



# CS106A: Programming Methodologies



# Chris Piech

My parents are interesting folks

I originally concentrated in graphics and worked at Pixar

- Childhood: Nairobi, Kenya
- High School: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- Stanford University Ph.D. in Neural Networks
- Research lab on AI for Social Good

The problem I really want to solve is to make high quality more education accessible



# Chris Piech



12 years ago to this day, I was sitting in your seats

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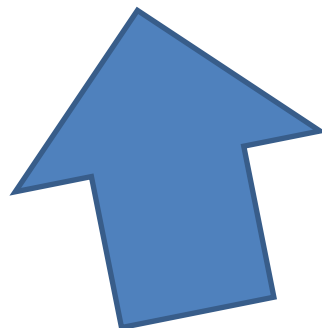
# Course mechanics

(this is a light version. Please read the handout for details).

# Course Website



<http://cs106a.stanford.edu>



# Prerequisite Test



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# Lectures and Sections

- Weekly 50-min section led by awesome section leaders (the backbone of the class!)
- Signups begin on Thursday at 5:00pm and close Sunday at 5:00pm



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# Office Hours



LaIR: evenings Sunday through Thursday  
(starting next Sunday)

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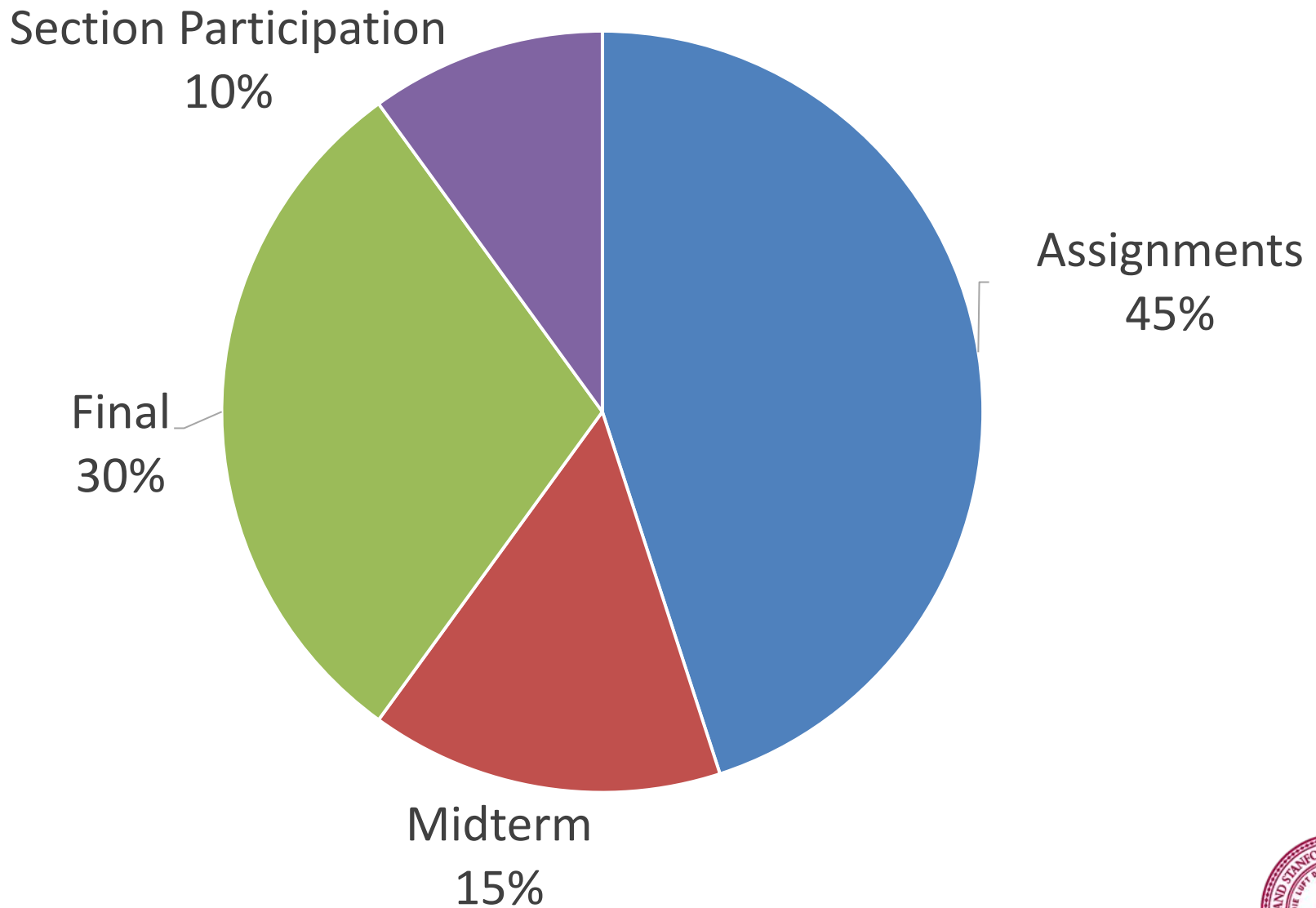
# Grading Scale

