

CMPU 101 § 2

Computer Science I

5 December 2022



*How Technology Changes Our Perceptions and
Decision-Making Capabilities*

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SP 105



What have we been doing
this semester?

code.pyret.org/editor

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```
1 use context essentials2021
2
3 "Hello, computer!"
```

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"Hello, computer!"
>>>
```

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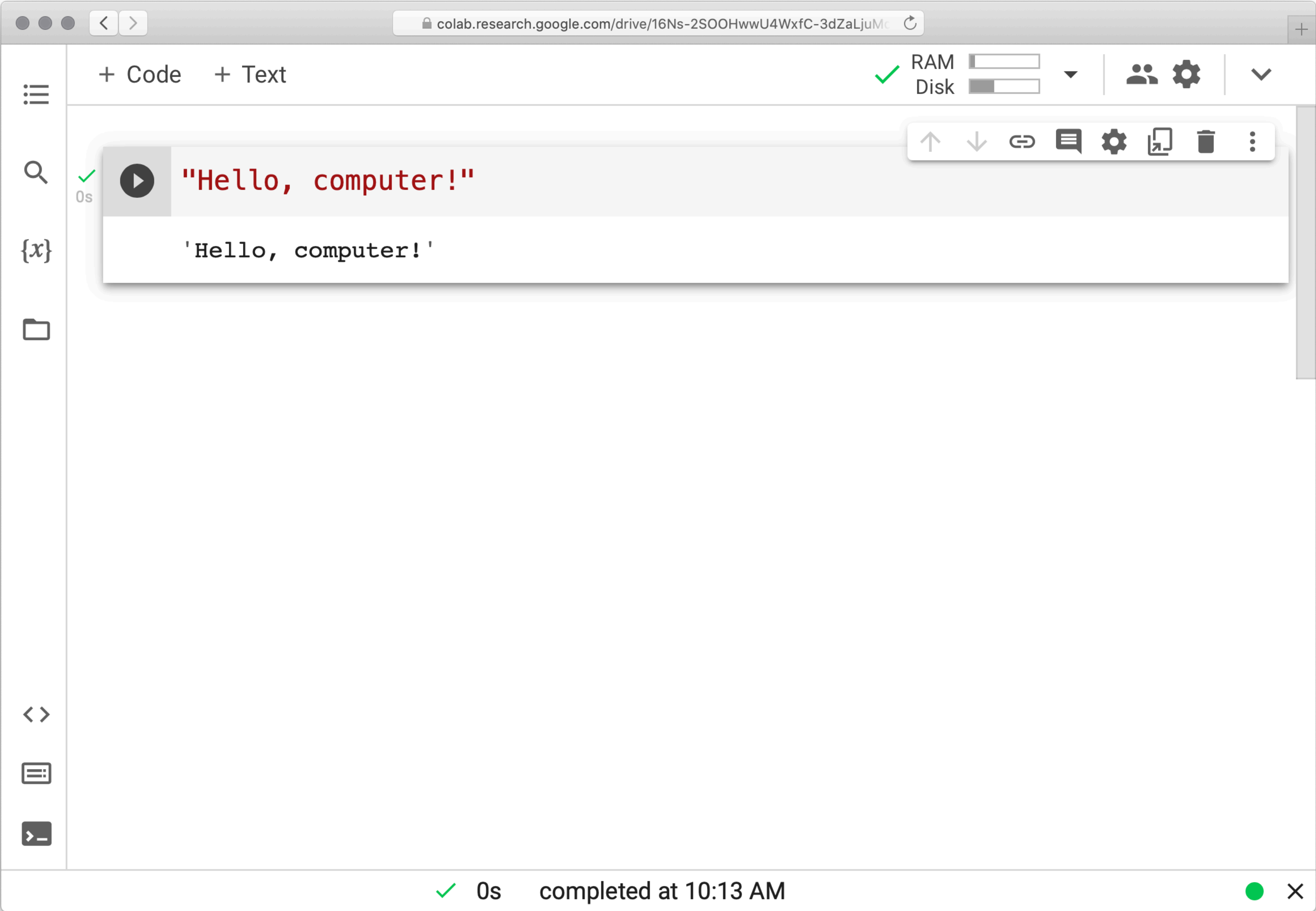
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We're not especially interested in Pyret – *or* Python!

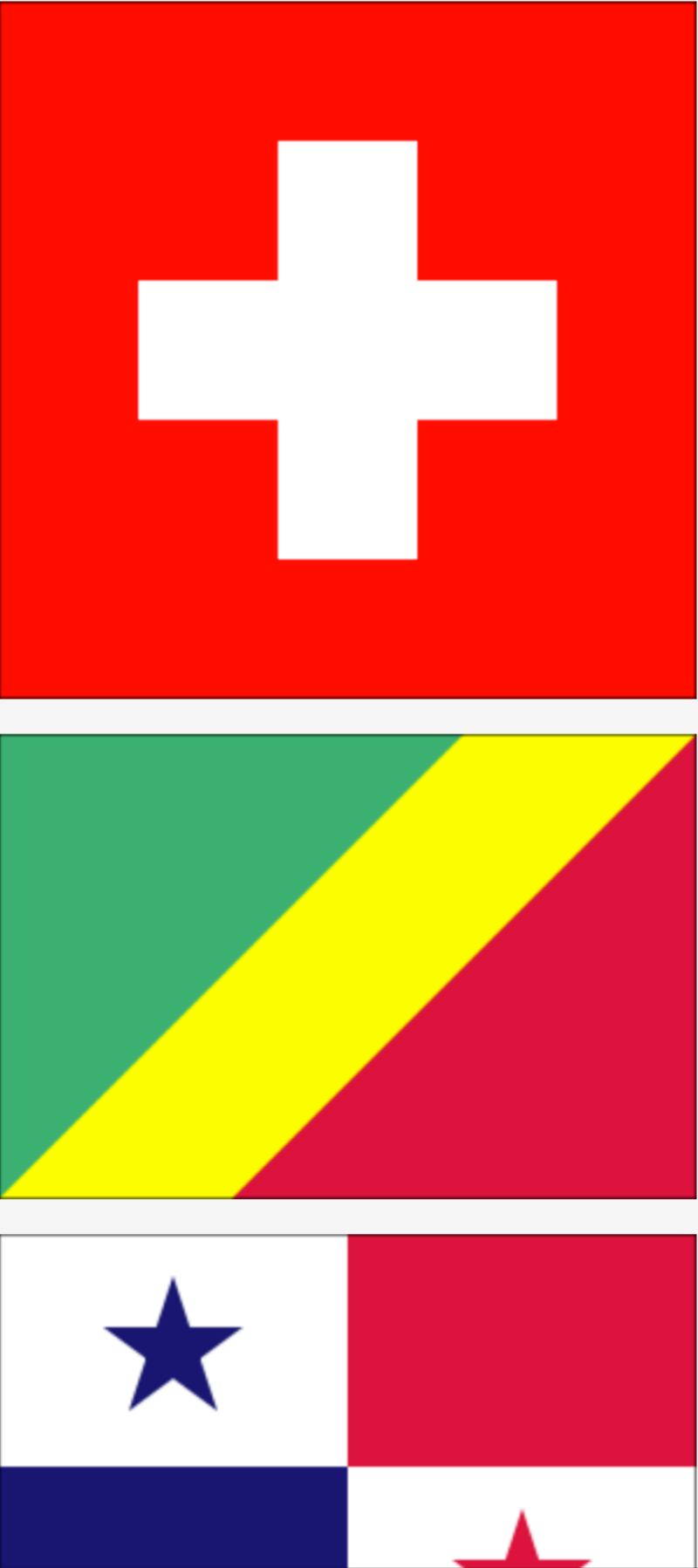
If you're programming 20 years from now, it'll be in a different language, using different tools.

What have we been *doing* in these languages?

