

# CSC-121

## Introduction to Computer Programming

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### Lecture 0

# About Me

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Pronunciation (IPA): 'sæjjɪd fah(a:)d sol'tʃɑ:n

	First name	Middle name	Last name
<b>Syntax</b>	Syed	Fahad	Sultan
<b>Semantics</b>	Fahad (given name)	Sultan (middle name)	Syed (family name)

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Thursday: 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM

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Open door policy, when not in class  
or meeting

# About this course

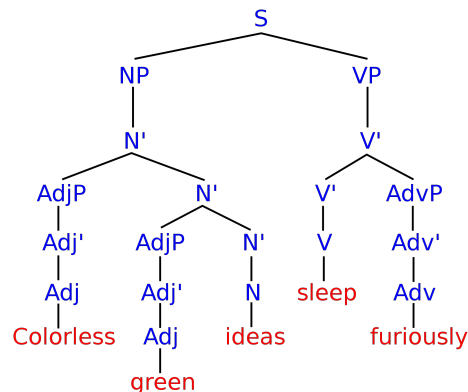
- Learning computer programming is a lot like **learning a new language**
  - Different programming languages use different syntax (grammar)
  - In this course, we'll learn to **read and write Python**



Programming Language	Syntax (grammar)	Semantics (meaning/logic)
Python	<code>print("Hello world")</code>	Print <i>"Hello world"</i>
Java	<code>System.out.println("Hello world")</code>	Print <i>"Hello world"</i>
C++	<code>std::cout&lt;&lt;"Hello world";</code>	Print <i>"Hello world"</i>
Javascript	<code>console.log("Hello world")</code>	Print <i>"Hello world"</i>
PHP	<code>echo "Hello world";</code>	Print <i>"Hello world"</i>

# About this course

- **Syntax** (grammar) for any language (programming or not) may be learned passively from slides or a book
  - There is no textbook for this course
- In this course, you'll be **graded *mostly* on semantics** (logic)
  - Correct syntax with incorrect logic will ***not*** get you points
  - For assignments, labs and any other tests/exams on computers, syntax errors will cost you heavily: at least 60% of the assignment grade
    - Don't worry. Syntax errors are easy to catch and correct in a programming environment
- For exams/tests on paper, correct logic with incorrect syntax, is acceptable, *within reason*



```
>>> if 2 == 3:
    print('hello')
else if 2 == 2:
    print('goodbye')
```

SyntaxError: invalid syntax

# Practice, Practice, Practice!

- The **only one way** to get good at reading and writing any language:
  - Lots and lots of **Practice!**
- You will have to learn to **express your ideas in code** to a computer (and to me)
- You will be given plenty of opportunities to practice:
  - In-class problems (10% of the total course grade)
    - We'll work through these together
    - You are expected to submit on Moodle
  - Weekly assignments (20% of the total course grade)
  - Weekly labs (10% of the course grade)
    - You will work individually, with minimal assistance from me

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# Class Participation

- ***Please bring your laptops to every class and lab session***
  - Please let me know if you don't have access to a laptop
- General flow of a class
  1. I will introduce a new programming/Python concept
  2. I will pose problem(s) relevant to the concept
  3. We will work together to solve the problem(s)
  4. You will submit your work to Moodle
- Class Participation grade (10%) depends on
  - Participation in the collaborative problem solving
  - Submission of your work
- In the first lab, we'll go over the programming environment
  - Anaconda
  - Jupyter Notebook
  - Sublime



# Topic Week

## Learning

- A new topic every Friday
- Three lectures of guided collaborative problem solving
- Office hours

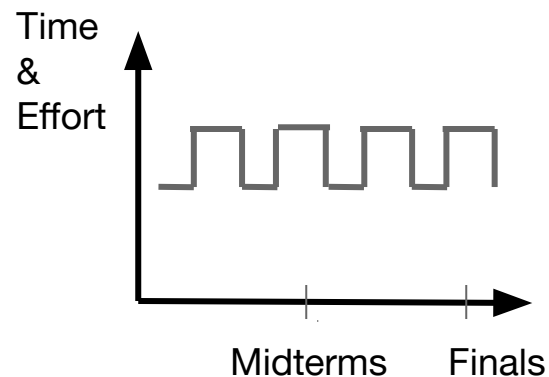
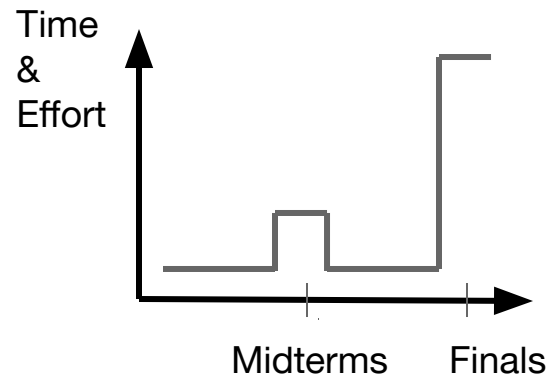
## Assessments

- Towards the end of the *topic week*
- Weekly labs (Wednesdays/Thursdays)
- Weekly assignments, due Thursday, before midnight