**Functionality** and **style** grades for the assignments use the following scale:

- ++** A submission so good it “makes you weep.”
- +** Exceeds requirements.
- ✓+** Satisfies all requirements of the assignment.
- ✓** Meets most requirements, but with some problems.
- ✓-** Has more serious problems.
- Is even worse than that.
- Better than nothing.



# What we will ask you to do



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# Optional Contest



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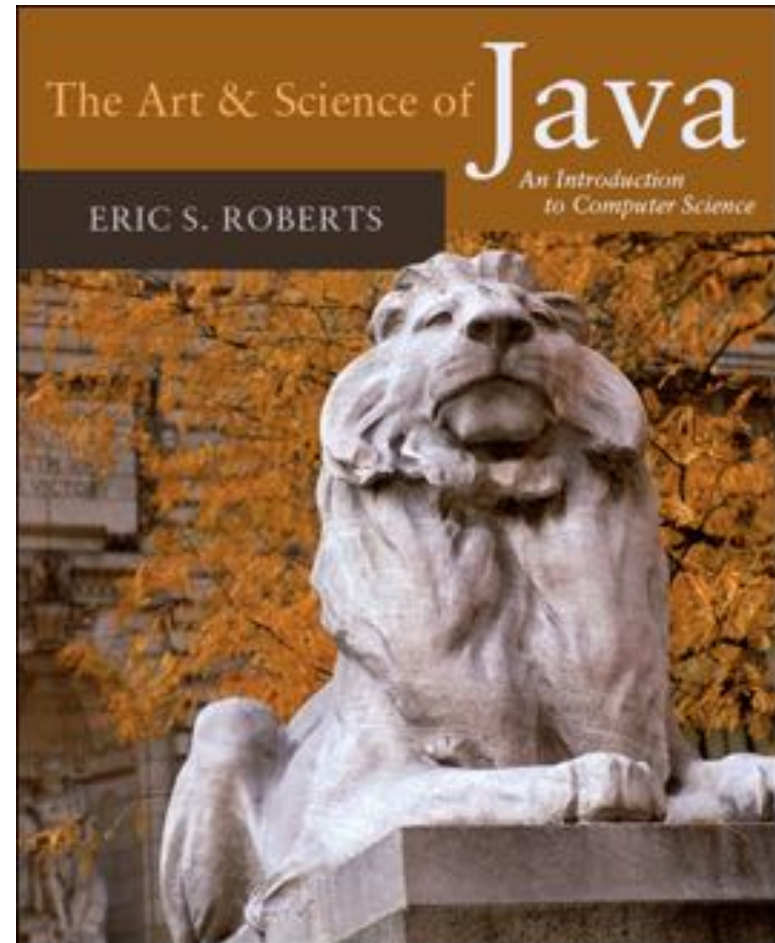
# Textbook

## *The Art & Science of Java* by Eric Roberts

- written here at Stanford
- tailored to this course
- a valuable reference
- usable on open-book exams

## Karel the Robot Learns Java

- First week of material



# Online Karel Reader



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the title "Karel Reader". The address bar displays "Not Secure | web.stanford.edu/class/cs106a/karelReader/ers/intro.html". The page content includes a navigation sidebar on the left with a home icon and "CS106A" text, followed by "Karel Reader" and a list of chapters: "1 - Meet Karel", "2 - Programming", "3 - New Methods", "4 - Decomposition", "5 - For Loops", "6 - While Loops", and "7 - Conditionals". The main content area features the title "Karel the Robot" at the top, a central illustration of a robot with a Java logo on its chest, and the subtitle "Learns Java". Below the illustration, the authors "Chris Piech and Eric Roberts" are listed, along with their affiliation "Department of Computer Science, Stanford University" and the date "January 2019". A blue "Get Started" button is positioned at the bottom of the main content area.



