CSci 127: Introduction to Computer Science



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Syllabus

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Catalog Description: 3 hours, 3 credits: This course presents an overview of computer science (CS) with an emphasis on problem-solving and computational thinking through 'coding': computer programming for beginners...

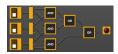
This course is pre-requisite to several introductory core courses in the CS Major. The course is also required for the CS minor. MATH 12500 or higher is strongly recommended as a co-reg for intended Majors.

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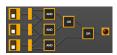




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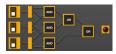




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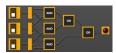




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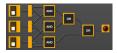




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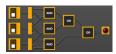




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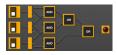




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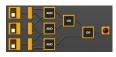




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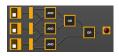




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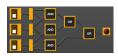




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Demo in pythonTutor

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        August 29, 2023
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                                                             ← (for us, not computer to read)
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                                                                        ← (this one also)
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- Can replace Hello, World! with another string to be printed.

Variations on Hello, World!

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#This program prints multiple strings
print("I like turtles")
print("Python is fun")
print("First day of class")
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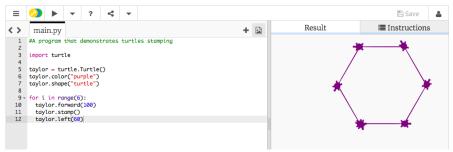
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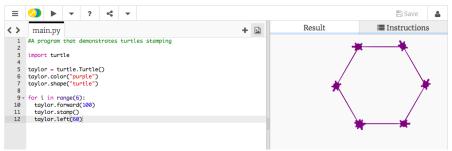
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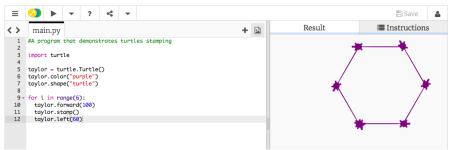
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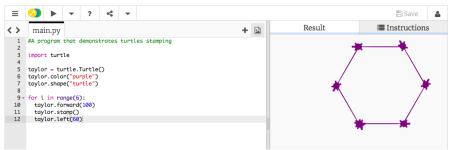
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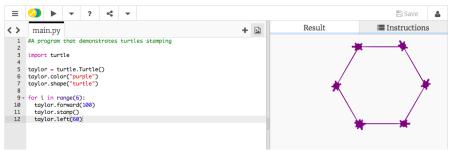
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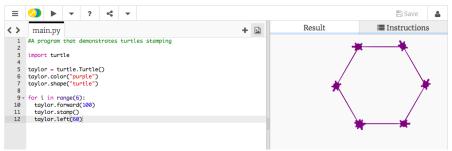
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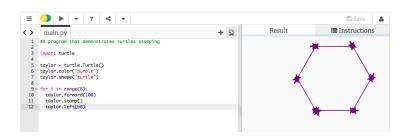
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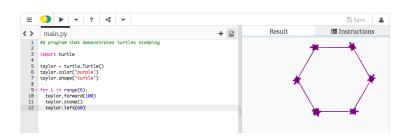
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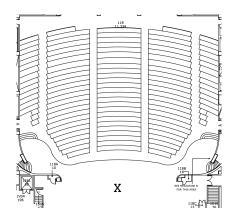
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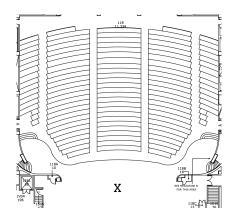
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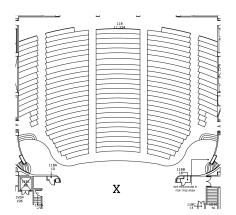


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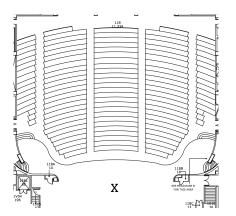


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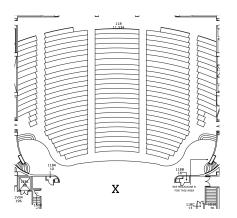


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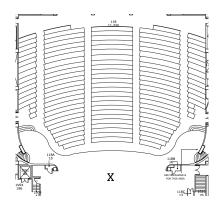
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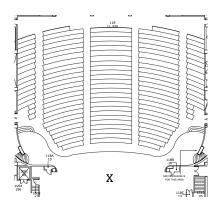


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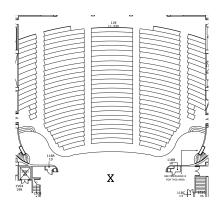
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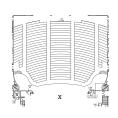


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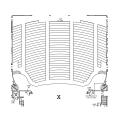




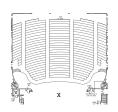
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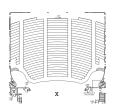
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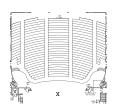


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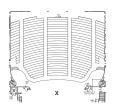


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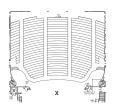


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