ITI 1121. Introduction to Computing II

Course **requirements**

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Preamble

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Learning objectives

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- **Inform** about the course requirements.
- **Explain** the general learning objectives in this course.
- **Know** the university regulations on academic fraud.

Readings:

- This document, as well as these:
  - Plan de cours
  - Academic Integrity

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Plan

Plan

Marcel Turcotte : short bio!

1965- Born in **Montréal**

1995 Ph. D. in Computer Science, Université de **Montréal**

1995–97 University of **Florida** (U.S.), Chemistry Department

1997–00 Imperial Cancer Research Fund, **London**, England

2000- University of **Ottawa**

- **2006–08** **Coordinator** for the **coop** program (computer science)
- **2010–11** **Coordinator** master in **bioinformatics**
- **2012–18** **Vice-dean** of undergraduate studies

Source: blog.f1000.com

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1. RNA and DNA, regulation of gene expression, secondary structure, pattern inference, text algorithmic
2. **Software**: MC-Sym (co-author), eXtended-Dynalign, Profile-Dynalign, Seed, ACSEA, ModuleInducer, RiboFSM, MotifGP, Seed$_w$
3. Designing algorithms and data structures, applied artificial intelligence and machine learning

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Syllabus

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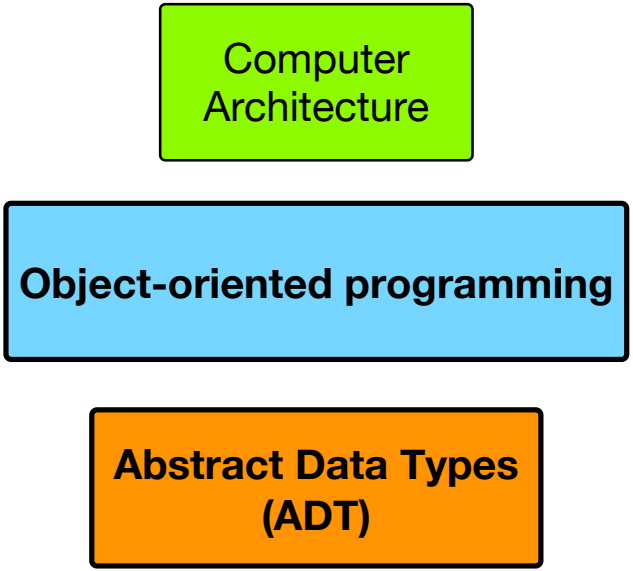

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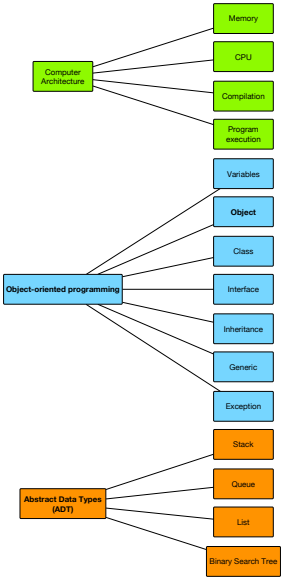

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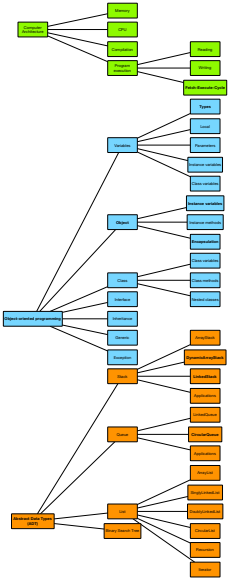

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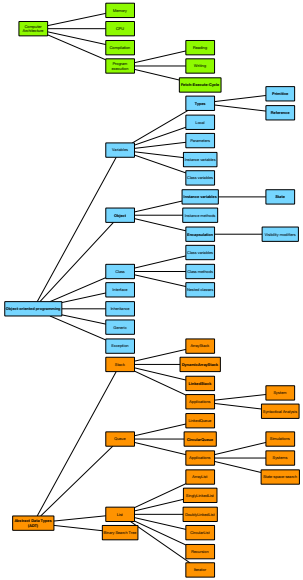


Take note!