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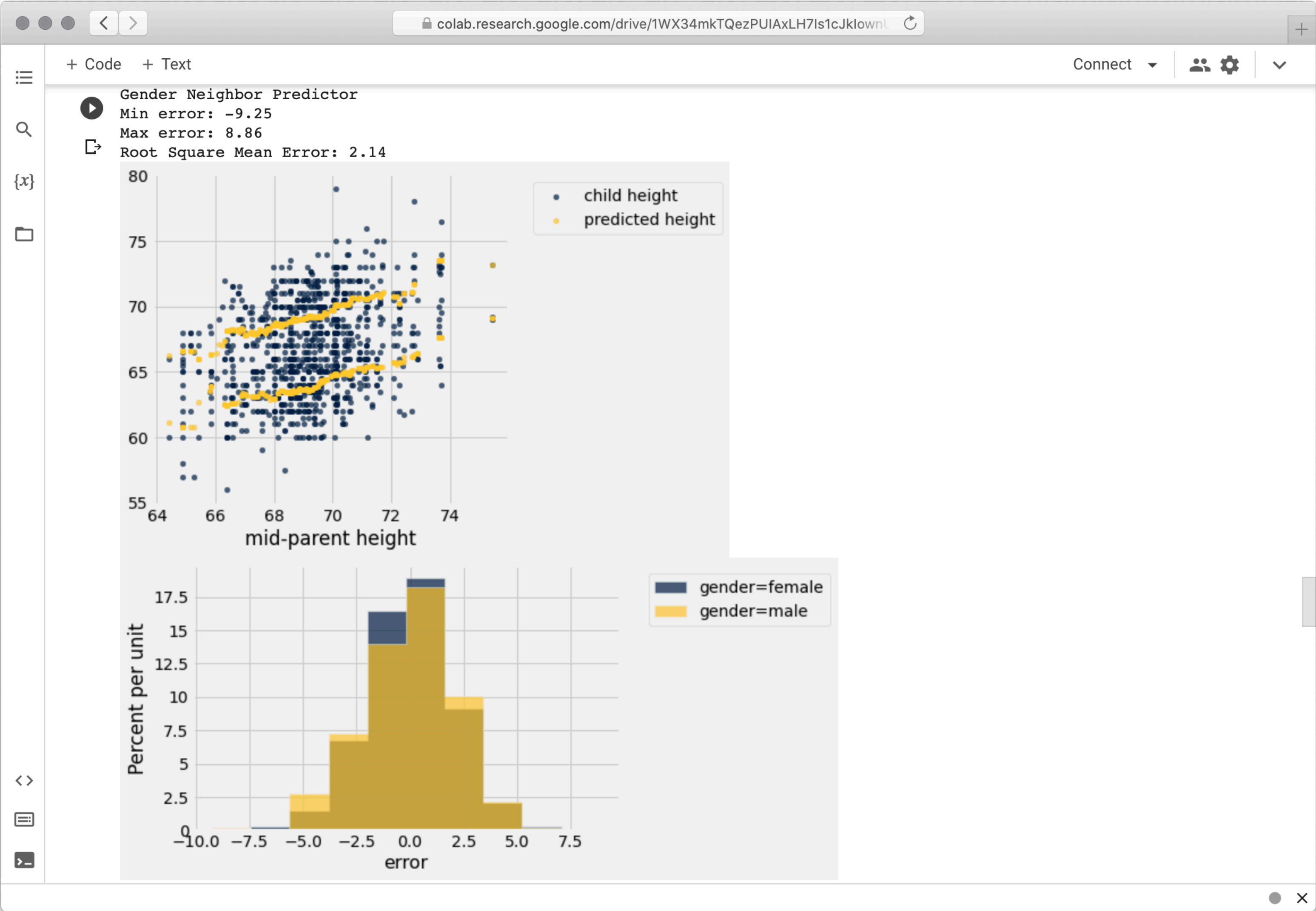
```
1 use context essentials2021
2
3 # Assignment 1: Fun with Flags
4 # Example Solutions
5 # CMPU 101, Fall 2022
6
7
8 # You can scale the flags up or down by changing this width.
9 # Note that the flags have different width-to-height ratios,
10 # so they don't all use the `height` defined below.
11 width = 300
12 height = width / 1.5
13
14 # The country abbreviations used below:
15 # https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ISO_3166-2
16
17 #
18 # Switzerland
19 #
20
21 ch-bg = square(width, "solid", "red")
22
23 ch-bar = rectangle(0.6 * width, 0.2 * width, "solid", "white")
24
25 ch-cross = overlay(ch-bar, rotate(90, ch-bar))
26
27 ch = frame(overlay(ch-cross, ch-bg))
28
29 ch
30
31
32 #
33 # The Republic of the Congo
34 #
35
36 cg-bg = rectangle(width, height, "solid", "yellow")
37
38 cg-upper =
39   flip-vertical(
40     right-triangle(height, height, "solid",
41       "medium sea green"))
42
```



The image shows three flags rendered in a Pyret environment. The top flag is the Swiss flag, a red square with a white cross. The middle flag is the flag of the Republic of the Congo, a yellow rectangle with a diagonal band of green and red. The bottom flag is the flag of the Congo (Republic of the Congo), a yellow rectangle with a blue star in the upper left and a red star in the lower right.

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We've been practicing *computational thinking*.

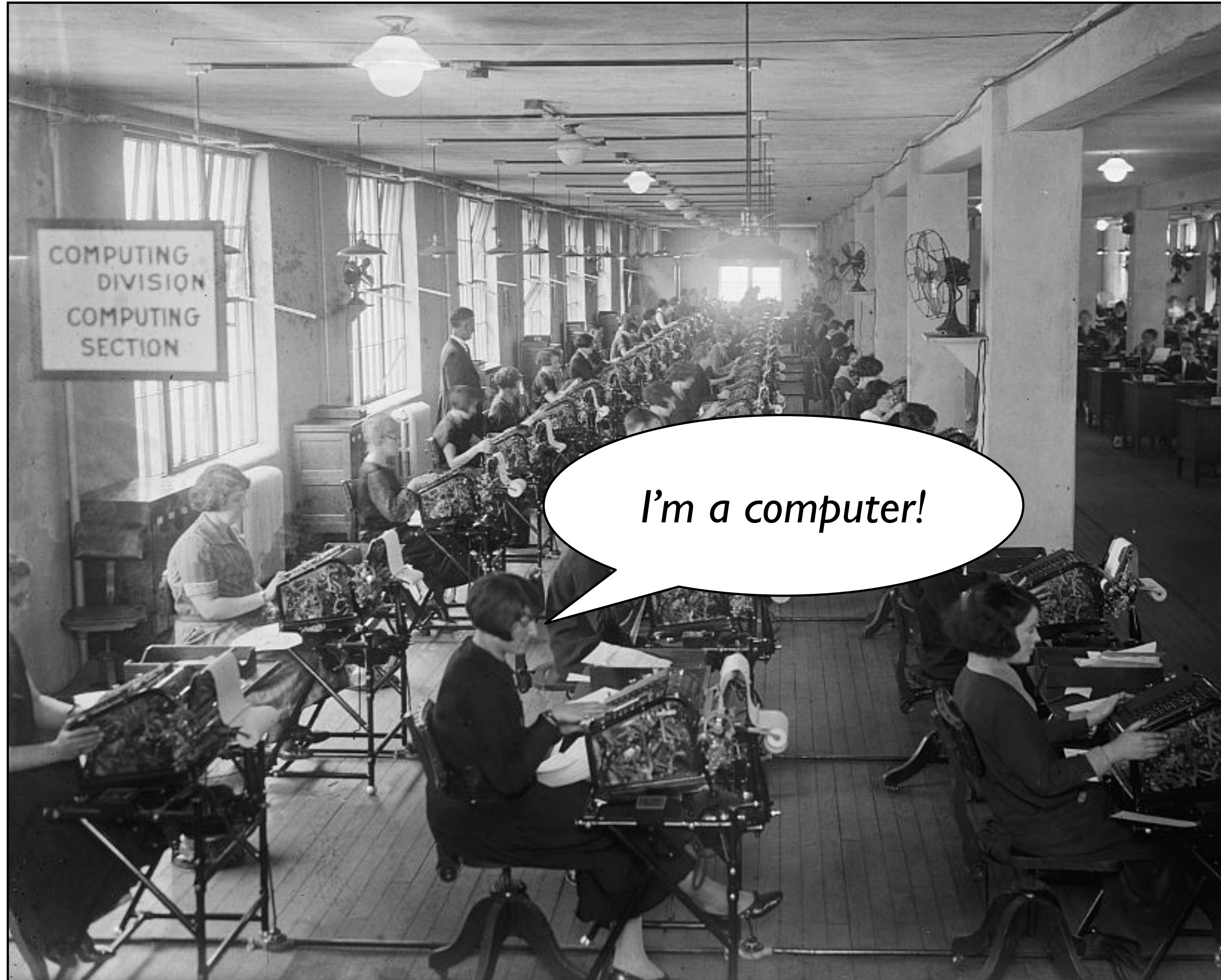
“Modern computer science is the last 1 percent of the historical timeline of computational thinking. Computer scientists inherited and then perfected computational thinking from a long line of mathematicians, natural philosophers, scientists, and engineers all interested in performing large calculations and complex inferences without error.”