# Online Karel Reader

The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "Karel Reader" with the URL `web.stanford.edu/class/cs106a/karelReader/entry/chapter2.html`. The page features a sidebar on the left with a "CS106A" logo and a "Karel Reader" section containing a list of chapters: "1 - Meet Karel", "2 - Programming", "3 - New Methods", "4 - Decomposition", "5 - For Loops", "6 - While Loops", and "7 - Conditionals". The main content area is titled "Chapter 2: Programming Karel" and contains the following text:

The simplest style of Karel program specifies a sequence of built-in commands that should be executed when the program is run. Consider this simple Karel program:

```
/*
 * File: BeeperPickingKarel.java
 * .....
 * The BeeperPickingKarel program defines a "run"
 * method with three commands. These commands cause
 * Karel to move forward one block, pick up a beeper
 * and then move ahead to the next corner.
 */
import stanford.karel.*;
public class BeeperPickingKarel extends Karel {
    public void run() {
        move();
        pickBeeper();
        move();
    }
}
```

Below the code is a "Reset Program" button. To the right of the code is a 4x6 grid representing a Karel world. The grid has columns numbered 1 to 6 and rows numbered 1 to 4. A Karel robot is positioned at the intersection of column 3 and row 1. A beeper is located at the intersection of column 3 and row 1. A shaded rectangular area covers the bottom-right corner of the grid, specifically the area from column 3 to 6 and row 1 to 2.

The program is composed of several parts. The first part consists of the following lines:

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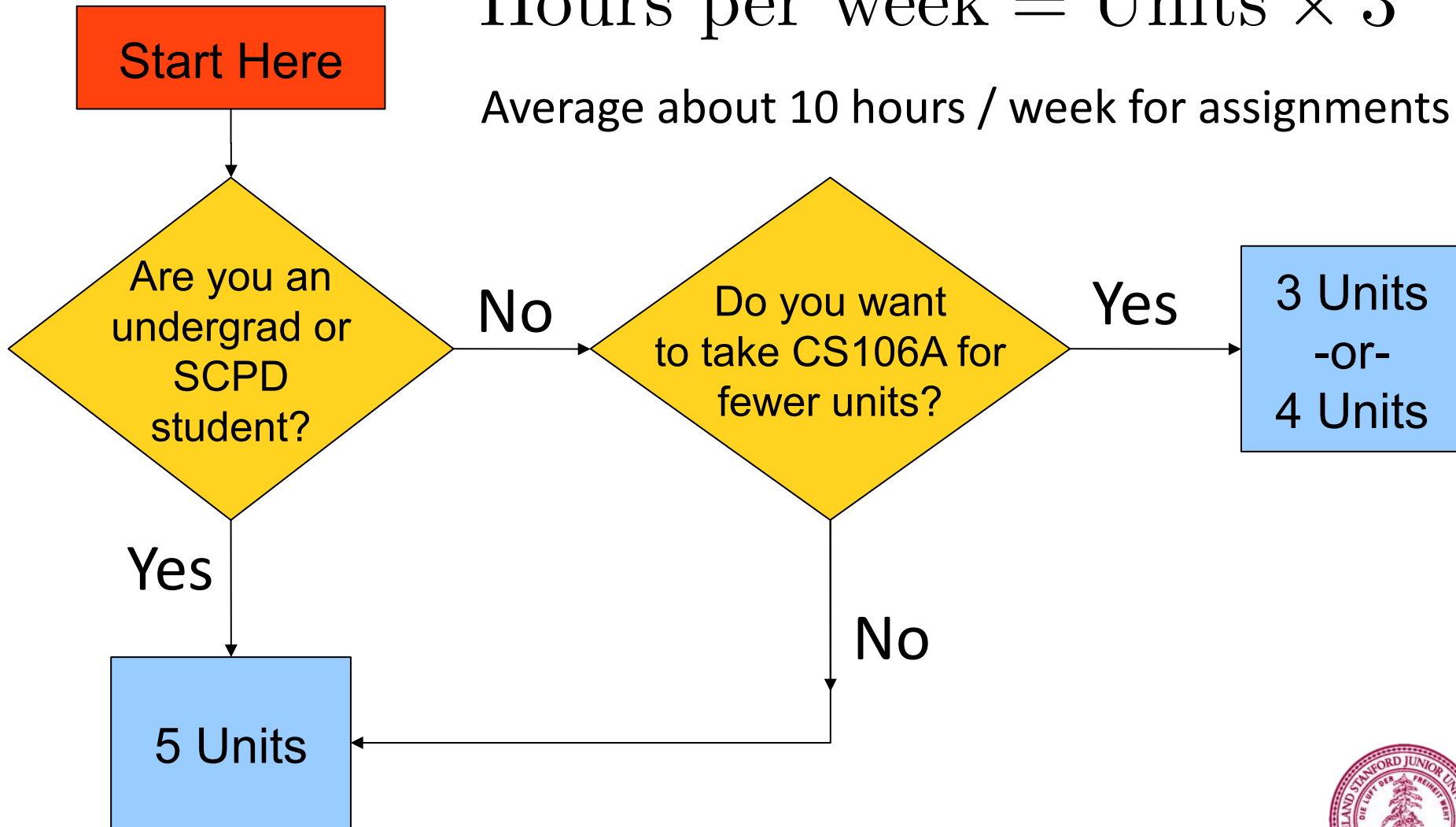




