625 Soda Hall
  - http://michaelball.co – I don't update this much…
    - » It was great procrastination when I was a CS student.
  - Office hours: Tues 5:00-7:00pm @ 625 Soda
  - A few minutes after class
- Things I do:
  - Intro CS Research
    - » Tools, curriculum
  - Training TAs
  - Building Educational Software (Gradescope)
  - Tools for web accessibility

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Goals today

- Introduce you to
  - the field
  - the course
  - the team

- Answer your questions
- Big Ideas:
  - Abstraction
  - Data Type

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Announcements

- Labs are Fridays – we do take attendance
- Lab 1 is due tomorrow night
- HW 1 is due Thurs night
- CS Mentors Sections:
- http://www.bit.ly/88csm1

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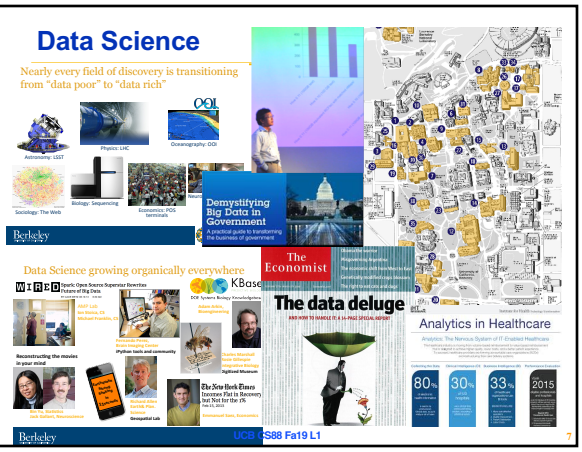
Data Science

Nearly every field of discovery is transitioning from "data poor" to "data rich"



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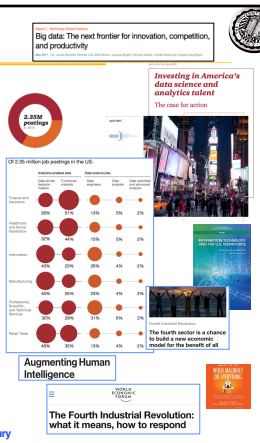
A National Challenge

Increasingly US jobs require data science and analytics skills. Can we meet the demand? The current shortage of skills in the national job pool demonstrates that business-as-usual strategies won't satisfy the growing need. If we are to unlock the promise and potential of data and all the technologies that depend on it, employers and educators will have to transform.

By 2021, **69% of employers expect** candidates with DSA skills to get preference for jobs in their organizations.
Only **23% of college** and university leaders say their graduates will have those skills.



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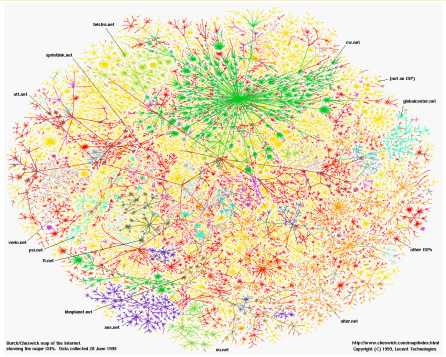
Greatest Artifact of Human Civilization …



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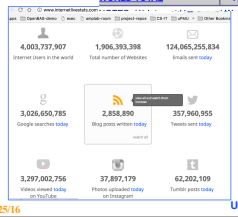
WORLD INTERNET USAGE AND POPULATION STATISTICS
DEC 31, 2017 - Update

World Regions	Population (2018 Est.)	Population % of World	Internet Users 31 Dec 2017	Penetration Rate (% Pop.)	Growth 2000-2018
Africa	1,287,914,329	16.9 %	453,329,534	35.2 %	9,941 %
Asia	4,207,588,157	55.1 %	2,023,630,194	48.1 %	1,670 %
Europe	827,650,849	10.8 %	704,833,752	85.2 %	570 %
Latin America / Caribbean	652,047,996	8.5 %	437,001,277	67.0 %	2,318 %
Middle East	254,438,981	3.3 %	164,037,259	64.5 %	4,893 %
North America	363,844,662	4.8 %	345,660,847	95.0 %	219 %
Oceania / Australia	41,273,454	0.6 %	28,439,277	68.9 %	273 %
WORLD TOTAL	7,634,758,428	100.0 %	4,156,932,140	54.4 %	1,052 %



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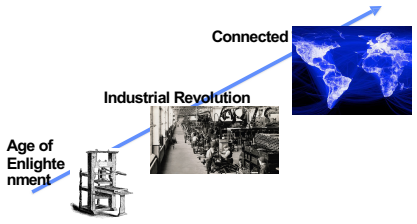
Era of Transformation



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A Connected World of Data

- The world's knowledge at our finger tips
- *Digitialization* of life, industry and society
- Intimately connected to billions of us, globally
- Explosion of observational instruments
  - Genomics, Microscopy, Astronomical, …
- Vast Computational power to do analytics
- Synthetic design exploration thru simulation
- Machine reading of everything
- Statistical machine learning algorithms to "discover" structure

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What if I could … ?

