Lecture 0
Course Overview

TIC1001 Introduction to Computing and Programming I

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Welcome to NUS

WHY

WHAT

HOW

But introductions first…

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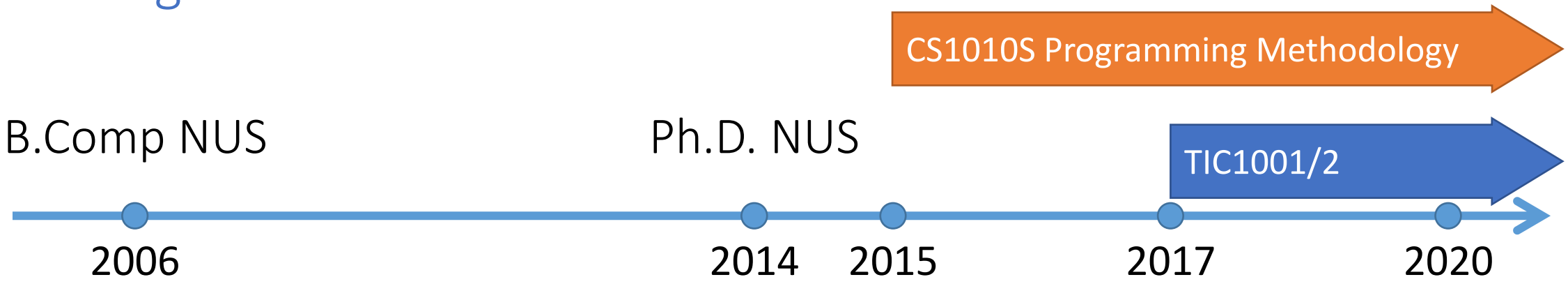
Background



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Why take TIC1001?

To obtain a foundation in programming methodology

- because BTech Computing

Unfortunately,

- it is easier said than done

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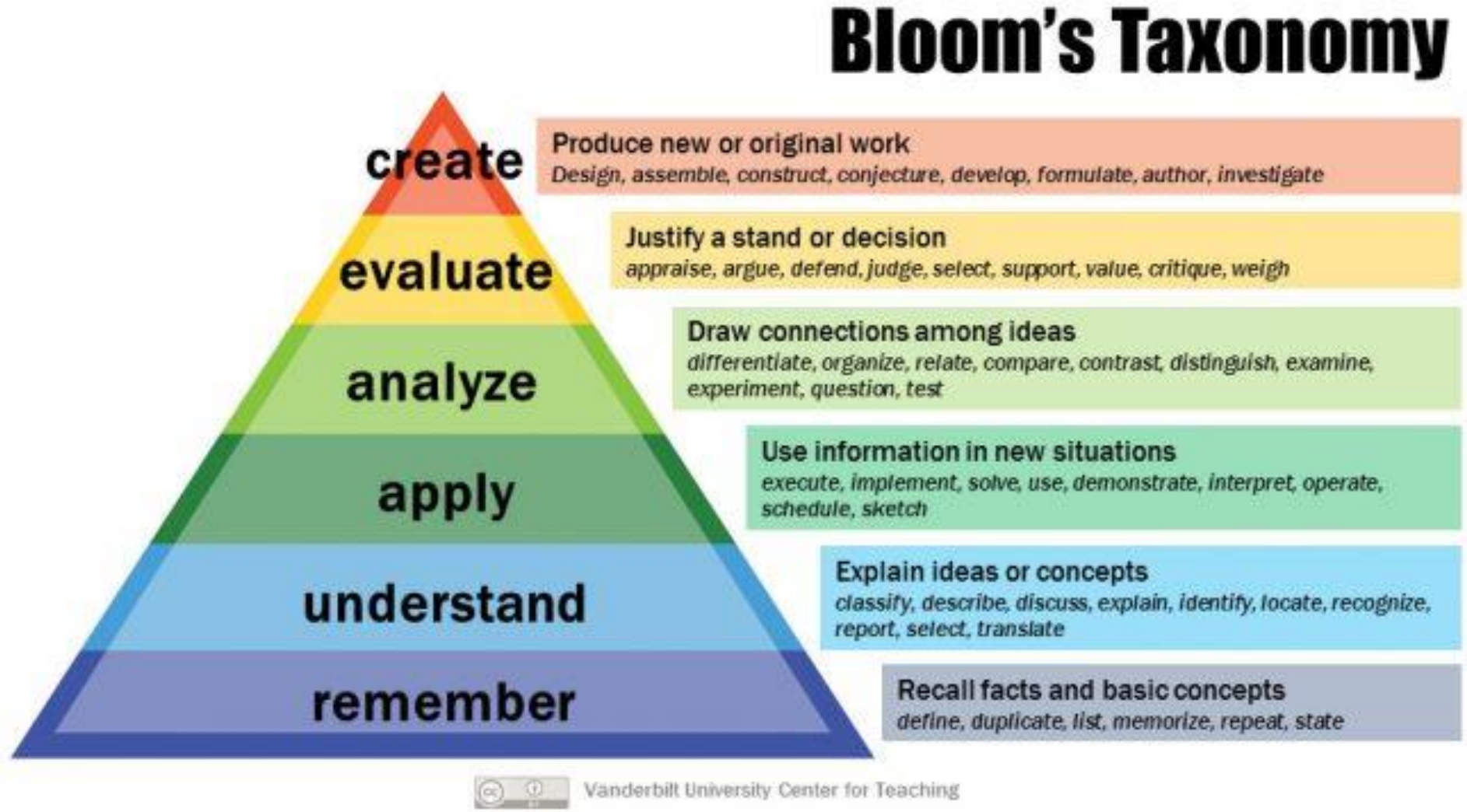
Why is programming hard?