Peter J. Denning & Matti Tedre, *Computational Thinking*

Origins of computational thinking

Before the modern computer age, there was a profession of mathematically trained experts who performed complex calculations as teams.

They were called “computers”.



Bonus Bureau, Computing Division, 1924, loc.gov/pictures/item/2016838906

Teams of human computers engaged in computational thinking long before the invention of electronic computers.

Early computational thinking can be seen going back to the records of the Babylonians, who wrote down general procedures for solving mathematical problems around starting around 1800 BCE.

Long before this class, you learned these kind of computational methods.

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Carry digits: 1 1 1 1 1

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Euclid's algorithm

Around 300 BCE, the Greek mathematician Euclid gave a method to find the *greatest common divisor* (GCD) of two numbers, which is the largest integer that divides both numbers.

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→ gcd(48, 18)
→ gcd(30, 18)
→ gcd(12, 18)
→ gcd(12, 6)
→ gcd(6, 6)
→ 6

Sieve of Eratosthenes

This is another famous method dating back to the ancient Greeks, used to find all the prime numbers up to some limit.

Sieve of Eratosthenes

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18

We begin with a list of all the integers, from 2 to the limit.

Sieve of Eratosthenes

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18

We cross out all the multiples of 2.

Sieve of Eratosthenes

2 **3** 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18

Then all the multiples of 3.

Sieve of Eratosthenes

2 3 4 **5** ~~6~~ 7 ~~8~~ 9 ~~10~~ 11 ~~12~~ 13 ~~14~~ ~~15~~ ~~16~~ 17 ~~18~~

Then all the multiples of 5.

Sieve of Eratosthenes

2 3 4 5 ~~6~~ 7 ~~8~~ 9 ~~10~~ 11 ~~12~~ 13 ~~14~~ ~~15~~ ~~16~~ 17 ~~18~~

And so on, leaving you with only the primes between 2 and the limit you chose.

Sieve of Eratosthenes

After each round of elimination, a new prime will be revealed, and the next round crosses out all its multiples.

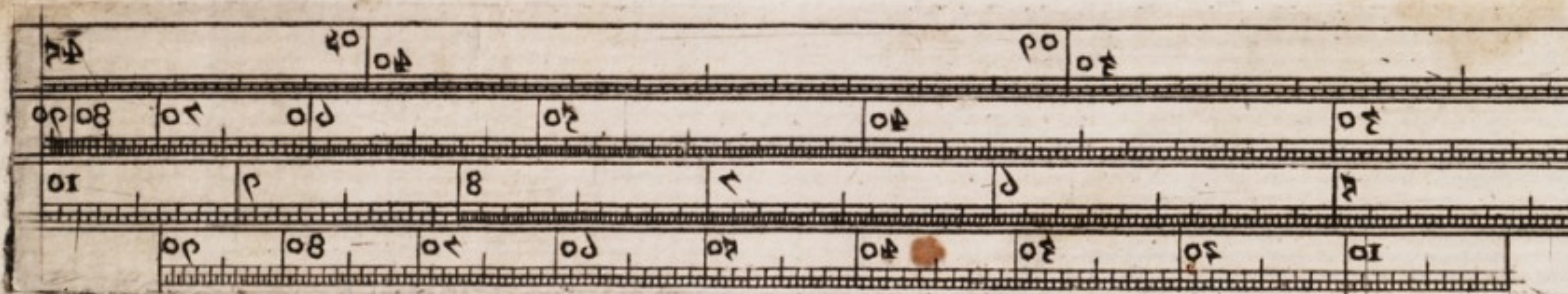
These are computational procedures, carried out by hand!

Programmable computers

No matter how simple and unambiguous the steps are made, human computers make mistakes – and lots of them!

So, inventors through the ages have sought to make computing ***machines*** to allow people to perform longer computations with fewer errors.

This was a slow process, taking us from...



Slide rule

c. 1620



Blaise Pascal's mechanical calculator

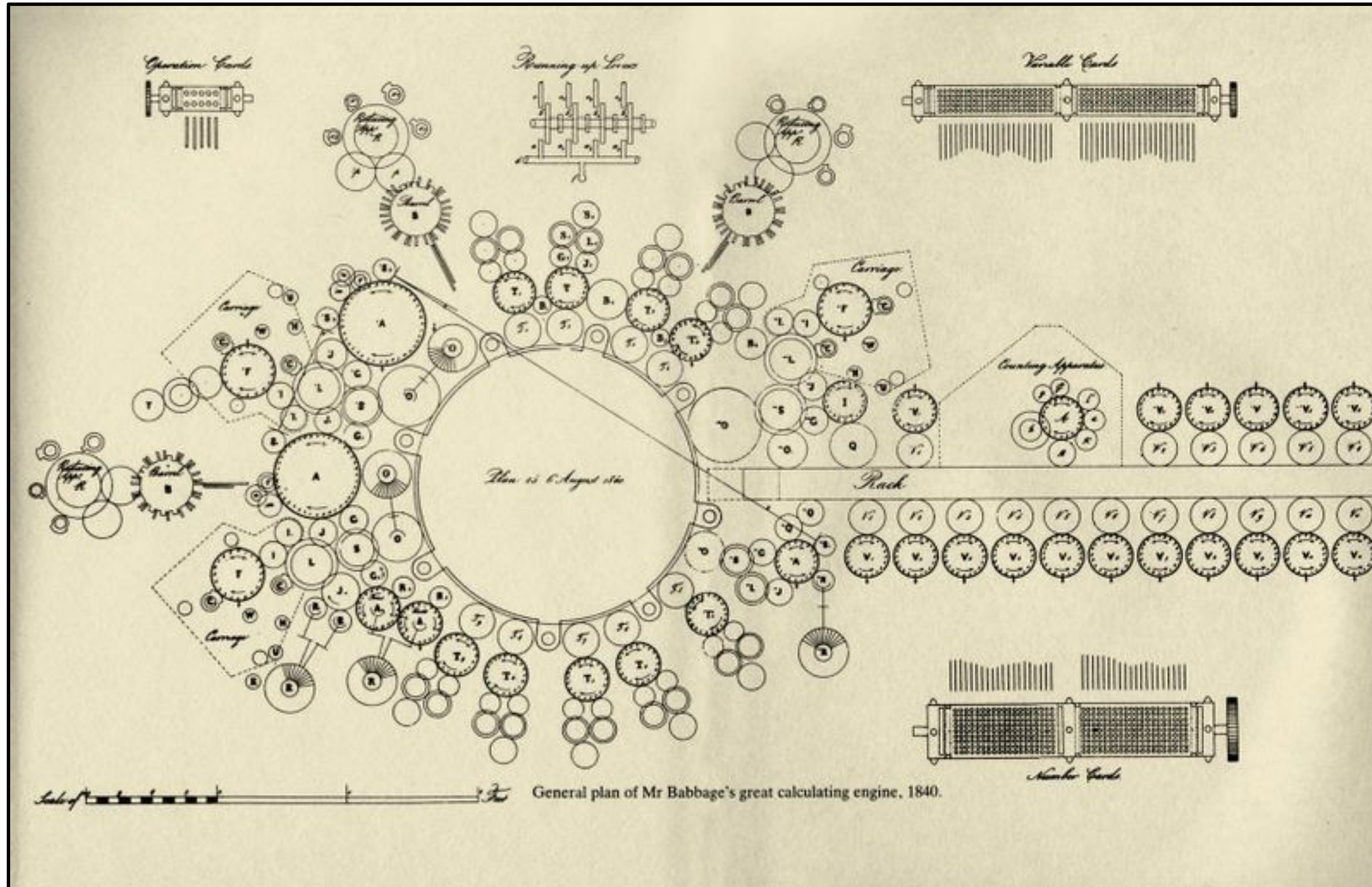
1642

Precursors to the idea of a *programmable* computer originated well before the electronic computing age.

