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Web Programing Fundamentals

Problem Solving

**Problem 1 – A Cat, a Parrot, and a Bag of Seed**

1. Define Problem

* To get all the passengers to the other side of the river without leaving the wrong ones alone together

1. Break the problem apart

* In the absence of the man, the cat could eat the parrot, and the parrot would eat the bag of seed.

1. Identify Potential Solutions

* The parrot can go first

1. Evaluate each potential solution

* The parrot going first the cat will not eat the bag of seed

1. Choose a solution

* The man takes the parrot to the other side first, comes back alone.
* Takes the bag of seed to the other side.
* Leaves the bag of seed the other side and take the parrot back to the initial point
* Leaves the parrot and takes the cat to the other side.
* Leaves the cat with the bag of seeds and go back to the initial point by himself
* Takes the parrot to the other side again, and he will have all the on the other side of the lake.

**Problem 2 – Socks in the Dark**

1. Define Problem

* Out of 20 socks in a drawer, get at least one matching
* Part B - Out of 20 socks in a drawer, get at least one matching of each color

1. Break the problem apart

* In the dark, out of 20 socks I have 5 pairs of black socks, 3 pairs of brown and 2 pairs of white, that have to be guaranteed that can be matched

1. Identify Potential Solutions

* Take at least 2 of each
* Part B - Take at least the total number of 2 colors + a pair

1. Evaluate each potential solution

* I have 20 socks, which are 10 black, 6 brown and 2 white. As I need one guaranteed matching, I only need to take 1 of each + 1.
* Part B - To have at least one matching of each color, I have to be sure I will take out 2 out of the 3 colors all out, plus 2, which will be the 3rd color matching

1. Choose a solution

* Take out 3 socks.
* I will have at least 3 of the same color, but to be sure, I will take the 4th socks, so if I had taken out of each, by now I will have at least 2 of one color, making a pair.
* Part B -

**Problem 3 – Predicting Fingers**

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