	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
8:30 - 9:30	<b>Assignment posted</b>						
9:30 - 10:30							Office Hours (Riley 200-D)
10:30 - 11:30	121-01 (Riley 106)			121-01 (Riley 106)		CSC121-01 (Riley 106)	
11:30 - 12:30	121-02 (Riley 106)			121-02 (Riley 106)		CSC121-02 (Riley 106)	
12:30 - 1:30							
1:30 - 2:30				Office Hours (Riley 200-D)			
2:30 - 3:30						121-01 Lab (Riley 201)	121-02 Lab (Riley 201)
3:30 - 4:30							
4:30 - 5:30							<b>Assignment due (11:59 PM)</b>

# Grade Breakdown

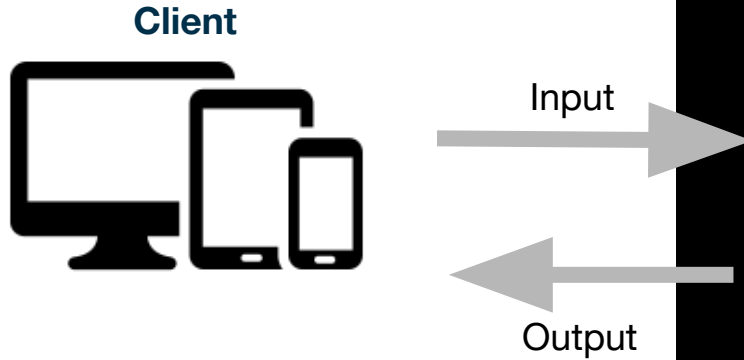
Assignments	20
Class Participation	10
Labs	10
<b>Midterm 1</b> Friday, September 16th	<b>15</b>
<b>Midterm 2</b> Friday, October 14th	<b>15</b>
<b>Midterm 3</b> Friday, October 28th	<b>15</b>
<b>Final</b> Monday, December 12th	<b>15</b>



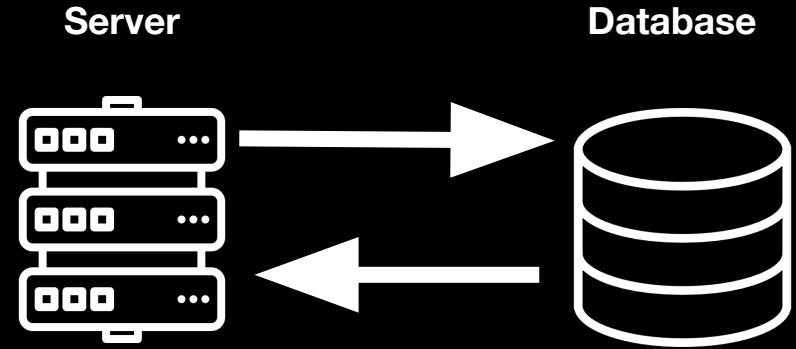


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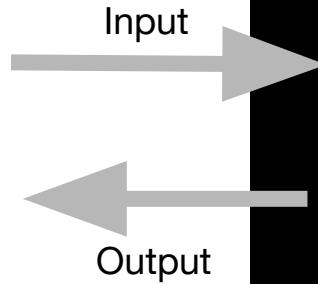


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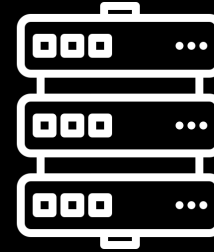
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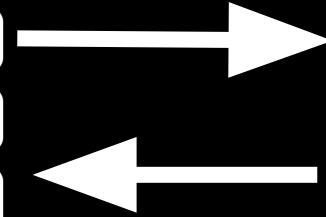