In the early 1700s, French textile weavers experimented with machines that could weave complex patterns using an automatic loom.



One of the more well known is the Jacquard loom, which was controlled by long chains of punched cards.



Plan for Babbage's Analytical Engine

1840

Babbage collaborated with a gifted mathematician, Ada Lovelace, who designed algorithms for the Analytical Engine, even though there was no machine to run them on.



Lovelace saw the Analytical Engine not as a mere calculator but as a processor of *any information that could be encoded in symbols*.

This insight, that computing programs can calculate not only over numbers but over symbols that can stand for anything in the world, anticipated by a hundred years a key tenet of the modern computer age.

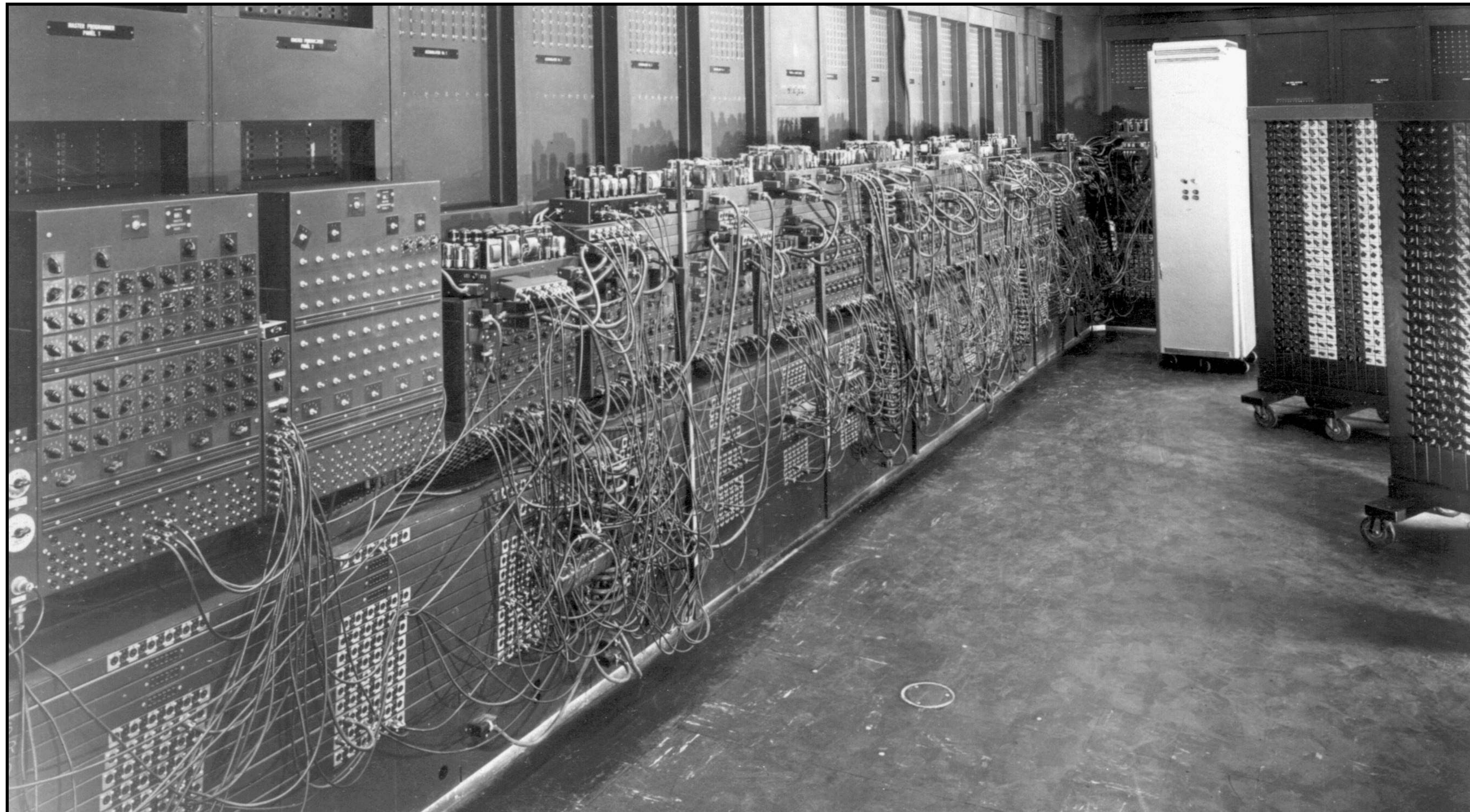
Lovelace saw the computer as an *information machine*.

While Babbage's designs for a programmable computer weren't realized at the time, the age of electronics opened new possibilities.



Harvard Mark I

1944



ENIAC

c. 1945

Early computers were very difficult to program, working in languages that were closely tied to the hardware.

Grace Hopper '28 popularized the idea of a compiler for machine-independent programming languages and defined FLOW-MATIC, the first English-like data processing language in the early 1950s.

Those ideas were later folded into the popular COBOL language (1959).



Since the 1950s, many programming languages have been defined, experienced popularity, and then been supplanted by new designs.

Today, Python is the programming language most often used for work in data science and artificial intelligence.

Programming no longer involves plugging in wires or punching cards, but it's still hard!

“The programmer, like the poet, works only slightly removed from pure thought-stuff. He builds castles in the air, from air, creating by exertion of the imagination...

Fred Brooks,
The Mythical Man
Month, 1975

“Few media of creation are so flexible, so easy to polish and rework, so readily capable of realizing grand conceptual structures. *Yet the program construct, unlike the poet’s words, is real in the sense that it moves and works*, producing visible outputs separate from the construct itself...

Fred Brooks,
The Mythical Man
Month, 1975

“One types the correct incantation on a keyboard, and a display screen *comes to life*, showing things that never were nor could be... It prints results, draws pictures, produces sounds, moves arms. The magic of myth and legend has come true in our time...

Fred Brooks,
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Month, 1975

“The computer resembles the magic of legend in this respect, too. If one character, one pause, of the incantation is not strictly in proper form, the magic doesn’t work. Human beings are not accustomed to being perfect, and few areas of human activity demand it. *Adjusting to the requirement for perfection is, I think, the most difficult part of learning to program.*”

Fred Brooks,
The Mythical Man
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Computing with data

We've seen some cool data sets during this semester, but there are many, many more you can explore.

