Introduction to Programming

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How Does JavaScript Work?

Goals

Goal 1: You will have a general idea of the structure of a computer.

Goal 2: You will have a general idea of how software works.

Vocabulary

Hardware
Apps
Software
Operating System
Machine Code
Abstraction

Computer

What are parts of a computer?

Monitor/ Screen WiFi Keyboard SSD RAM

HARDWARE

What tells the parts of a computer what to do? How do the parts coordinate?

Computer

What tells the parts of a computer what to do? How do the parts coordinate?

Monitor/ Screen

WiFi

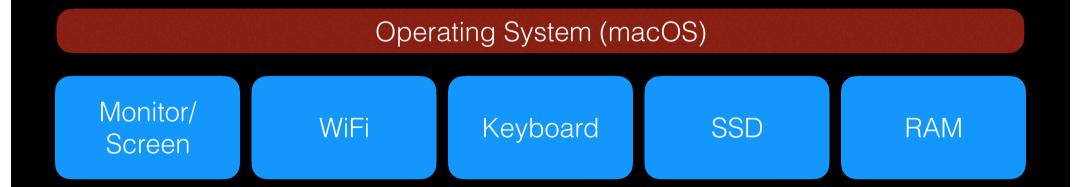
Keyboard

SSD

RAM

Computer

What tells the parts of a computer what to do? How do the parts coordinate?



Software interacts with the operating system—which interacts with the hardware.

SOFTWARE (Apps)

Finder Spotify Messages Siri Chrome

Operating System (macOS)

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Apps are written in a human-readable programming language (C, C++, Obj-C, etc.)

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"Hello, World!": A classic.
#include <stdio.h>
int
main(void)
  puts("Hello, World!");
  return 0;
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Apps are executed by OS as machine code.

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SOFTWARE (Apps)

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A JavaScript app interacts with the browser app which interacts with the OS.

JavaScript App

Chrome

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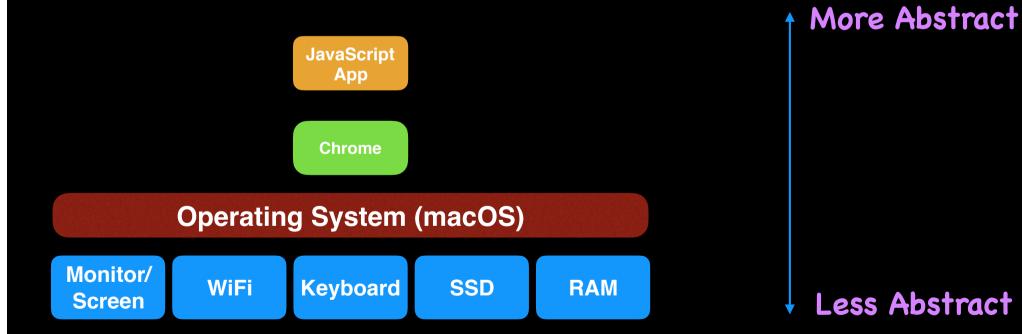
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Abstraction

Removing levels of detail so you only need to worry about what's important to you.



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