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CORE

Computer Science in the Real World

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The Problem

How can we provide CS courses to a **rapidly growing** number of **non-CS** majors using **limited resources**?

If you wish to make
an apple pie from scratch,
you must first invent the universe.

Carl Sagan

The Ideal Form of Education

Source: https://giphy.com/gifs/dreamworks-lets-do-this-kung-fu-panda-master-shifu-QxZ0nbcVgMIPlnfZos

A Scalability Problem

Computer Scientists like those!

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The Traditional Approach

Few Students — More Students

- Small Lessons
- Instant Feedback
- Customized Curricula
- Develop & Engage
- Individual Skills

- Large Classes
- Turn In & Wait
- Published Textbooks
- Lecture & Grade
- Credit Hours

Online Learning?

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Conditionals....

```
1  x = 3
2
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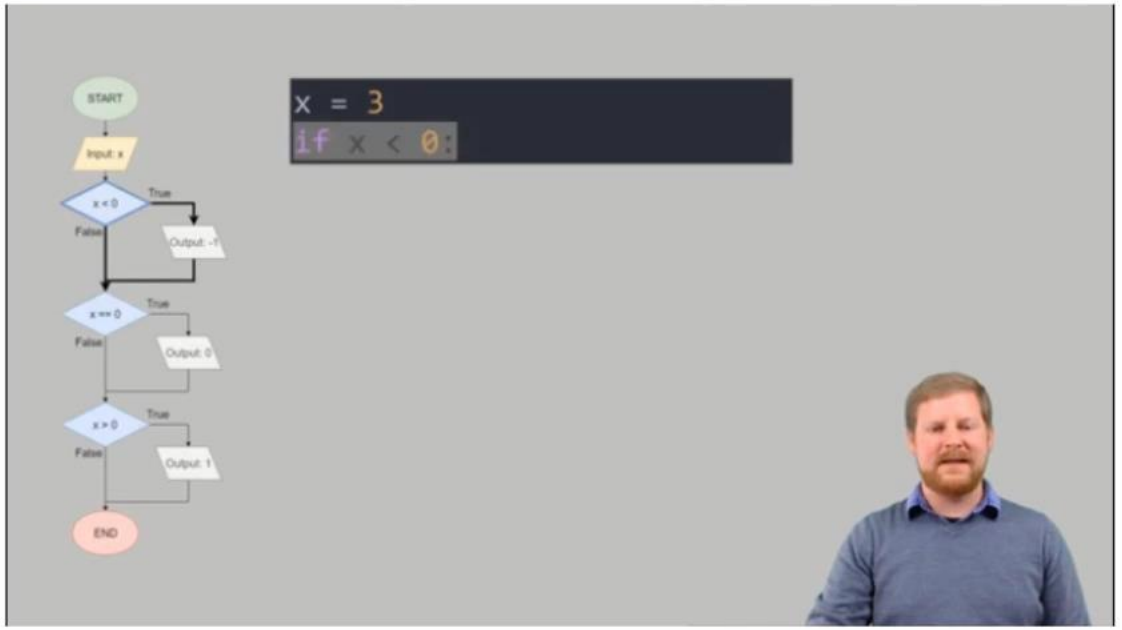
4.7.P.4. Chaining and Nesting



One of the most powerful features of the conditional constructs we've covered so far in this course is the ability to chain them together or nest them within each other to achieve remarkably useful program structures. The ability to use conditional constructs effectively is one of the most powerful skills to develop as a programmer.

Zero, One, Negative One

A great example of the many ways to structure a program using conditional constructs is building a simple program that does three things:

- **4. Conditionals**
  - 4.1. Programs as Flowcharts
  - 4.2. Conditional Constructs
  - 4.3. If-Then Statements
  - 4.4. If-Then-Else Statements
  - 4.5. Other Conditionals
  - 4.6. A Little Review
  - **4.7.P. Python**
    - 4.7.P.1. If-Then