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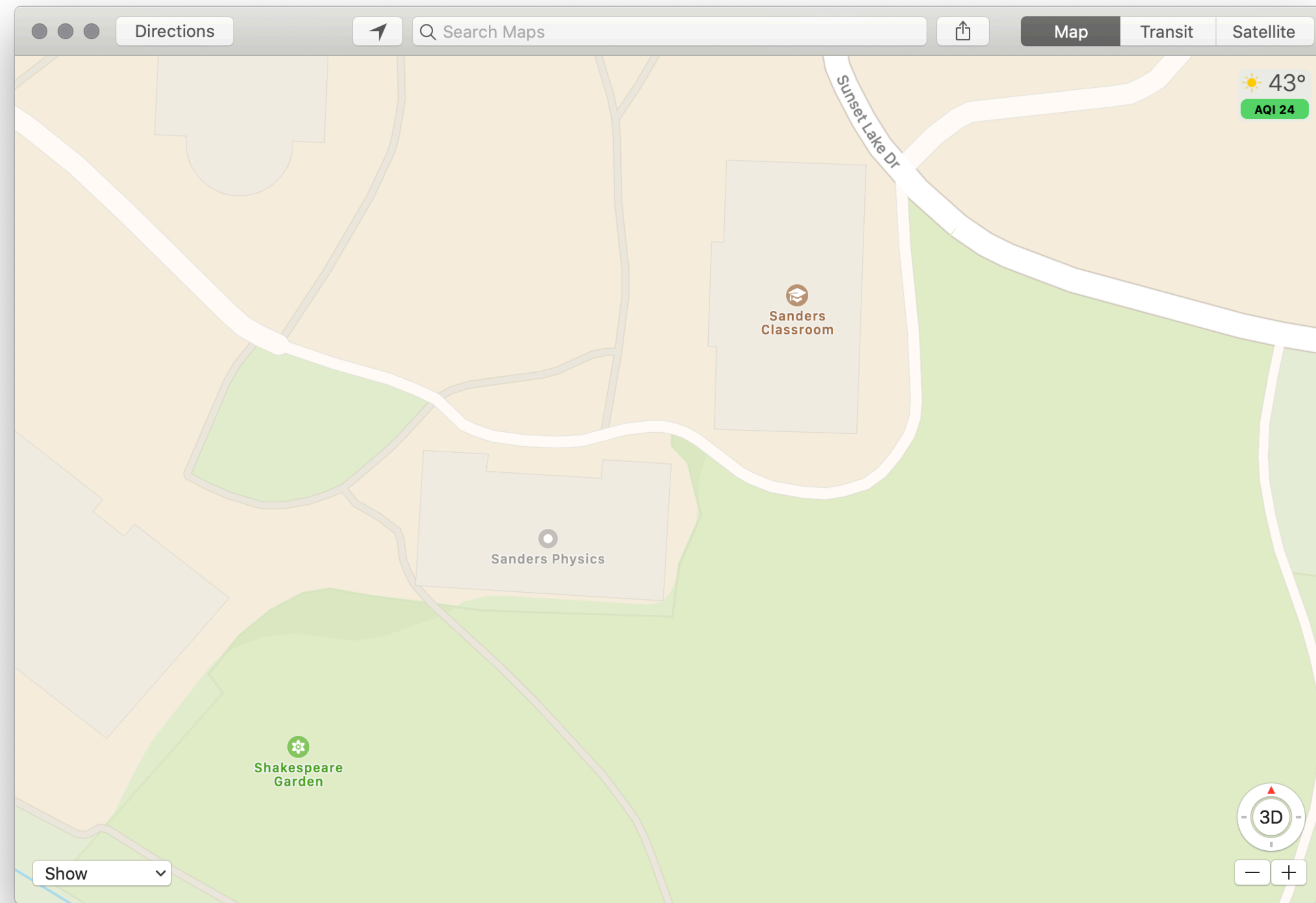
Building data models

Data is situated in the environment where it was gathered.

Consider Galton's child-height data.

He gathered the data in England c. 1886.

What would happen if you tried to use it to predict heights in Poughkeepsie today? In Guatemala? In China?



When we collect data, it's like making a map:

We're constructing a model, where we choose what to represent, and how to represent it.

“...most of the data and data models we have inherited deal with structures of power, like gender and race, with a crudeness that would never pass muster in a peer-reviewed humanities publication.”

Miriam Posner, “What’s Next: The Radical, Unrealized Potential of Digital Humanities”, 2016

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family	father	mother	children	childNum	gender	childHeight
1	78.5	67	4	1	male	73.2
1	78.5	67	4	2	female	69.2
1	78.5	67	4	3	female	69
1	78.5	67	4	4	female	69
2	75.5	66.5	4	1	male	73.5
2	75.5	66.5	4	2	male	72.5

... (928 rows omitted)

We see father and mother, giving the height of each in inches.
We can see this difference in these distributions by looking at a histogram of mother and father heights together:

```
galton.hist(["mother", "father"], unit="inch")
```

Height (inch)	Percent per inch (mother)	Percent per inch (father)
60	4.0	0.0
62	6.0	0.0
64	16.0	1.0
66	15.0	6.0
68	1.0	17.0
70	0.0	10.0
72	0.0	3.0
74	0.0	1.0

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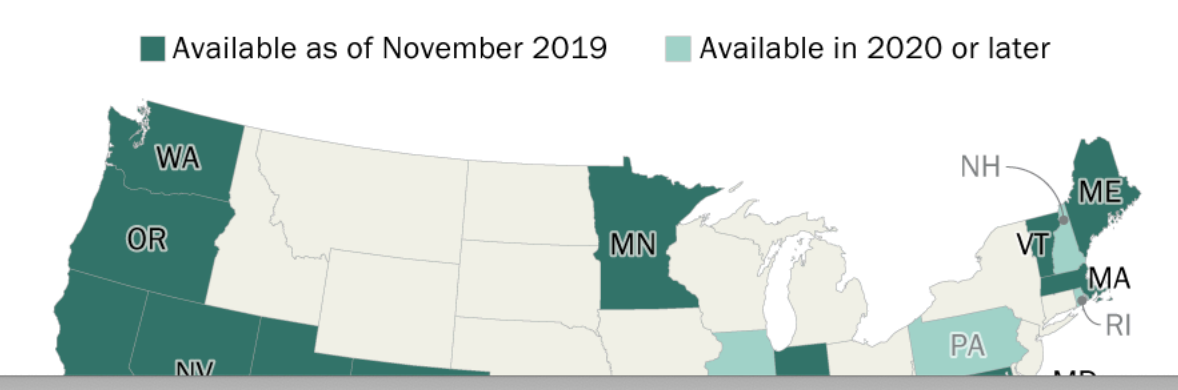


About four-in-ten U.S. adults say forms should offer more than two gender options

BY NIKKI GRAF

In 2019, at least seven states have started offering a [third gender option](#) on driver's licenses for people who don't identify as male or female, and at least four more plan to do so in 2020. A number of

States that offer a third gender option on driver's licenses



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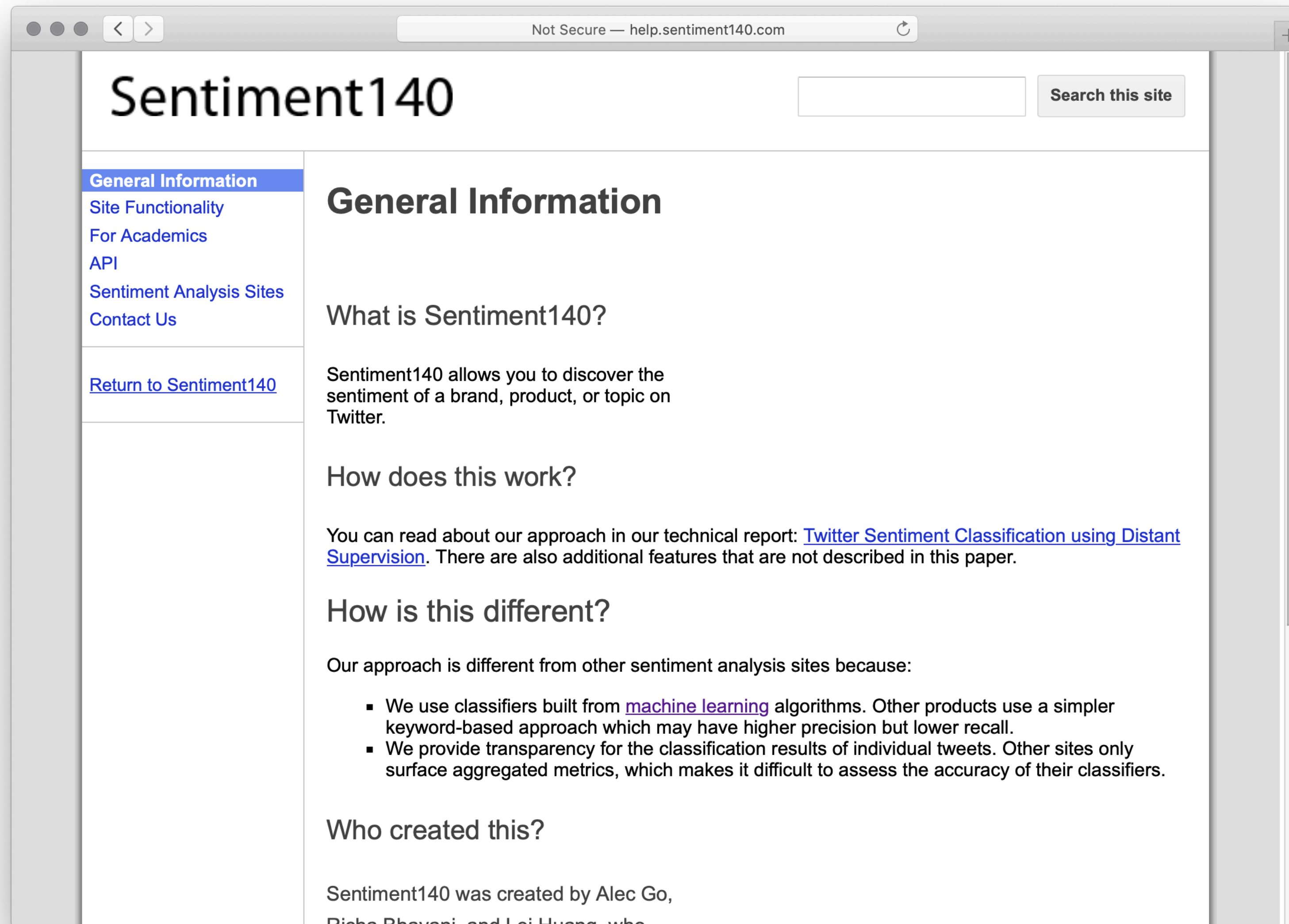
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Data and privacy



