

THE FIRST YEAR

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WHERE IT ALL BEGAN

- Starting in 1995 (January 26) @ Rice University
- The “How to Design” Project
 - TeachScheme!
 - DrScheme and ProfessorJ
- ... but in reality, it all began in 1978.



The Problem



PROGRAMMING 101



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- ... and perhaps interfaces and inheritance.



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Are we really just a
fashion industry?



PROGRAMMING 101

Is your story any better?



PROGRAMMING 101

- Why are we still thrashing around when it comes to the first year?
- Do we really lack a “product” to sell?
- Would a Physicist ask “how do I make the introductory course more *Glamour-ous*?”



The Constraints



CONSTRAINTS


Programming 1 & 2,
You, and “Best
Intentions”



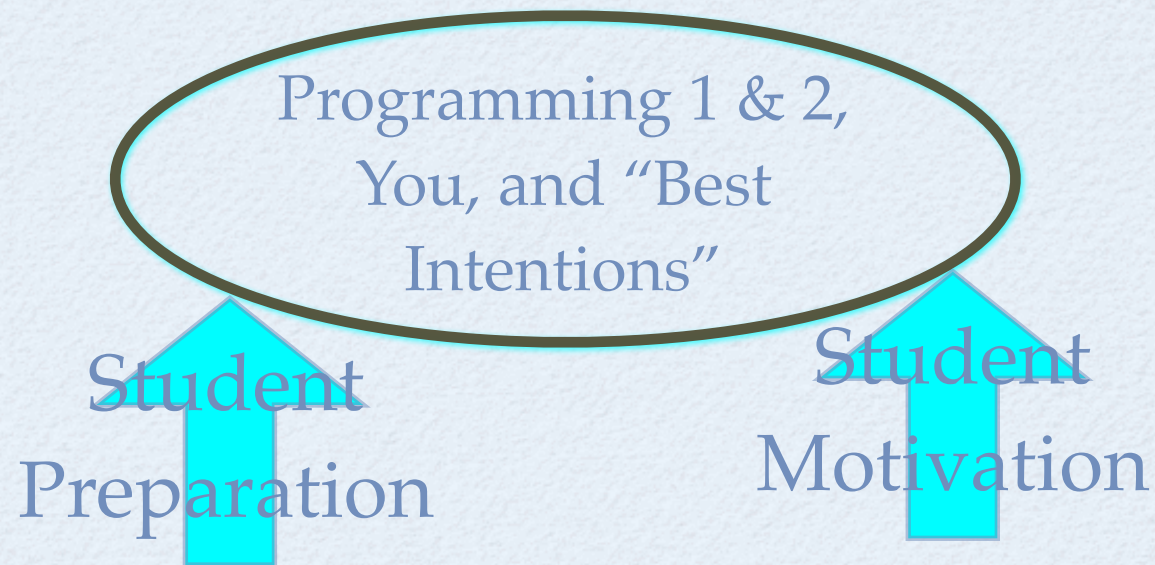
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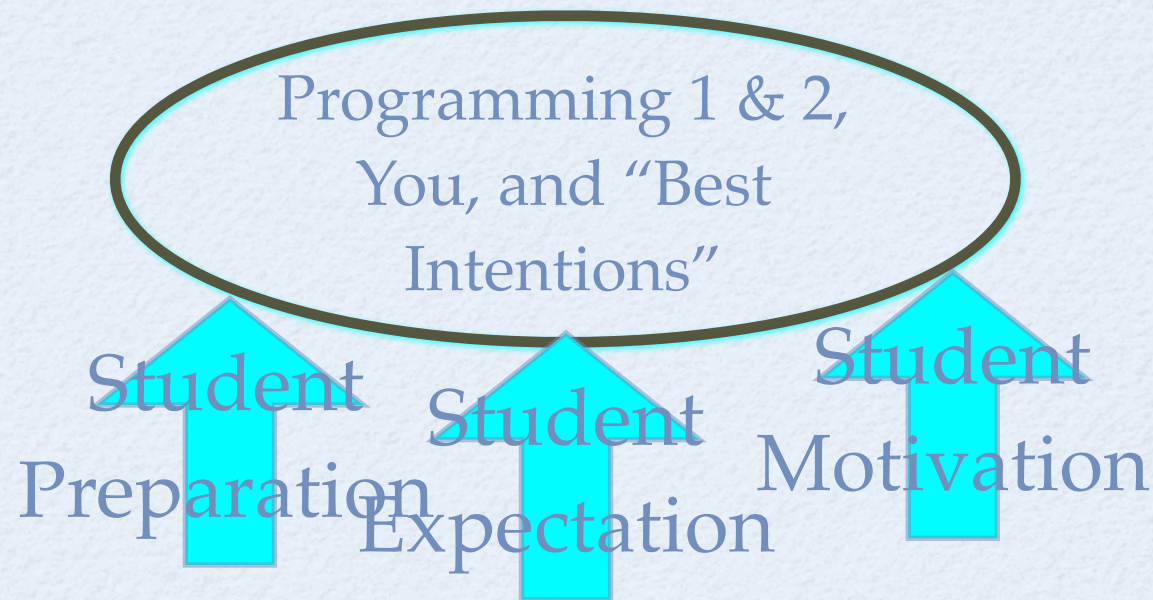
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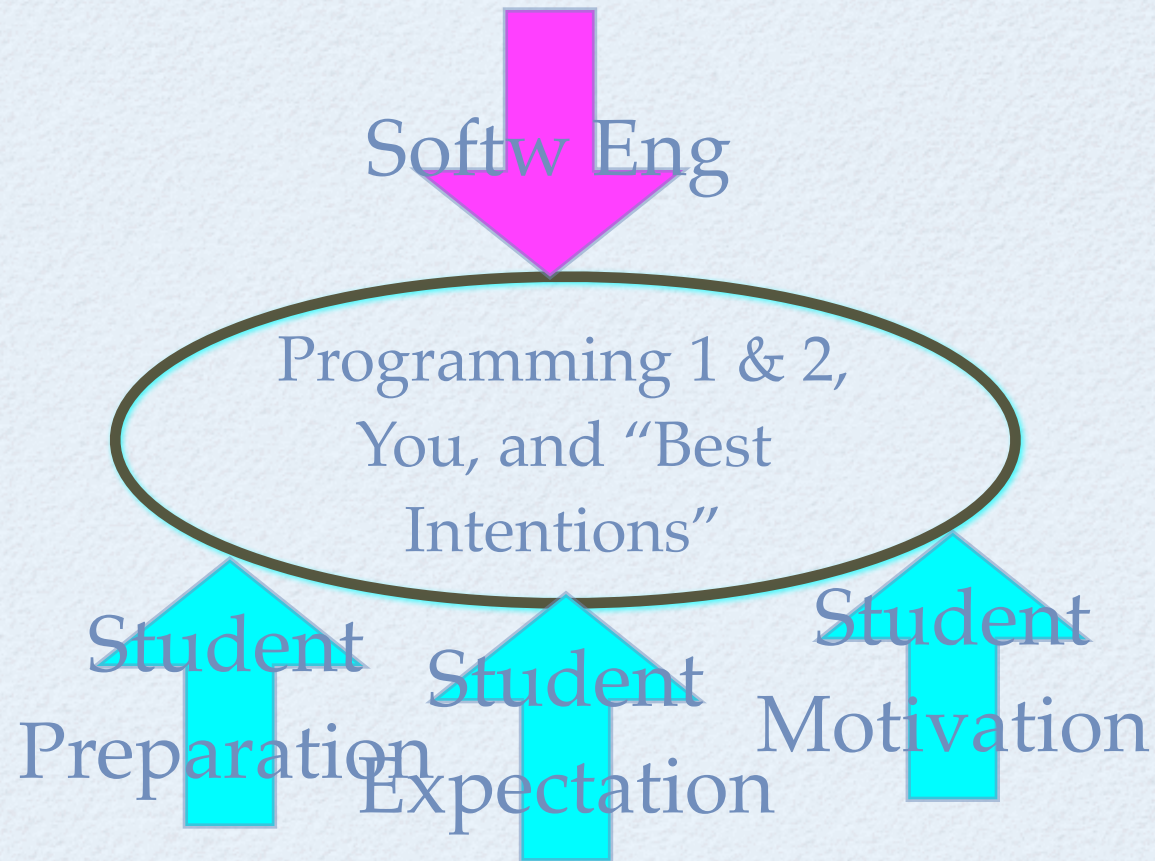
