

# Review of CompSci:

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- 1) Framework with which CS & algorithms + Data Structures fit 3/15/17
- 2) Python programming language

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## WHAT IS COMPUTER SCIENCE?

= problem solving

- Study of problems, problem solving, solutions, & p.s. process
- Goal: Develop an algorithm - step by step list of instructions for solving a problem
- ! Solely computer work (computers = tools for p.s.)
- Study of computation (problems that are & ! computable study of existing/non-existent algorithms)

Drive car but don't know how engine works (how do you NEED to)

\* Abstraction - separates logical & physical perspectives

\* Interface - Functions provided by maker for client to understand/use for purpose despite abstraction

- procedural abstraction - like import math - math.sqrt()
- don't know calculation details, but know def/usage

## WHAT IS PROGRAMMING?

- programming - process of taking an algorithm & encoding it into notation (programming lang) so it can be executed by a computer

- Languages provide control constructs/data types to represent algorithm & manipulate data

- comps store data - strings of binary digits

- Data types - provide strings w/ meaning

- low-level, built-in data types - primitive D.T.

## WHY STUDY DATA STRUCTURES/ABSTRACT D.T.P

Control Structures  
- iteration (while, for)  
- selection (if, else, elif)  
- also can be nested

### List Comprehension

```
for x in range(1,10)
```

(nothing to do w. append)

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w = [x for x in range(1,10)]
```

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w = [x for x in range(1,10) if x%2 == 0]
```

what data reprs & how it's eventually constructed

pending level of abstraction to encapsulated data

Abstraction (better def) - a process that hides details of a particular function to allow user to view it at a very high level

Data abstraction:

implementation-independent

Abstract Data Type (ADT) - logical description of how we view data + operations that are allowed w/o regard to how they will be implemented

Encapsulation - hiding details from user's view, called information hiding

Data Structure - implementation of an ADT

- phys view of data w/ programming constructs & primitive D.T.