- "Professors must supply a course syllabus during the first meeting with the students at the beginning of each course." (Academic Regulation 8.5)
- The course syllabus will remain unchanged for the rest of the semester!

Evaluations

- Examen **midterm**: 25 %
- Examen **final**: 40 %
- **Assignments** (4): 25 %
- **Laboratories** (10–12): 10 %

You must get **at least 50% on the exams** to pass the course. Failure on the exams will result in failure on the course!

Examinations

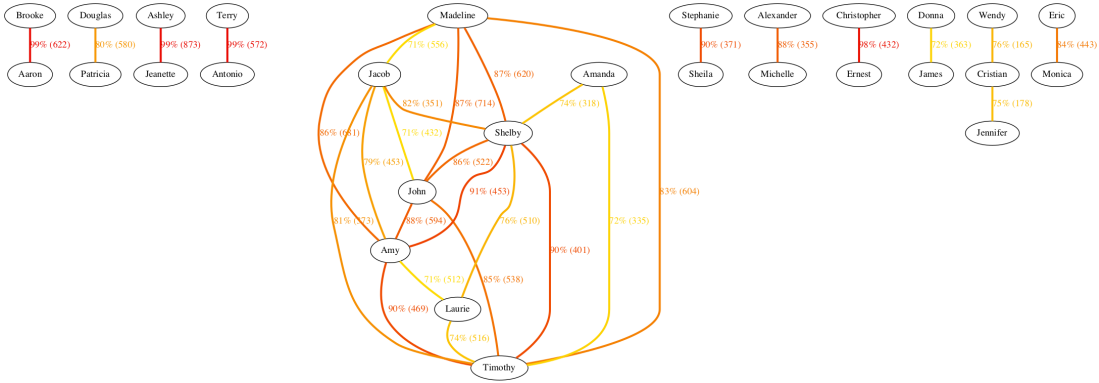
Midterm
- Sunday **March 1, 2020**, **10:00 - 12:00**
- Closed books

Final
- Closed books

Academic integrity

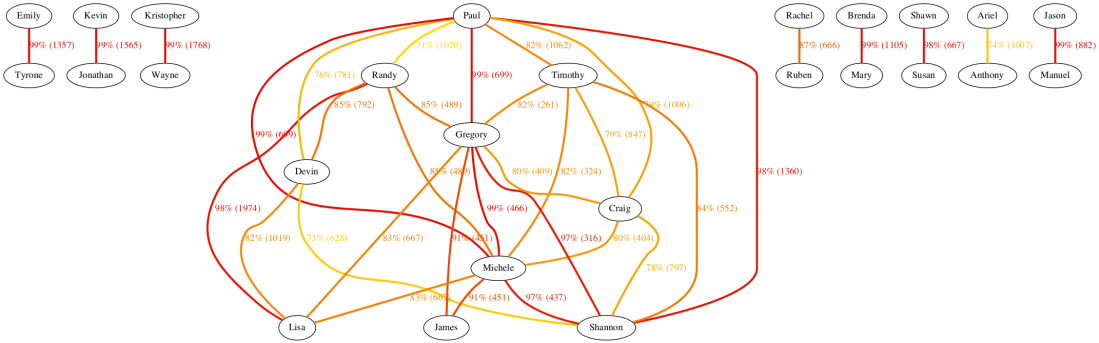
This applies to everybody!

- Last year, over **40 students** were alleged to have committed an academic fraud for their first assignment...



This applies to everybody!

- . . . and second assignment!
  - Each link shows the relationship between a **pair of submissions**.
    - The labels indicate the **degree of similarity** and the **number of lines of code** (in parentheses).