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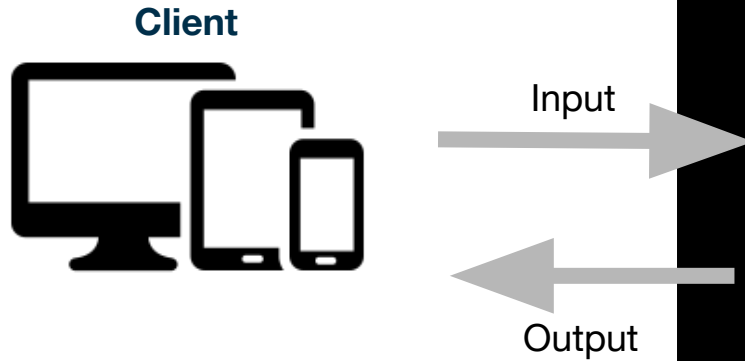
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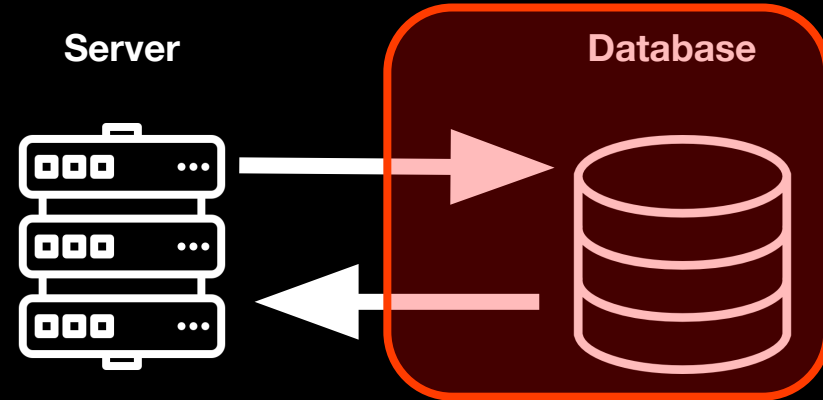
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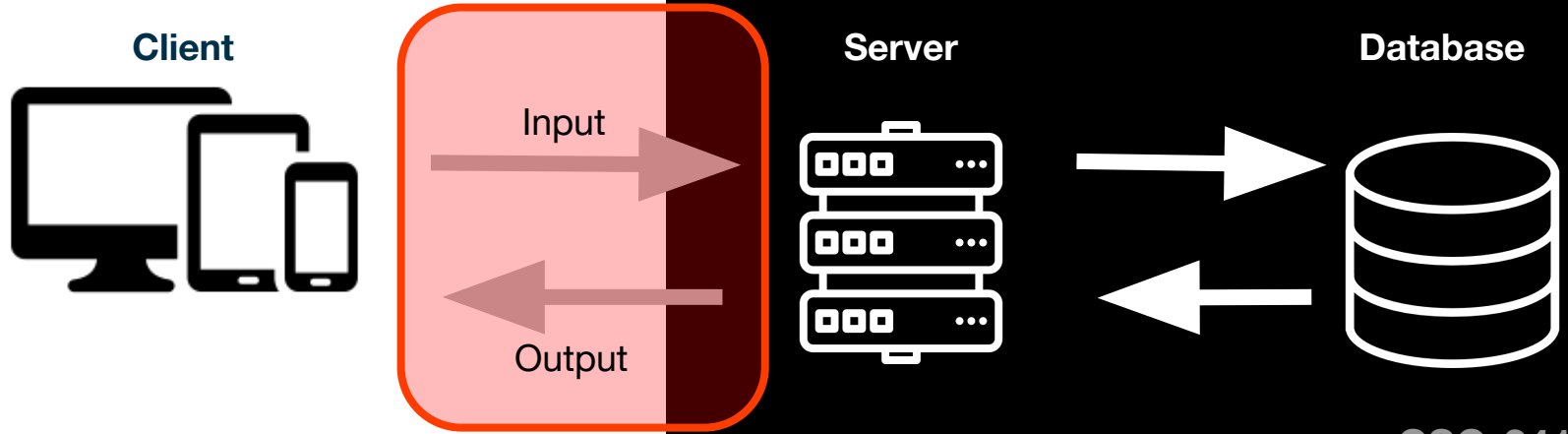
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**Management**  
**Systems (SQL)**

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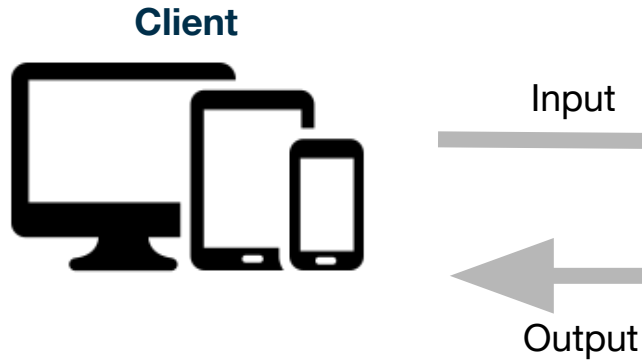
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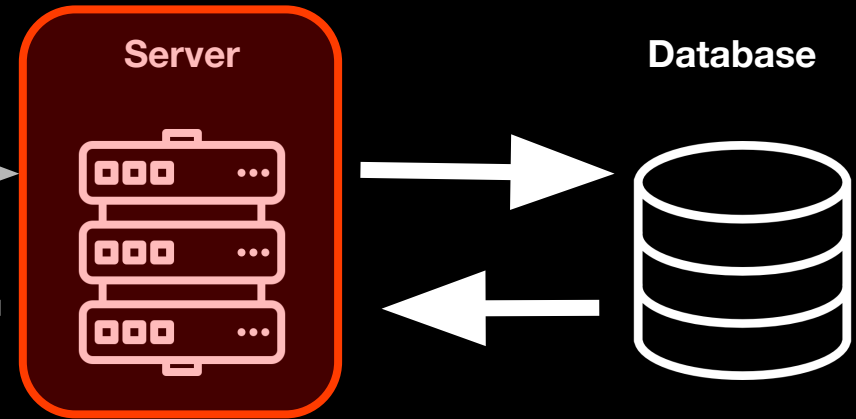
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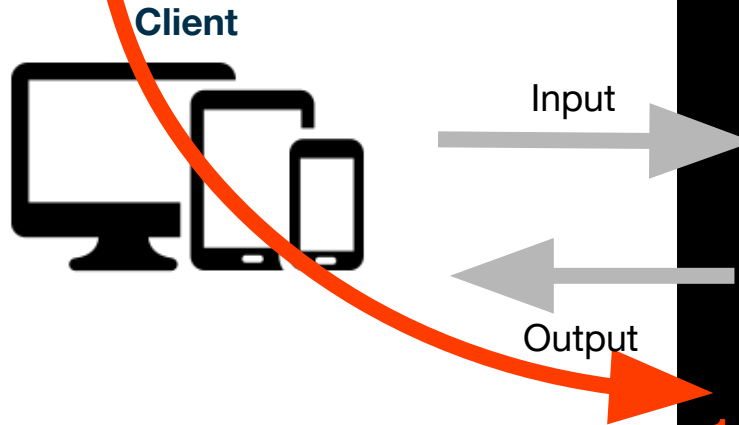