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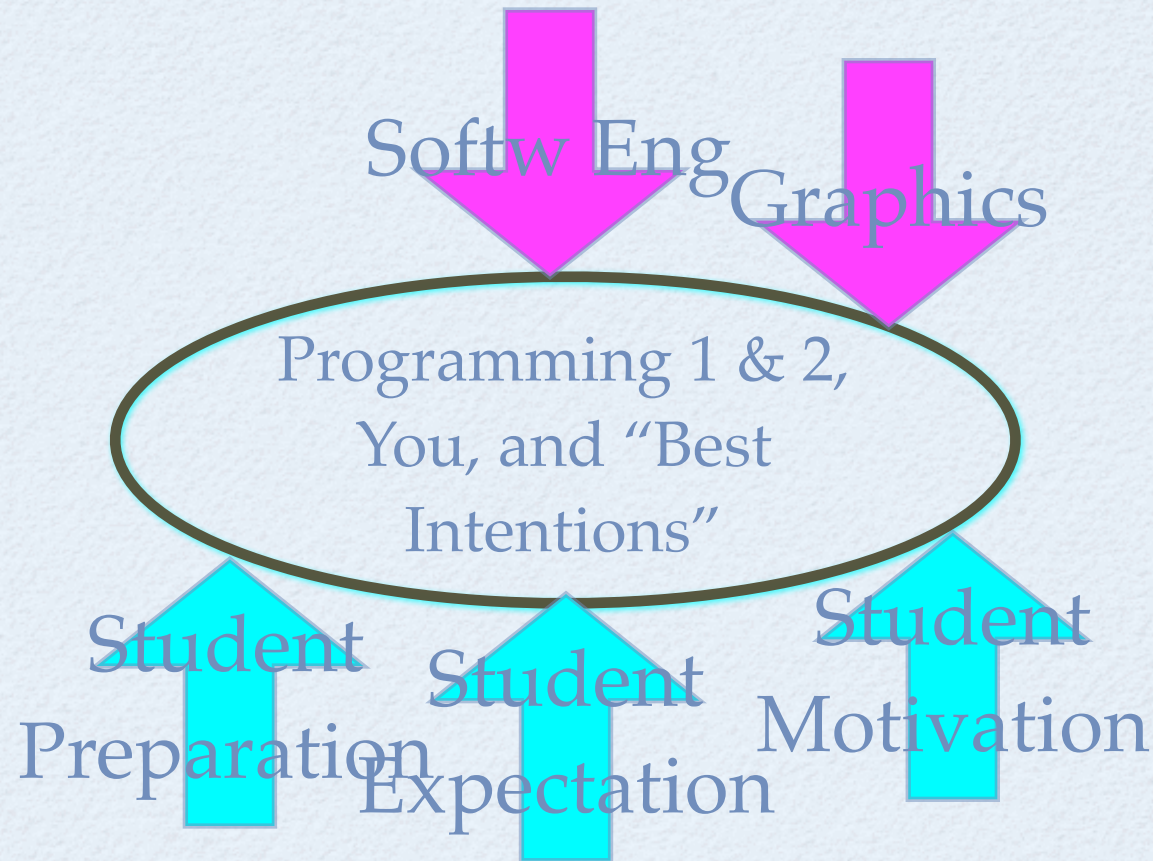
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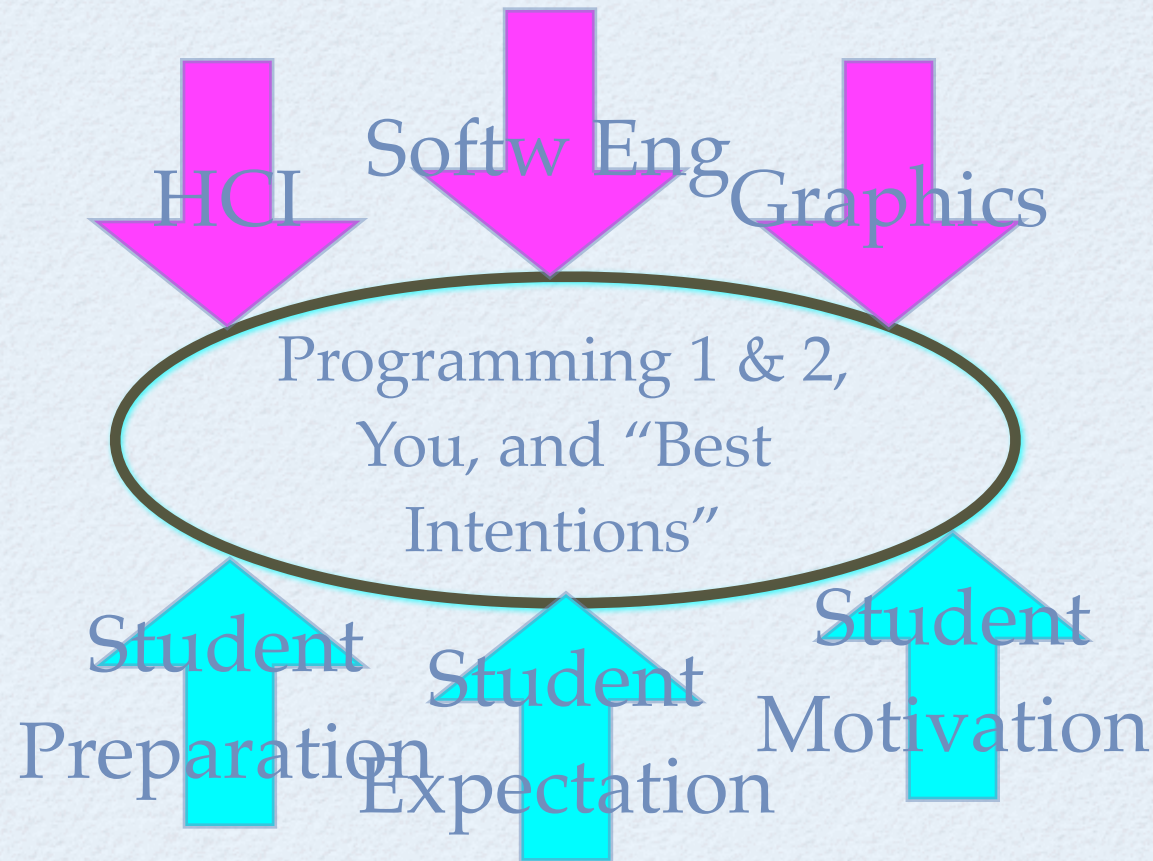
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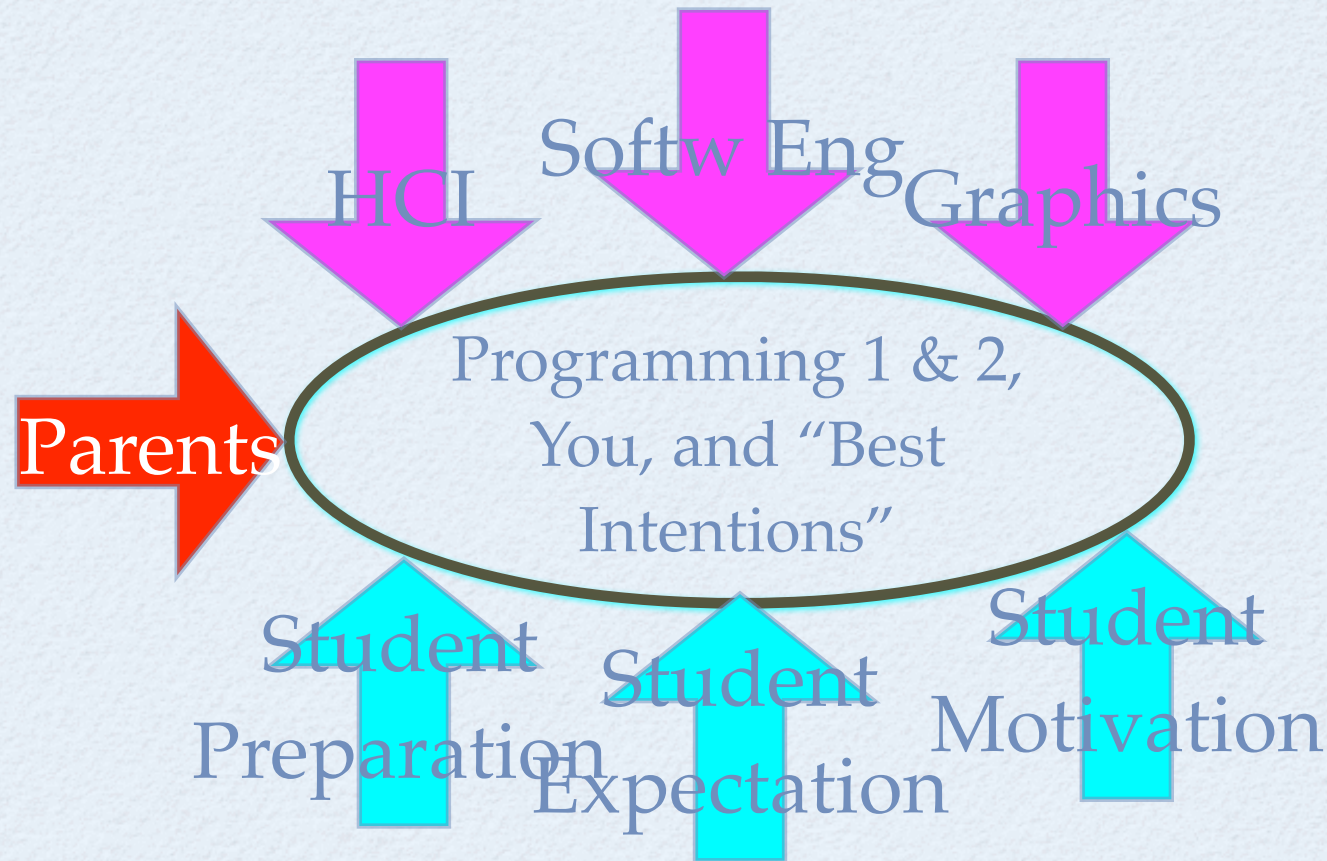
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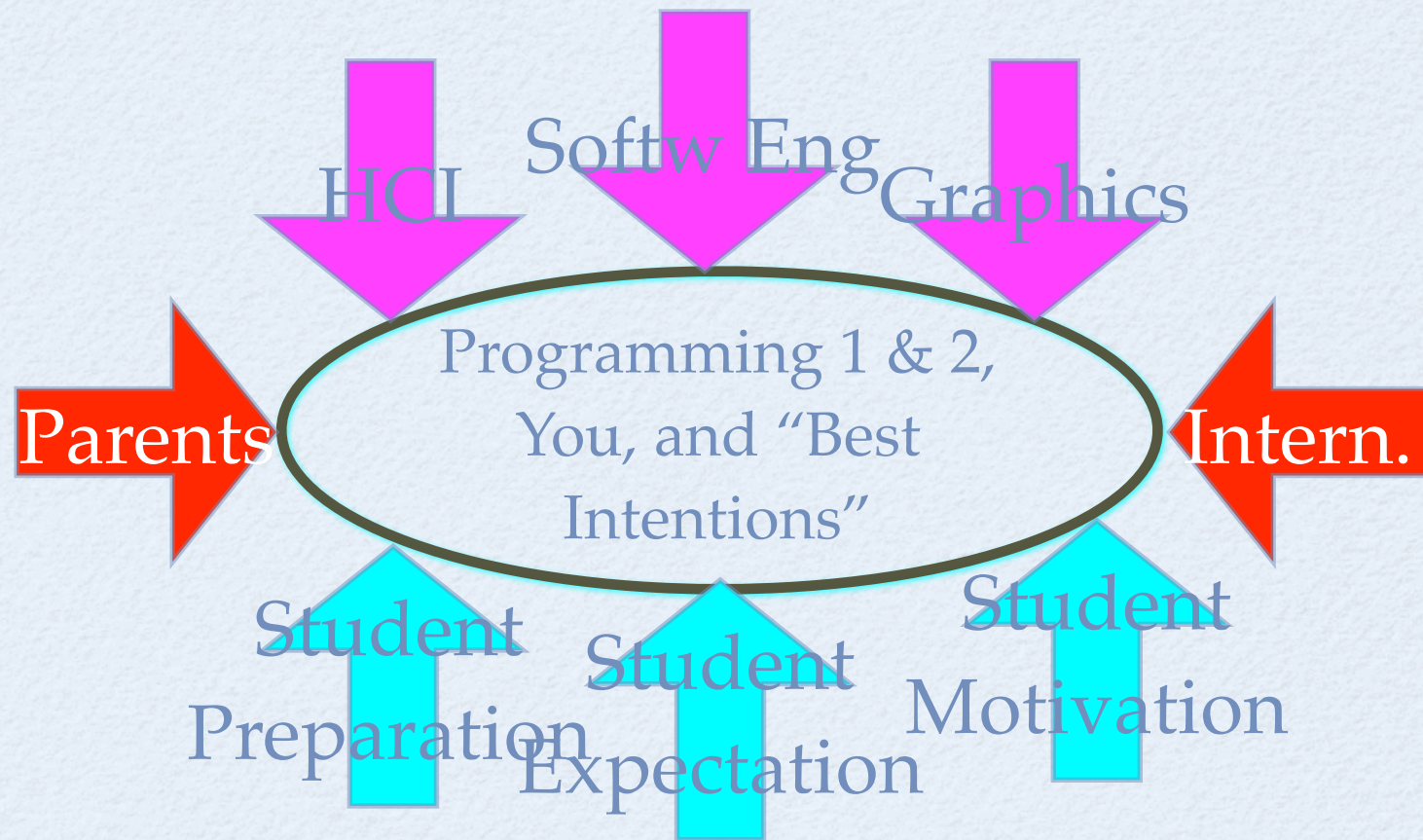
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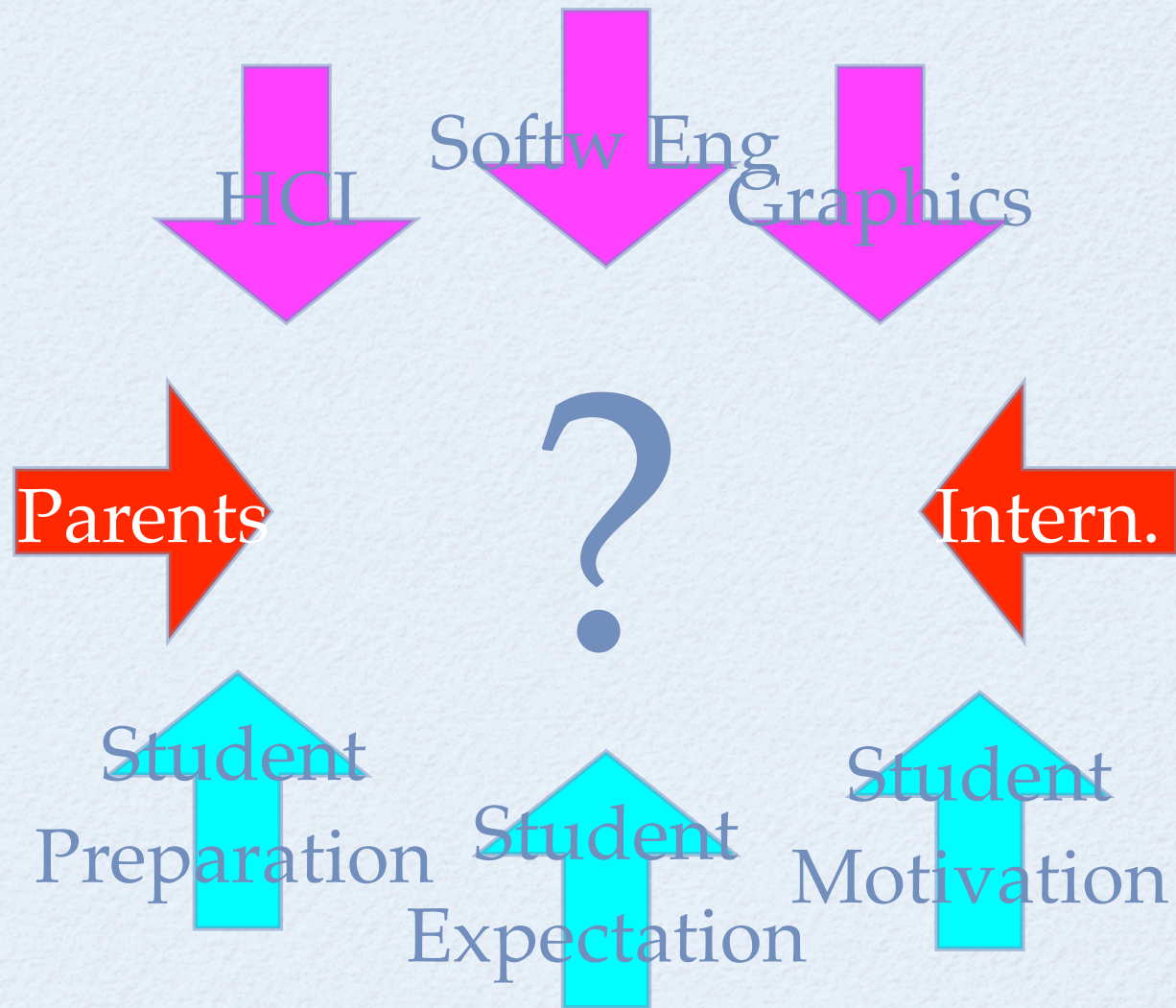
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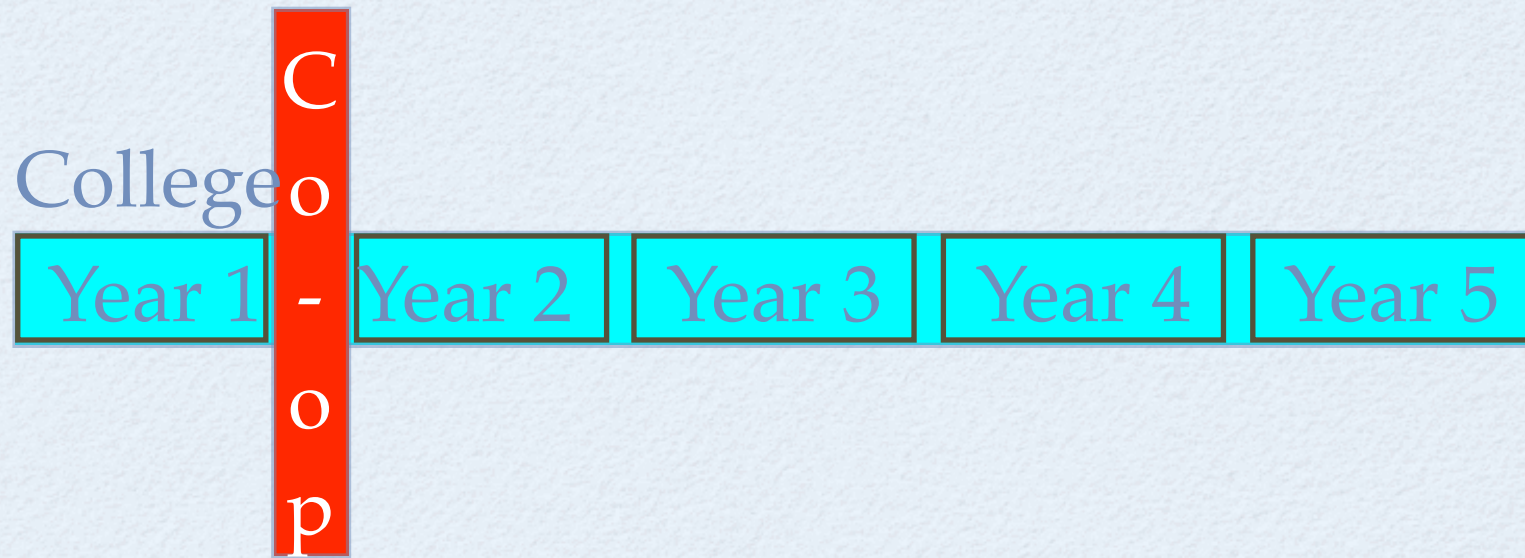
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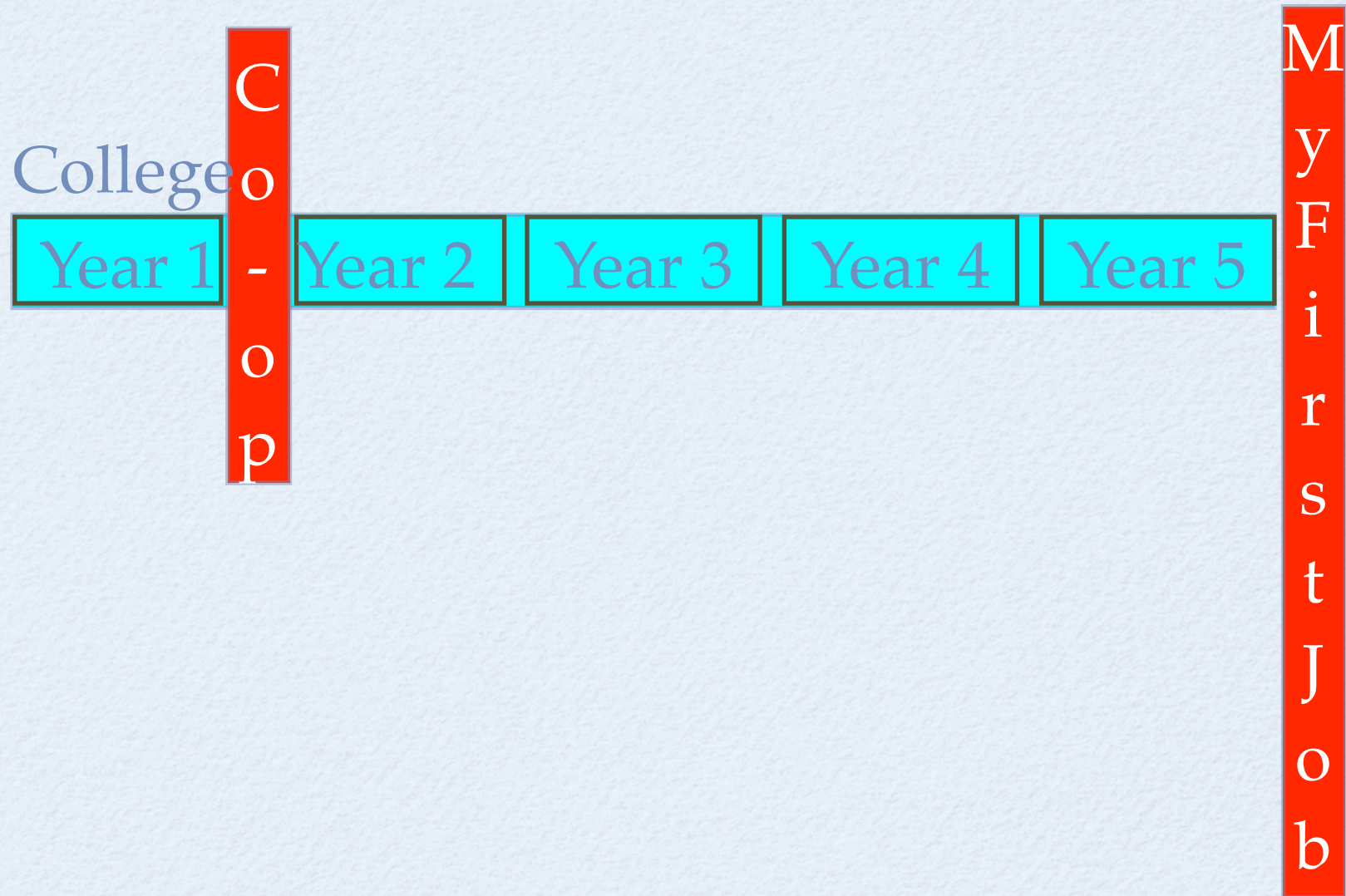
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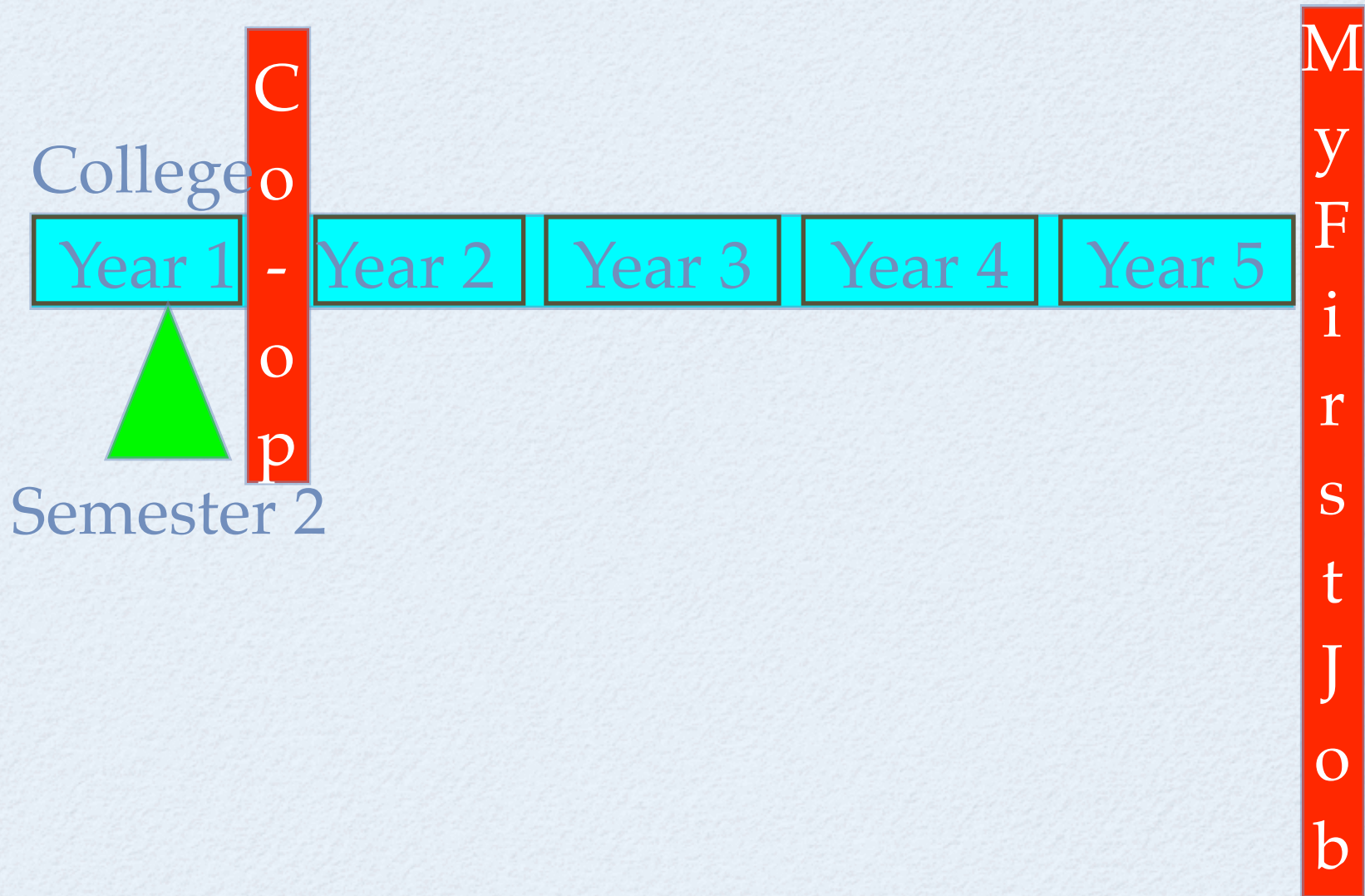
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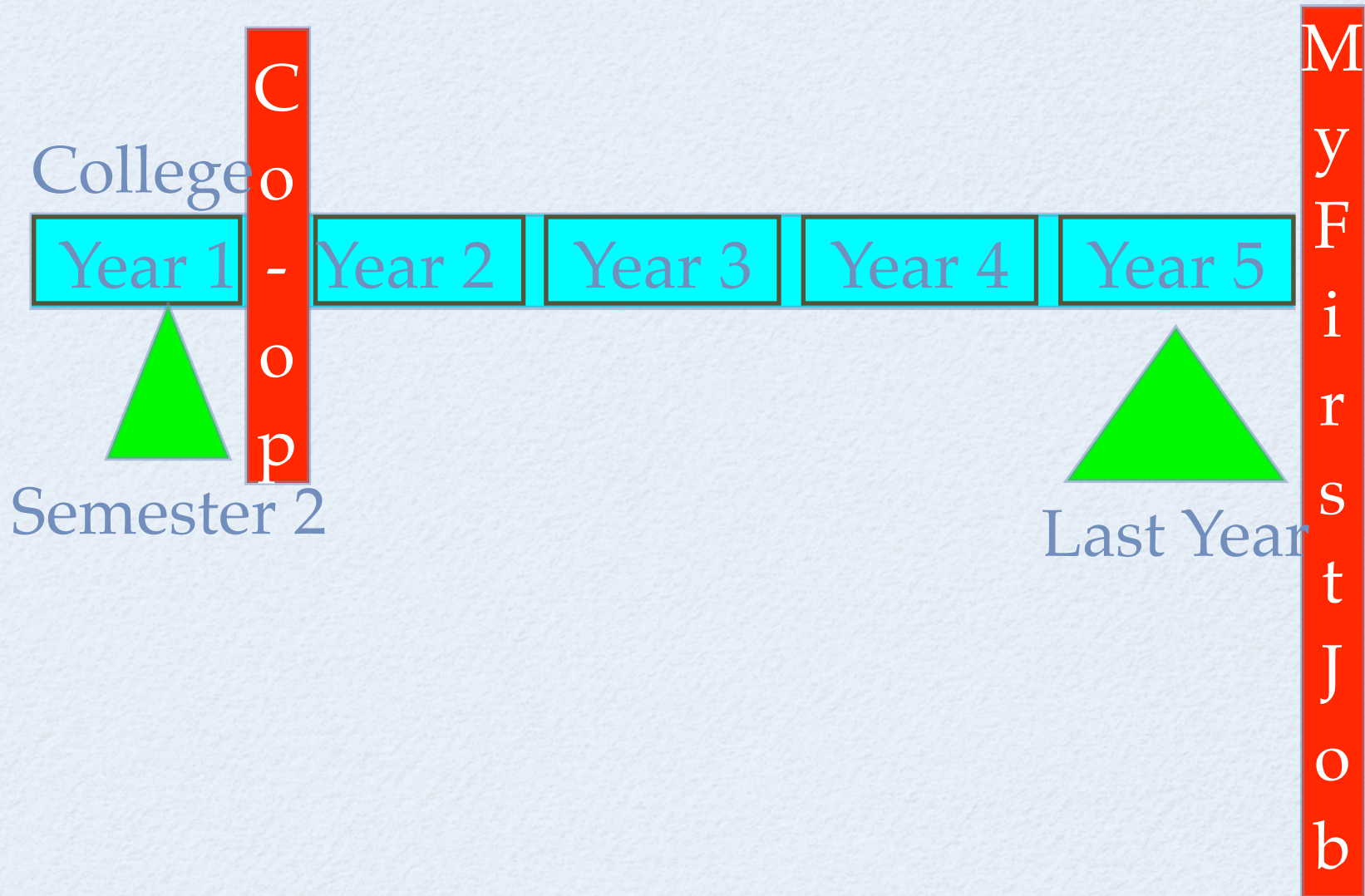
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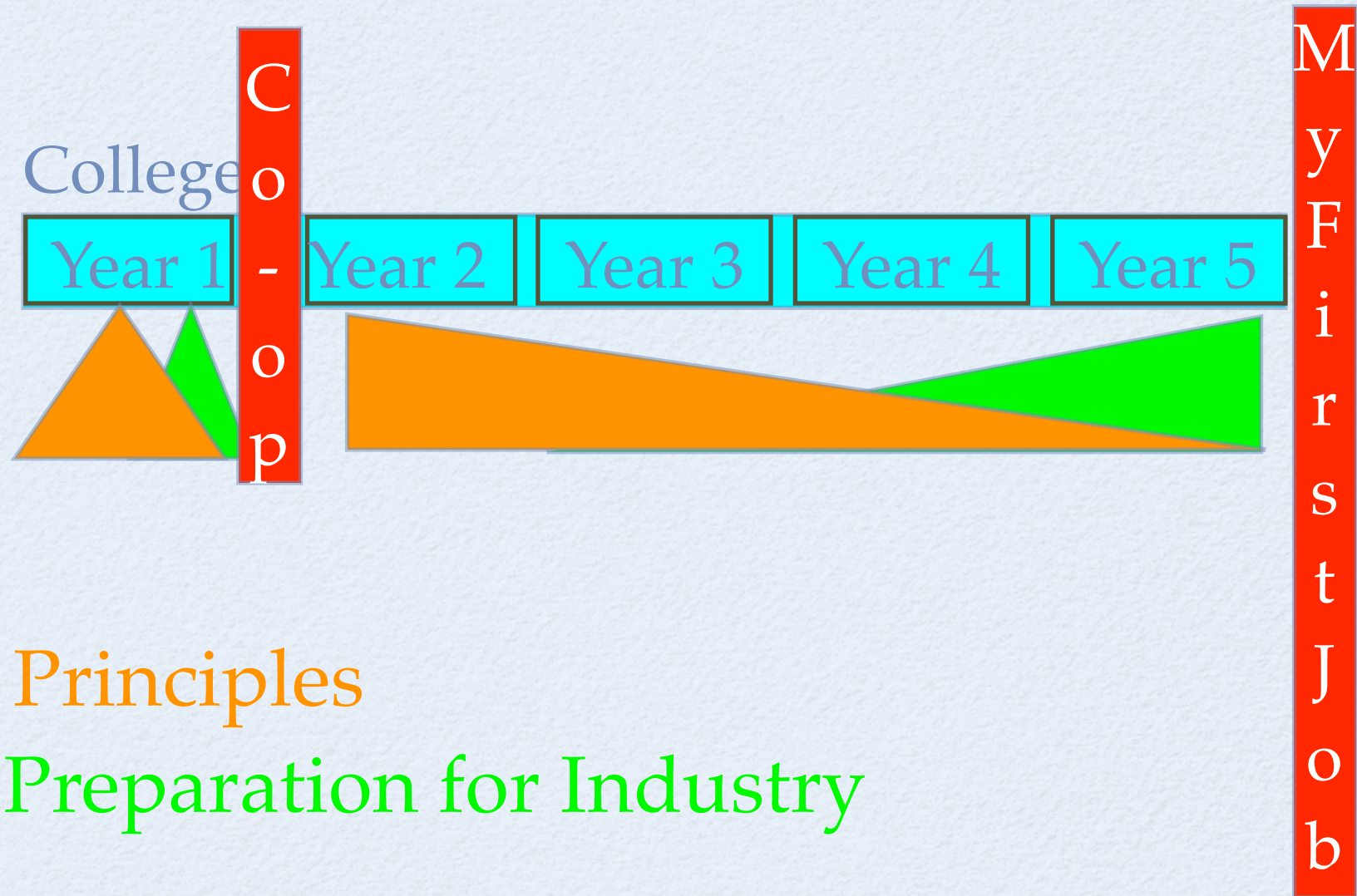
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The Principles