Academic integrity

Academic fraud: Any act by a student that **may result in a distorted academic evaluation** for that student or another student.

- **plagiarising** or **cheating** in any way;
- submitting work **not partially or fully the student's own**;
- submitting the **same work or a large part of the same piece of work in more than one course**;
- **falsifying** or **misrepresenting** an academic evaluation, using a **forged** or **altered** supporting document or facilitating the use of such a document;
- taking any action **aimed at falsifying an academic evaluation**.

Regulation:

- `https://www.uottawa.ca/administration-and-governance/academic-regulation-14-other-important-information`

Good practices

- Never publish your source code on **GitHub** publicly before the deadline for the submission of the assignment.
- You can publish your solution **after the deadline**.
  - However, you should withdraw your University of Ottawa **student number**, because someone else could misuse this information.
  - You also need to be careful, in some cases you may be publishing **source code that isn't yours**.
    - In particular, you could release source code that was **developed by the instructors**.

You're the victim

- The **first victim** in copying someone else's solution **is you**.
- You won't learn "**how to learn**."
- **Maybe** you understand the solution you copied.
  - However, you won't have been able to learn **how to create those solutions in the first place**.
  - Of course, that will impact your ability to pass the **exams**.
  - But it will also impact your ability to find your **dream job**.
  - **Interviews** for software engineering and computer science positions are very thorough.
  - You'll be asked to **solve problems** that may in fact be similar to the ones we have in our assignments.

Be extremely careful, in some cases, **the students didn't know their solution had been copied**, which makes this message important for everyone.

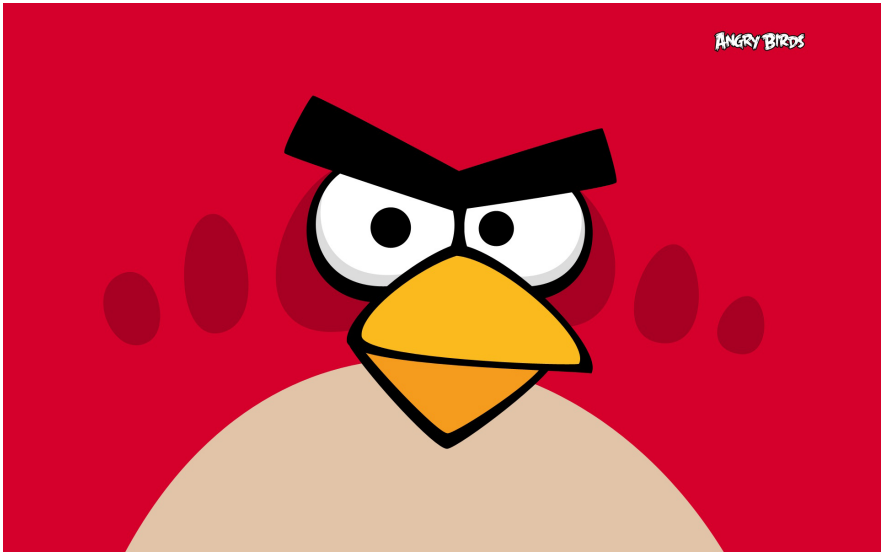
Academic fraud: scenarios

Raise your hand if you intend to cheat in this class!

- Someone's asking for access to your assignment.
  - This person is a friend.
  - It's too late. This poor soul won't finish in time...
- You're stuck.
  - You choose to collaborate with one or more teams...
- The files are forwarded to the representative of the Dean: the student gets **0**, for **this assignment**, for **all assignments**, for **the course**, to take an **ethics course**, **expulsion** from the university, etc.