Why is programming hard?

Computers only do what you say, not what you mean.

Natural language is not precise

- Not trivial to code-switch

Why is programming hard?

A man sees his wife busy in the kitchen and offers to help

She says, “take this bag of potatoes, peel half of them, and put them in a pot to boil”

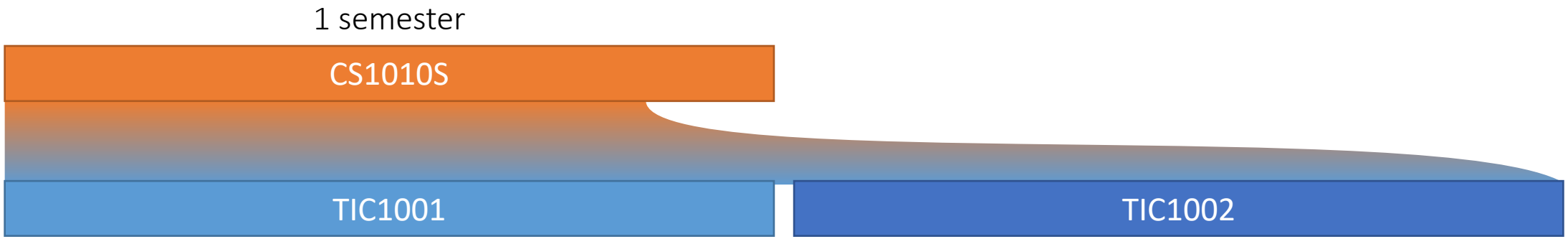
Why is programming hard?

My wife said, “Please go to the store and buy a carton of milk. If they have eggs, get 12.”