# CS106A Units

Hours per week = Units  $\times$  3

Average about 10 hours / week for assignments



Are you in the right place?

What is CS106A?

# Computer Science

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 and Ian Parberry



# Learning Goals

- *Learn how to harness computing power to solve problems.*
- To that end:
  - Explore fundamental techniques in computer programming.
  - Develop good software engineering style.
  - Gain familiarity with the Java programming language.



There are a lot of cool  
programs you may one day  
write

# Computer Graphics



Pat Hanrahan, one of the founders of Pixar is a professor here

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# Consumer Applications





# Autonomous Surgery

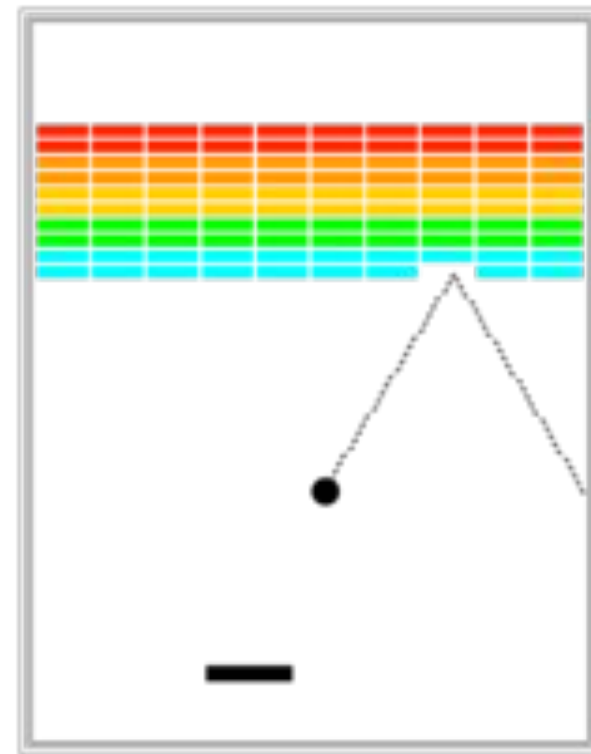
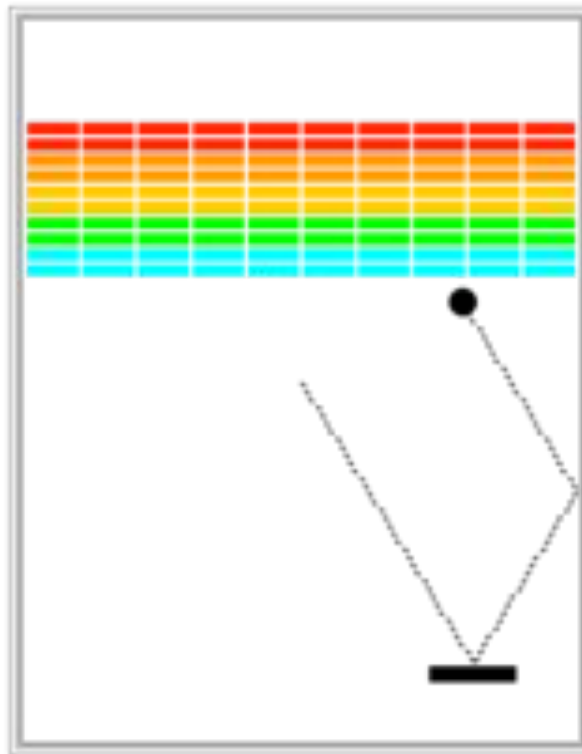