Analogy with high-level sports

Policy on the use of electronic devices



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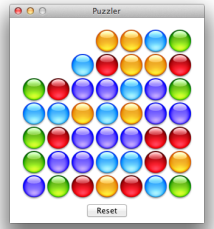

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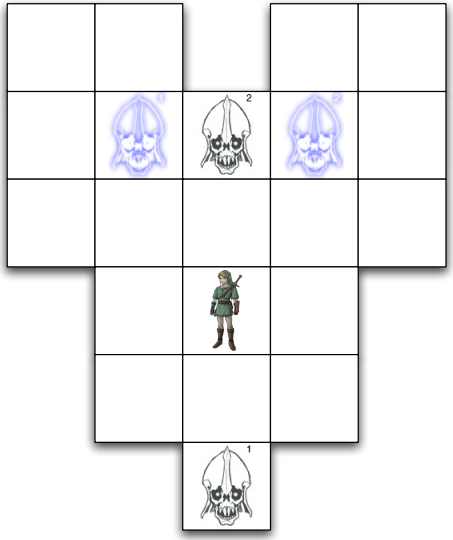

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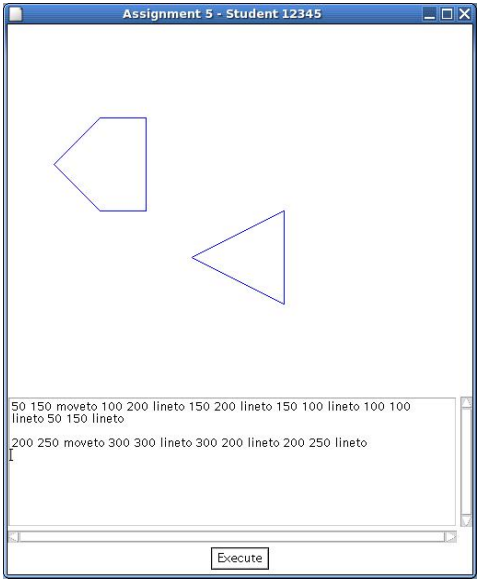

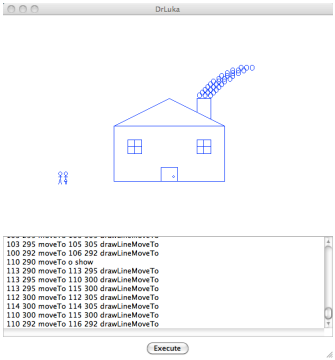

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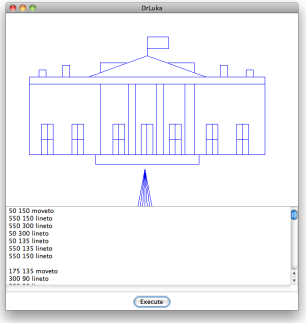
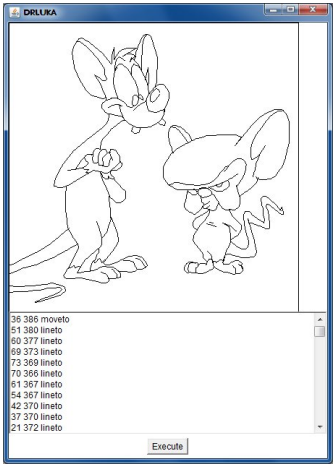
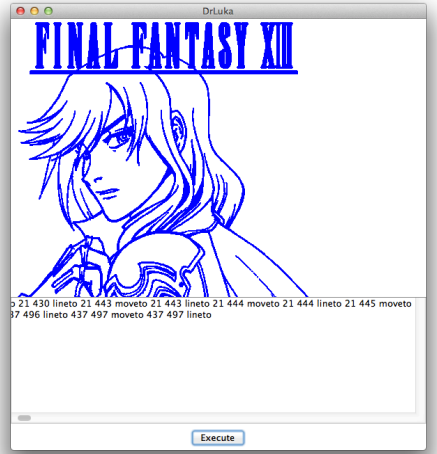