They had eggs

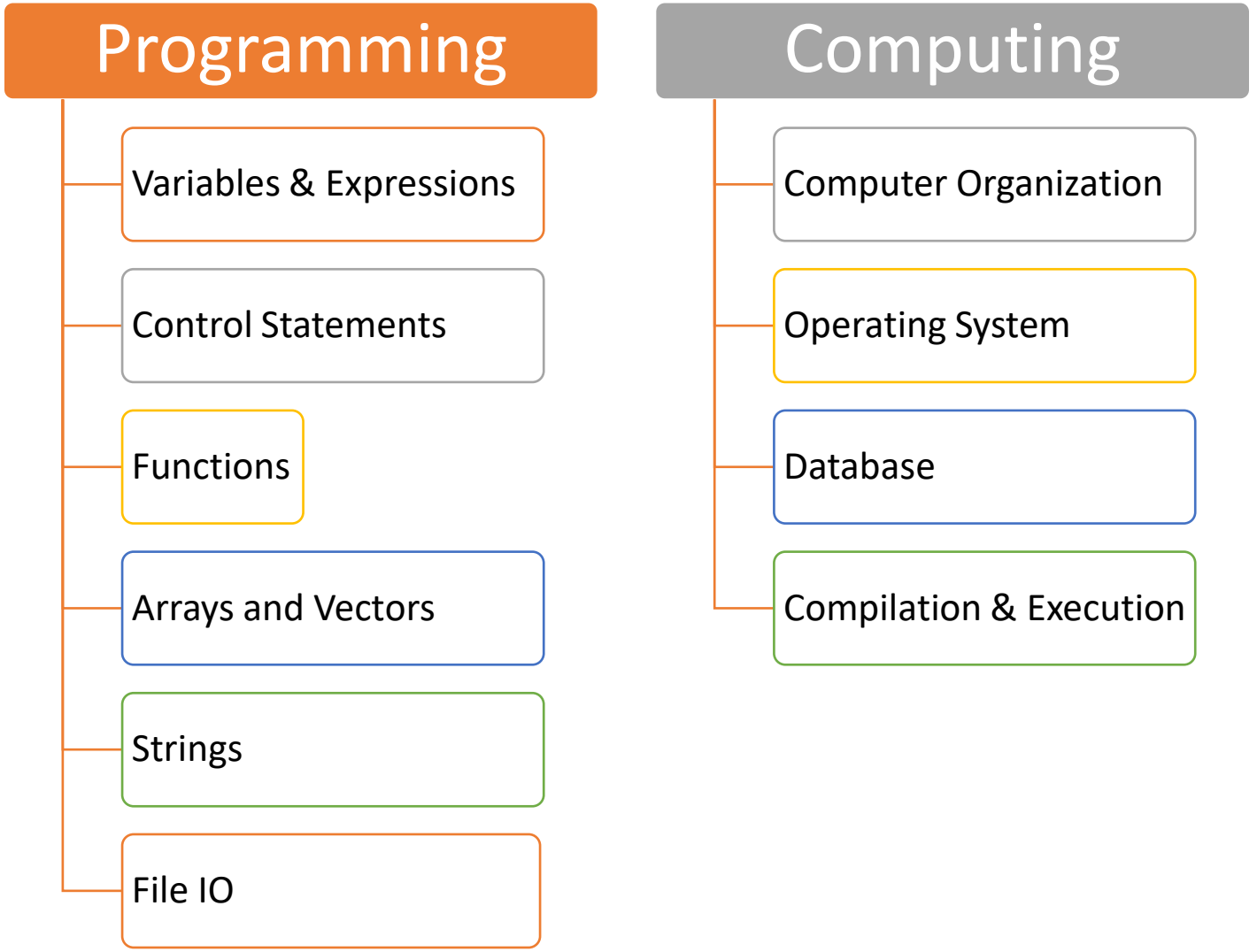
So how?