    - 4.7.P.2. If-Then-Else
    - 4.7.P.3. Variable Scope
    - 4.7.P.4. Chaining and Nesting
    - 4.7.P.5. Switch Statements
    - 4.7.P.6. Ternary Conditional Operator
    - 4.7.P.7. Handling Input
    - 4.7.P.8. Conditionals Subgoals
    - 4.7.P.9. A Worked Example
    - 4.7.P.10. Conditionals Exercise
  - 4.8. Conditionals Summary

Small Lessons

Instant Feedback

4.7.P.7. Input Test

Complete `Conditionals.py` following the program specifications given above. Click the button below to test your code and see if the program works correctly.

This assessment is worth 10 points in this module.

Check It! Show diff

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Check 1 passed

Check 2 failed

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Output:
1.0.
1.5
Expected:
1.0
1.5
```
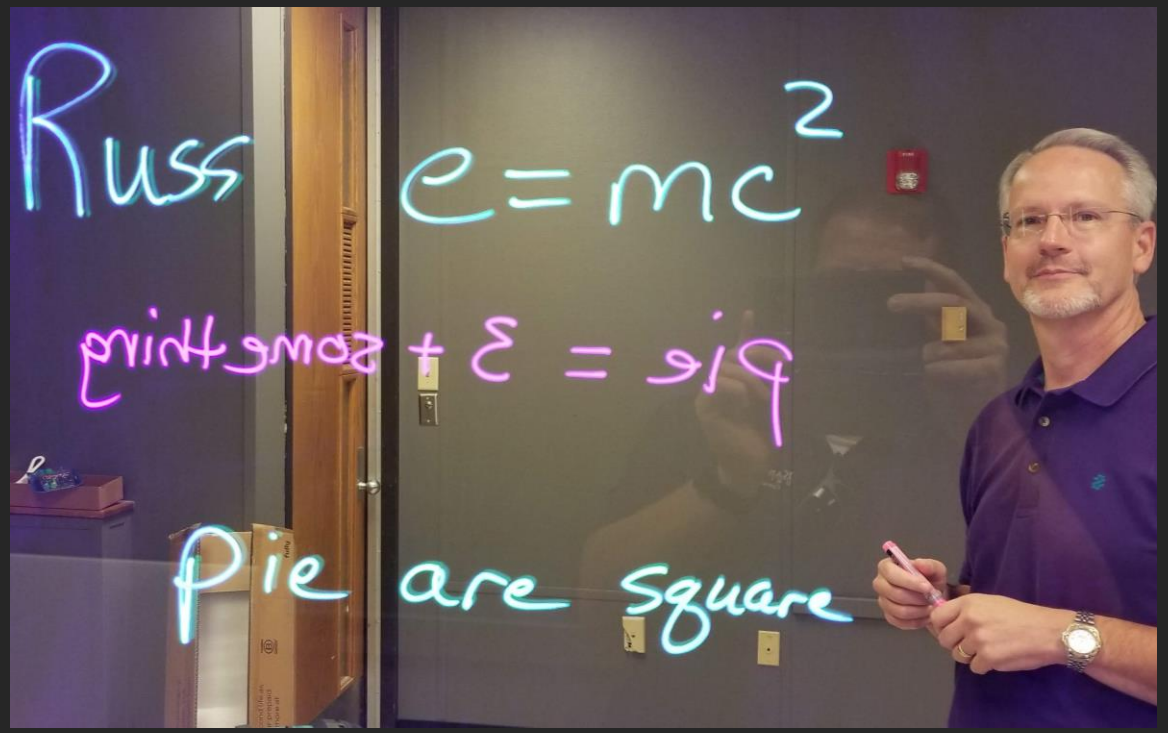
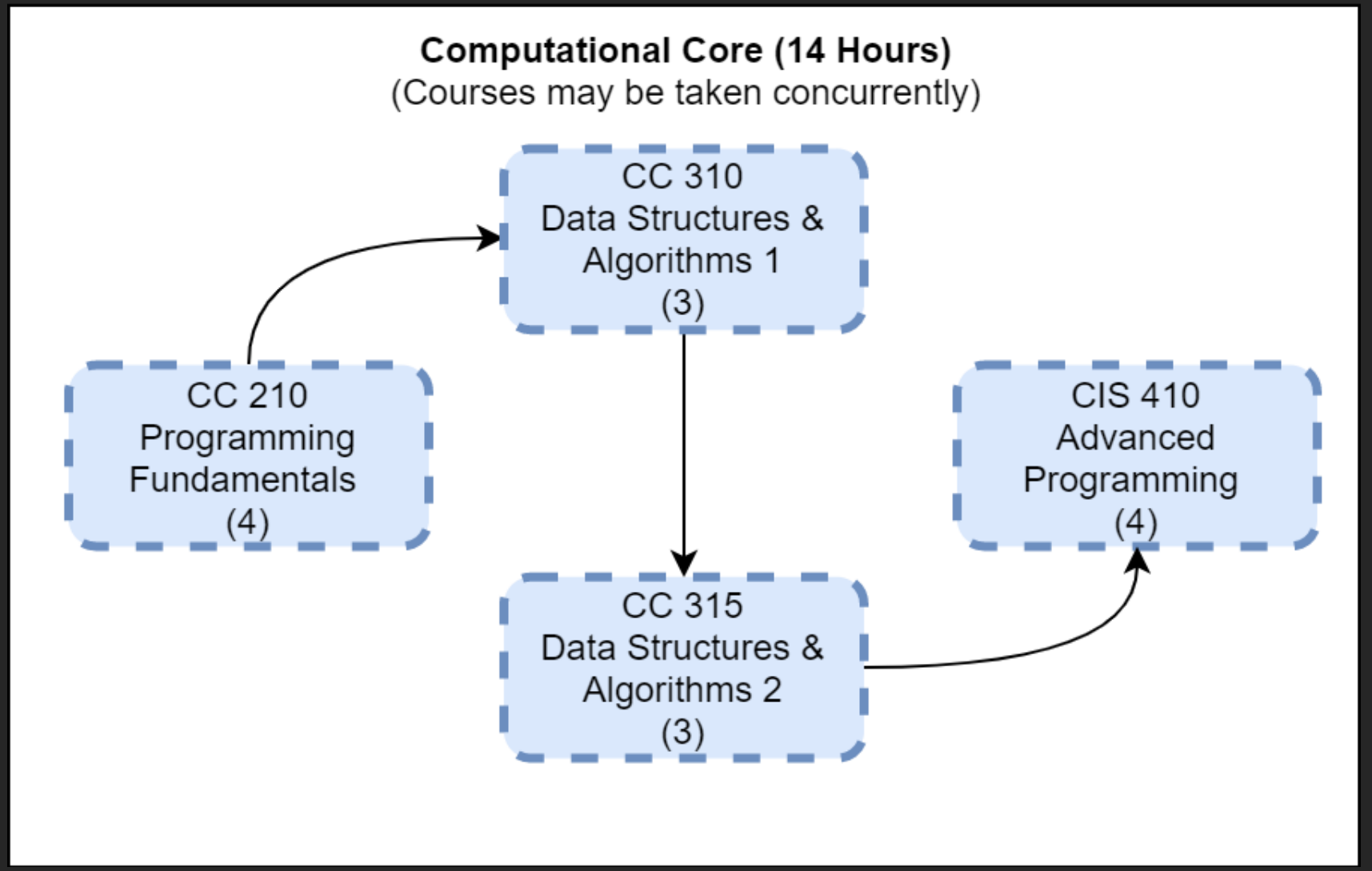
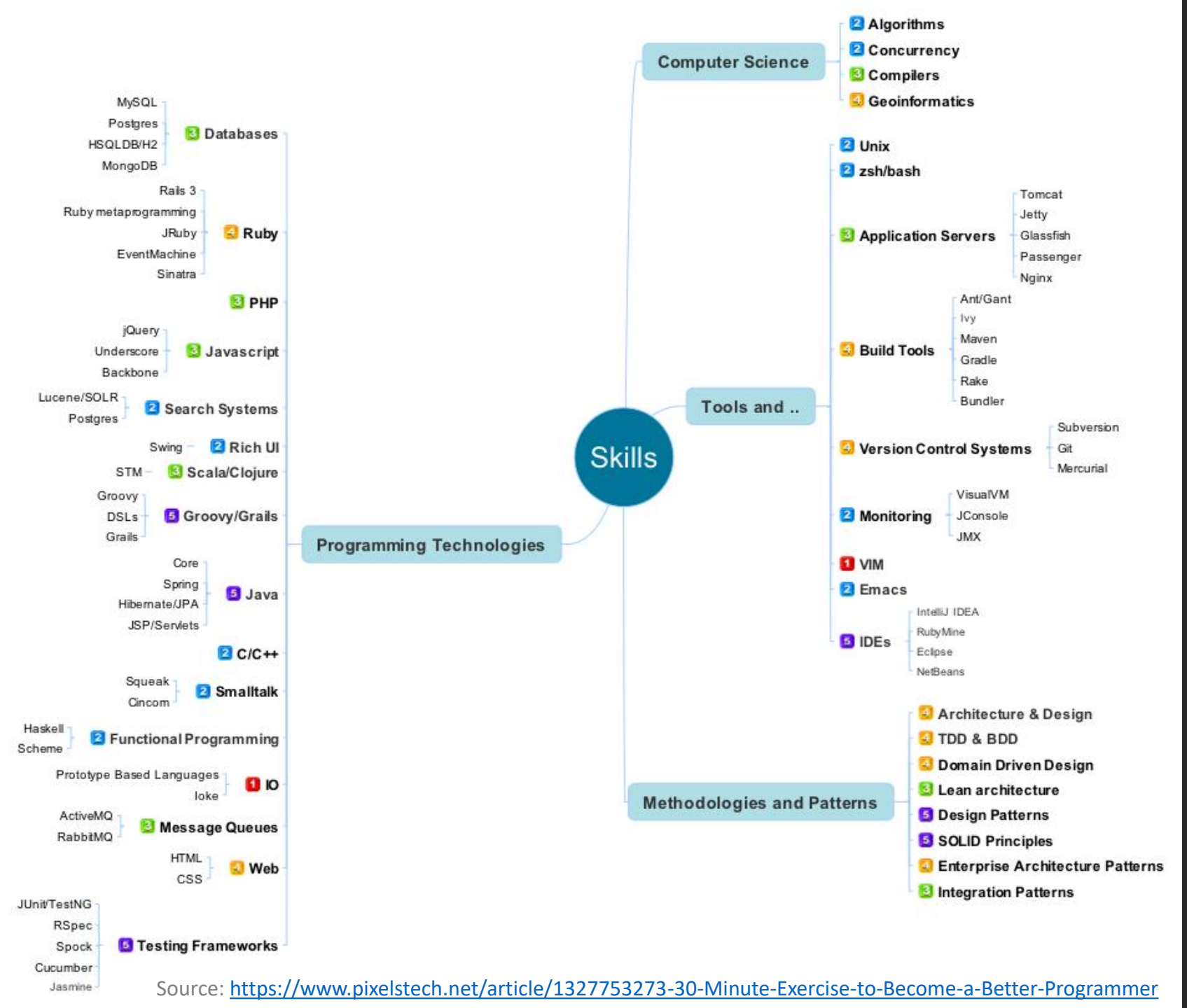