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- Faculty *aims high and has spine* to stick to principles.



PROGRAMMING



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- Best practices means “*think it through.*”
- Best practices means “*to program is to design.*”



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- So has scripting (light-weight programming).
- The quality of programs depends on how often the programmer has switched languages and programming paradigms. It does **not** depend on the numbers of years spent with **one** language [PPig].



THE FIRST LANGUAGE

Current:

variables, assignments,
printing, arrays,
loops, procedures, ...



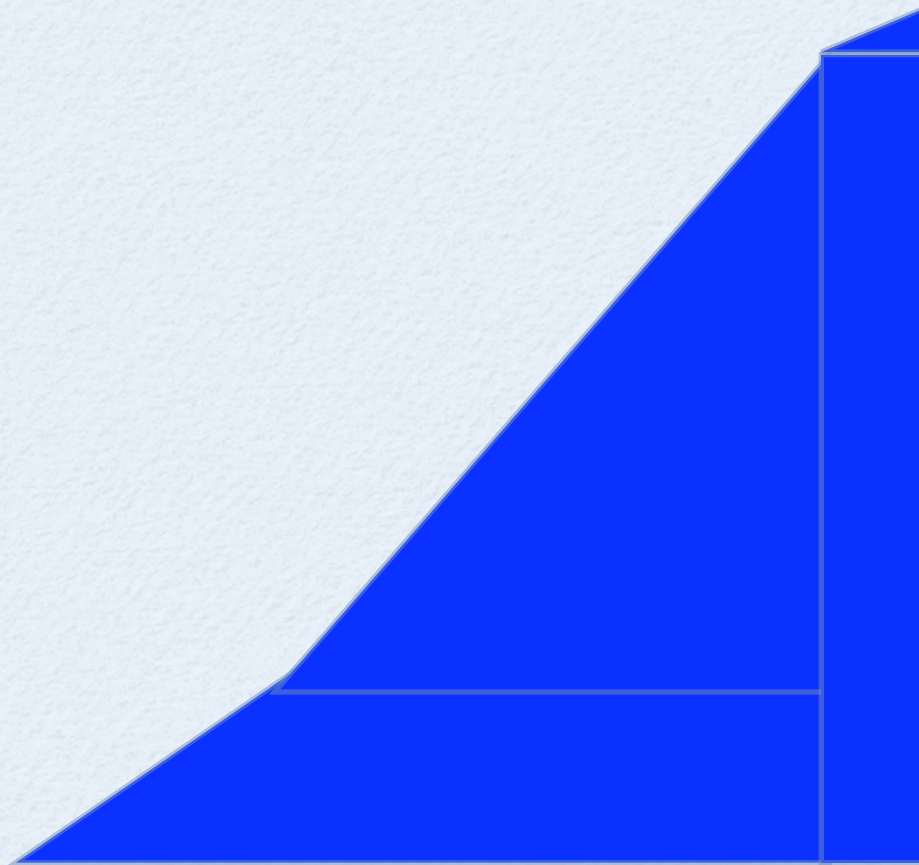
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THE FIRST LANGUAGE

Wanted:

???