Split across two semesters

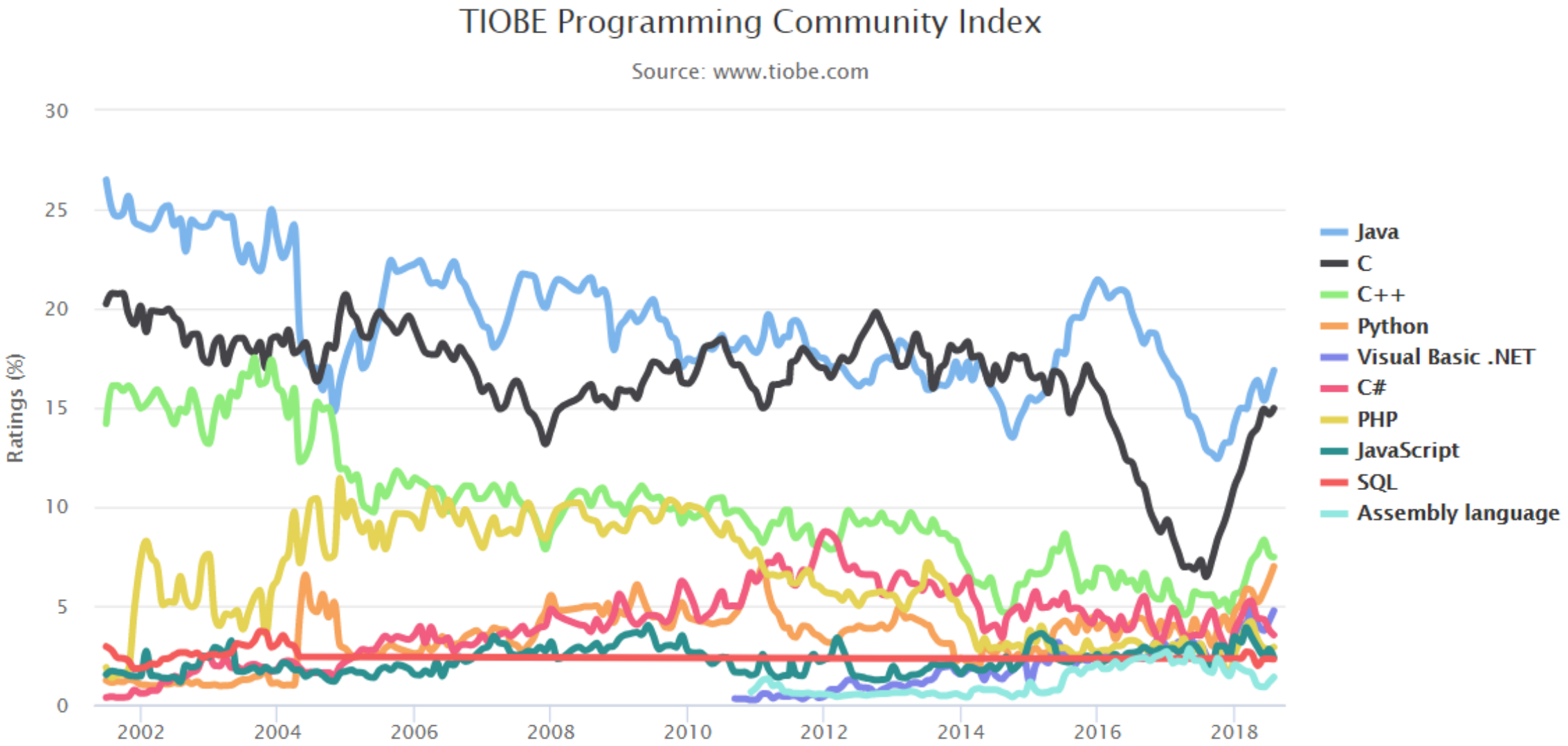


Half content in first semester

The Two Threads



Why teach C/C++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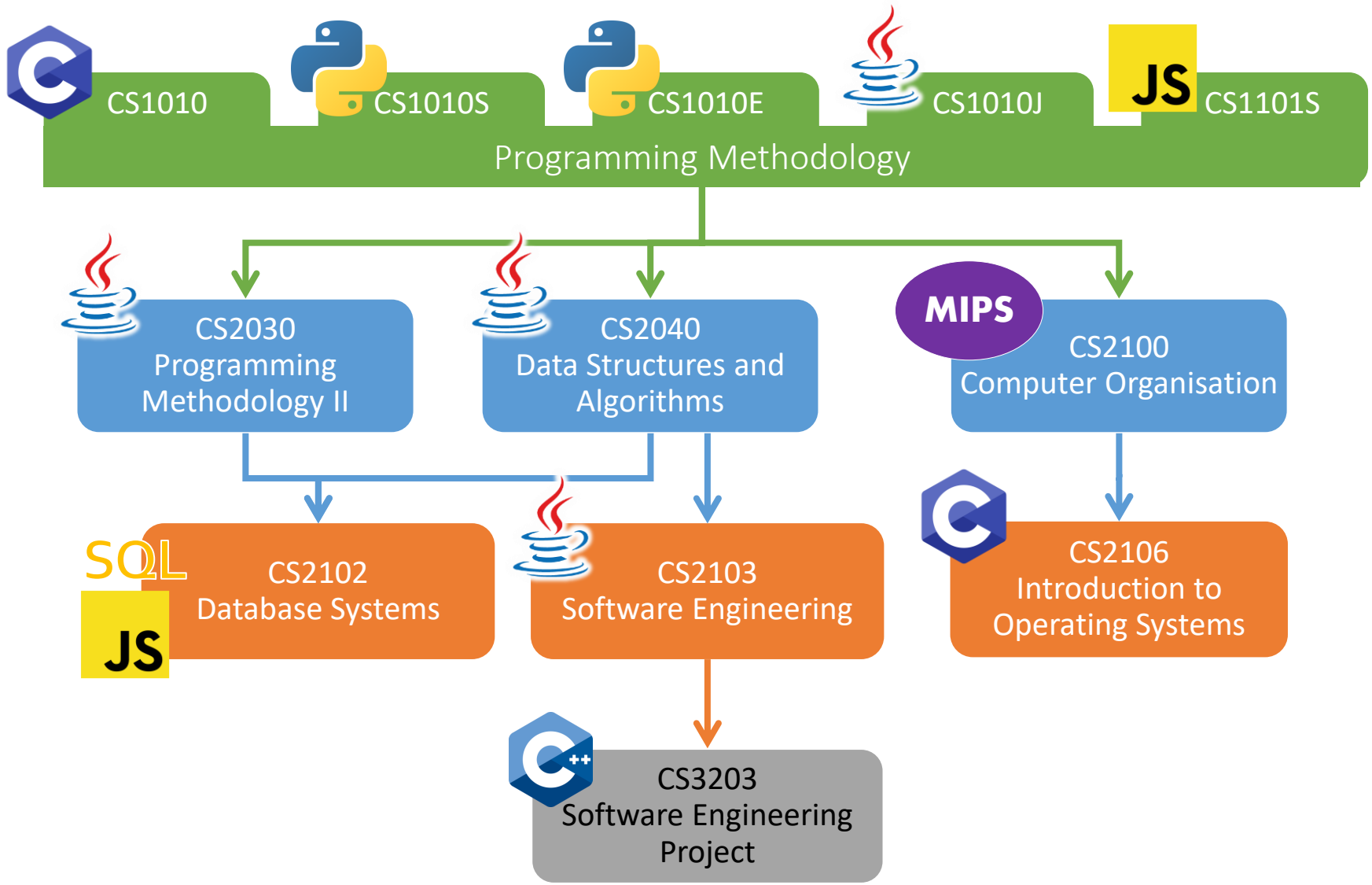