Liam Shea Williams 2010



Quentin Smith 2011



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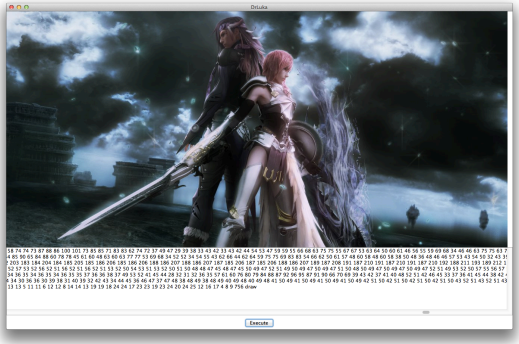

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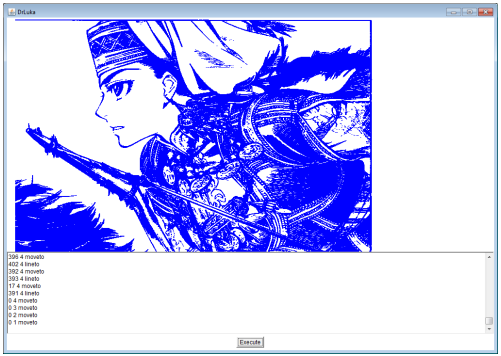

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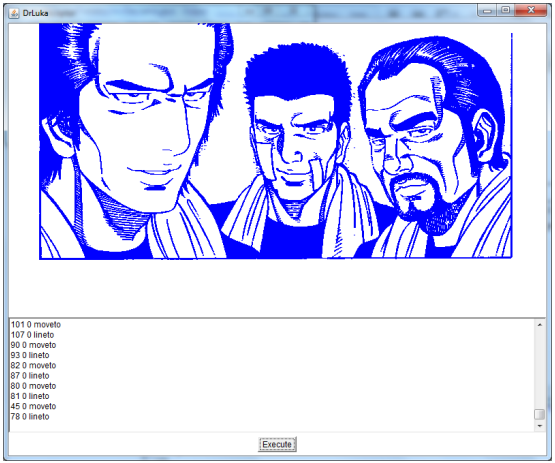

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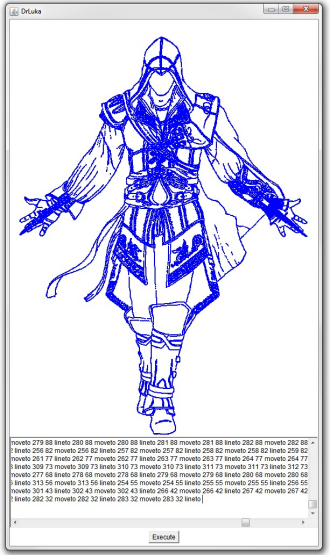

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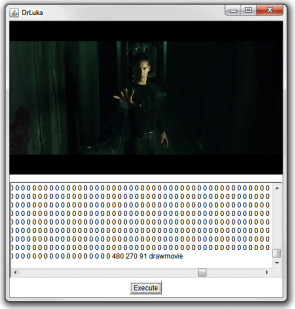