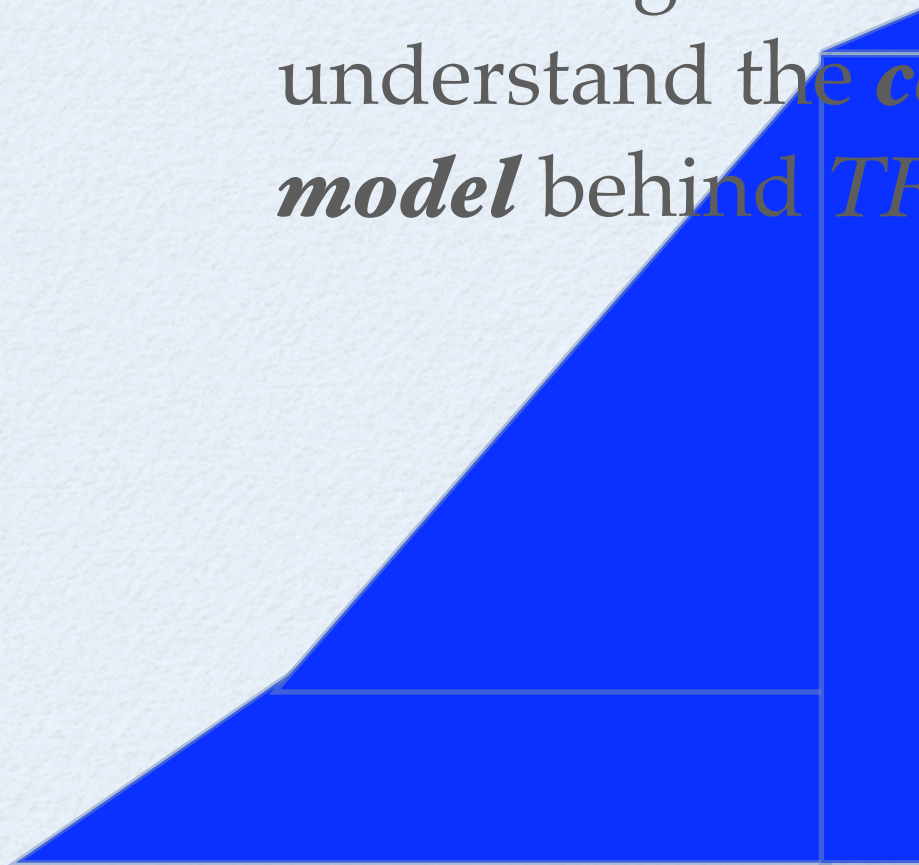
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THE FIRST LANGUAGE

Wanted:

An tenth grader should naturally
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THE FIRST LANGUAGE

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An tenth grader should naturally understand the ^{???}*computational model* behind *TFL*.

TFL must accommodate (and display ideals of) *principled program design*.

10th grade math



THE SECOND LANGUAGE

- The second language must prepare students for *co-op* and should be *fashionable*.
- Use the second language to demonstrate that principles work *everywhere*.



PRINCIPLES & CONSTRAINTS



principles:

- programming
- computation
- easy!

principles for OO

- programming
- computation
- relevant



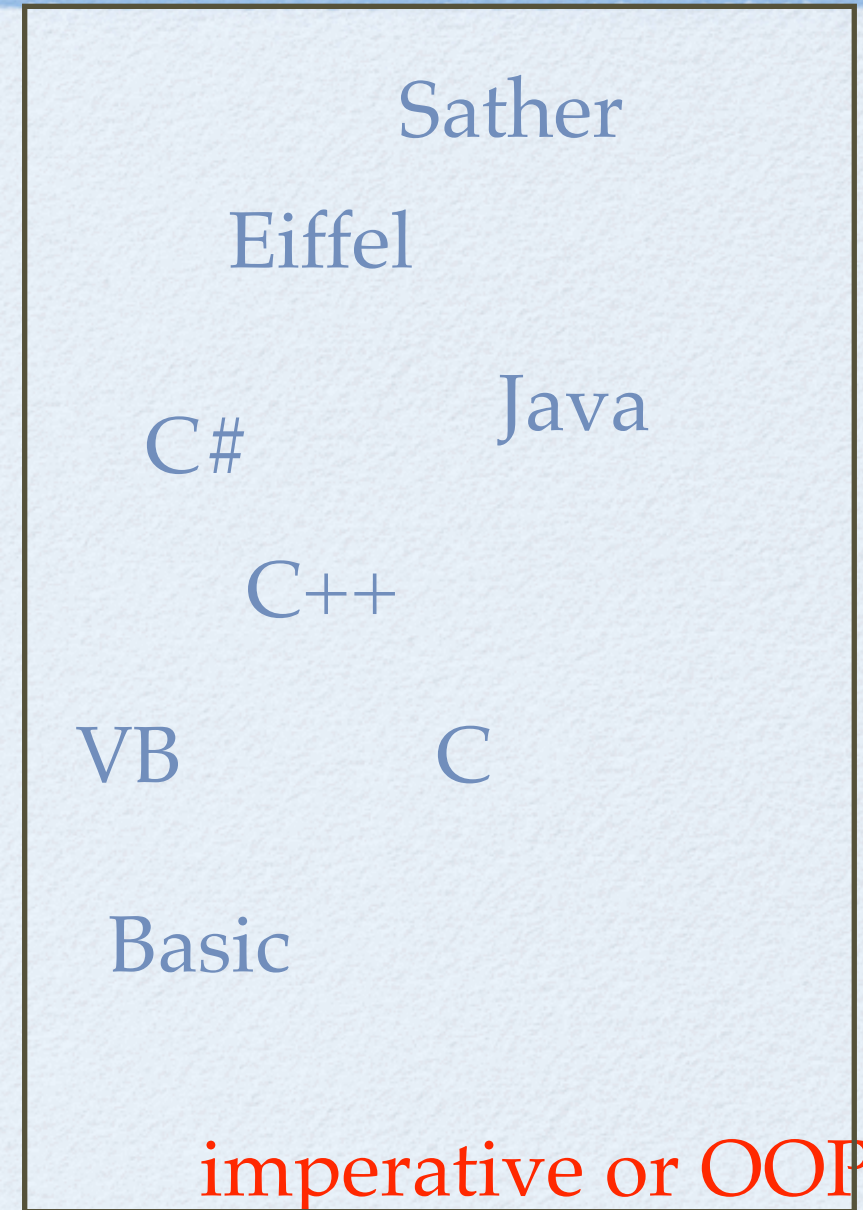
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No, they are all
WRONG



THE FIRST LANGUAGE

```
// a first C++ program  
main() {  
    double price;  
    int quantity;  
    double total;  
  
    ...  
    price * quantity = total;  
    ...  
}
```



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LHS value expected here!



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- 100s of hours of observations
- inner city, urban, suburban, public, private high schools, college freshmen
- *Not a C++ problem.*
- *Every language* suffers.



THE FIRST LANGUAGE

// my first Java program with extends

```
class UP {  
    UP(int x) {}  
}
```

```
class DOWN extends UP {  
    DOWN(int y) {}  
}
```



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Quick: What does
this mean?

constructor-error-message.java:6: cannot find symbol:
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THE FIRST LANGUAGE

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- We **can't** change the “all at once” part.
- We *can* change the “everything” part.



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Full L



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Full L

Beginner L



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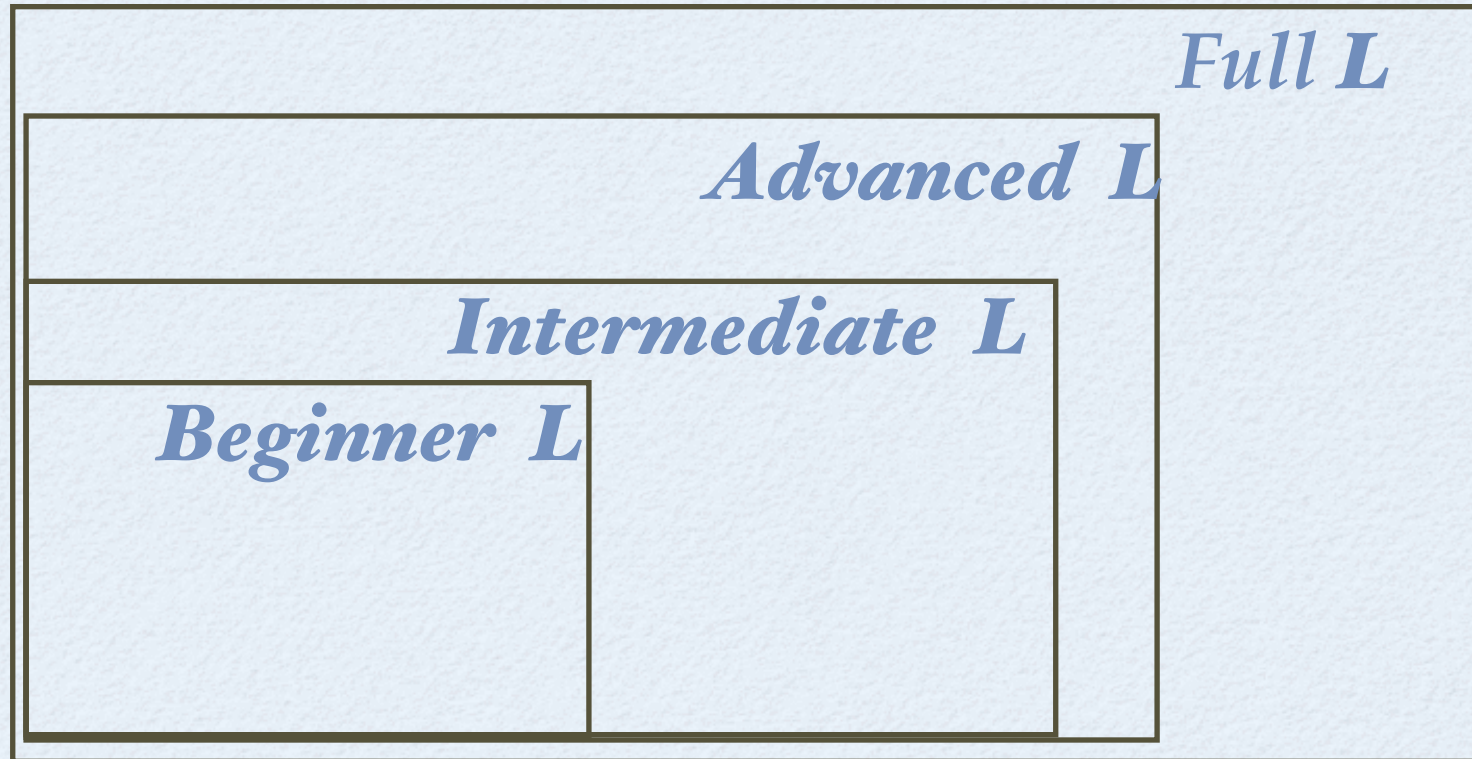
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Intermediate L

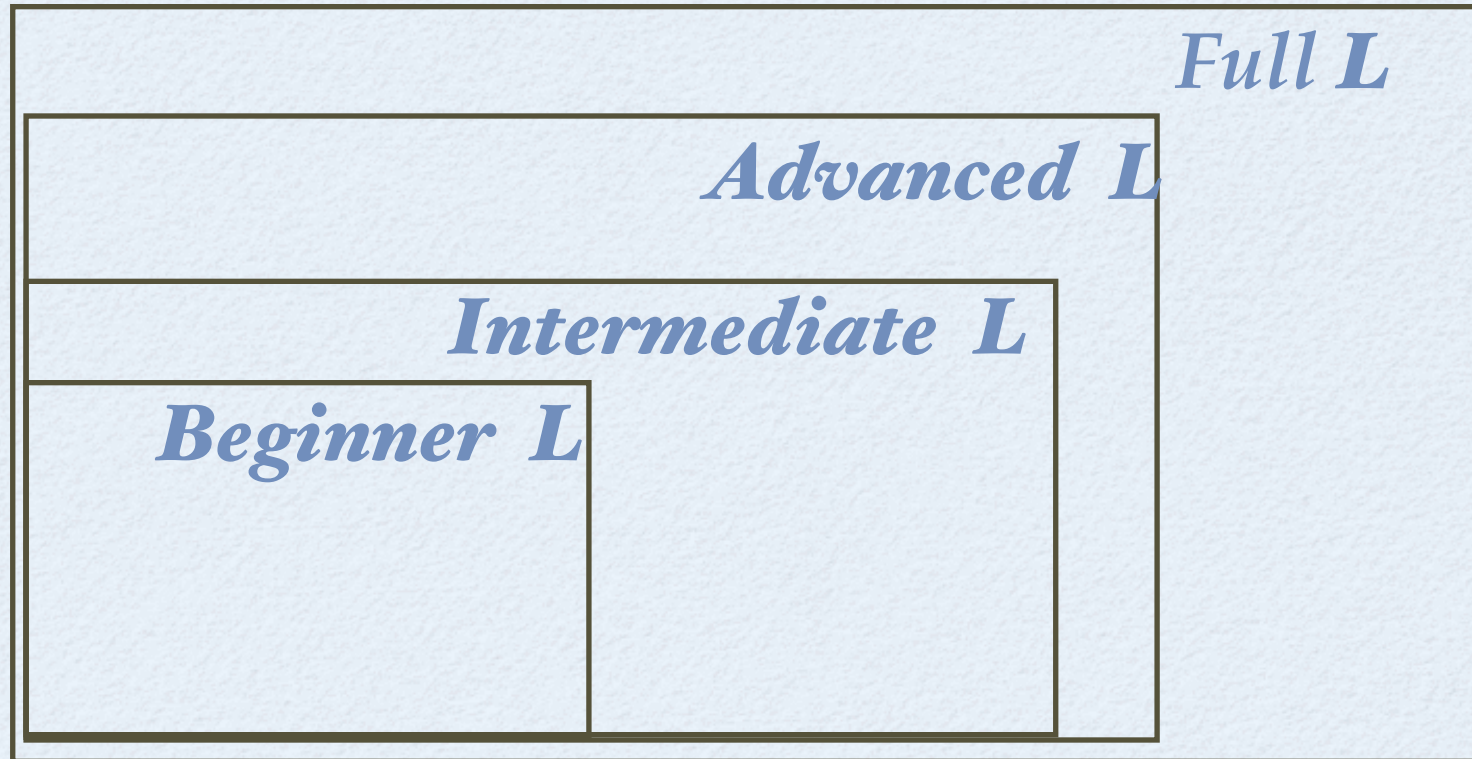
Beginner L



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... and all of them are *enforced and checked*.



THE FIRST LANGUAGE

- Our choice: Scheme, a broken language
- Five subsets: *Beginning, Beginning with Quote, Intermediate, Intermediate with Lambda, Advanced.*
- ***Beginning Scheme*** is 8th grade algebra, plus structures
- *The others chosen based on* **design principles**.



Design (HtDP)



HTDP

- *Design* is what happens before, while, and after you program.
- *Design* means to create programs in a systematic manner.
- *Design* is the opposite of “tinker with examples until it works.”



HTDP

Problem Statement

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— Interrelated networks and emerging and existing networks are combining to use and extend technologies as networks, protocols and services.

— Interconnected networks built on the heritage of the traditional IP/VPN and the traditional Internet, in order to be able to support the various use cases are expanding it must be possible to manage these new networks in a manner that allows:

- Easy configuration of network elements, networks and services.
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- The ability for service providers to manage and bill service usage.
- Monitor the network to ensure performance guarantees are met.
- Provision for network robustness in the event of faults enabling isolation of faults.
- The ability for multiple service providers to co-exist in multi-tenant services and network management.
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Problem Statement



How do you
“unstick”



HTDP

- A design method for beginners must unstick students at *almost any point*.
- A design method must therefore *guide students step by step* from problem statement to program.
- It is only step-by-step if it is *continuous* (a small change in the problem statement leads to a systematic change to the function).



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- We are designing functions: ...
- ... things that consume data ...
- ... and produce data.