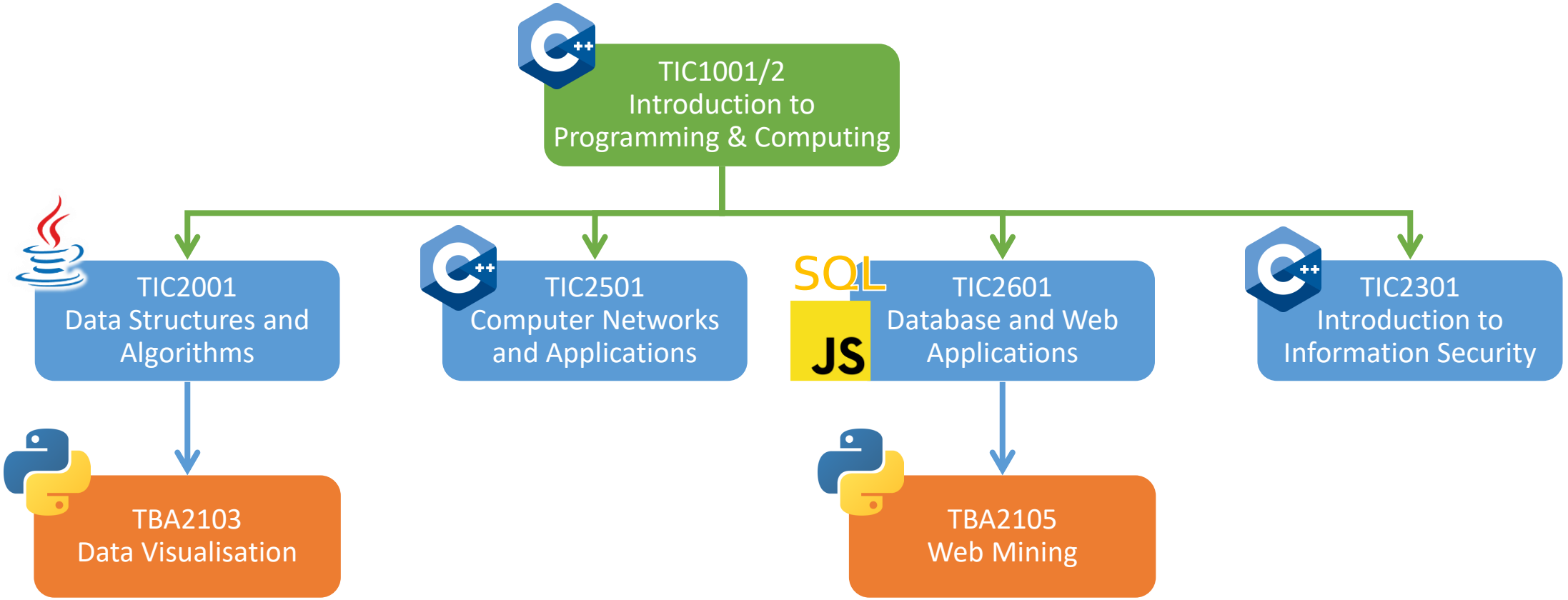
Assembly language

Programming language used in modules



Programming language used in modules



Why teach C/C++ and not Python?