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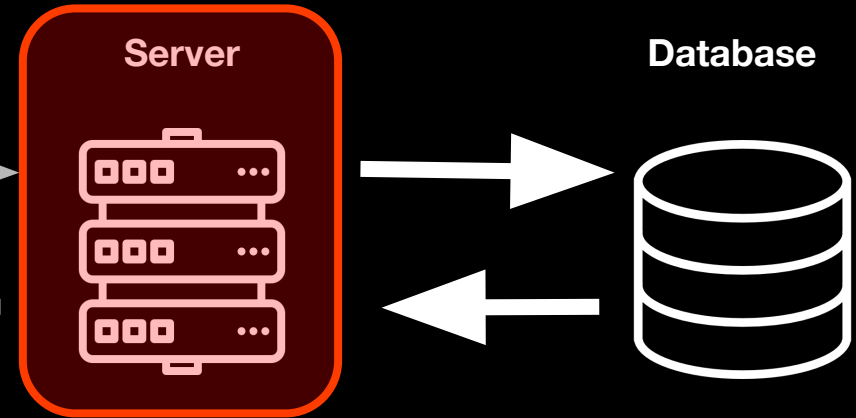
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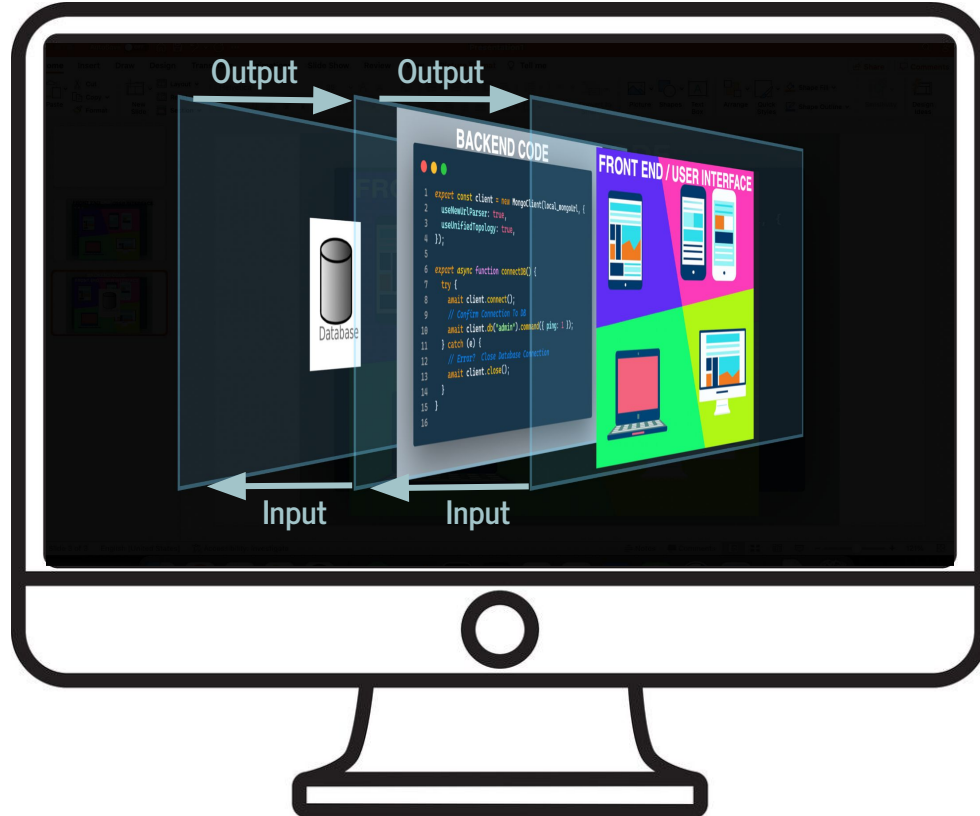
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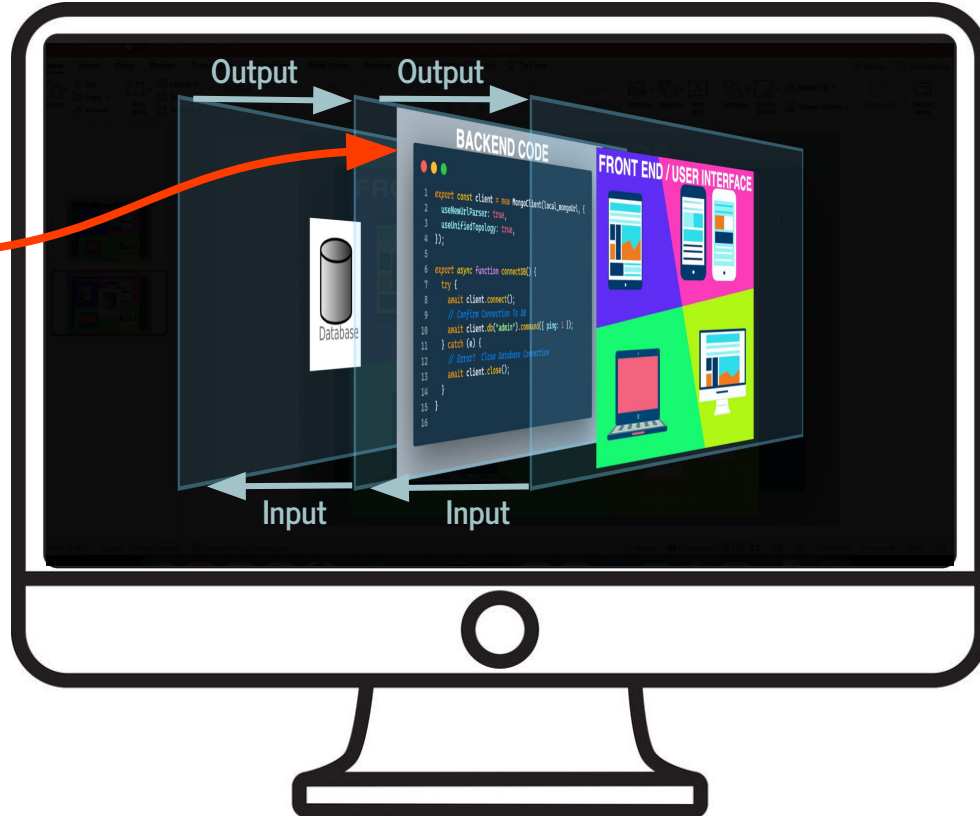
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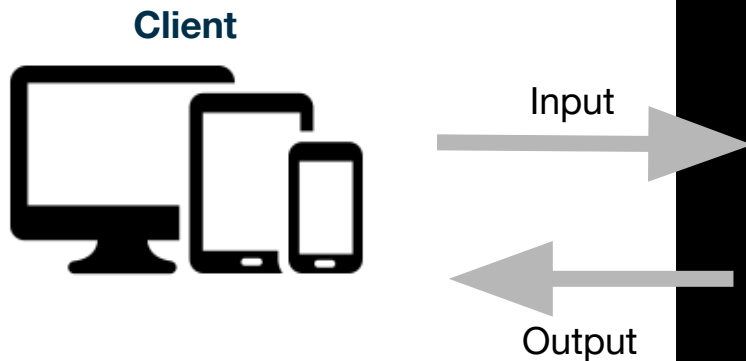
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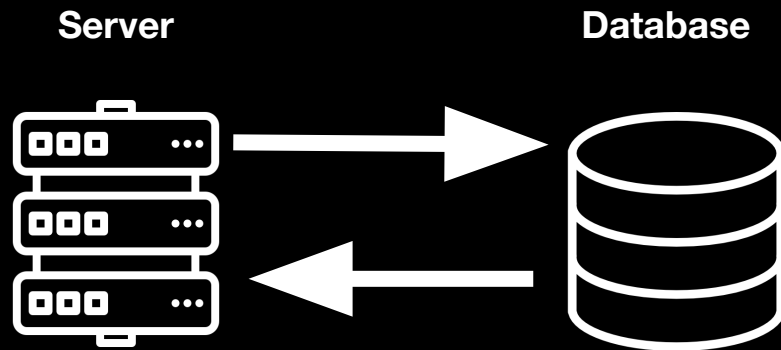


