Bowdoin

CSCI 1101B INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTER SCIENCE



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Logistics and Organizational Info

- Introductions sbarker@bowdoin.edu
- Course web page: http://www.bowdoin.edu/~sbarker/1101
- Questions about dates, times, policies, etc...
 - Check the website!

First question...

What is computer science?

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Study of computers?

- "Computer science is no more about computers than astronomy is about telescopes, biology is about microscopes or chemistry is about beakers and test tubes. Science is not about tools, it is about how we use them and what we find out when we do."
 - Michael Fellows & Ian Parberry







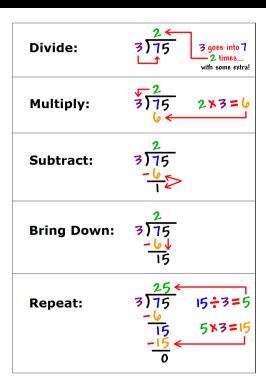
Programming?

- Programming is a relevant skill
- Can do computer science without programming (or even using a computer!)



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Algorithms!



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Cooking an Egg



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An Example Algorithm

- Input: two whole numbers
- 1. Call the larger number **X**, smaller number **Y**.
- 2. Divide **X** by **Y** and call the remainder **R**.
- 3. If **R** is *not* 0, then:
 - Change X to be the current value of Y,
 - Change Y to be the current value of R,
 - Go back to step 2.
- 4. Output **Y**.

Why Learn to Program?

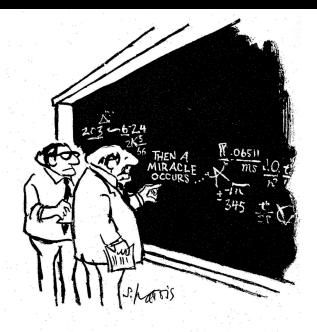
Everybody in this country should learn to program a computer... because it teaches you how to think



Steve Jobs, co-founder and CEO of Apple Inc. (1955 - 2011)

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Being Explicit



"I THINK YOU SHOULD BE MORE EXPLICIT HERE IN STEP TWO."

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Programming Languages



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