Analogy: Suppose you are learning to drive

- Which car to use?

Why teach C/C++ and not Python?

Analogy: Suppose you want to learn to cook

Why teach C/C++

Expose Low Level Internals

High Performance

Cultivates Good Habit

Why teach Computing Topics?

Kickstart

Context

Future Modules

Course Objectives

Expose students to computing principles

- Abstraction and Composition

Introduce key computing concepts:

- Computer organization
- Operating systems
- Data management

Introduce basic programming methodologies and problem solving techniques

- Using simple structured programming language

Specific Learning Outcomes

After taking this module, students should be able to:

- Appreciate the use of abstractions and composition to deal with complexities in computing systems
- Able to seek out and use existing tools to explore how computer systems and applications works
- Explain commonly used computing terms and the relations between them
- Understand how data and programs are represented and executed within a computer
- Develop simple programs using branches, loops, standard input/output, and functions

Calendar

Week	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1				Lecture (P)		Technical Support	
2				Lecture (P)		Lab	
3				Lecture (C)		Tutorial 1 + Lab	
4				Lecture (P)		Tutorial 2 + Lab	
5				Lecture (C)		Tutorial3 + Lab	
6				Lecture (P)		Practical Exam 1	
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Calendar

Week	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
7				Midterm Test		Tutorial 4 + Lab	
8				Lecture (P)		Tutorial 5 + Lab	
9				Lecture (C)		Tutorial 6 + Lab	
10				Lecture (P)		Tutorial 7 + Lab	
11				Lecture (C)		Tutorial 8 + Lab	
12				Lecture (P)		Tutorial 9 + Lab	
13				Practical Exam 2			
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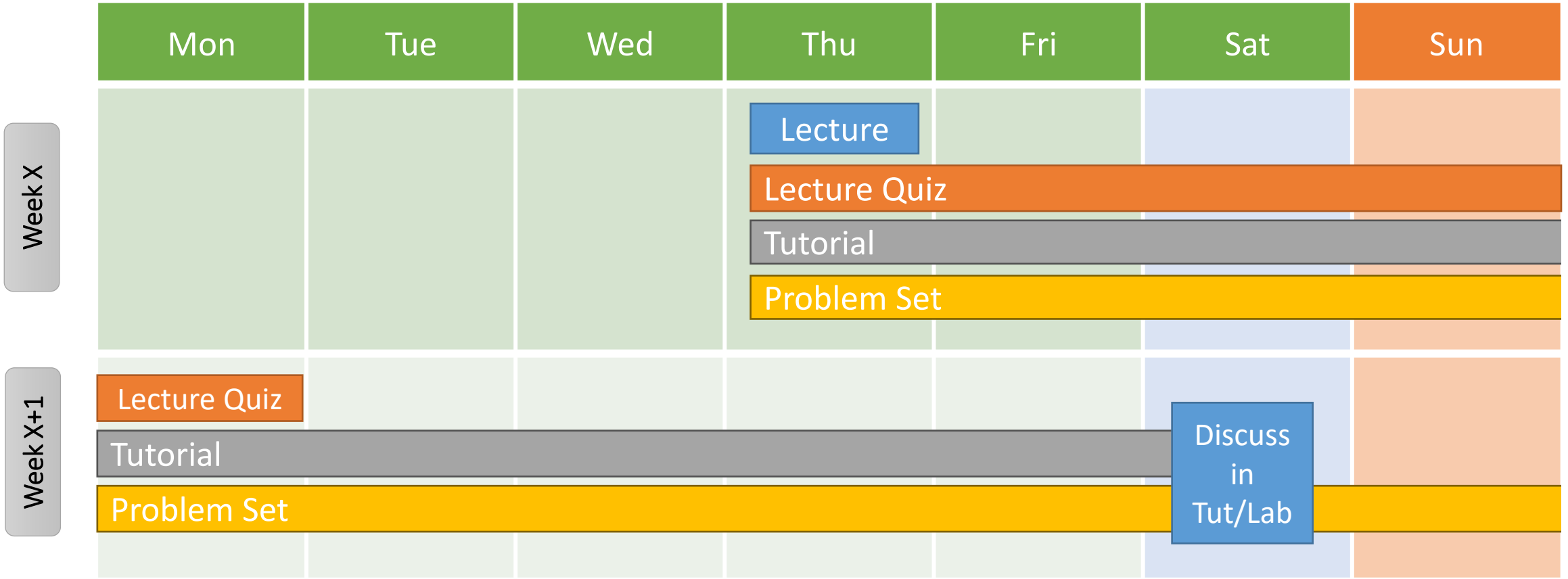
Typical Weekly Schedule