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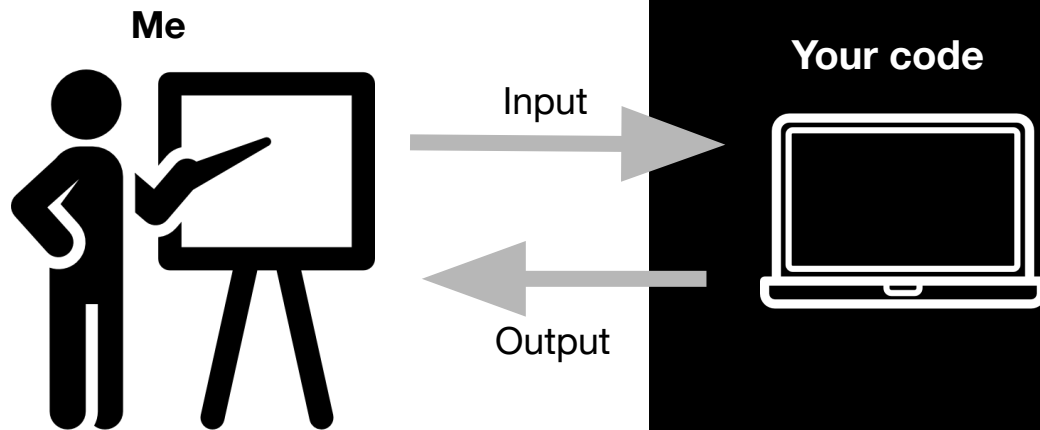
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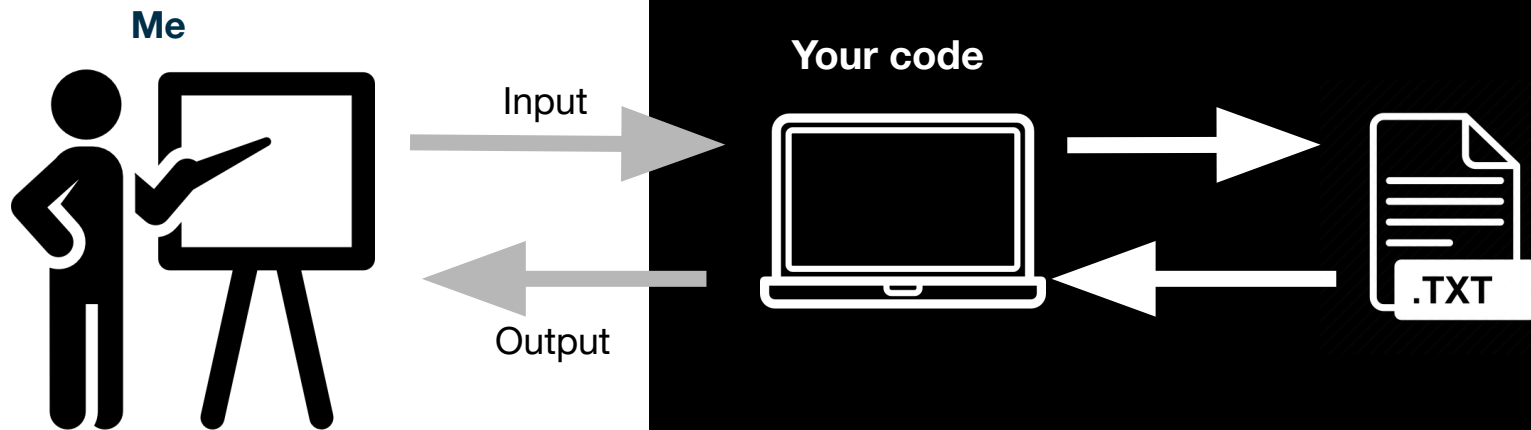


