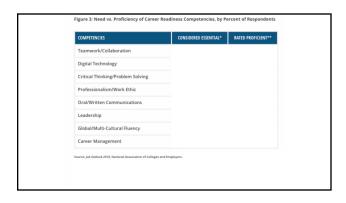
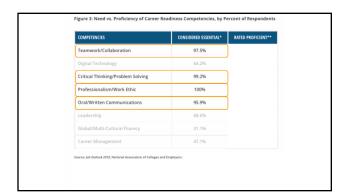
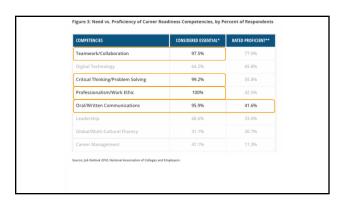
Writing to design and communicate in computer science

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Freewrite: The parallels between coding and writing

In "Writing Good Code is Like Writing a Novel", the author posits that the process of writing code and the process of writing a novel are similar. In one section, the author focuses on DRAFTS.

Think about how you draft an essay or any piece of writing.

- What are the steps you take to get from an idea to a final draft?
- How are these steps similar to your coding process?

Take 4 min to freewrite!

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Now, let's try reverse outlining code!

Exercise: Suffix Arrays Compute and sort the **suffixes** of a given word. Input: science Suffixes: Sorted: science cience cience ience е ence ence ience nce ce nce е science

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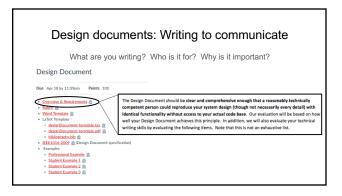
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    suffixes.add(args(0).substring(i));
}
Collections.sort(suffixes);
for(String s : suffixes) {
    System.out.println(s);
}
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Design Document

Due Apr 18 by 1159pm Points 100

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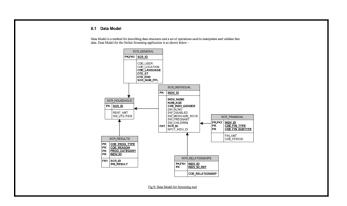
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