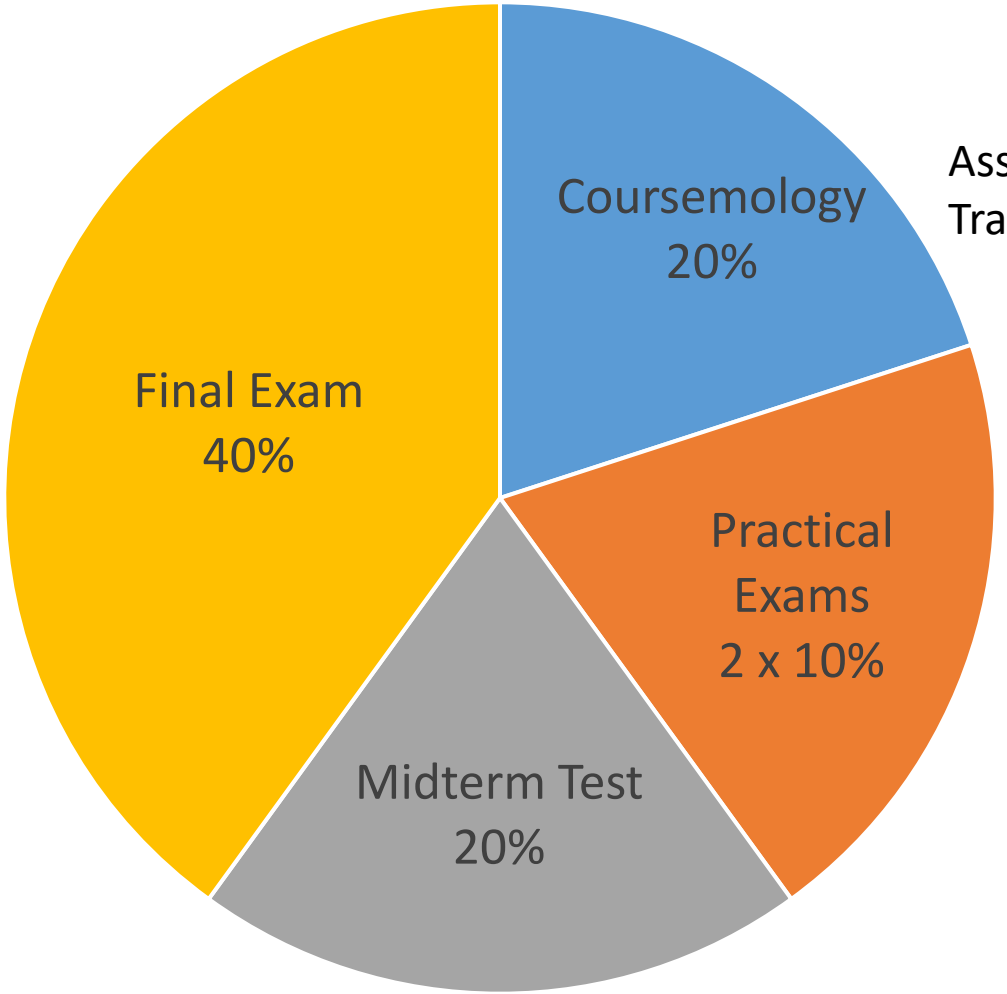
Tutorial/Lab Timing

Saturday Morning/Afternoon

Tutorial	**Lab**
1 hour 9.30 – 10.30am (2 – 3pm)	2 hours 10.30 – 12.30pm (3 – 5pm)

- Length of tutorial / lab is dynamic (i.e. adjustable depending on the topics)
- Total length is fixed though (at most 3 hours)

Assessment Weightage



Assignments, Tutorials, Trainings, etc.