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	A	B	C	D	E	F
37	0	122	Sat May 16 22:42:25 UTC 2009	itchy	robloposky	I'm itchy and miserable!
38	0	123	Sat May 16 22:42:44 UTC 2009	itchy	EdwinLValencia	@sekseemess no. I'm not itchy for now. Maybe later, lol.
39	4	124	Sat May 16 23:48:15 UTC 2009	stanford	imusicmash	RT @jessverr I love the nerdy Stanford human biology videos - makes me miss school. http://bit.ly/13t7NR
40	4	125	Sat May 16 23:58:34 UTC 2009	lyx	drewloewe	@spinuzzi: Has been a bit crazy, with steep learning curve, but LyX is really good for long docs. For anything shorter, it would be insane.
41	4	131	Sun May 17 15:05:03 UTC 2009	Danny Gokey	VickyTigger	I'm listening to "P.Y.T" by Danny Gokey & ; & ; Aww, he's so amazing. I & ; him so much :)
42	4	132	Sun May 17 17:27:45 UTC 2009	sleep	babblyabbie	is going to sleep then on a bike ride:]
43	0	133	Sun May 17 17:27:49 UTC 2009	sleep	kisjoaquin	cant sleep... my tooth is aching.
44	0	134	Sun May 17 17:28:02 UTC 2009	sleep	Whacktackular	Blah, blah, blah same old same old. No plans today, going back to sleep I guess.
45	0	135	Sun May 17 17:29:50 UTC 2009	san francisco	Adrigonzo	glad i didnt do Bay to Breakers today, it's 1000 freaking degrees in San Francisco wtf
46	2	136	Sun May 17 17:30:19 UTC 2009	san francisco	sulu34	is in San Francisco at Bay to Breakers.
47	2	137	Sun May 17 17:30:23 UTC 2009	san francisco	schuyler	just landed at San Francisco
48	2	138	Sun May 17 17:30:56 UTC 2009	san francisco	MattBragoni	San Francisco today. Any suggestions?
49	0	139	Sun May 17 17:32:00 UTC 2009	aig	KennyTRoland	?Obama Administration Must Stop Bonuses to AIG Ponzi Schemers ... http://bit.ly/2CUlg
50	0	140	Sun May 17 17:32:30 UTC 2009	aig	aMild	started to think that Citi is in really deep s&^t. Are they gonna survive the turmoil or are they gonna be the next AIG?
51	0	141	Sun May 17 17:32:36 UTC 2009	aig	Trazor1	ShaunWoo hate'n on AiG
52	4	142	Sun May 17 17:35:17 UTC 2009	star trek	mimknits	@YarnThing you will not regret going to see Star Trek. It was AWESOME!
53	2	143	Sun May 17 17:35:28 UTC 2009	star trek	GeeRen	On my way to see Star Trek @ The Esquire.
54	2	144	Sun May 17 17:35:45 UTC 2009	star trek	checkyesjess	Going to see star trek soon with my dad.
55	0	145	Mon May 18 01:13:27 UTC 2009	Malcolm Gladwell	renano	annoying new trend on the internets: people picking apart michael lewis and malcolm gladwell.

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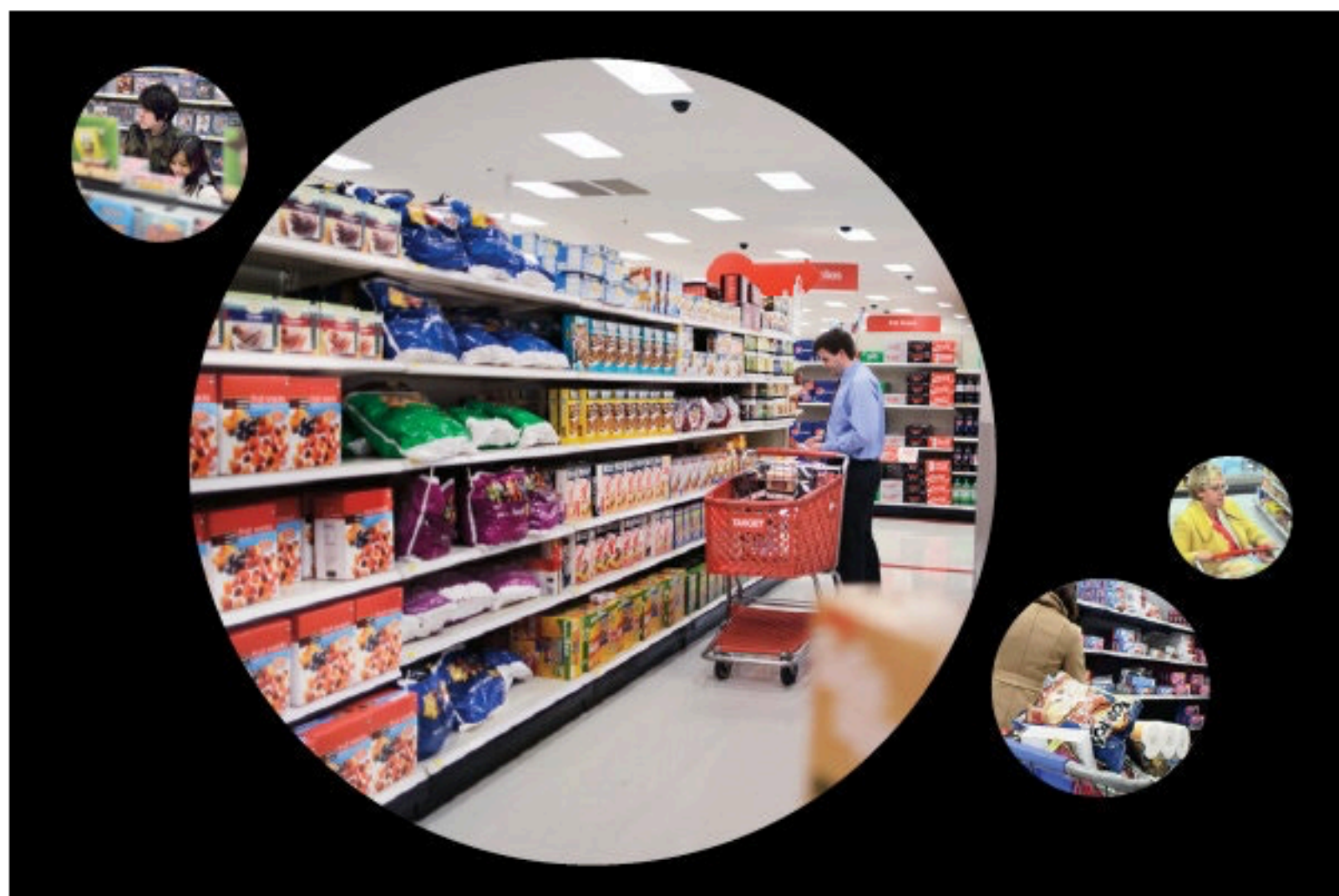


“The words and phrases we search for on Google, the times of day we are most active on Facebook, and the number of items we add to our Amazon carts are all tracked and stored as data – data that are then converted into corporate financial gain.”

D’Ignazio & Klein, *Data Feminism*, 2020

How Companies Learn Your Secrets

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Antonio Bolfo/Reportage for The New York Times

By Charles Duhigg

Feb. 16, 2012

Andrew Pole had just started working as a statistician for Target in 2002, when two colleagues from the marketing department

“As Pole’s computers crawled through the data, he was able to identify about 25 products that, when analyzed together, allowed him to *assign each shopper a ‘pregnancy prediction’ score*. More important, he could also *estimate her due date* to within a small window, so Target could send coupons timed to very specific stages of her pregnancy.