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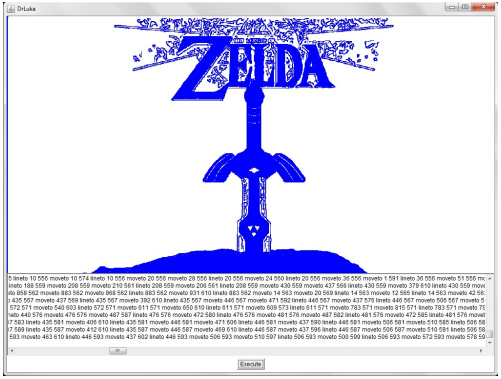
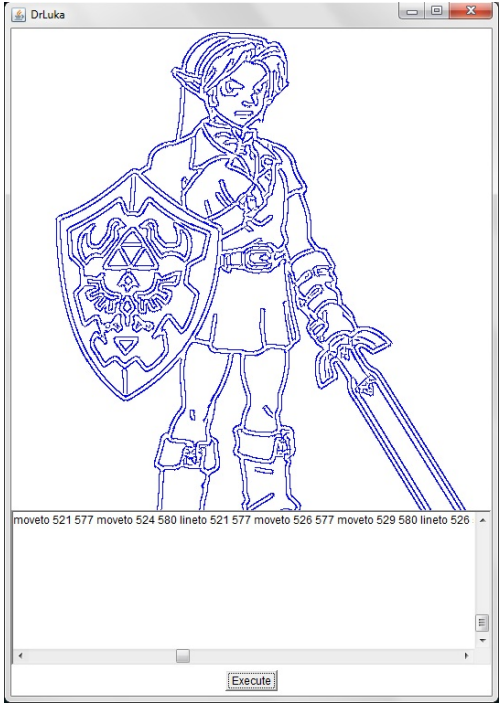
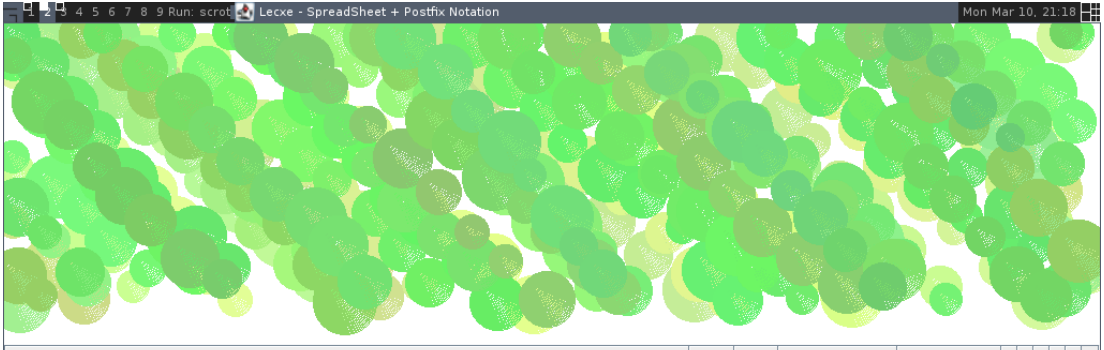


Jonathan Ermel 2012





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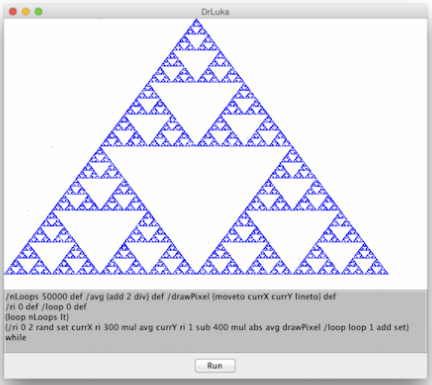
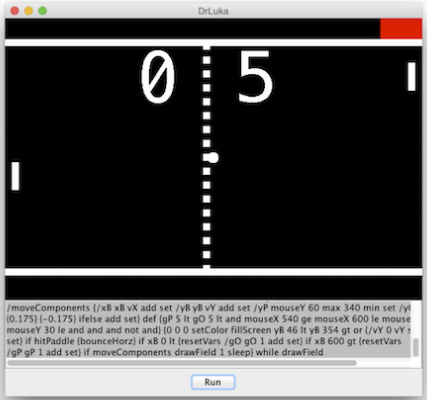


Matthew Pollex 2015



Matthew Pollex 2015 (AI Pong)

Learning objectives of the course

- The main objective of the course is to learn how to implement and use **abstract data types**
  - In particular, lists, stacks, queues and binary search trees.
- In order to develop elegant and robust solutions, knowledge of the **object-oriented programming**, **encapsulation**, **inheritance** and **polymorphism** are necessary.
- We'll also be learn about **I/O**, **user interfaces**, and **JUnit**.