Check 3 passed



Develop & Engage

Customized Curricula





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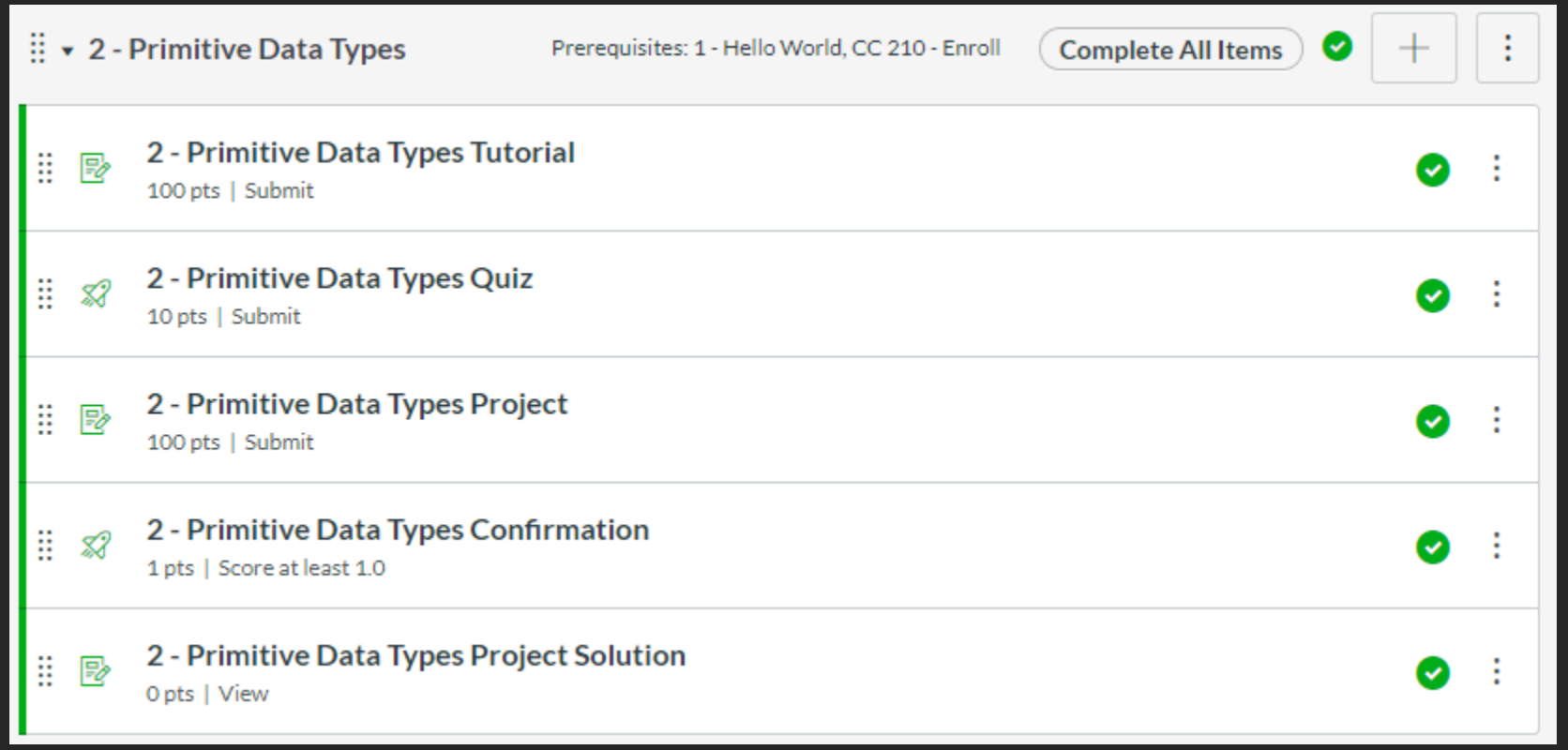
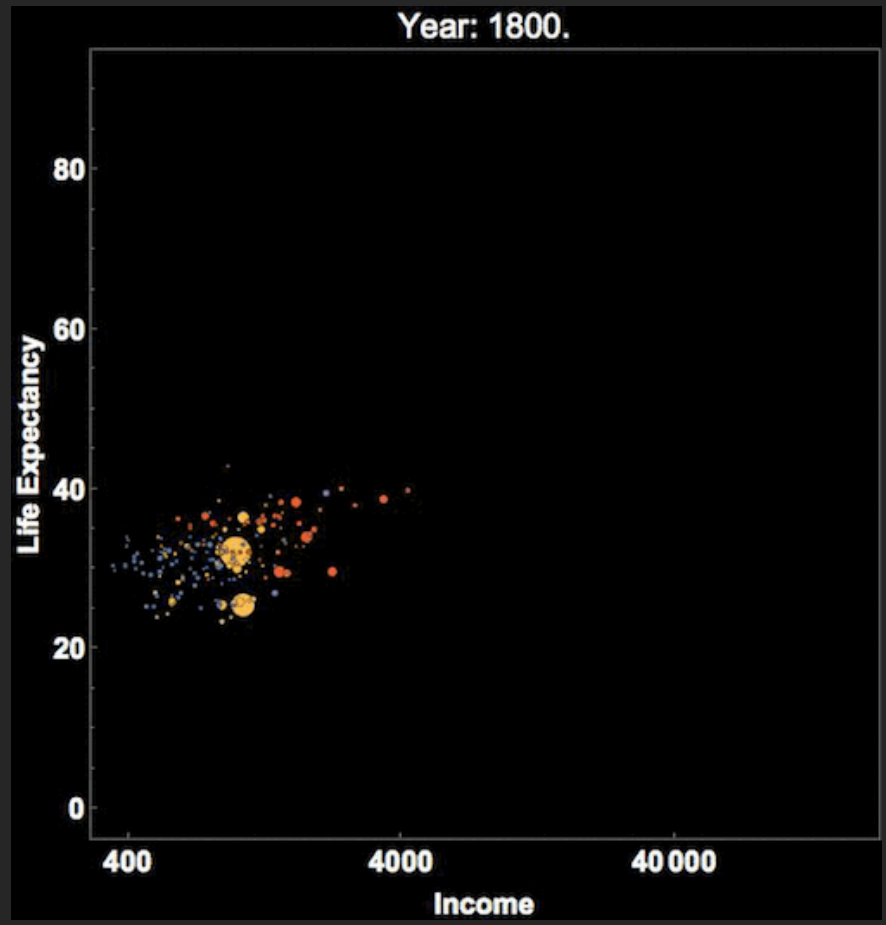
Individual Skills

… using Modules & Prerequisites



Certificate Capstone Project

- Identify Solvable Real World Problem
- Select Data Structures & Algorithms
- Implement Software to Specification
- Debug & Test



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- Applied Computer Science Degree (with Arts & Sciences)
- High School Programs
- Teacher Training Programs
- Industry Certifications
- Additional Programming Languages
- Upper Level CS Courses
- Cross-Discipline Capstone Projects
- …and more!

**Subject to change – nothing is set in stone yet*

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