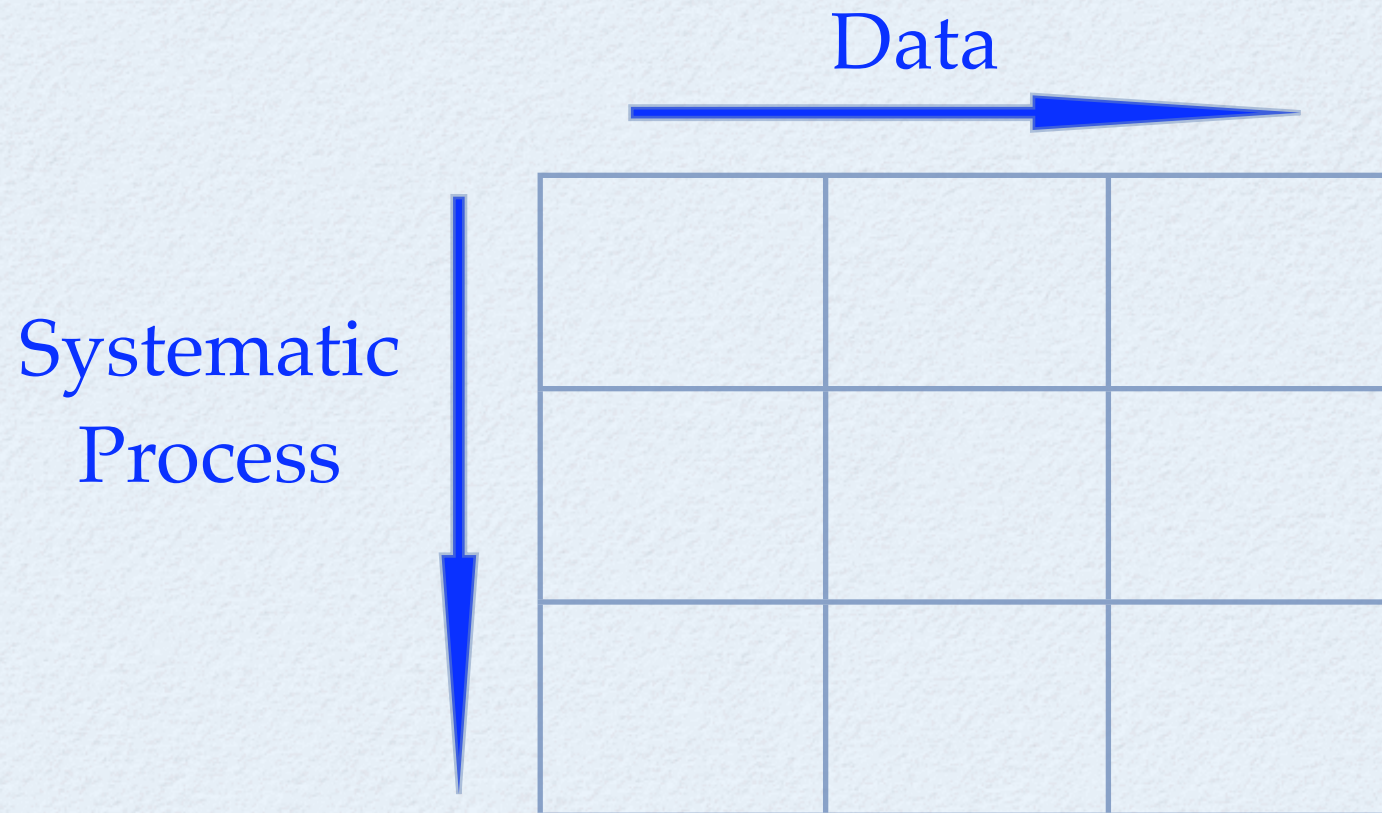


HTDP

- A design method must start from and must exploit the nature of input/output *data*.
- A design method must do this *systematically*.



HTDP: DESIGN RECIPES



HTDP

- The Design Recipes:
- (1) a series of steps from problem statement to solution expressed as questions;
- (2) the steps are fine-tuned to the nature of data that the function consumes.



HTDP

Systematic
Process

- read the problem, extract a data description, illustrate the data description with examples



- state a purpose and type signature
- illustrate with behavioral examples
- translate the data descr. into a program organization (aka “take inventory”)



HTDP

Data



- Data comes in sets (misnamed “classes”).
- Naive set theory guides development:
 - atomic (numbers, characters, ...)
 - unions (intervals, classification)
 - products (structures, records)
 - “inductive” (arbitrary size, ...)



HTDP: EXAMPLE

Problem:

Control a UFO via Keystrokes on Screen

Move the anchor point of a geometric shape along the horizontal or vertical according to key presses by the user.



HTDP: EXAMPLE

Data Descriptions

A **Key** is one of:

- char (#\a)
- 'left
- 'right
- 'up
- 'down
- other symbol

(define-struct point (x y))

A **Point** is a structure:

(make-point Number Number)

Examples:

- 'left
- (make-posn 20 30)



HTDP: EXAMPLE

Contract:

`:: Point Key -> Point`

Purpose Statement:

`:: +/- Xdelta to p if key is 'right or 'left`

`:: +/- Ydelta to p if key is 'up or 'down`

Function Signature:

`(define (move p key) ...)`



HTDP: EXAMPLE

Functional Examples:

move((makePoint 10 20),'left)
should be (make-point (+ ... 10) 20)

move((make-point 10 20),'up)
should be (make-point 10 (+ ... 20))



HTDP: EXAMPLE

Inventory:

```
(define (move p key)  
  (cond  
    [ "key is a char" ... p ... ]  
    [ "key is 'left"   ... (point-x p) ... (point-y p) ...]  
    [ "key is 'right"  ... (point-x p) ... (point-y p) ...]  
    [ "key is 'up"     ... (point-x p) ... (point-y p) ...]  
    [ "key is 'down"   ... (point-x p) ... (point-y p) ...]  
    [ "otherwise"     ... p ...])
```



HTDP: EXAMPLE

The Program:

from here, the program is self-evident



HTDP: EXAMPLE

Tests:

```
(check-expect (move (make-posn 10 20) 'left)
               (make-posn 5 20))
```

...



HTDP: FUN

- Run: the function is used via a callback hook: (on-key-event move)
- Students write GUI-controlled programs from week 2.
- And they get to know the distinction between *running* and *testing* a program.



HTDP: ANOTHER EXAMPLE

Problem:

Process the Files in A Directory ...

Design a function that finds out whether a file with some given name exists in a folder structure.



HTDP: ANOTHER EXAMPLE

Data Description:

A *folder* is a structure with two fields:

- name, list of files and folders.

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This is material for the 7th week for total novices at NU



HTDP: MORE DESIGN

- iterative refinement (data modeling)
- abstraction over similar data (polym.)
- abstraction over similar functions (h.o.)
- generative recursion (graph traversal)
- functions with accumulators
- memory (state and assignment)



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Details too much for a talk.

Warning: Commercial Plug



HOW TO DESIGN PROGRAMS

An Introduction to Programming and Computing

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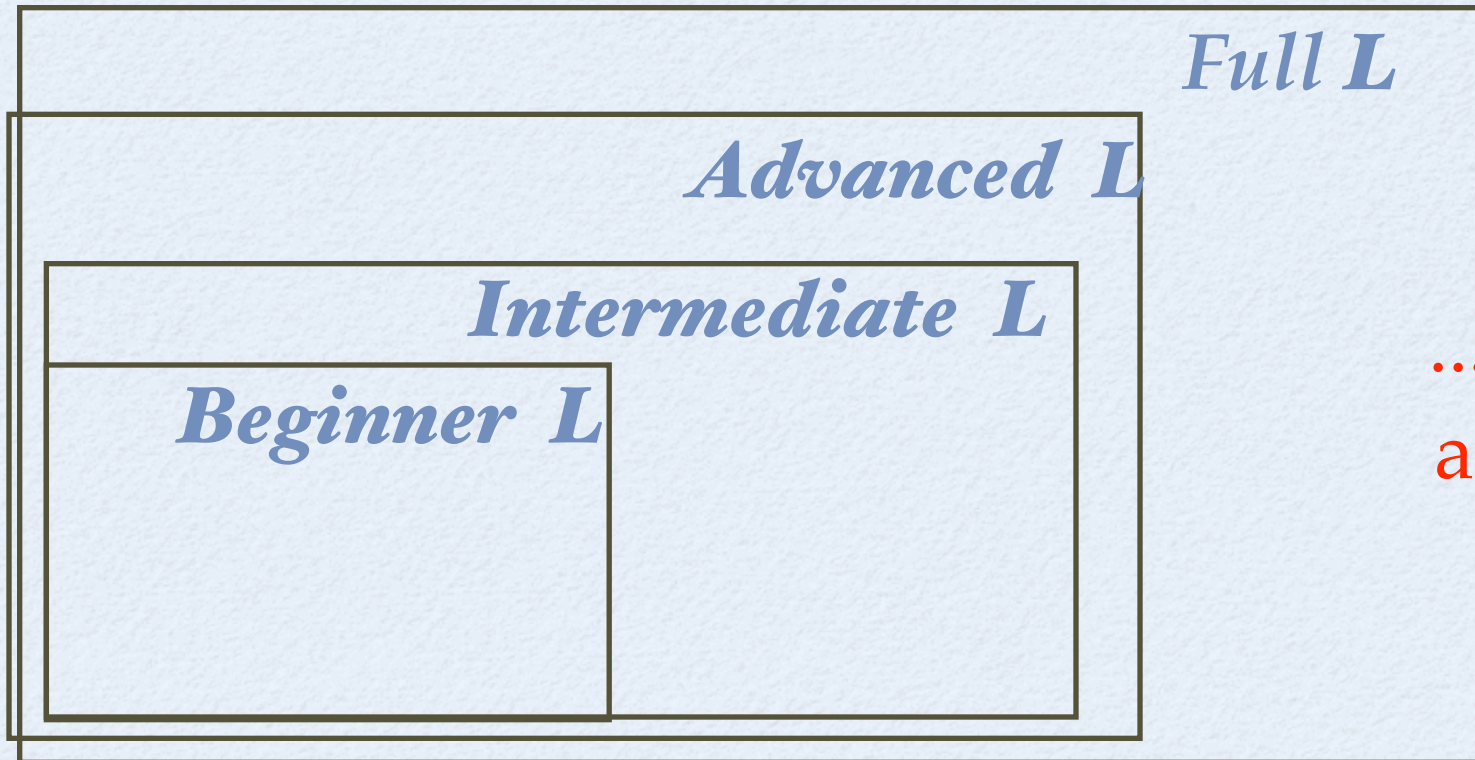
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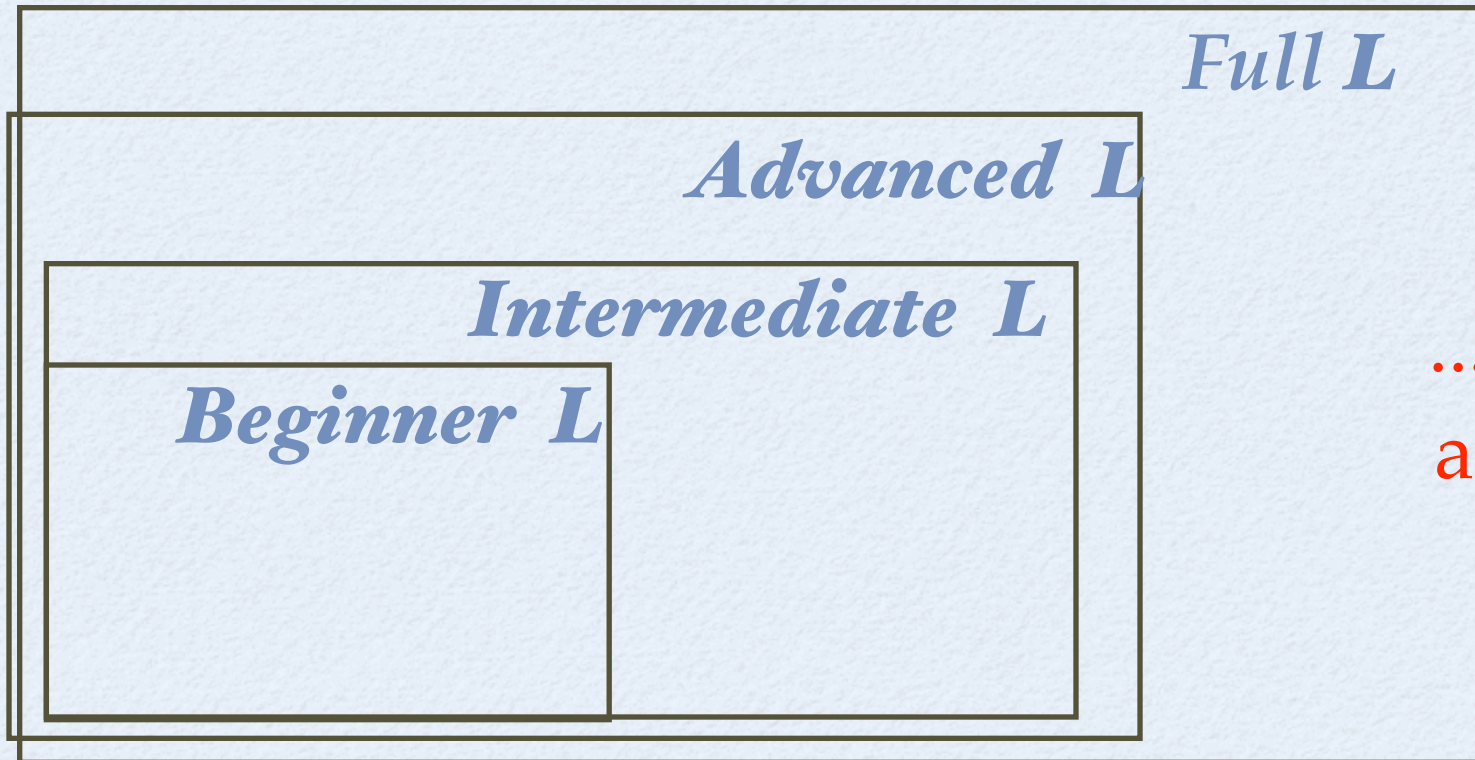
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How do you enforce and support them?



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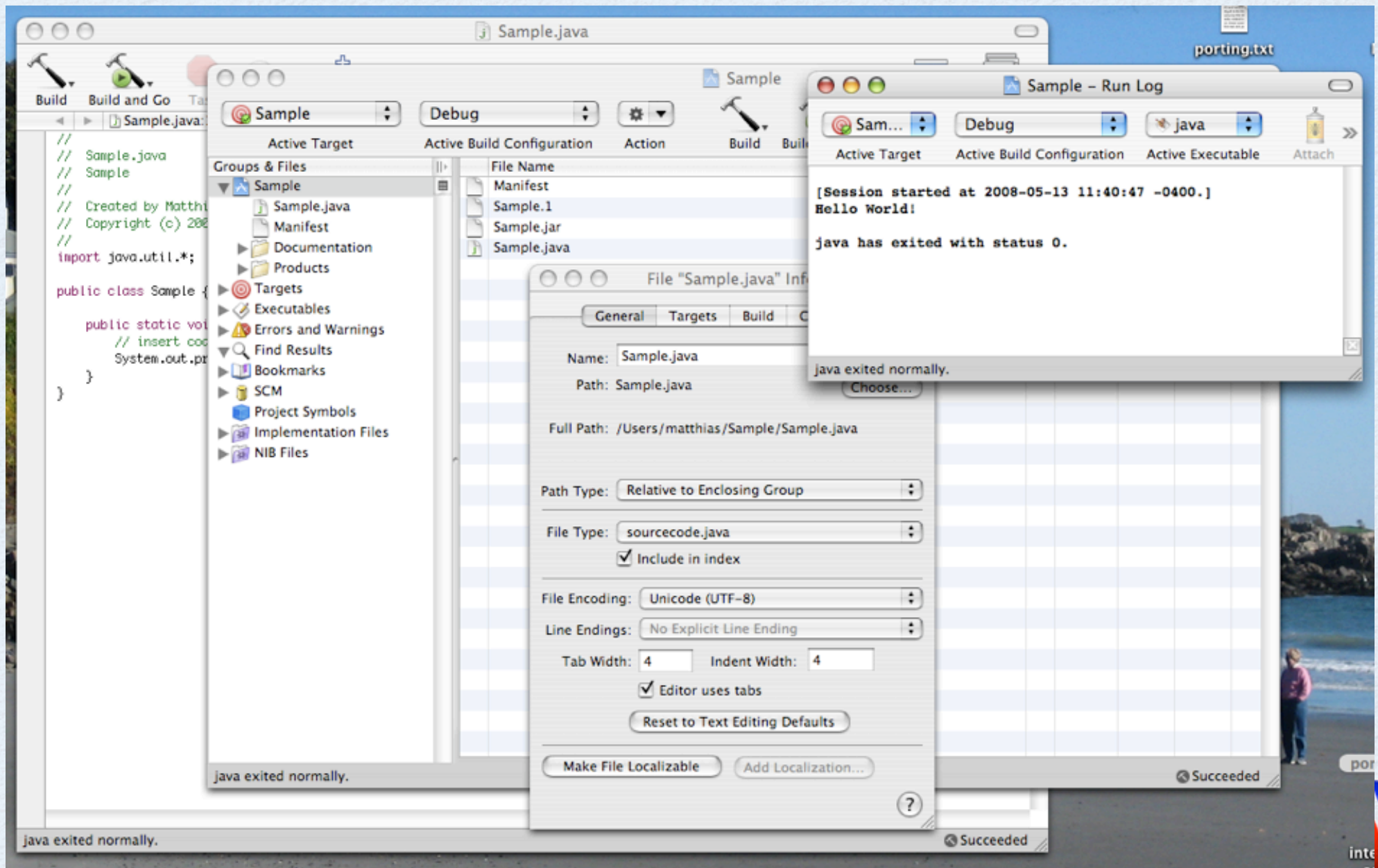
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So we did it for all five of them, in one programming environment.



