Generic Introduction

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Warnings

Do NOT ignore these warnings!

▎ We will be working on large programming assignments. If you do not have good programming skills or cannot work hard consistently on these assignments, don't take this course.

▎ Cheating will be punished severely.

▎ For more information on academic integrity, see: http://www.cs.rutgers.edu/policies/academicintegrity/

You will learn a lot during this course, but you will have to work hard to do well in it!

Collaboration and Cheating

Cheating policy: Collaboration at the level of ideas is good. Copying code or words is not good. Giving advice is good. Pointing out exact errors or correcting them is not good.

You don't have to copy/paste code to cross the cheating line. Pointing out exact problems, demonstrating how to do something or passing along the same link you used are all ways to pass on too much info.

Grading

Assignment hand-ins MUST be on time

Late hand-ins will not be accepted

Programming assignments must be turned in electronically via Sakai

Instructions will be posted on the web

We will promptly close the turn-in at the appointed time
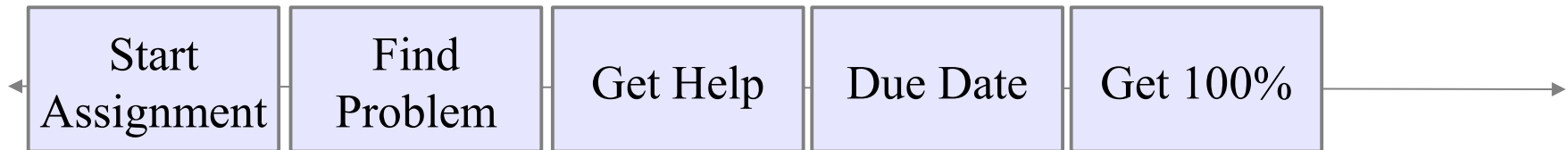
Ask questions early and often

Use Sakai as a one-way CSV/Git/SVN repository
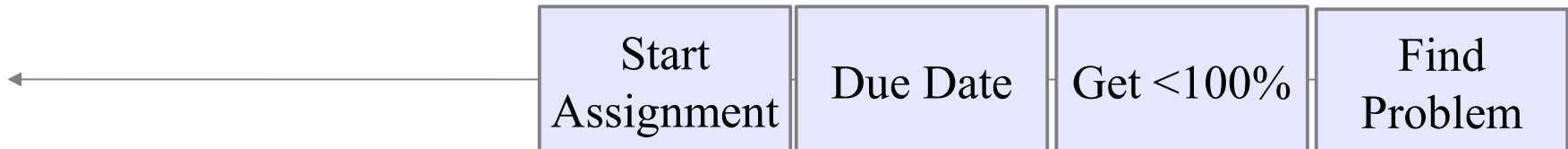
Submit early and often

Do not wait until the last moment and then have problems
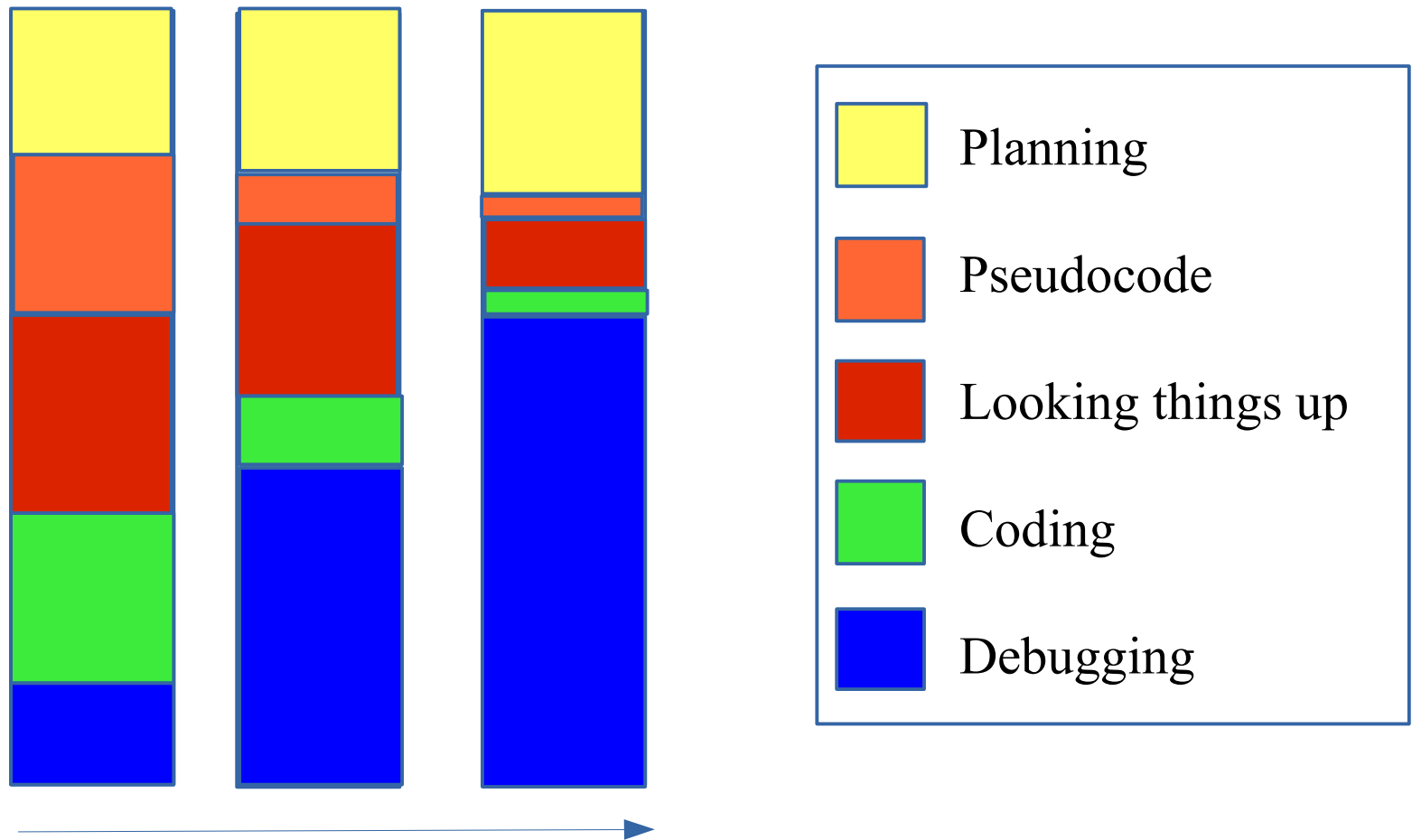
Chronology of Learning

Student Strategy for Excellent Final Grade:

Start Assignment	Find Problem	Get Help	Due Date	Get 100%

Student Strategy for Not-So-Excellent Final Grade:

Start Assignment	Due Date	Get <100%	Find Problem

Programming: Division of Labor

Experience

Legend:
- Planning (yellow)
- Pseudocode (orange)
- Looking things up (dark red)
- Coding (green)
- Debugging (blue)

Final Note About Grading

Things that I will not do at the end of the course:

    Give you an incomplete because you think that your grade was bad

    Bump your grade up because you feel you deserve it

    Review earlier assignments or exams to try to find extra points for you

    Give you a passing grade so that you can graduate

    Give you a passing grade because you have a job

    Give you points because you are not a CS major

Bottom line: You get exactly the grade that your assessments determine. If you want a good grade, the best approach is to take the course seriously from day one.