

Programming for Non-Programmers

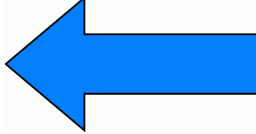
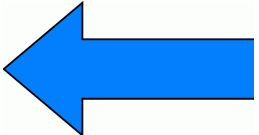
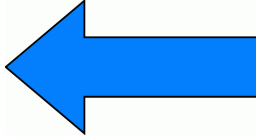
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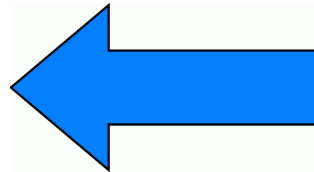
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Why program?

1. Start a new career
2. Make money
3. Solve a need for which software isn't available
4. Just for the fun of it 
5. Better understand how computers work 
6. "Wow" the kids or grandkids 

Software Development*

1. Requirements gathering and analysis
2. System analysis
3. System design
4. Coding (programming)
5. Testing & debugging
6. Implementation



*See   for more information

Down in the weeds!







C++

COMMA OPERATOR

...a binary operator that evaluates its first operand and discards the result and then evaluates the second operand and returns this value (and type)

Huh...???

What is a Computer Language?

- ...it's a formal language designed to communicate instructions to a computer
- For more information see  

How many computer languages are there?

- Several thousand
- Those starting with the letter “R”



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|----------|--------------|--------------|
| . R | . Red | . ROOP |
| . R++ | . Redcode | . RPG |
| . Racket | . REFAL | . RPL |
| . RAPID | . Reia | . RSL |
| . Rapira | . Revolution | . RTL/2 |
| . Ratfiv | . rex | . Ruby |
| . Ratfor | . REXX | . RuneScript |
| . rc | . Rlab | . Rust |
| . REBOL | . RobotC | |

Kinds of computer languages

1 Array language

2 Assembly languages

3 Authoring languages

4 Constraint programming

5 Command line interface languages

6 Compiled languages

7 Concurrent languages

8 Curly-bracket language

9 Dataflow languages

10 Data-oriented language

11 Data-structured languages

12 Decision table languages

13 Declarative languages

14 Embeddable languages

14.1 In source code

14.1.1 Server side

14.1.2 Client side

14.2 In object code

15 Educational languages

16 Esoteric languages

17 Extension languages

18 Fourth-generation languages

19 Functional languages

19.1 Pure

19.2 Impure

20 Hardware description languages

20.1 HDLs for analog circuit design

23 Interpreted languages

24 Iterative languages

25 List-based languages – LISPs

26 Little languages

27 Logic-based languages

28 Machine languages

29 Macro languages

29.1 Textual substitution macro languages

29.2 Application macro languages

30 Metaprogramming languages

31 Multiparadigm languages

32 Numerical analysis

33 Non-English-based languages

34 Object-oriented class-based languages

34.1 Multiple dispatch

34.2 Single dispatch

oriented prototype-based languages

rule languages

ral languages

38 Reflective languages

39 Rule-based languages

40 Scripting languages

41 Stack-based languages

42 Synchronous languages

43 Syntax handling languages

44 Transformation languages

45 Visual languages

46 Wirth languages

47 XML-based languages

General Purpose Languages

World's Most Popular Program—in “C”

```
Comment → /* Hello World program */  
  
#include<stdio.h> ← Read-in standard input/output  
  
main() ← Main part of program, do stuff between braces  
→ {  
    printf("Hello World"); ← Print function  
  
→ }
```

Hello World

World's Most Popular Program-Basic*

```
10 PRINT "HELLO WORLD"
```

*There are many versions of BASIC

World's Most Popular Program–VB

```
' A "Hello, World!" program in Visual Basic.  
Module Hello  
  Sub Main()  
    MsgBox("Hello, World!") ' Display message on computer screen.  
  End Sub  
End Module
```

World's Most Popular Program–Python

```
print ( "Hello World" )
```

World's Most Popular Program–APL

'Hello World'

World's Most Popular Program–Java

```
public class Hello {  
    public static void main(String []args) {  
        System.out.println("Hello World");  
    }  
}
```