THE FIRST ENVIRONMENT



THE FIRST ENVIRONMENT



Thanks Viera Proulx



A GOOD FIRST IDE

Our Response to the 747-IDE



first-year.ss

(define ...)


Step

Check Syntax

Run

Stop


```
;; draw : Position -> Image
;; create a drawing of the rocket at the proper position
(define (draw p)

  (place-image  XX p (empty-scene WIDTH HEIGHT)))

;; move : Position -> Position
;; move a rocket straight up
(define (move p)
  (+ 3 p))

;; tests:

(check-expect (move 10) 13)

(check-expect (draw 10) (place-image  XX 10 (empty-scene WIDTH HEIGHT)))
(generate-report)

... more program stuff
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Programming language:
Beginning Student


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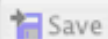
Read/
Write

not running

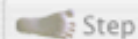


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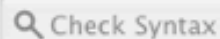
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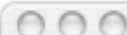
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Test Results

Recorded 2 checks. All checks succeeded!

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true
> (draw 20)



Programming language: **Beginning Student**

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Read/
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not running







Stepper

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```
(define (world-move ke x)
  (cond
    ((char? ke) x)
    ((symbol=? ke 'left) (- x 2))
    ((symbol=? ke 'right) (+ x 2))
    (else x)))
```

```
(world-move 'left 20)
```



```
(cond
  ((char? 'left) 20)
  ((symbol=? 'left 'left) (- 20 2))
  ((symbol=? 'left 'right) (+ 20 2))
  (else 20))
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  ((symbol=? 'left 'left) (- 20 2))
  ((symbol=? 'left 'right) (+ 20 2))
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```



```
(cond
  (false 20)
  ((symbol=? 'left 'left) (- 20 2))
  ((symbol=? 'left 'right) (+ 20 2))
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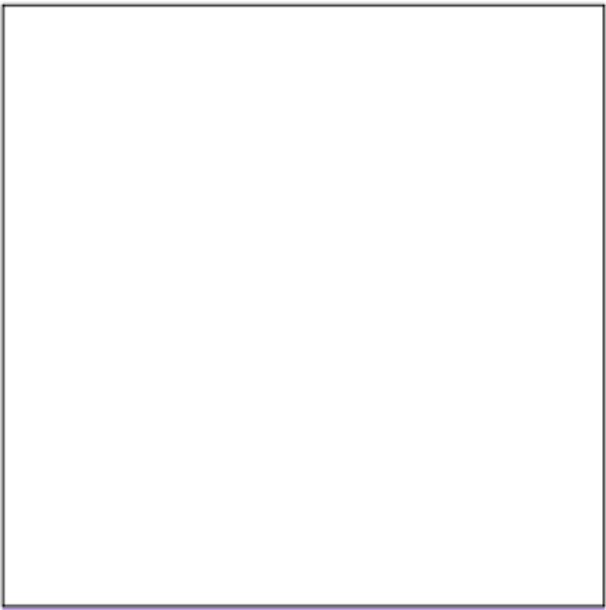
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Stepper

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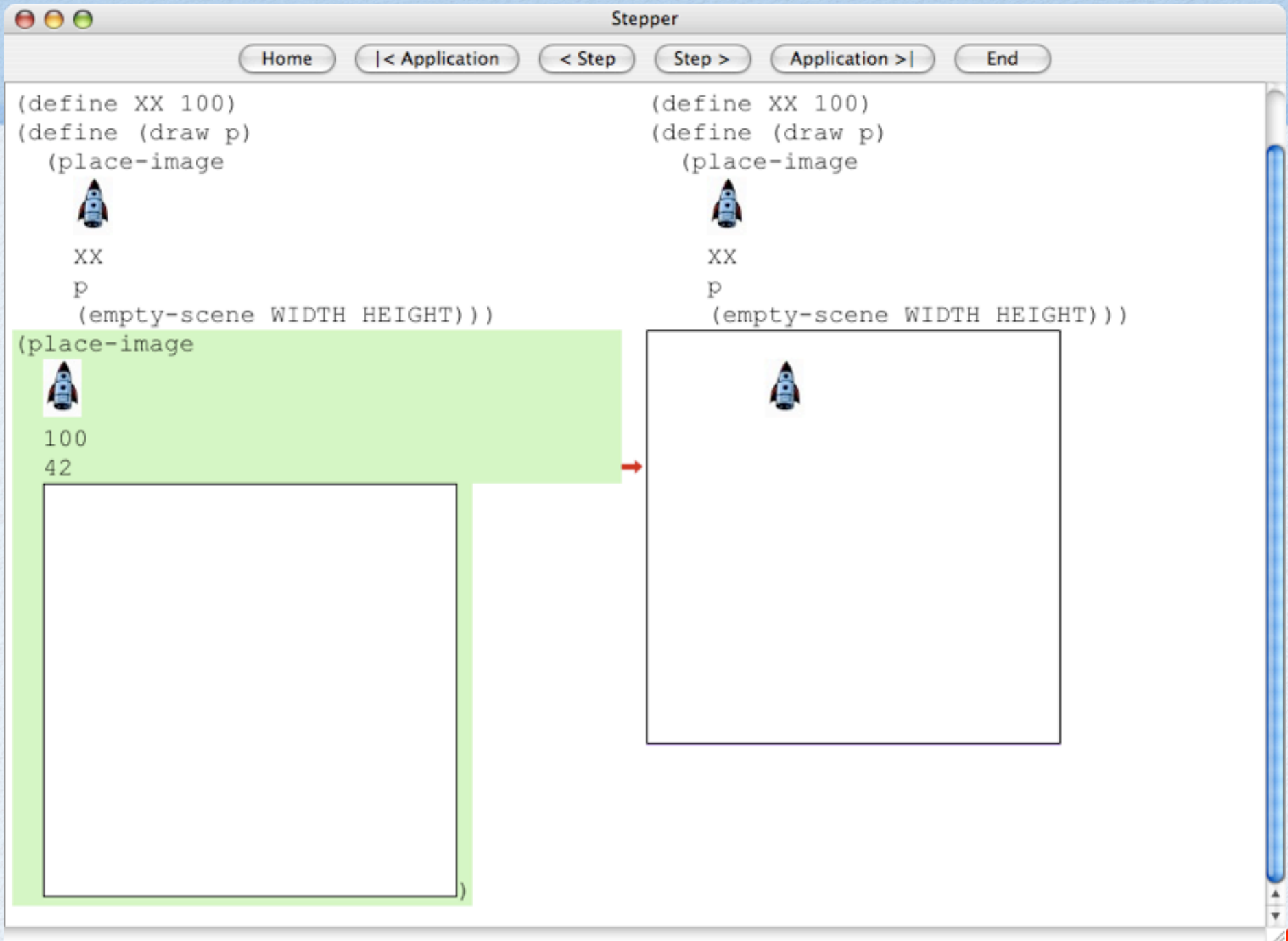
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Untitled - DrScheme

Untitled ▾ Save Step Check Syntax Run Stop

ccsne.ss Untitled

```
;; KeyStroke Number -> Number
(define (world-move ke)
  (cond
    [(char? ke) ]
    [(symbol=? ke 'left) (- x 2)]
    [(symbol=? ke 'right) (+ x 2)]
    [else x] ))

;; Tests:
(= (world-move 'left 20) 18)
(= (world-move 'right 20) 22)
(= (world-move 'top 20) 20)
```

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Read/Write

not running



Untitled 2 – DrScheme

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ccsne.ss Untitled Untitled 2

```
class State {
  int x;
  State(int x) { this.x = x; }

  // move this left or right by 2, depending on keystroke
  State move(String keystroke) {
    if (keystroke.equals("left"))
      return new State(this.x - 2);
    else if (keystroke.equals("right"))
      return new State(this.x + 2);
    else return this;
  }
}
```

Welcome to [DrScheme](#), version 299.100.

Language: **ProfessorJ: Beginner**.

Teachpack: [/Users/matthias/plt/teachpack/htdp/world.ss](#).

```
> new State(20).move("left")
State(x = 18)
>
```

6:2 Read/Write not running

Design (HtDC)

Semester 2



HTDC

- Classes for Objects, Types to Check
- Does the Design Process Apply?
- Does Java Support it All?



HTDC: DESIGN RECIPE (1)

Split the Design Recipe



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- Sample Instances
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Design Methods:

- Signature & Purpose
- Functional Examples
- Template = Chase the Diagram
- Program!
- Tests



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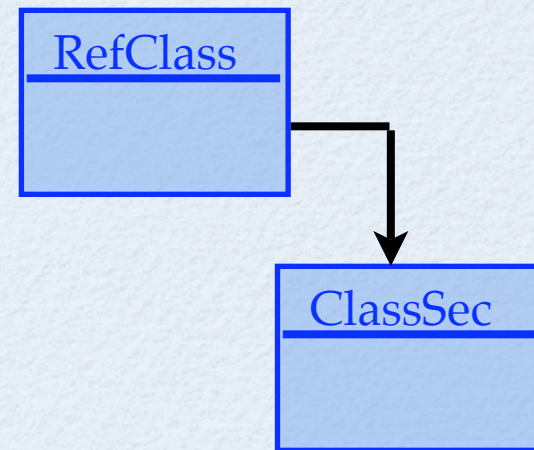
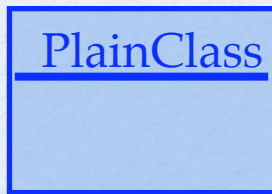


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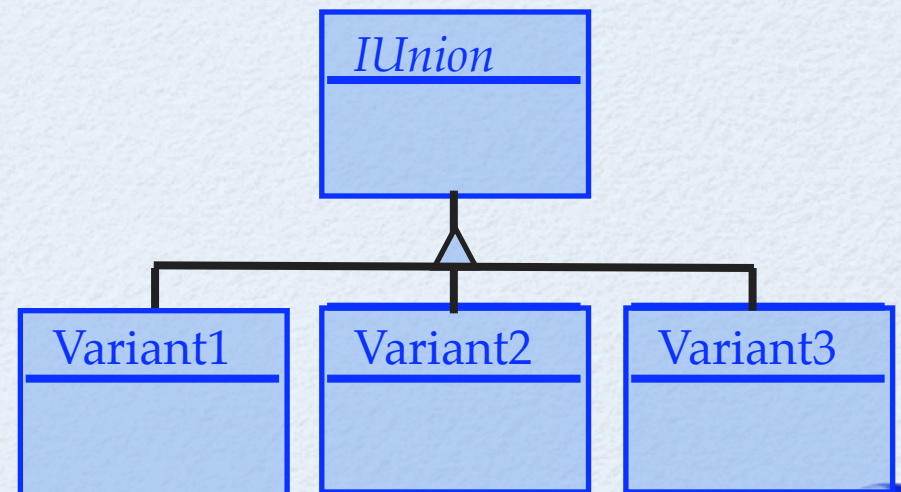
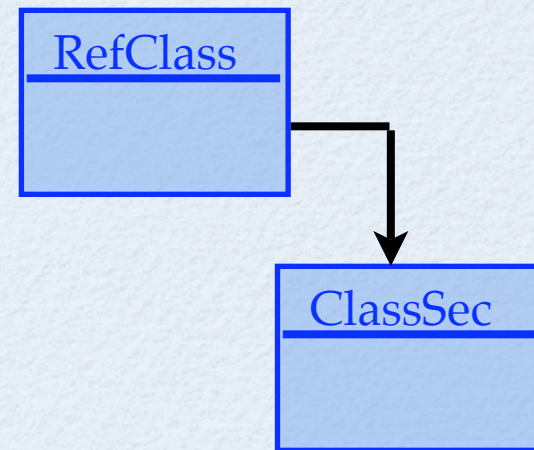