- See the world's digital footprints?
- Read everything that's ever been written?
- Take it all in and dive down anywhere as far as the science can take me?
- Learn the physical/chemical/biological /sociological/neurological… models from the data?
- Explore billions of designs and pick the one I want?
- … ?

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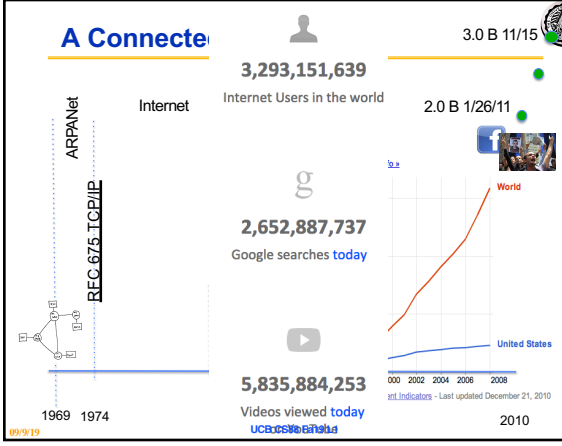

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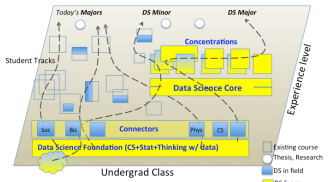
Data 8 – Foundations of Data Science

- Computational Thinking + Inferential Thinking in the context of working with real world data
- Introduce you to several computational concepts in a simple data-centered setting
  - Authoring computational documents
  - Tables
  - Within Python3 and "SciPy"



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CS88 – Computational Structures in Data Science

- Deeper understanding of the computing concepts introduced in c8
  - Hands-on experience => Foundational Concept
  - How would you create what you use in c8 ?
- Extend your understanding of the structure of computation
  - What is involved in interpreting the code you write ?
  - Deeper CS Concepts: Recursion, Objects, Classes, Higher-order Functions, Declarative programming, …
  - Managing complexity in creating larger software systems through composition
- Create complete (and fun) applications
- In a data-centric approach

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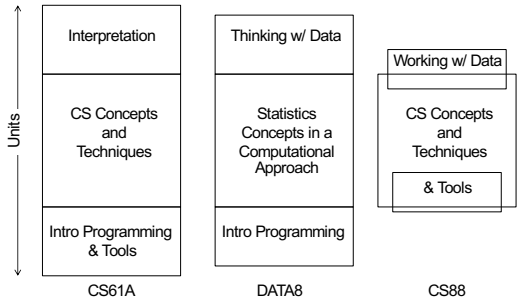
How does CS88 relate to CS61A ?



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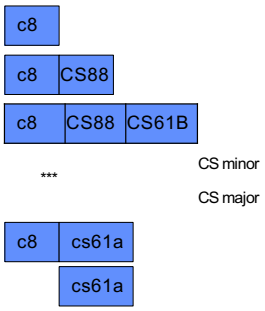
Opportunities for students



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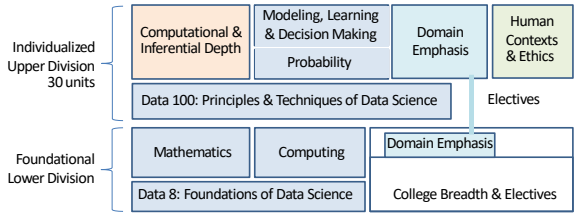
The Data Science Major



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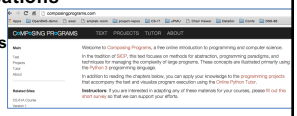
Course Structure

- 1 Lecture + 1 Lab/Discussion on Friday (!!!)
- Lecture introduces concepts (quickly!), answers why questions.
- Lab provides concrete detail hands-on
- Homework (10) cements your understanding
  - Out Tuesdays, Due Next Thurs (~9 days)
- Projects (2) put your understanding to work in building complete applications
  - Maps
  - Probably: Ants vs Some Bees



- Readings: http://composingprograms.com
  - Same as cs61a

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Course Culture

- Learning
- Community
- Respect
- Collaboration
- Peer Instruction

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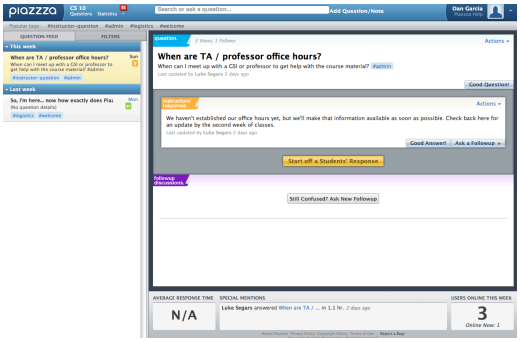
Piazza for {ask,answer}ing questions



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Where will we work?

- Your laptop
  - Using an editor and a terminal
- cs88.org
- Datahub.berkeley.edu
  - Not as often, but an option

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iClicker Check In

- How has lab gone so far?