World's Most Popular Program–PHP

```
<?php  
Print "Hello, World!";  
?>
```

World's Most Popular Program-Assembler

```
dosseg
.model small
.stack 100h

.data
hello_message db 'Hello, World!',0dh,0ah,'$'

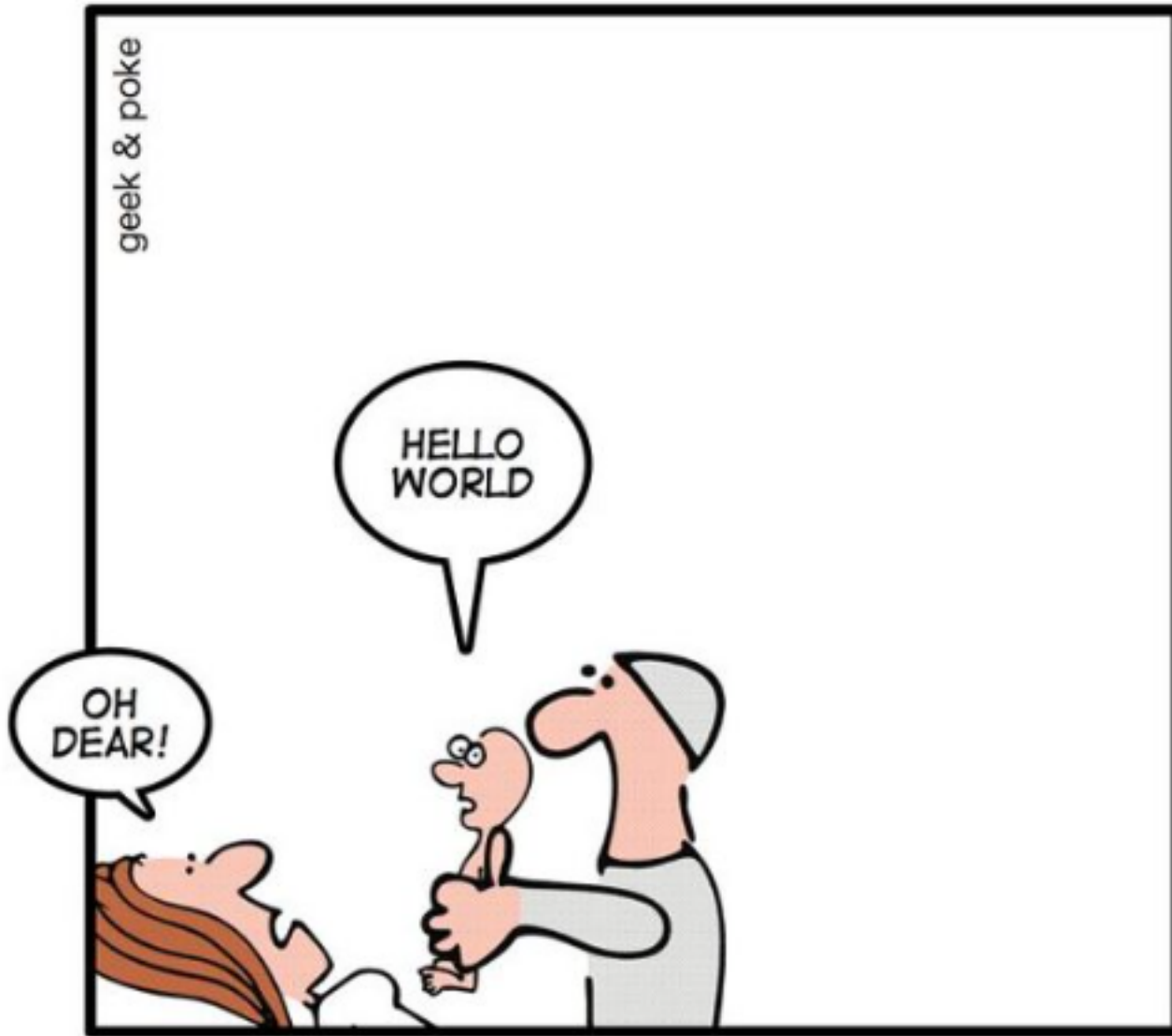
.code
main proc
mov ax,@data
mov ds,ax

mov ah,9
mov dx,offset hello_message
int 21h

mov ax,4C00h
int 21h
main endp
end main
```

**IBM-PC
i386**

A Geek is Born!