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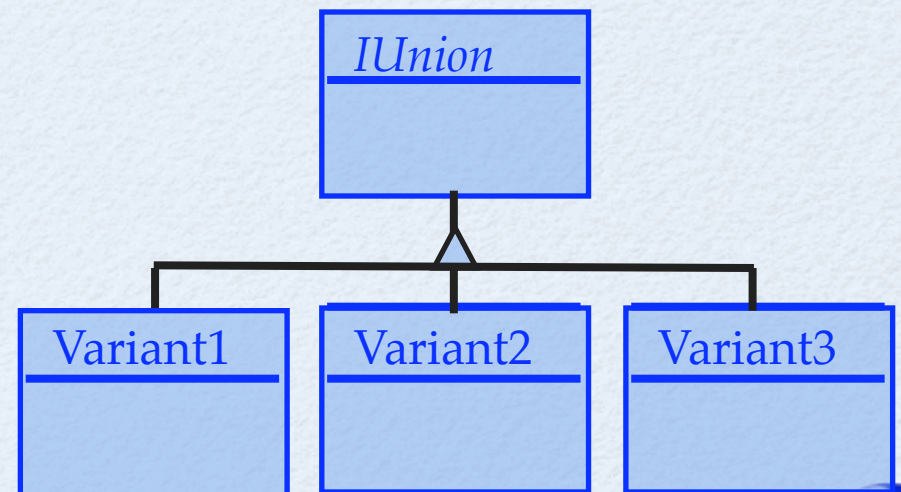
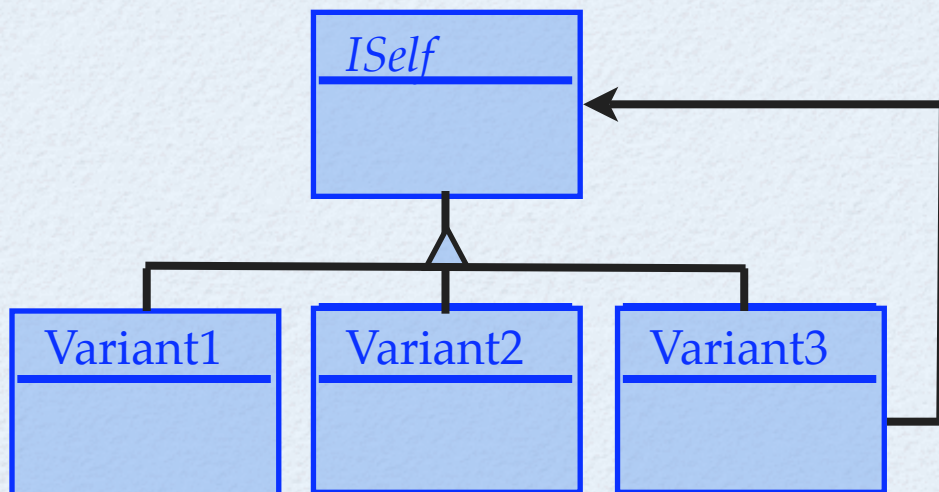
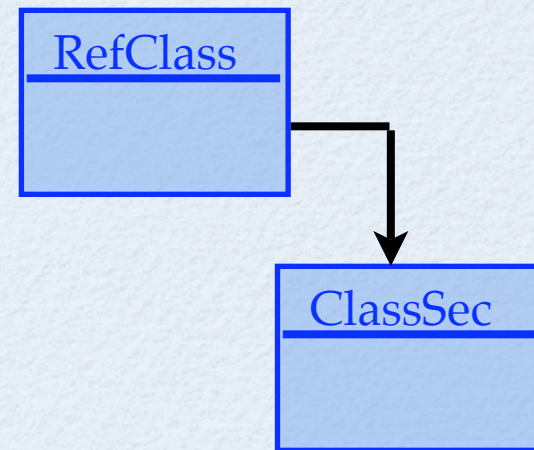
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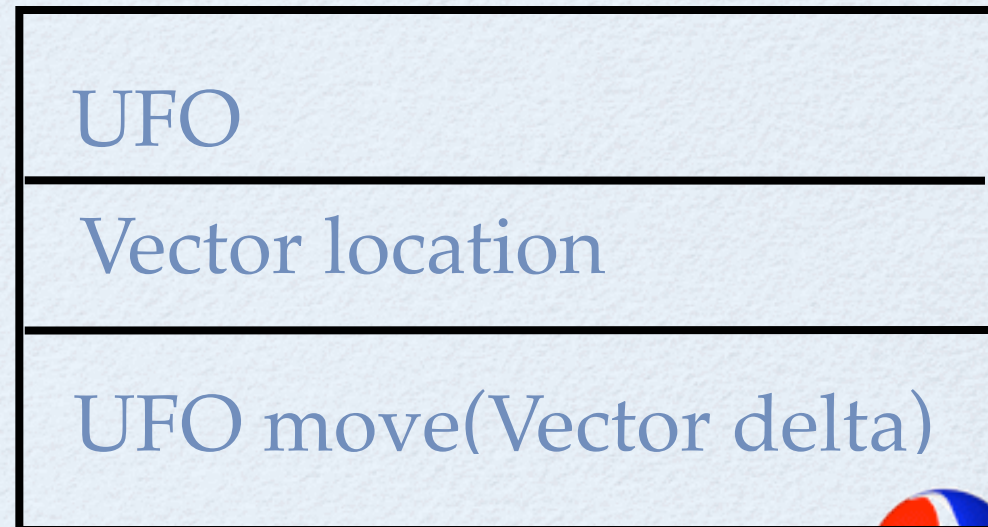
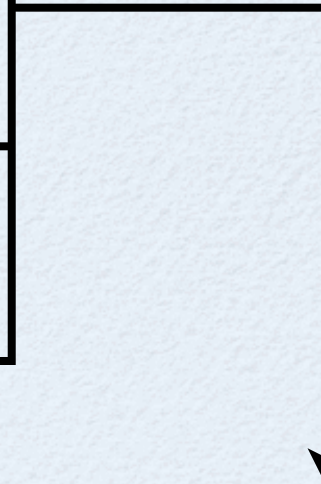
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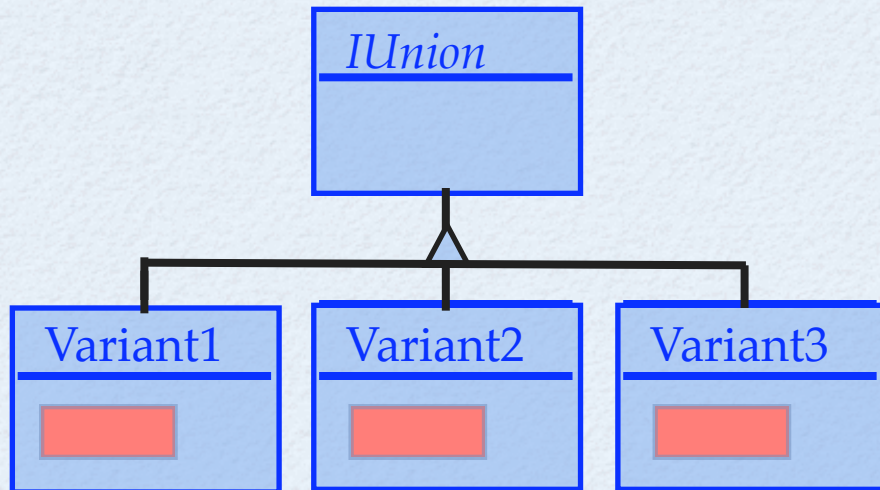
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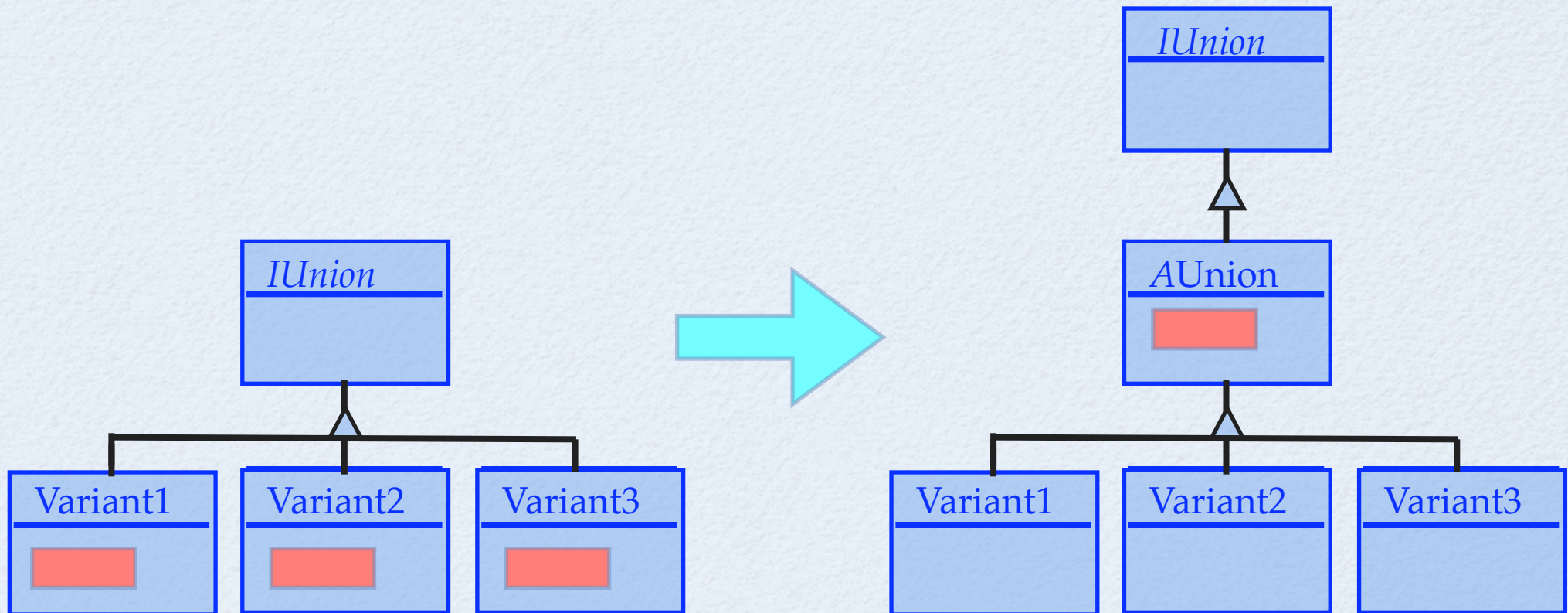
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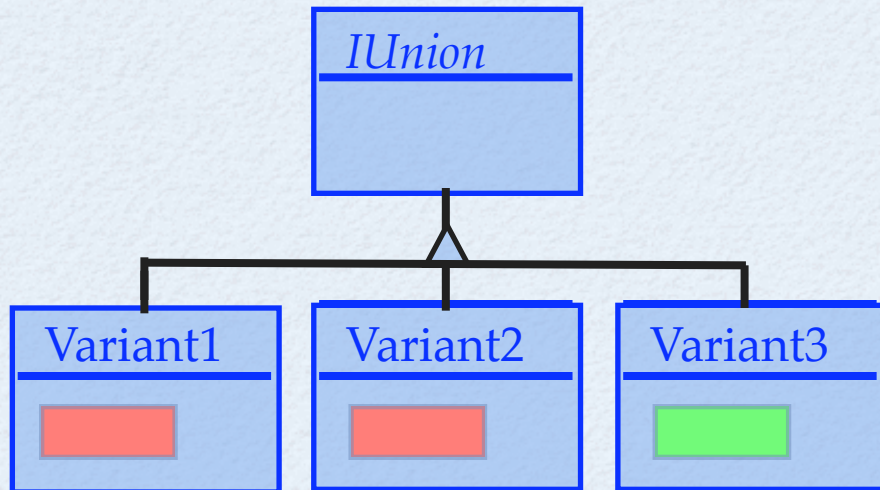
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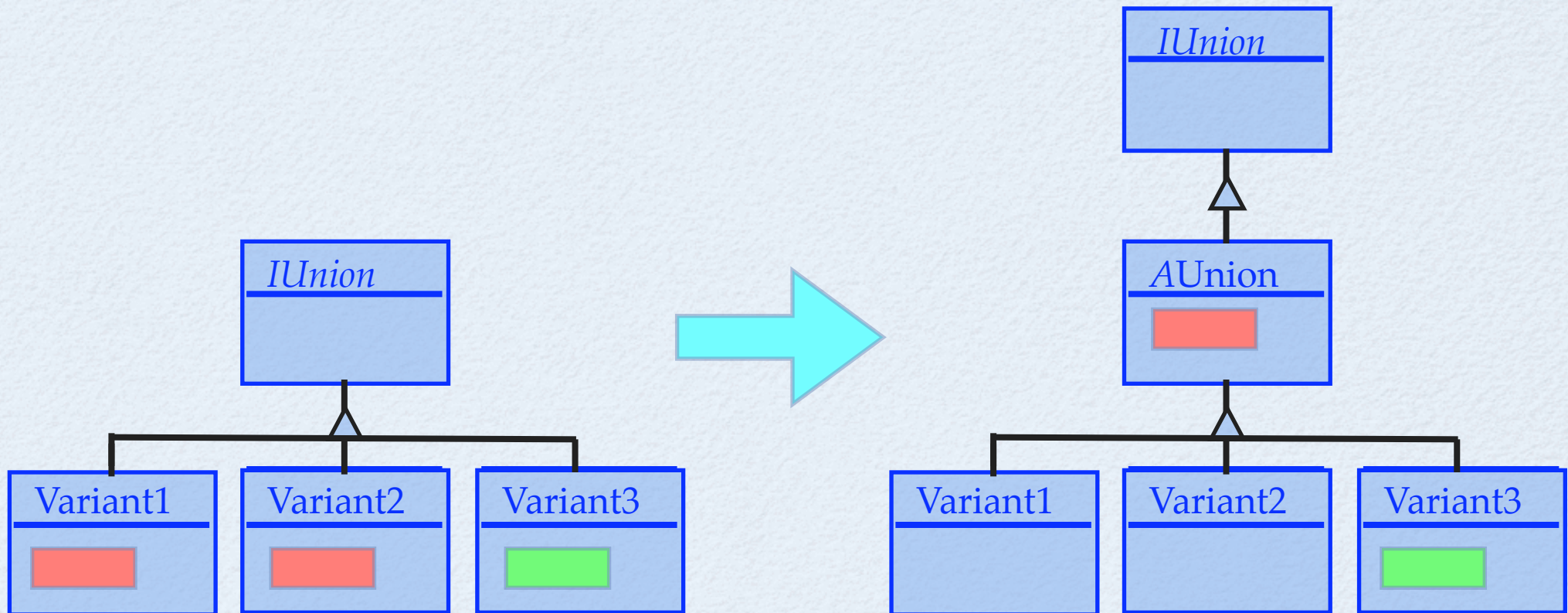
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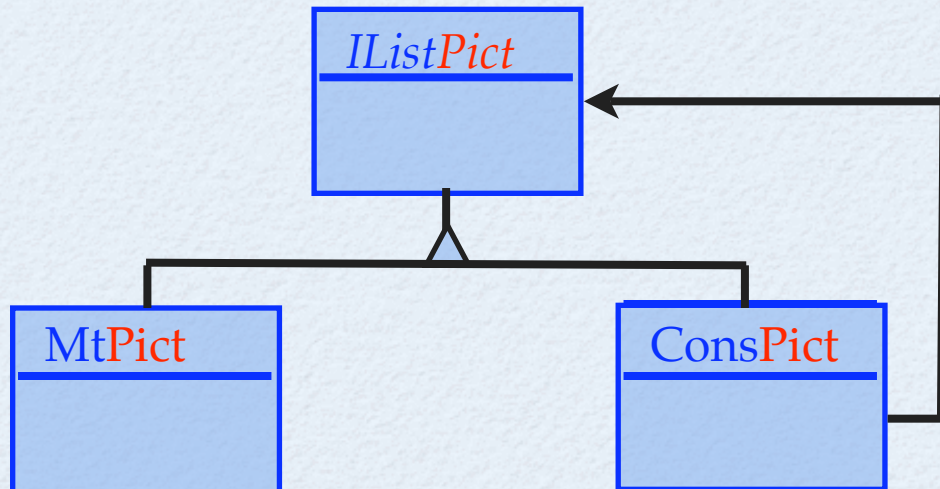
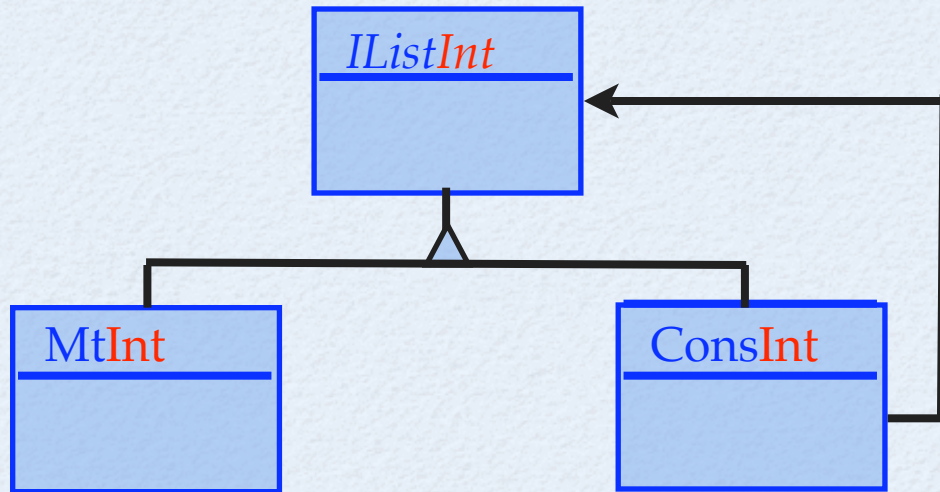
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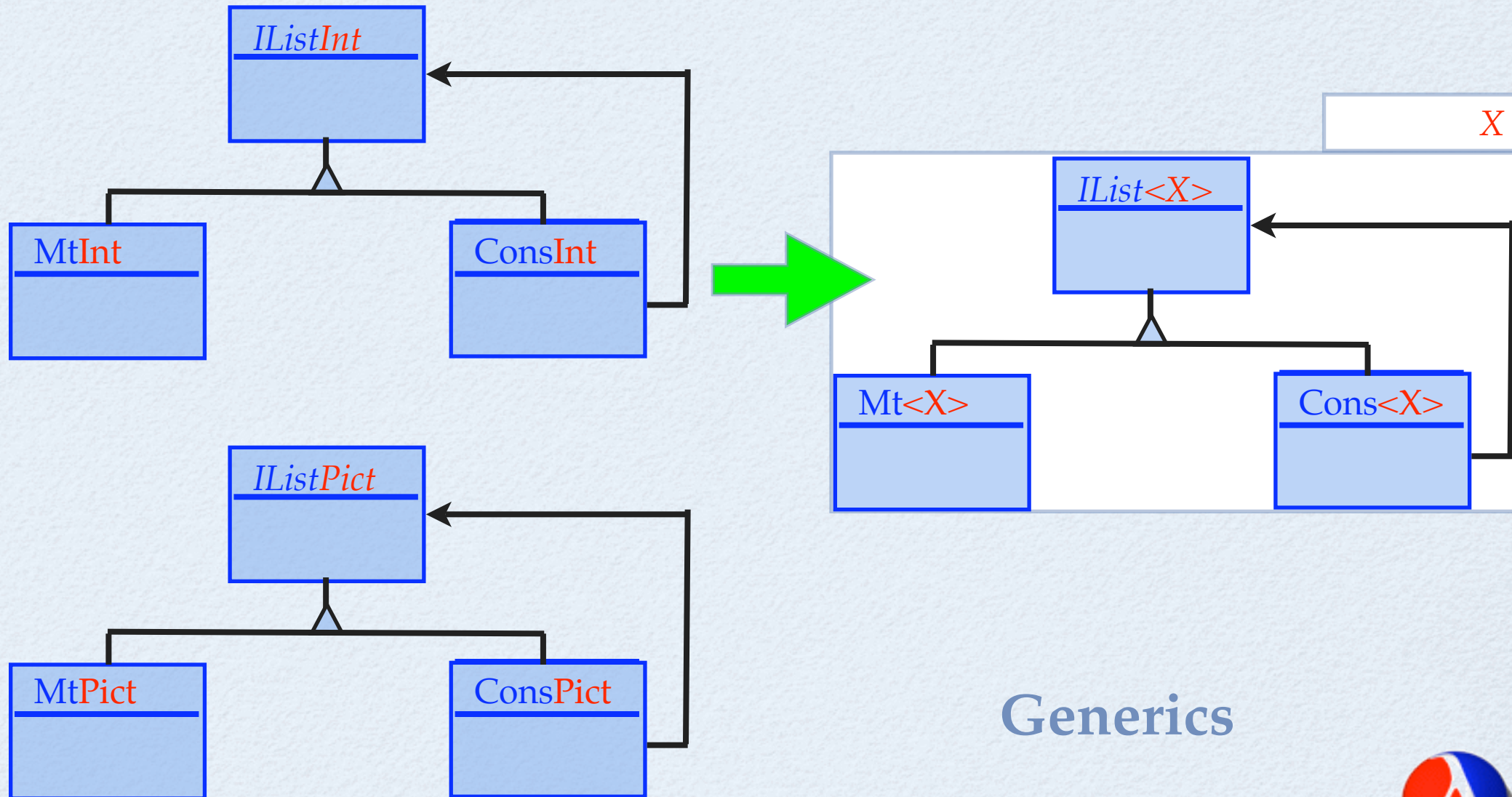
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Note: systematics “rediscovery” of patterns



