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# 1 Building Abstractions with Procedures

**Definition (computational process)**

Abstract beings that inhabit computers.

**Definition (data)**

Computational processes manipulate other abstract things called ***data*** as they evolve.

**Definition (program)**

A pattern of rules by which the evolution of a computational process is directed.

**Definition (programming language)**

That in which programs are carefully composed from symbolic expressions that prescribe the tasks we want our computational processes to perform.

**Definition (bug, glitch)**

Small errors.

**Definition (debug)**

Remove bugs.

## Programming in Lisp

See the [appendix](#).

## Appendix

### A Notes on LISP

#### A.1 *Recursive Functions of Symbolic Expressions and Their Computation by Machine*, McCarthy 1960

LISP: "LISt Processor", developed for the IBM 704 computer by the Artificial Intelligence group at M.I.T.

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