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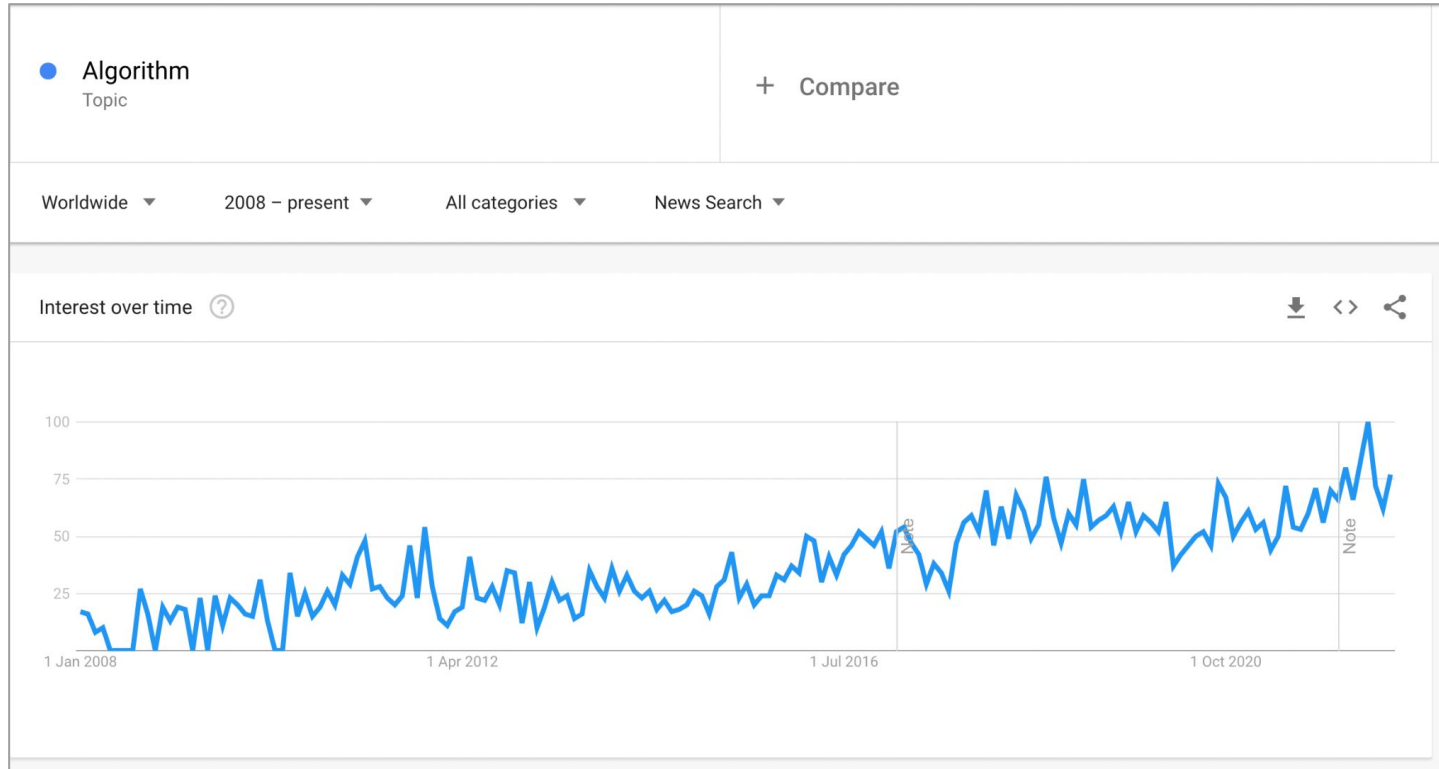