Write it → Compile it → Run it*

```
/* Hello World program */  
#include<stdio.h>  
  
main()  
{  
    printf("Hello World");  
}
```

Source Code

Compile



```
1001010101001011001001000  
0100111001100111001101001  
1000011010001101001001111  
1000100101011110010100101  
0110110011100100101000101  
0100110000100111011111001  
1001111100111010010100101
```

Object Code



Hello World

Output

*An over simplification
For more information see



Rivalry Between Apple & Microsoft



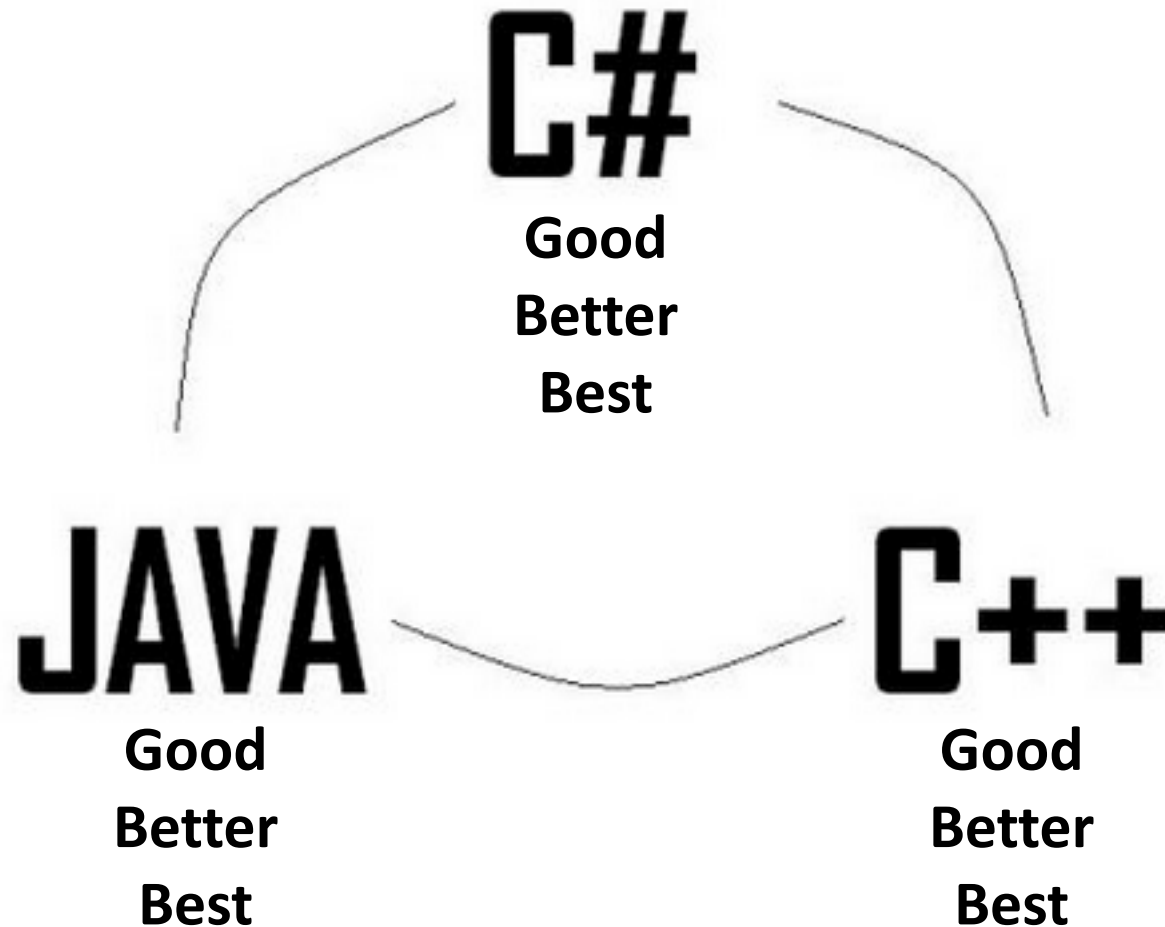
Mac

VS



PC

My Language is Wonderful—Yours Stinks!



