SICP

God's Programming Book

Second Edition

Computer Science

Slides Adapted from cs61a of UC Berkeley

About the Course

Parts of the Course

- Lecture: What we are doing now

- Lab, Homework: More practice

- Project: The most important part of the project

  - There will be handouts of all the above parts (in English)

- Online textbook: http://composingprograms.com

Asking Questions

- Search the Friendly Web (STFW)

- Read the Friendly Manual (RTFM)

- Turn to the Friendly Python Tutor

  https://pythontutor.com/composingprograms.html#mode=edit
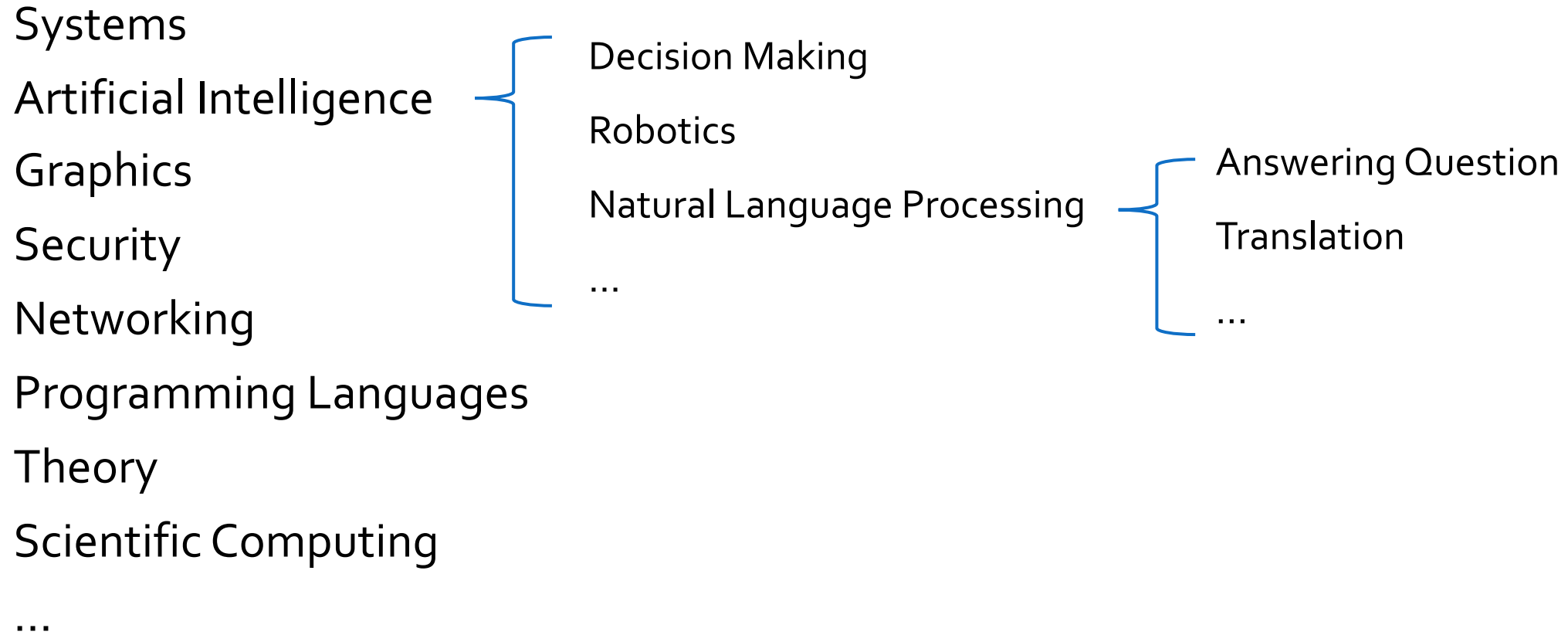
- Take Advantage of the Friendly Comment Section

An Introduction to Computer Science

What is Computer Science?

- The study of

  - What problems can be solved using computation,

  - How to solve those problems, and

  - What techniques lead to effective solutions

What is Computer Science?

Systems

Artificial Intelligence

Graphics

Security

Networking

Programming Languages

Theory

Scientific Computing

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Decision Making

Robotics

Natural Language Processing

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Answering Question

Translation

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What is This Course About?

- A course about managing complexity

  - Mastering abstraction

  - Programming paradigms

- An introduction to programming

  - Full understanding of Python fundamentals

  - Combining multiple ideas in large projects

  - How computers interpret programming languages

What is This Course About?

- Different types of languages: Scheme & SQL

- A challenging course that will demand a lot of you

Functions, Values, Objects, Interpreters, and Data

(Demo)

Thanks for Listening