HTDC: ENCAPSULATION

- idea: program for others, protect invariants
- for state, protection is encapsulation



HTDC: JAVA

- Java Teaching Languages: Beginning Student, Intermediate Student, Advanced Student
- switch to Eclipse and Java 1.5, with JUnit
- introduce Java run-time library



Results



RESULTS: FIRST SEMESTER

- The first semester: Ten Years
- Evaluation with respect to C++ course(s)
- Hand-over test at Rice: five instructors
- Field tests at 20 local high-schools
- Now used at 12+ colleges and 200+ high schools

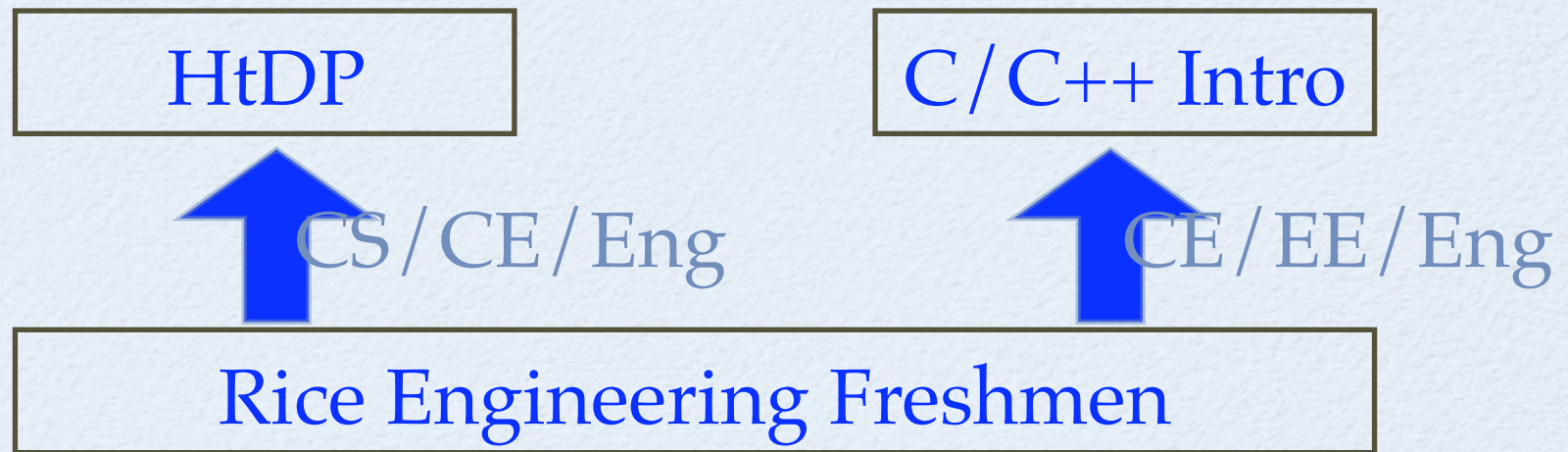


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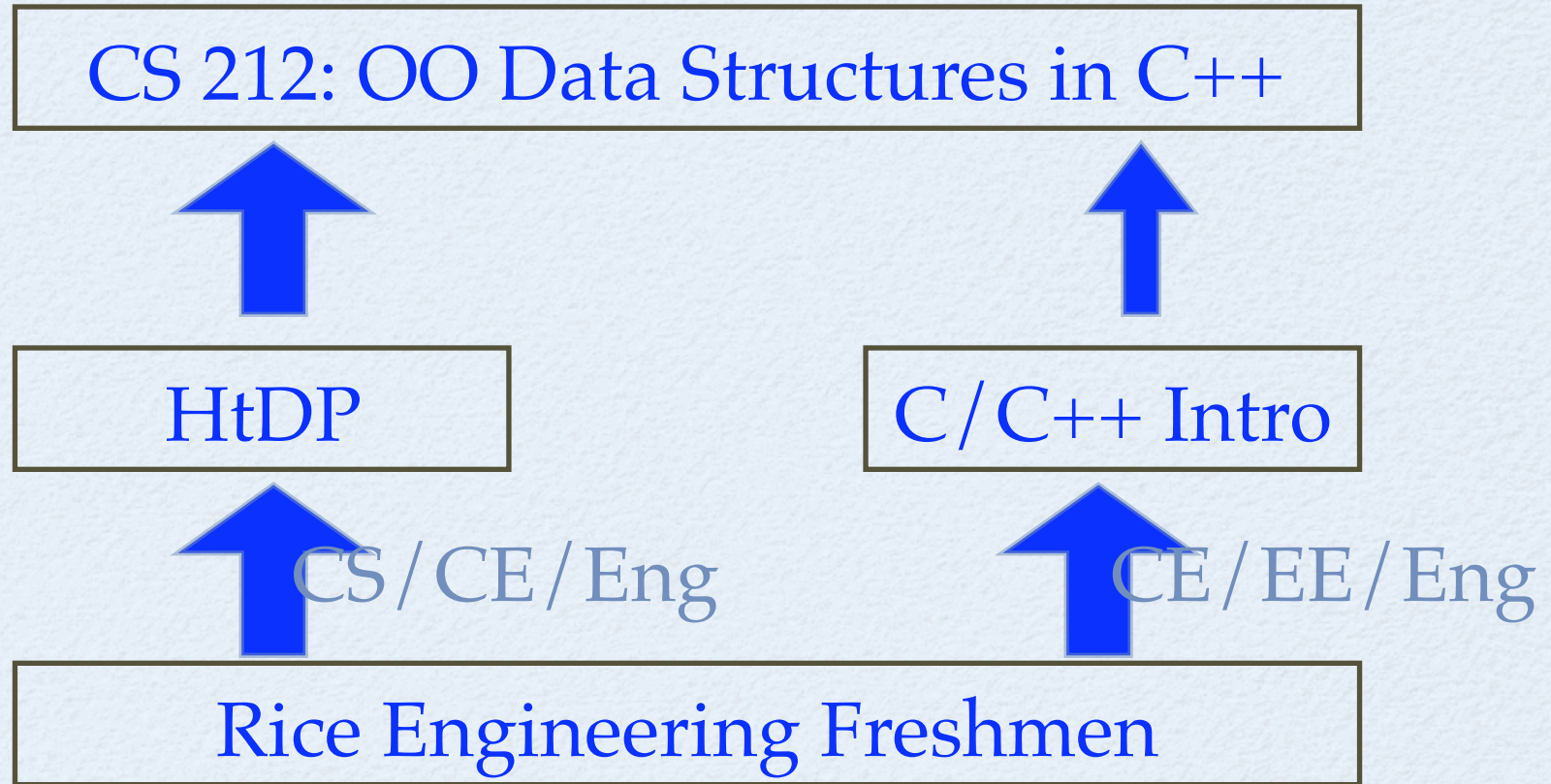
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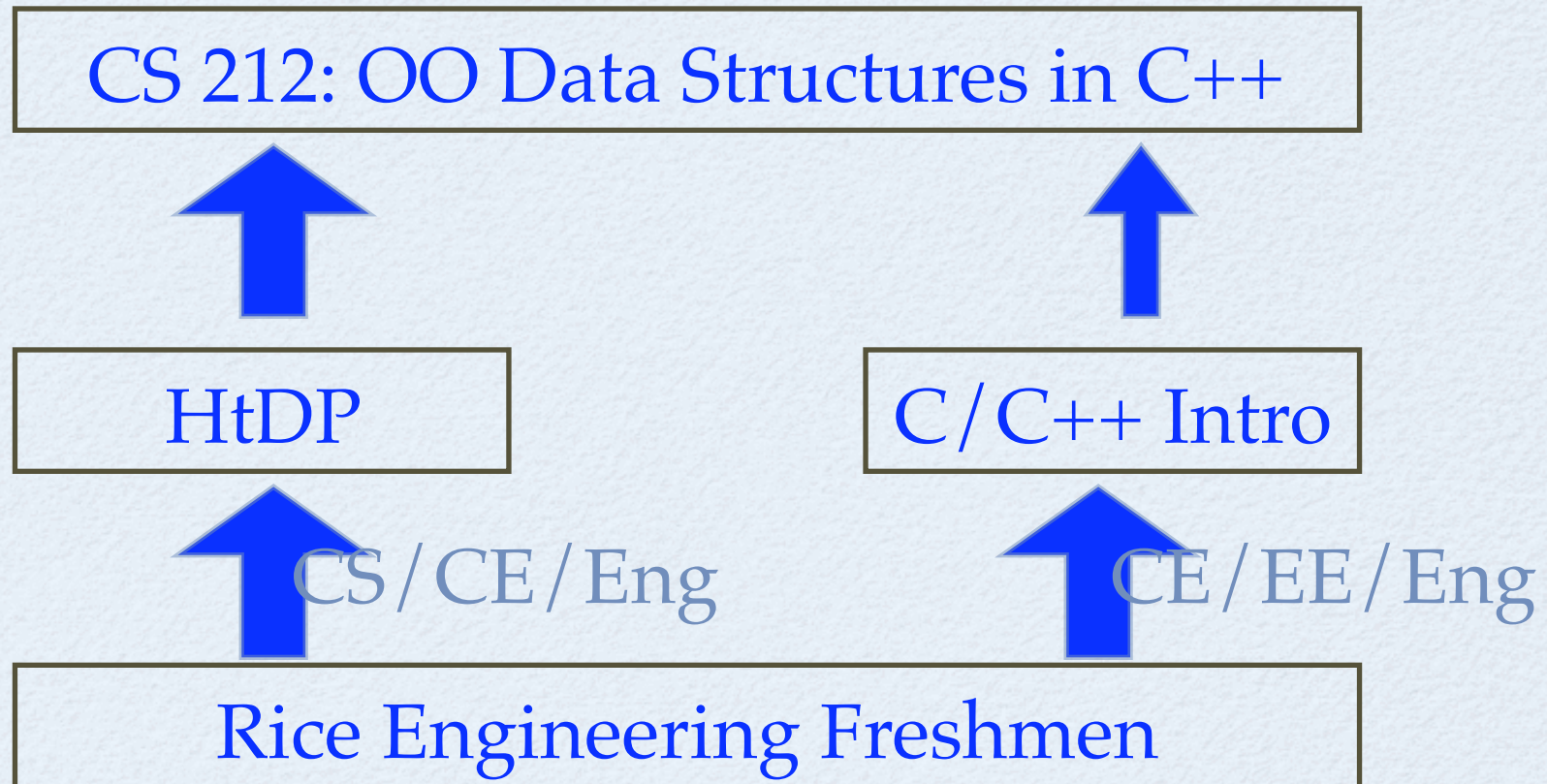
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HtDP Students routinely outperform C/C++ students on C++



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- Female students: prefer HtDP by a ratio over 4:1



RESULTS: SECOND SEMESTER

- The second semester: four full years at NU
- Three follow-up courses, 3 different instructors:
all confirm that the students have made a quantum leap in programming performance.
- Field tests: at a few high schools and colleges



RESULTS

Fall 2008: Bootcamp for MS



Conclusions, Future



FUTURE

	Programming	Mathematics
Semester 1	<i>How to Design Programs</i>	Discrete
Semester 2	<i>How to Design Classes</i>	<i>How to Prove Programs (ACL2)</i>



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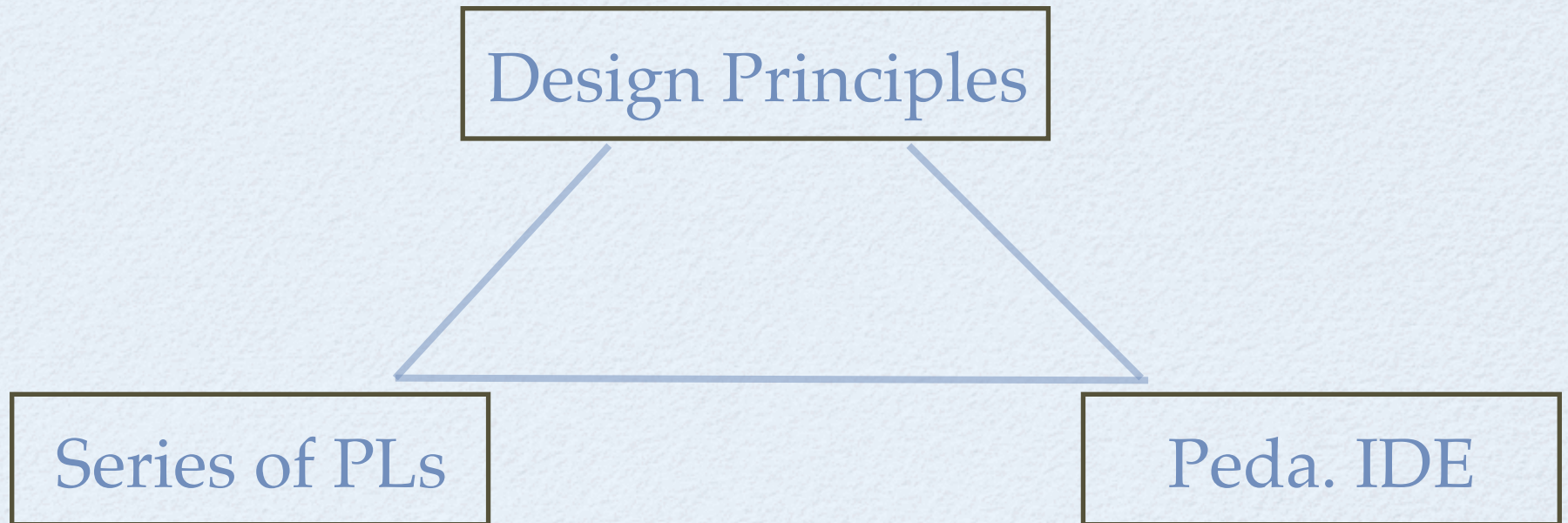
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Thank You!

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