Linus Torvalds—Progenitor of Linux

- “YOU are full of [deleted]. C++ is a horrible language. It’s made more horrible by the fact that a lot of substandard programmers use it...”

Edsger Dijkstra—Professor & Computer Scientist

- “The use of COBOL cripples the mind; its teaching should, therefore, be regarded as a criminal offense.”
- “Object-oriented programming is an exceptionally bad idea which could only have originated in California.”






What is **Object Oriented Programming (OOP)**?

- ...a programming language model organized around:
 - objects rather than “actions”
 - **data** rather than logic
- Traditional program languages are viewed as sequences of logical procedures
 - takes input data
 - **processes** it
 - produces output data



Programmers: emotional, compulsive &



About BASIC...


- **B**eginner's **A**ll-purpose **S**ymbolic **I**nstruction **C**ode
- Developed in 1964 by Kemeny & Kurtz at Dartmouth College 
- Widely distributed on microcomputers in 1980s and 1990s
- “The language that made computers personal” 
- 300+ variations of BASIC  
- Visual Basic widely used within Visual Studio 
- Relatively easy to learn

About “C” ...

- First there was “A”, then “B”, then...
- Developed in 1969-1973 by Dennis Ritchie & colleagues at Bell Labs
- A widely used general purpose language 
- “C” is the Latin of computer languages
- Not the easiest language to learn
- Has many functions 
- Powerful and fast

Representing Information: Letters & Numbers

Character	Decimal Value	Binary Value
A	65	01000001
a	97	01100001
1	49	00110001
2	50	00110010
null	0	00000000
† (dagger)	134	10000110
Œ (OE ligature)	140	10001100



ASCII American Standard Code for Information Interchange

0 → 255 (decimal); 256 objects

Storing Information: Variables*

Type	Examples	Explanation
char	A, a, 1, 2	1 byte, characters (not a number)
short	1, 2, 3...	2 bytes -32,767 to + 32,767, integers
int	1, 2, 3...	2 bytes or more, integers
long	1, 2, 3...	4 bytes or more, $\pm 2,147,483,647$, integers
float	3.14...	4 bytes, floating point (numeric decimal)
double	3.1415...	8 bytes, floating point (numeric decimal)
long double	3.1415926...	16 bytes, floating point (numeric decimal)



*An over simplification in “C”
For more information see 

Computer Languages: C Standard Library*

Name	Description
<code><assert.h></code>	Used to detect logical errors and other types of bugs
<code><errno.h></code>	For testing error codes reported by library functions
<code><fenv.h></code>	Defines a set of functions for controlling floating-point environment
<code><math.h></code>	Defines common mathematical functions
<code><signal.h></code>	Defines signal handling functions
<code><stdio.h></code>	Defines input and output functions
<code><string.h></code>	Defines string handling functions
<code><time.h></code>	Defines date and time handling functions



*8 examples from the “C” Standard Library

For more information see



IDE: Integrated **D**evelopment **E**nvironment

- “Good old days”: an editor and compiler
- IDE—a programming environment application with:
 - Code editor
 - Compiler(s)
 - Debugger(s)
 - Graphical user interface (GUI)

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Xcode

By Apple

Essentials

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Free

Category: Developer Tools

Updated: Jun 30, 2015

Version: 6.4

Size: 2.61 GB

Language: English

Seller: Apple Inc.