“One Target employee I spoke to provided a hypothetical example. Take a fictional Target shopper named Jenny Ward, who is 23, lives in Atlanta and in March bought cocoa-butter lotion, a purse large enough to double as a diaper bag, zinc and magnesium supplements and a bright blue rug. There’s, say, an 87 percent chance that she’s pregnant and that her delivery date is sometime in late August.”

Kashmir Hill, “How Target Figured Out a Teen Girl was Pregnant Before Her Father Did”, *Forbes*, 2012

Computing with data is complex, and it's not just “technical” issues we need to concern ourselves with!

Computing with data gives us a lot of power!

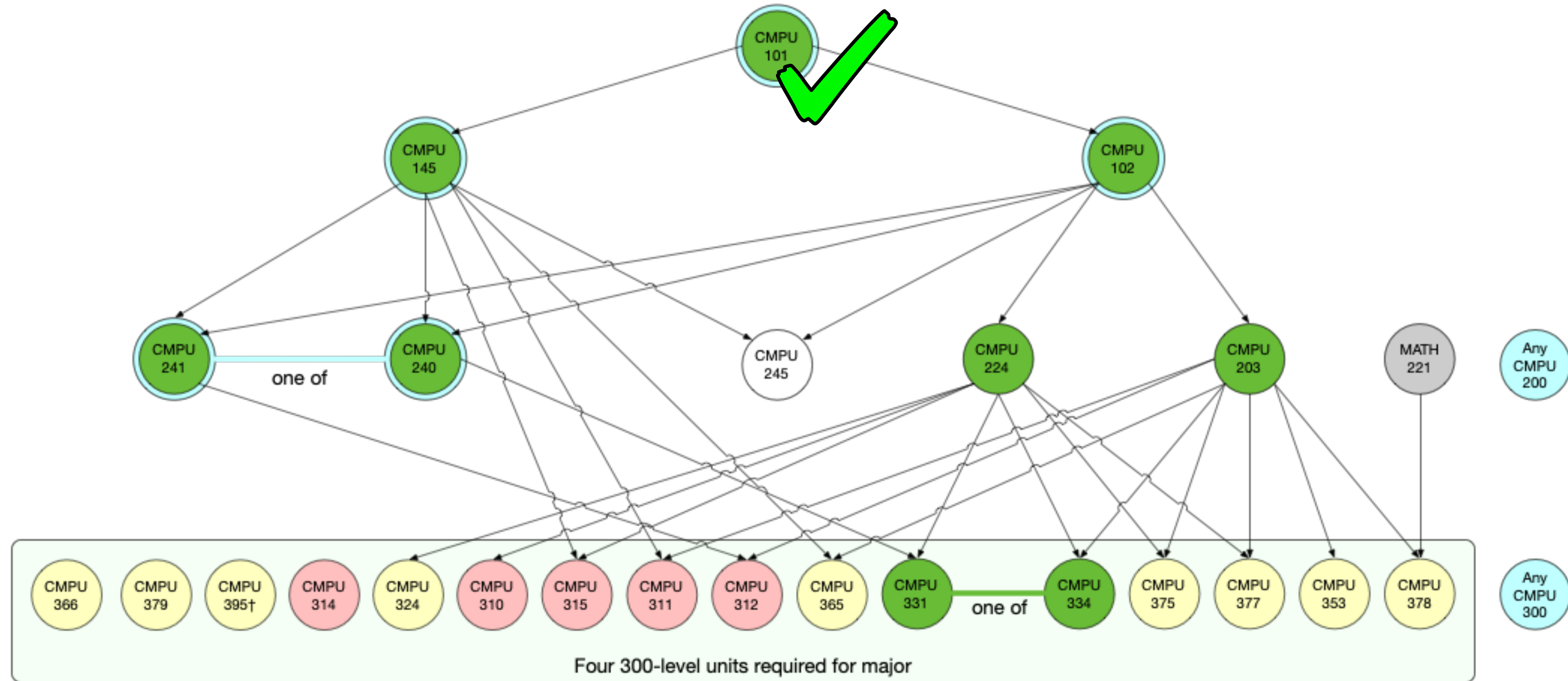
We can do a lot of harm, but we can also do a lot of good!

Computer Science I
—or, where do you go from here?

Data types	Higher-order functions	Side effects and mutation
Naming values	Lambda expressions	Debugging using <code>print</code> statements
Evaluation	Linked lists	Functional vs imperative languages
Conditionals (<code>if</code> and <code>cases</code>)	Defining structured data	Accumulators
Function signatures	Structurally recursive data and functions	Memory and aliasing
Testing functions	Trees (binary, n -ary)	Hash tables (dictionaries)
Tabular data	Python lists and arrays	Web APIs and JSON
Sanitizing real-world data	Iteration (<code>for</code>)	Numpy arrays
Visualization		

Congratulations on making it this far!

