CS 2500 - Lecture Notes 02

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Overhead

Should have found the course site and done the reading by now. Should have found the assignment by now.

Review

```
(+ 1 1) (string-append "hello" "purple")
```

Naming Things

```
(define name thing)
(define three (+ 1 1))
(+ 1 three)
(define hello "Hello There")
```

Functions

```
(define (add-one x) (+ x 1))
(add-one 7)
(add-one three)
; comments
f(x) = 2x + 5? radius(c) = pi*r^2?
(define (join-words x y)
  (string-append x " " y)
(join-words "hello" "there")
```

Images

In Racket, you can paste images straight into your source code. They're a kind of value that we can work with just like numbers and strings.

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The operations aren't built in, so we need to pull in a library: (require 2htdp/image)

(define ROCKET ...)

Constant naming convention. The x in add-one is a variable.

(image-height ROCKET)
(image-width ROCKET)
```

Launching the Rocket

Now let's launch that rocket we had.

programming ~ creating the instructions that solve a (class of) problem(s) computation ~ using the instructions for a specific problem problem ~ we represent problems with data, numbers at first

We model problems with data. Models don't have to be correct, just useful. Putting a man on the moon used an already-obsolete 300 year old model of the physical rules of the world.

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If we want to launch the rocket, we need to model its motion.

We need a function that calculates its position over time: height(t) = f(t)

Assume constant speed of 8 meters/second.

(define (height t) ...)

(height 0)

(height 40)

(check-expect (height 0) 0)

(check-expect (height 40) 320)
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(define BG (empty-scene 300 800))
(define (draw-rocket t)
(place-image ROCKET 150 (height t) BG))
(draw-rocket 40)
```

(require 2htdp/universe) (animate draw-rocket)

Rocket went the wrong way. How do we fix it?