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Rated 4+

Compatibility: OS X 10.10 or later

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Description

Xcode provides everything developers need to create great applications for Mac, iPhone, and iPad. Xcode brings user interface design, coding, testing, and debugging all into a unified workflow. The Xcode IDE combined with the Cocoa and Cocoa Touch frameworks, and the Swift programming language make developing apps easier and more fun than

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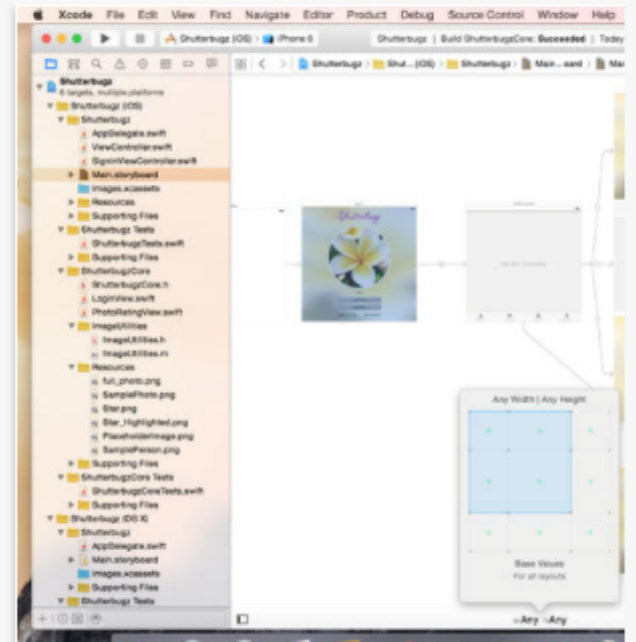
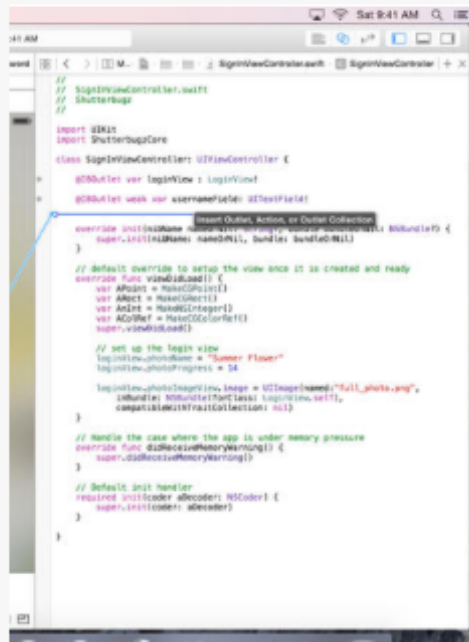
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What's New in Version 6.4