Week 6 & **Week 13**
Saturday AM

Tue 3rd Dec
Evening

Week 7 During Lecture

Resources

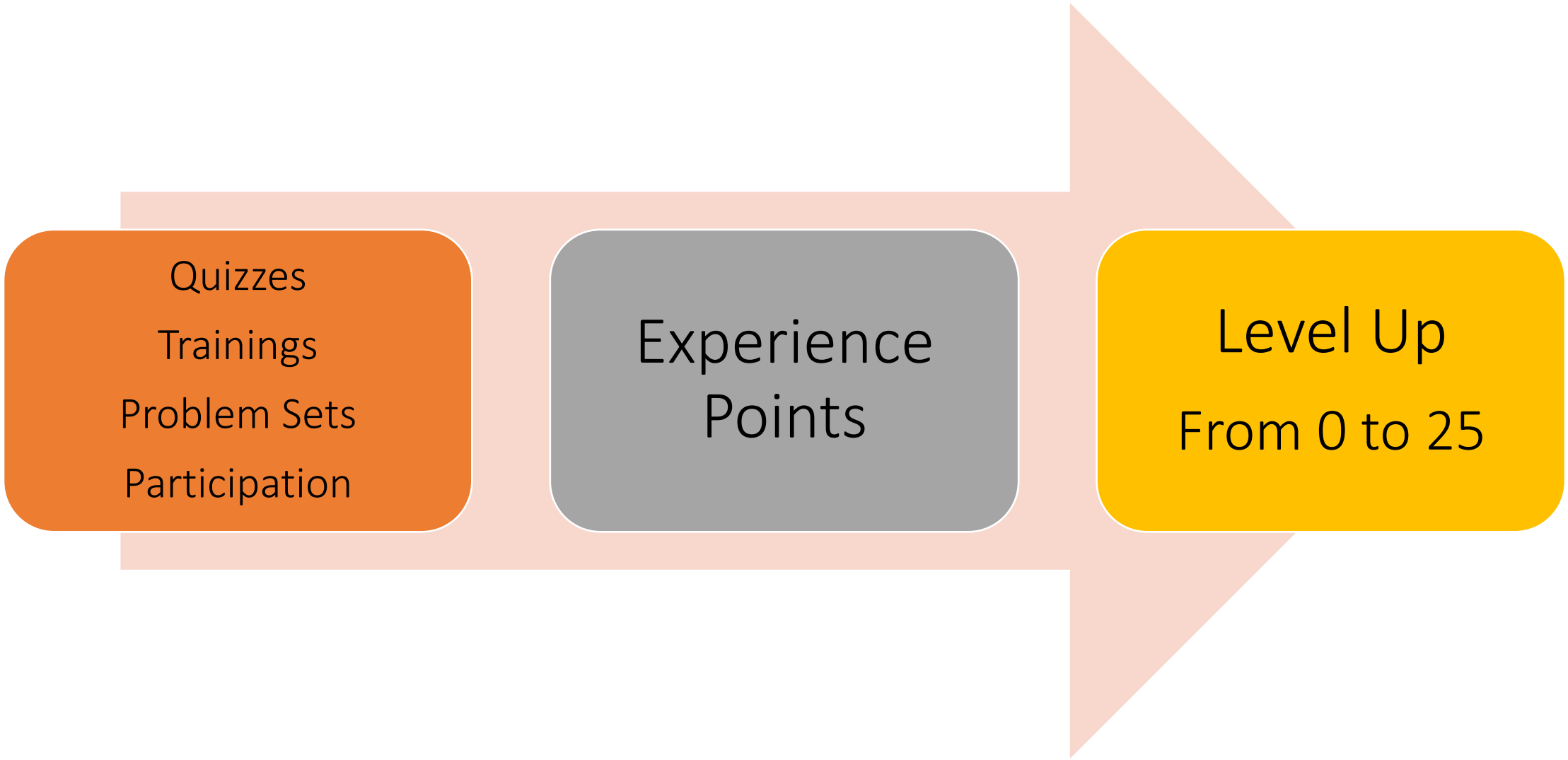
LumiNUS

- Gradebook
- Webcast (Panopto)

Coursemology

- Announcements
- Quizzes
- Trainings
- Problem Sets
- Forum participation

Coursemology



References

No textbook needed

– Save money

If you die die need a book

– Problem Solving and Program Design in C