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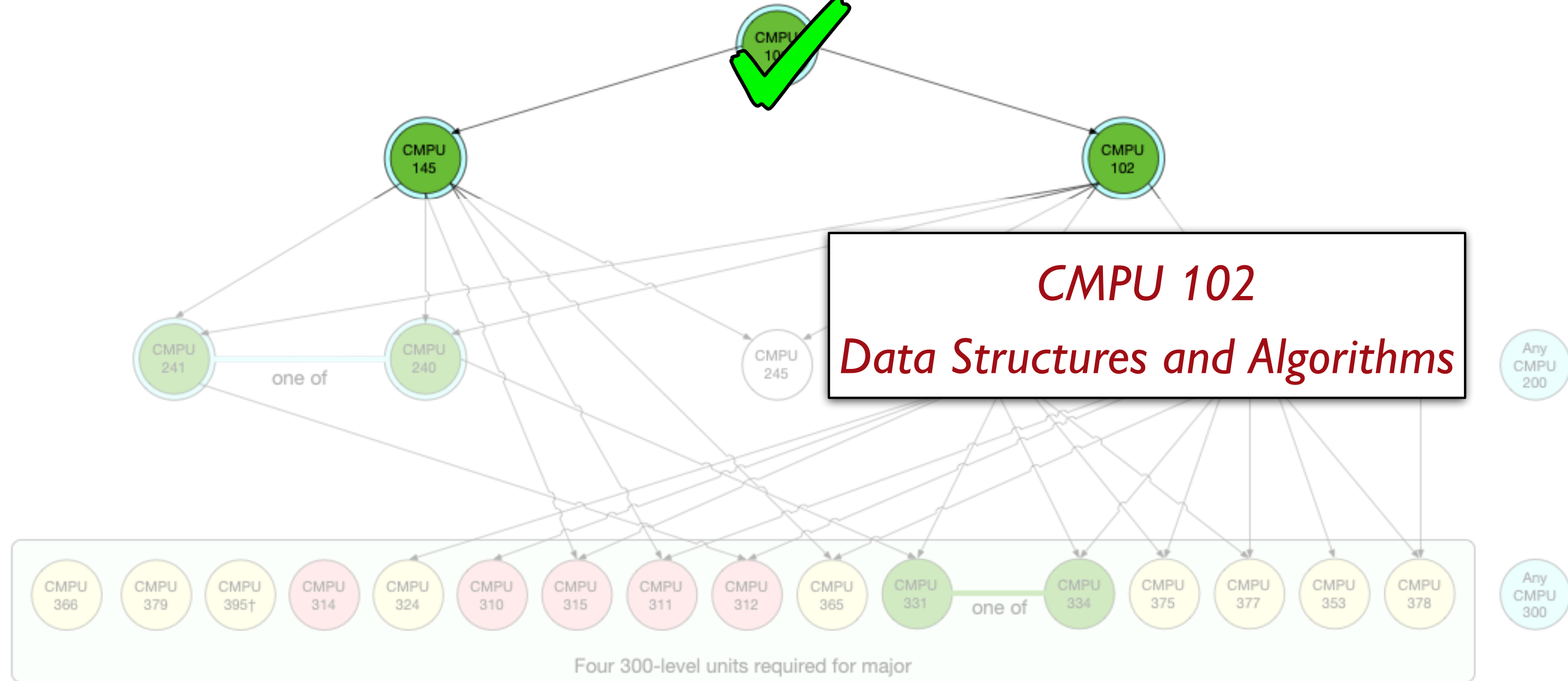
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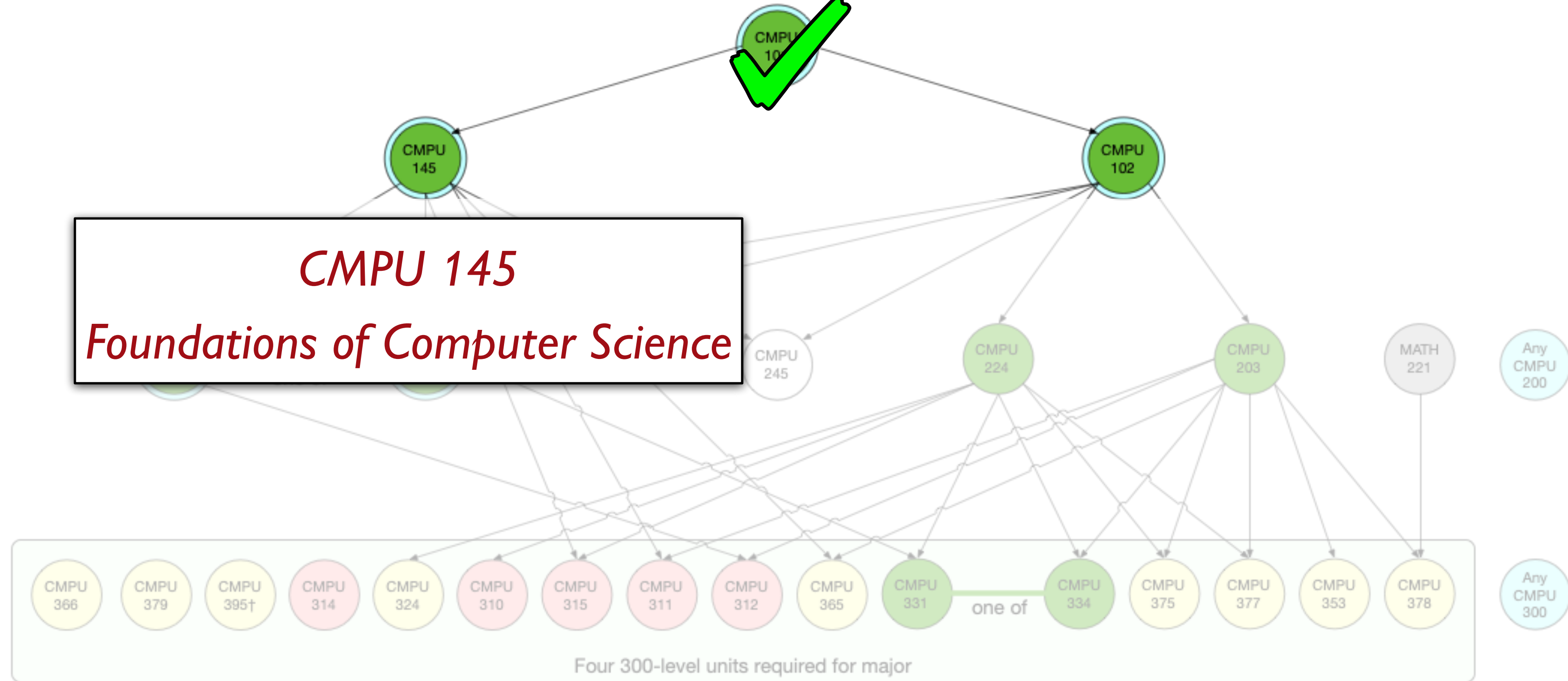
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CMPU 3xx - Any 300-level course

200-level electives
CMPU 245 - Declarative Programming Models

Extra-departmental
MATH 221 - Linear Algebra

*At least two CMPU-200 level courses required for every CMPU-300 level course. †Prerequisites vary depending on topic.

Try them out!

If you keep going with the CS major sequence, you work your way up to some really exciting courses, including...

CMPU 353 Bioinformatics

CMPU 377 Parallel Programming

*And, you know,
probably some cool
courses I don't teach
as well!*

Further reading



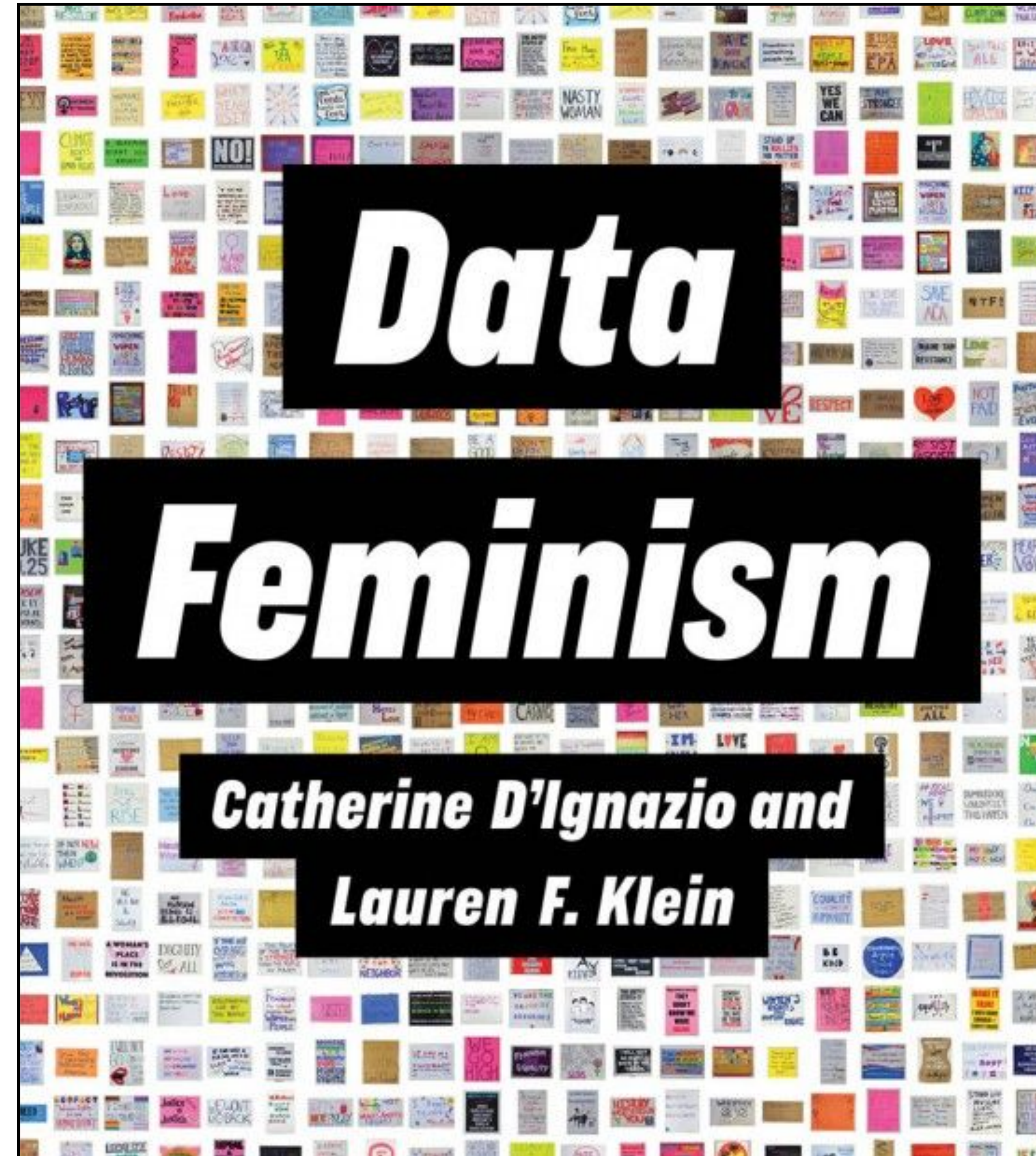
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That's it!

On Wednesday, we'll have a review for Exam 3 where we'll work through practice problems and answer your questions.

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