Xcode 6.4 adds support for iOS 8.4

Xcode 6.4 includes Swift 1.2 and SDKs for OS X 10.10 Yosemite and iOS 8.4

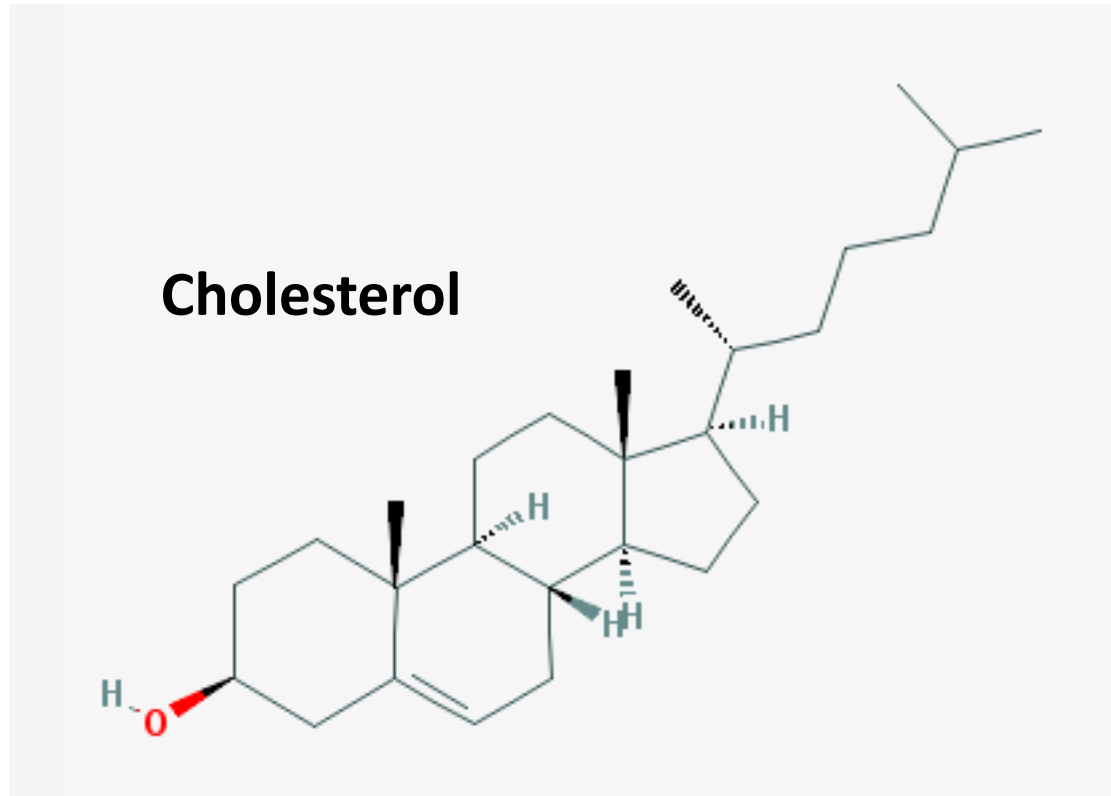
Screenshots





Cannabis sativa L.

How do you represent, store and retrieve this...








Chemistry?

**I HATE CHEMISTRY SO
MUCH**

**I GO TO CALCULUS TO
CHEER UP**

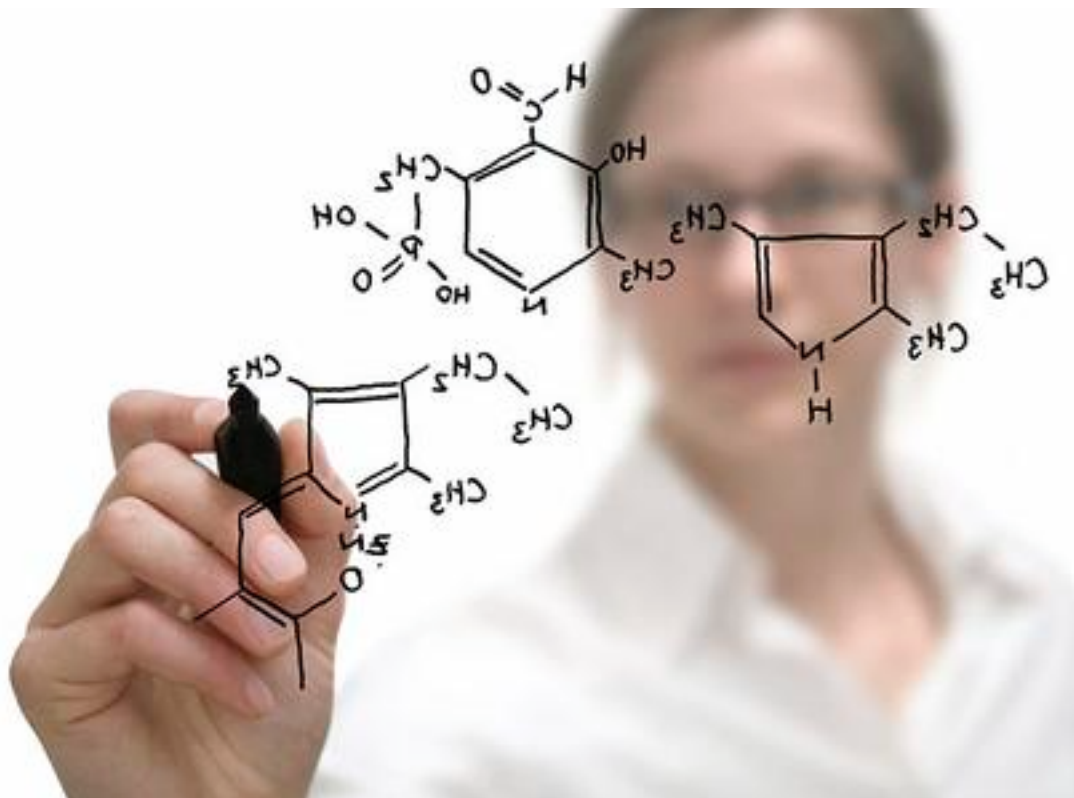
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Representations for Cholesterol