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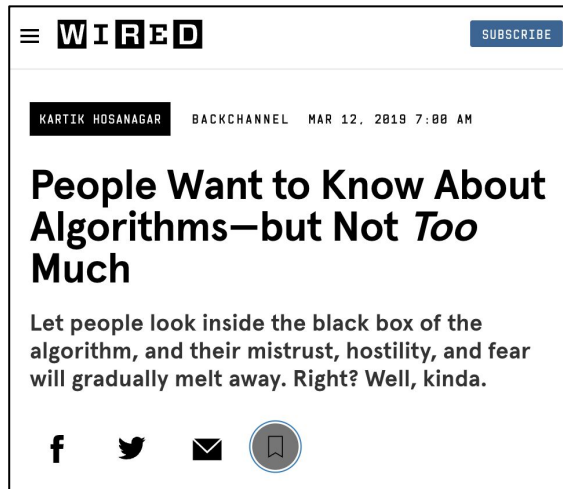
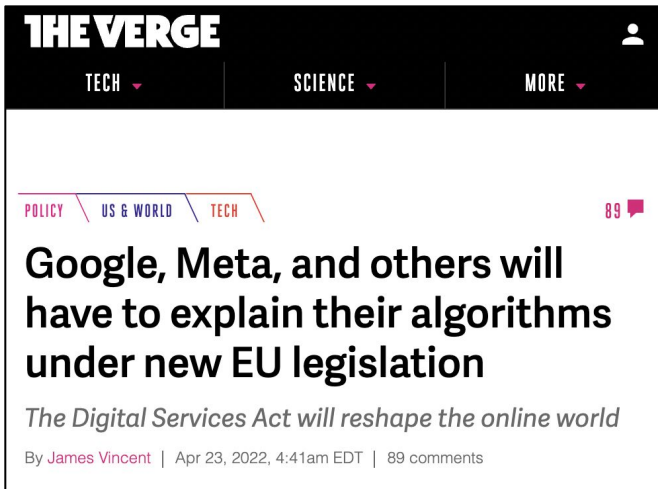


# "Algorithms", in the news



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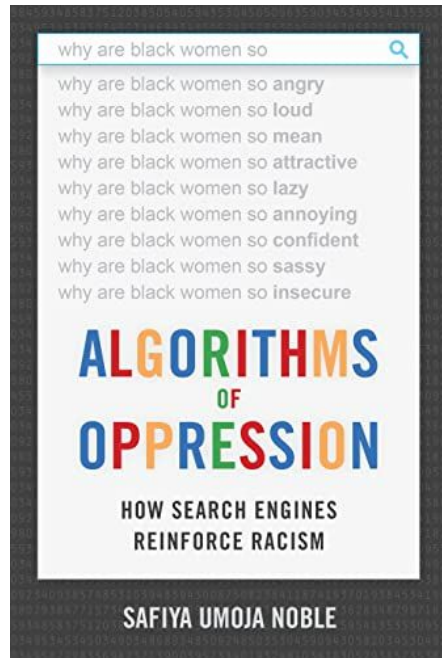
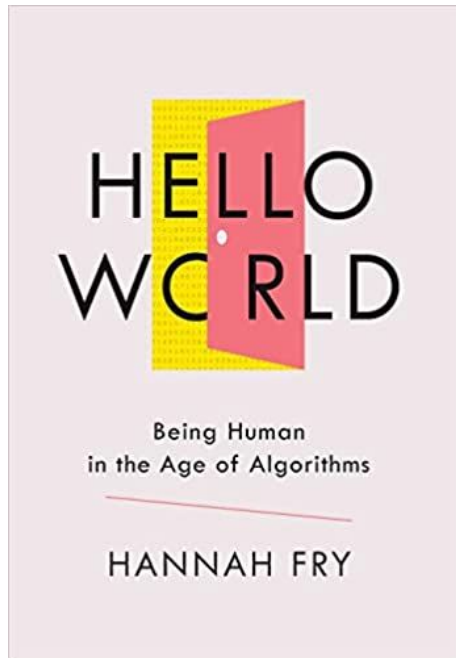
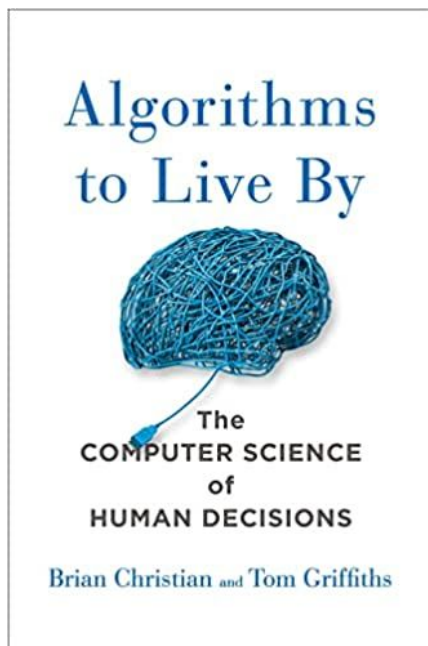
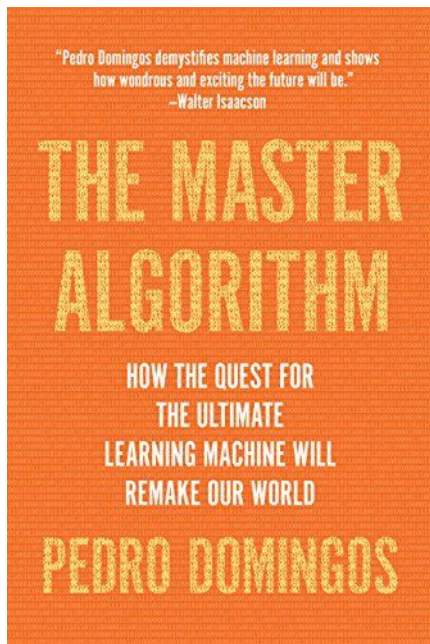
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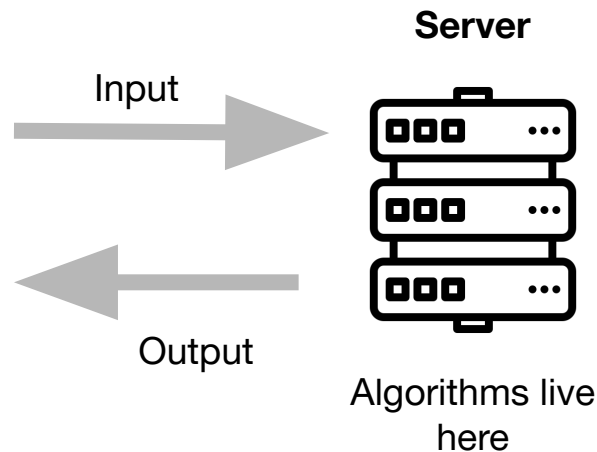
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# "Algorithms", in the bookstores



