Working with People! Relationships in Software Development

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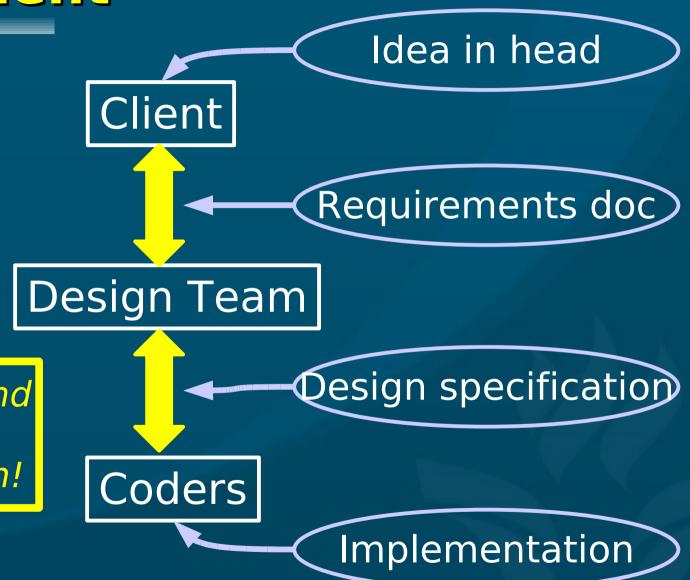


Review

- Toolsmiths must know their toolboxes
 - (what does it mean for a computing scientist to be a toolsmith?)
- Top-down vs. bottom-up
- First step in problem-solving? (don't code yet!)
- WADES (Write, Apprehend, Design, Execute, Scrutinize)
- Levels of abstraction / levels of detail



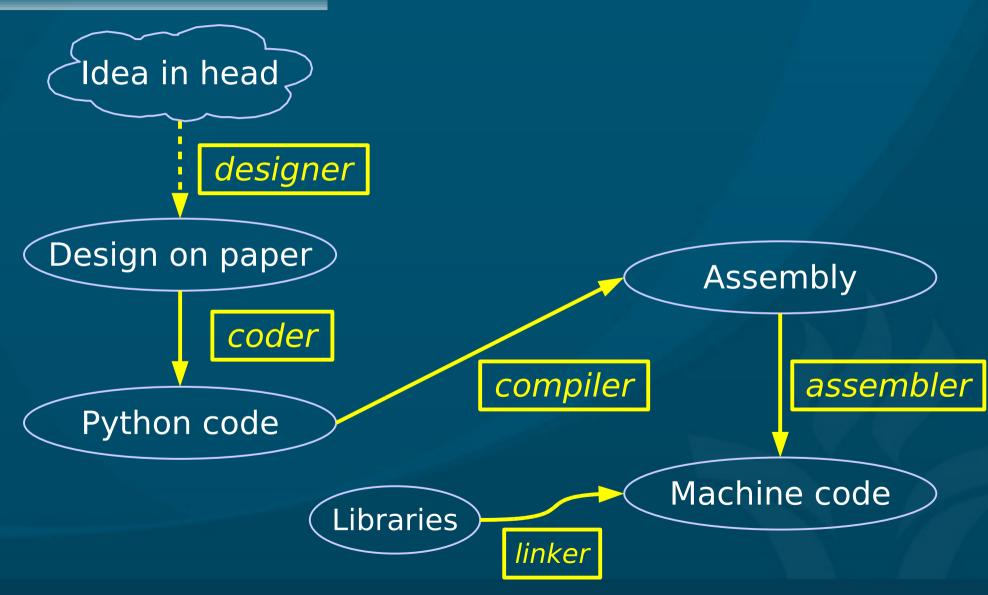
Interfaces in software development



Both <u>vertical</u> and <u>horizontal</u> communication!



Programming is translation





"There's no 'l' in 'Team'!"

- Individual competency
 - Have something to contribute
 - Know how your niche fits in the whole
 - Appreciate other people's specialties
- Team comptetency
 - Mutual trust and respect
 - "Think of others as better than yourselves"
 - Self-organization into roles (may change)
 - Initiative don't wait for others to do it
 - Constant communication



Roles: producer vs. director

- (This is just one way of organizing a team)
- Executive Producer
 - Process, flow, keep team on-task, on-time
- Technical Director
 - Vision, artistic, technical integrity
 - Prevent "feature creep"
- Engineers: implementers, make it happen
- Architects/designers: give it purpose, make it beautiful



Hardware abstractions

Generally, most computers have these basic hardware components:

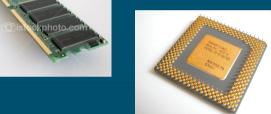
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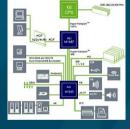


Memor



- Processing
- Control
- Output







Together with the software, the environment presented to the computer user by these is the virtual machine



Software abstractions

- Instructions: basic commands to computer
 - e.g., ADD x and y and STORE the result in z
- Programming language: set of all available instructions
 - e.g., Python, C++, machine language



- Program: sequence of instructions
 - e.g., your "Hello World" program
- Software: package of one or more programs
 - e.g. Microsoft Word, Microsoft Office



- Operating system: software running the computer: provides environment for programmer
 - e.g., Windows XP, Mac OSX, Linux, etc



Data representation

Data vs. information, knowledge vs. wisdom

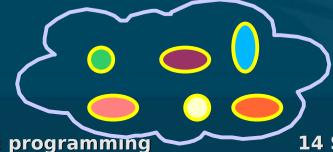
- Raw data (factoids, memorized mantras) are useless unless you know what they mean!
- "There are 10 kinds of people in the world: those who know binary, and those who don't."
 - (what does "10" mean?)



Atomic vs. compound data

- Atomic: represents a single entity
 - e.g., 8, π, 6.022x10²³, z
- Compound: entity that also is a collection of components: e.g.,
 - Set: {43, 5, -29.3}
 - Ordered tuple: (3,9) (vs. set?)
 - Complex number: 4.63+2i (set or tuple?)
 - Aggregate: (name, age, address, phone#)
- Singleton: {43}





TODO items

- Familiarize yourself with the course website: http://cmpt140.seanho.com
- Do the Python/IDLE intro by Fri (nothing to turn in, not graded)
 - Lab1 is due the following Wed after that
- Read ch1 of the textbook
- HW01 due Wed before start of class
 - Electronic turn-in: upload to myCourses