Difficulties

- The **high-level** concepts are simple!
- The main difficulty consists of **translating the high-level ideas into a concrete implementation**!

Difficulties

Google in Growth Mode in Montreal
La Presse, published February 1, 2011.
(`https://bit.ly/2rYp9TV`)

"(. . .) **very strong programming skills** (. . .) We don't just want people **who have ideas**. We want someone who can **sit down and code**."

"The directive we've received is to **hire as many good employees as we can recruit**. There is no quota on the quantity, but we have a very high quality threshold."

"The teams from Toronto, Ottawa and Waterloo will also benefit from a jolt of the accelerator."

We tend to look at the teacher/learner relationship the wrong way around: it's not that the teacher teaches; **it's that the student learns**.

Pragmatic Thinking and Learning — Andy Hunt

Difficulties

- Don't cut-and-paste source code, **rewrite the examples by yourself!**
- **Do all the assignments!**
- **Do all the laboratories!**
- Keep a **positive attitude** towards programming!
- **Smile!**

Difficulties (continued): a section from 2016

20	19%	A+
4	4%	A
11	10%	A-
3	3%	B+
5	5%	B
6	6%	C+
3	3%	C
1	1%	D+
1	1%	D
6	6%	E
3	3%	F
4	4%	EIN
3	3%	ABS
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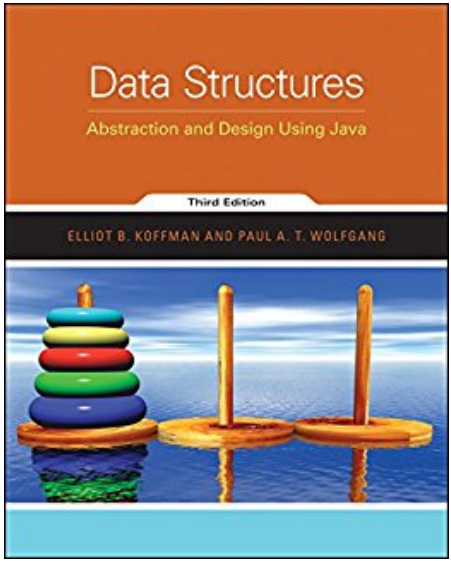

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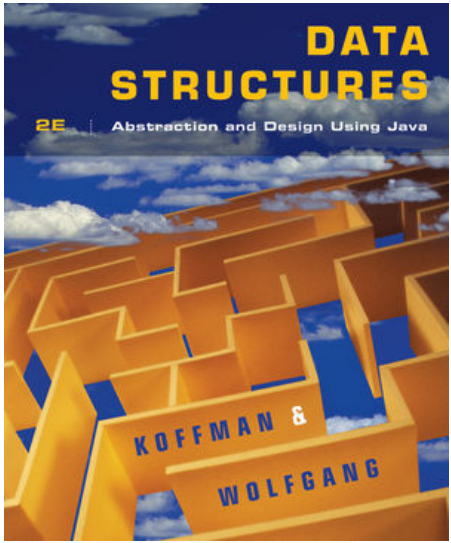
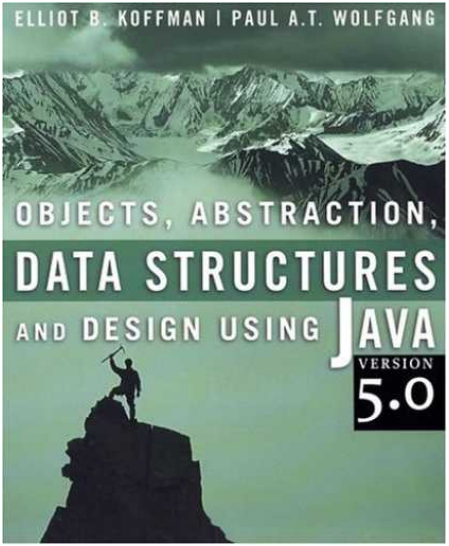


(Alternative) textbook

Could you recommend an affordable alternative?