# What is an “Algorithm”?

- A sequence of steps that, when performed in order, accomplishes a goal.
- In other words, a sequence of operations that process input(s) to produce output(s).
- In this course, you will implement basic algorithms



# What is an "Algorithm"?

## Ingredients

- 2 cups cooked chicken , chopped or shredded
- 1 can refried beans
- 1/2 cup salsa , your favorite kind
- 1 teaspoon cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano leaves , crushed
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- 1 cup shredded cheese , cheddar or Mexican blend
- 2 green onions , chopped
- 3 Tablespoons oil (vegetable or canola oil)
- 6 large flour tortillas

### For topping:

- Salsa, sour cream and guacamole , optional



Input(s)

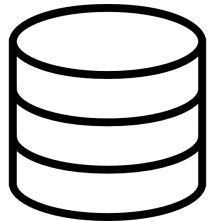
Output

## Algorithm / Recipe / Instructions:

1. Cook chicken breasts in frying pan until tender and no longer pink. Allow to rest for a few minutes before chopping.
2. Add refried beans, chicken, cheese, salsa, spices, and green onions to a mix bowl and mix to combine.
3. Place about 1/2 cup of the chicken mixture in the center of each tortilla.
4. Fold opposite sides over filling and roll up like a burrito.
5. **For baked chimichangas**, preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Brush chimichangas lightly with oil and bake for about 25 minutes, until golden and crispy.
6. **For pan fried chimichangas**, heat a skillet over medium heat. Once hot, add oil to skillet and place chimichangas seam side down. Turn lightly every 2-30 seconds until lightly golden on all sides.
7. Serve warm, topped with salsa and sour cream and a side of Authentic Mexican Rice

## Database / Kitchen:

- Pantry
- Appliances
- Culinary Tools





# What is an Algorithm?

- That might be more of a CSC-223 (Advanced Data Structures & Algorithms) algorithm
- Let's say you just go out to a good Mexican restaurant and order a Chimichanga there
- It costs **\$27.03**
- How much do you **tip**?
  - Assuming great service
  - **Without using a calculator**



# The Jane Doe Algorithm, for calculating gratuity

**Input:** Check Amount

Our first algorithm:

1. Move the decimal point one space, to the left
2. Round the number, from step 1
3. Double the number, from step 2

**Output:** ~20% of the Check Amount



# The Jane Doe Algorithm, for calculating gratuity

**Input:** Check Amount

Our first algorithm:

1. Move the decimal point to the left  
27.03 becomes 2.703
2. Round the number, from step 1  
2.703 becomes 3
3. Double the number, from step 2  
3 becomes 6

**Output:** ~20% of the Check Amount

$$(6/27.03) * 100 = 22.19\%$$



*Reminder:*

An algorithm is a sequence of operations that process input(s) to produce output(s).

# For next time...

- In the next class, we'll see how to **implement our first algorithm in Python**
- **Please bring your laptops** to the next lab and to class
- If you haven't already, go over the following on the course **Moodle**:
  1. Course **Syllabus**
  2. Fill out the **pre-course survey**