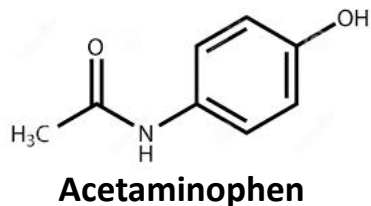
- Cholesterol
- HDL cholesterol (good cholesterol)
- LDL cholesterol (bad cholesterol)
- (3 β)-cholest-5-en-3-ol
- C₂₇H₄₆O
- CAS Number: 57-88-5 (>101 million substances)
- EC Number: 200-353-2  URL
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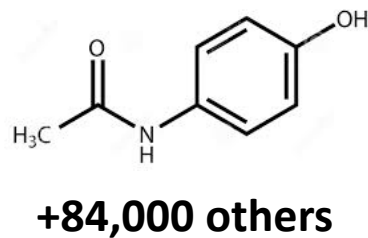
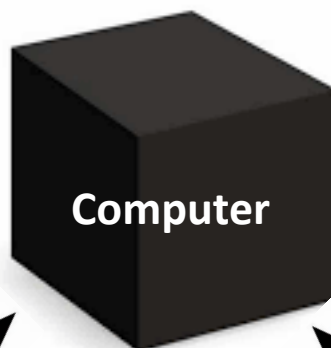
Chemists think in terms of pictures...