- E. Koffman and P. Wolfgang (**2005**) *Objects, Abstraction, Data Structures and Design: Using Java Version 5.0*. Wiley, 880 pages. (ISBN: 0-471-69264-6)



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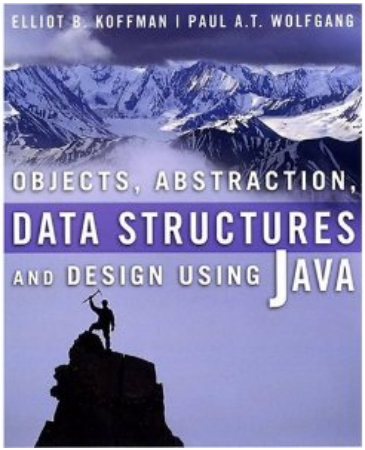

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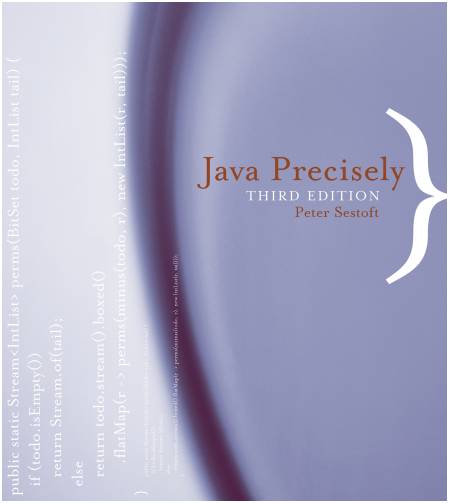
Could you recommend an even more affordable alternative?

- Java Structures: Data Structures in Java for the Principled Programmer by Duane A. Bailey
  - www.cs.williams.edu/~bailey/JavaStructures/Book.html

Book on Java

I am new to programming in Java!

- P. Sestoft. Java Precisely. The MIT Press, 3e edition, August 2016. ($\sim$ 40 \$)



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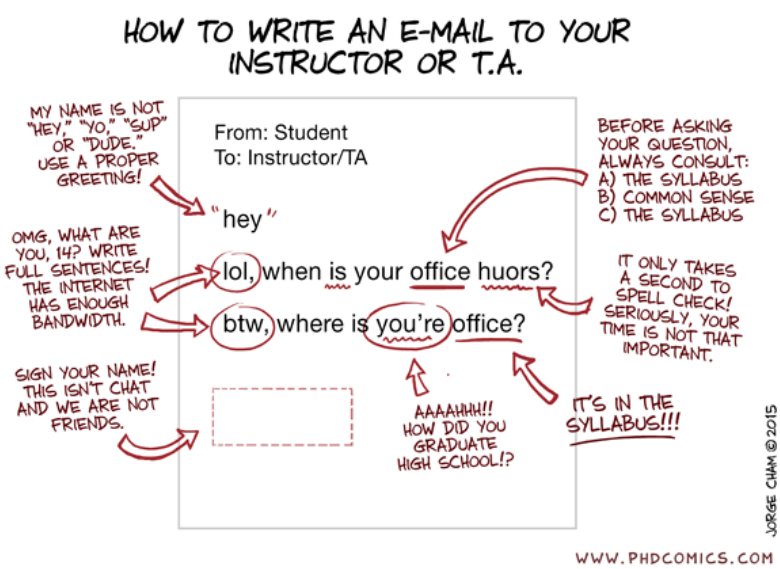

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Prologue

Summary

- You need to get at least 50% for the exam portion of the grades.
- **Do** all the assignments.
- **Do** all laboratories.
- **Don't succumb** to plagiarism.

Next Module

- Introduction to **object-oriented programming**

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