
Ernest Goes to Mars: An Enquiry into the Foundations of Artificial Stupidity

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Abstract

In this groundbreaking paper, we embark on a cosmic journey with the renowned character Ernest P. Worrell as he ventures into the unexplored realm of Martian computing. Drawing inspiration from Ernest's comically ingenious encounters with everyday challenges, we investigate the foundations of what we term "Artificial Stupidity." As Ernest grapples with Martian technology, we delve into the intricacies of programming errors, algorithmic missteps, and the curious phenomena that arise when human-like intelligence meets extraterrestrial computing systems. Our analysis sheds light on the unexpected intersections between humor, artificial intelligence, and the cosmic absurdity of Martian software. Join us in this interplanetary exploration as we unravel the mysteries of Artificial Stupidity through the lens of Ernest's interstellar escapades.

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1 Introduction

Introduce the scope of your article and investigation.

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Listing 1: Example Python Code

```
def hello_world():
    print("Hello, world!")
```

2 Background and Literature

Exposit the relevant background and literature.

1. Prefer to `enumerate`.
2. It is easier to refer to than `itemize`.

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3 Urbit's Implementation

Oftentimes you will then turn to exploring how Urbit or closely related systems like Nockchain have approached or considered a problem. You can look at a PR like [urbit/urbit_6891](#).

```
#include <stdio.h>

double compute(float a, float b) {
    return a * a + b * b;
}

int main() {
    float x = 2.5;
    float y = 3.7;

    double result = compute(x, y);

    printf("Result: %lf\n", result);

    return 0;
}
```

That code snippet was part of the text, and not a standalone entity to which we make separate repeated reference.

Refer to the code listing: Listing 1. (Note that we don't suppress indentation since it's a float.)

54 4 A Wild Ernest Appears

55 You can have as many sections as make sense. Only sections and subsections appear
56 in the table of contents.

57 5 Conclusion

58 To summarize, why did you write it? Why do we care? What impact should it have
59 on Urbit development?

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62 thesized references. Use `\citet{wikipedia}` for inline references. You can also use
63 `\citeauthor{wikipedia}` for the principal author's name.

64 “You can use traditional TeX—or LaTeX—representations” (Varney1987).

65 “Or you can use fancy quotes—and symbols.”