Key it → Store it → Search it → Retrieve it*



Keyboarder enters data



Scientist searching

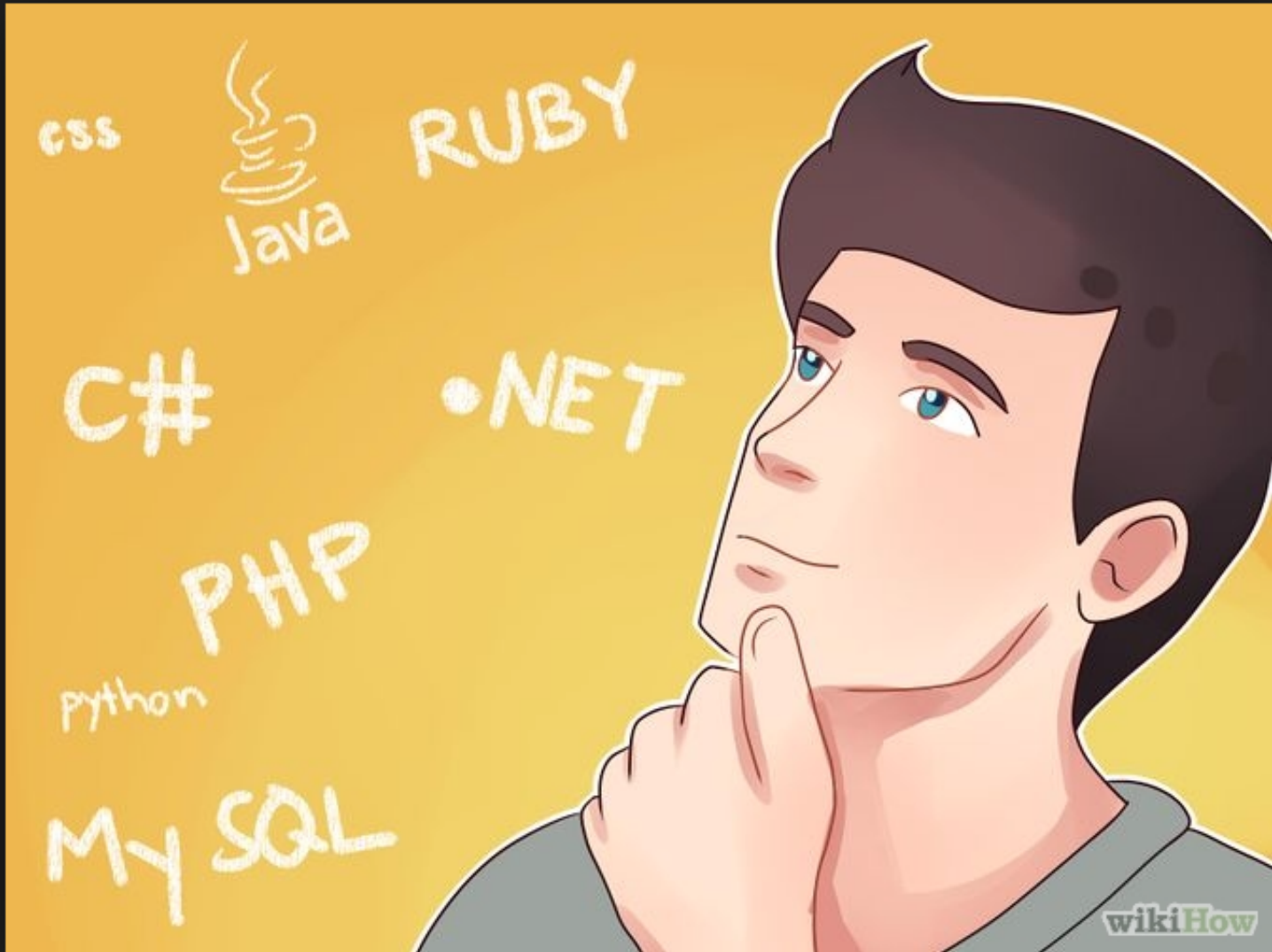
*Another over simplification




Sometimes you need to be specific

I said **RED** NOT tris(4-dimethylamino)phenyl)methylium chloride!

So you want to start programming...



How do you learn?

- Read books
- Take a traditional course
- Take an online course
- Work with a friend or colleague
- Here's some advice 


Beyond “Hello World”

- Think before coding (design first)
- Programs don't work the first time (debugging & error handling)
- Programs “wear out”
- Comments & documentation essential
- Patience, **patience, patience**


Best for First-Time Learners

Widely Used	Language	Comments
1	Java	General purpose, object oriented, portable, slow
2	Ruby	General purpose, object oriented, portable, slow
3	Python	General purpose, object oriented, portable, slow
4	JavaScript	Web programming only
5	C	General purpose, portable, very fast, modular
6	C++	General purpose, object oriented, fast, rather antiquated
7	C#	General purpose, Microsoft only, fairly fast
8	PHP	Easy to learn, for Web applications, scripting language
9	Objective C	General purpose, Apple oriented, superset of C

Microsoft–Windows Environment

- C#, Visual Basic or Python with Visual Studio Community 2013* (free) 
 - Supports code in Visual Basic, C++, Python, F#, C# and JavaScript
 - Advantages of VB & Python:
 - Simple structure
 - “Easy to learn”
 - Applicable to several versions of Windows OS
 - Disadvantages
 - VB & C# are proprietary Microsoft languages; not portable to other OS systems
 - Many good tutorials on Web
 - Lots of good books

Apple Environment: OS X, iOS & watchOS

- Java, Ruby, Python or Swift* with Xcode 6.4 (free) 
 - Supports code in Swift, C, C++, Objective-C, Objective C++, Java, Python, Ruby, Rez and AppleScript
 - Advantages:
 - Applicable to Mac computers, iPads, iPhones and Apple Watches
 - Java, Ruby and Python are reasonably portable to other operating systems
 - About Swift:
 - Swift is a new language with fewer resources/help*
 - Swift is not portable to other operating systems
 - Tutorials available on Web (for Swift, Java, Ruby & Python)
 - Good books (for Swift, Java, Ruby & Python)

*Swift will probably dominate the Apple environment, but is more difficult to learn



The End!

```
printf ("Thank you!");
```