- A. Labs have gone fantastic!
- B. Labs have gone alright…
- C. Labs have gone very well…
- D. I haven't been to lab yet.

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iClicker Check In

- Are you enrolled in Data 8?

- A. I took if Fall 2018 or earlier
- B. I took it Spring 2019
- C. I'm taking it right now
- D. I am trying to enroll in Data 8
- E. I am not taking Data 8

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Pro-student Grading Policies

- EPA
  - Rewards good behavior
  - Effort
    - » E.g., Office hours, doing every single lab, hw, reading Piazza pages
  - Participation
    - » E.g., Raising hand in lec or discussion, asking questions on Piazza
  - Altruism
    - » E.g., helping other students in lab, answering questions on Piazza
- You have 3 "Slip Days"
  - You use them to extend due date, 1 slip day for 1 day extension
  - You can use them one at a time or all at once or in any combination
  - They follow you around when you pair up (you are counted individually)
    - » E.g., A has 2, B has 0. Project is late by 1 day. A uses 1, B is 1 day late

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Abstraction

- **Detail removal**
  "The act of leaving out of consideration one or more properties of a complex object so as to attend to others."
- **Generalization**
  "The process of formulating general concepts by abstracting common properties of instances"
- **Technical terms:** Compression, Quantization, Clustering, Unsupervized Learning

Henri Matisse *"Naked Blue IV"*

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Experiment

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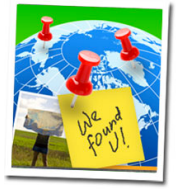
Where are you from?

Possible Answers:

- Planet Earth
- Europe
- California
- The Bay Area
- San Mateo
- 1947 Center Street, Berkeley, CA
- 37.8693° N, 122.2696° W



All correct but different levels of abstraction!

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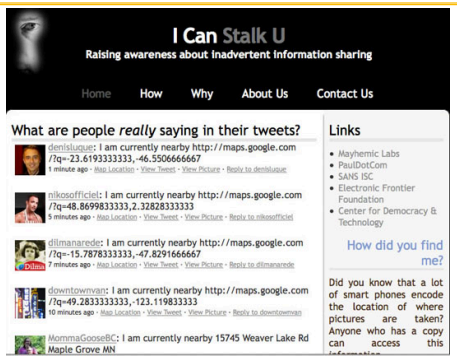
Abstraction gone wrong!



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Detail Removal (in Data Science)

- You'll want to look at only the interesting data, leave out the details, zoom in/out…
- Abstraction is the idea that you focus on the essence, the cleanest way to map the messy real world to one you can build
- Experts are often brought in to know what to remove and what to keep!

The London Underground 1928 Map & the 1933 map by Harry Beck.

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The Power of Abstraction, Everywhere!

- Examples:
  - Functions (e.g., sin x)
  - Hiring contractors
  - Application Programming Interfaces (APIs)
  - Technology (e.g., cars)
- Amazing things are built when these layer
  - And the abstraction layers are getting deeper by the day!

We only need to worry about the interface, or specification, or contract NOT how (or by whom) it's built

Above the abstraction line

Abstraction Barrier (Interface)
(the interface, or specification, or contract)

Below the abstraction line

This is where / how / when / by whom it is actually built, which is done according to the interface, specification, or contract.

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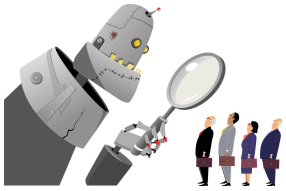
Abstraction: Pitfalls

- Abstraction is not universal without loss of information (mathematically provable). This means, in the end, the complexity can only be "moved around"
- Abstraction makes us forget how things actually work and can therefore hide bias. Example: AI and hiring decisions.



- Abstraction makes things special and that creates dependencies. Dependencies grow longer and longer over time and can become unmanageable.

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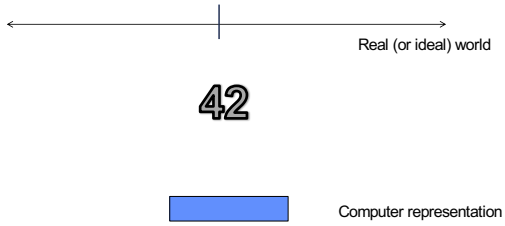
Abstraction in CS: Data Type

- What's this?



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Data Types and Operations

- Set of elements
  - with some internal representation
  - E.g. Integers, Floats, Booleans, Strings, …
- Set of operations on elements of the type
  - e.g. +, *, -, /, %, //, **
  - ==, <, >, <=, >=
- Properties
  - Commutative, Associative, …
- Expressions are valid well-defined sets of operations on elements that produce a value of a type

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Lab and HW this week

- Lab will get you more practice with functions in Python
  - Make sure you've done Lab 1
- HW will give practice and explain subtleties of types, operators, and expressions
  - In a program development environment
- What's the difference between '==' and '=' ?

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Thoughts for the Wandering Mind

A binary digit (bit) is a symbol from {0,1}.

- How many things can you represent with N bits?

- How many things can you represent with 1 digit (0-9)?
- 2 digits? 6 digits?