# Self Driving Car

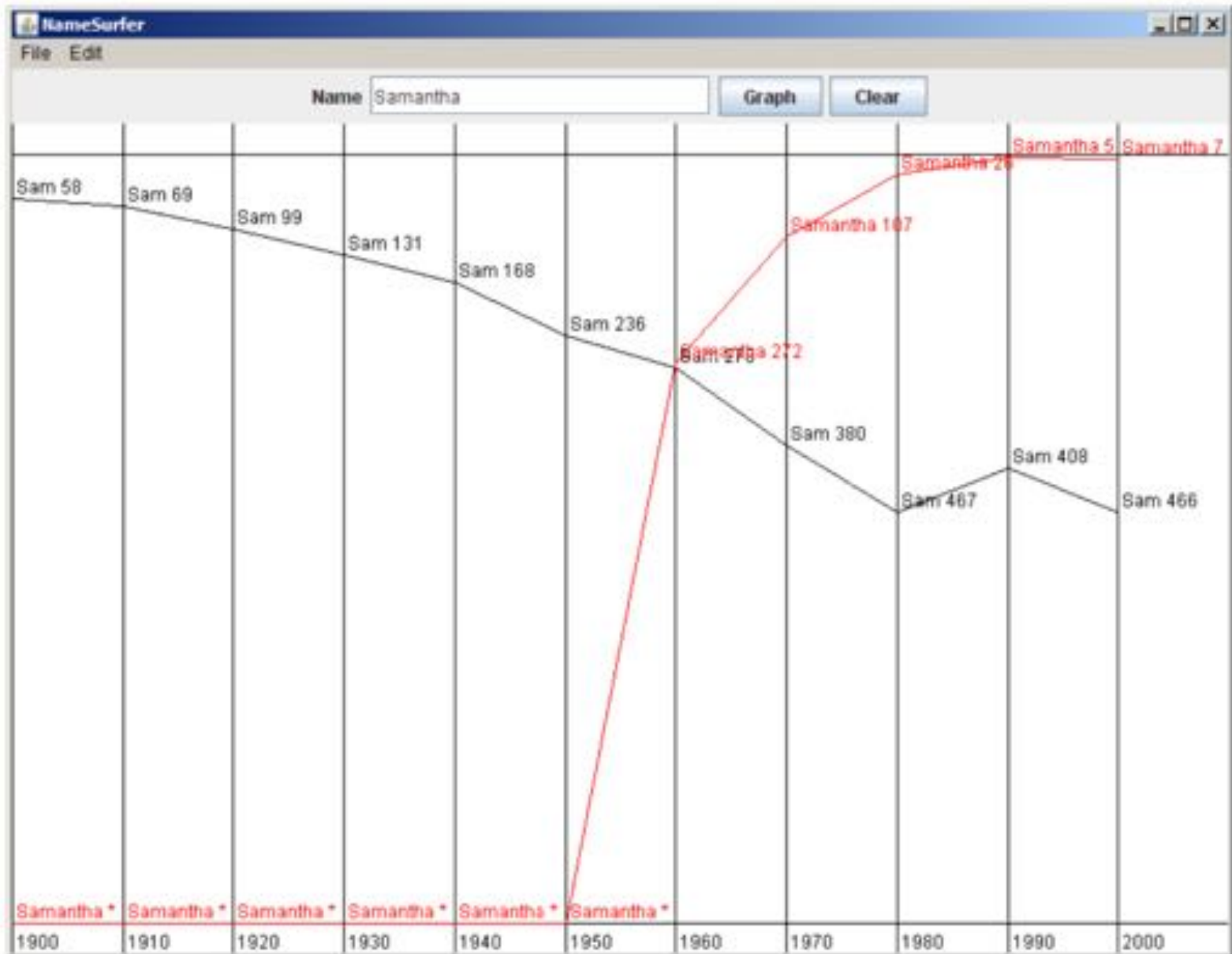


If only we could program self  
driving cars...

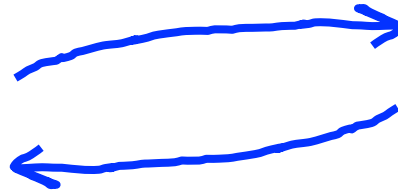
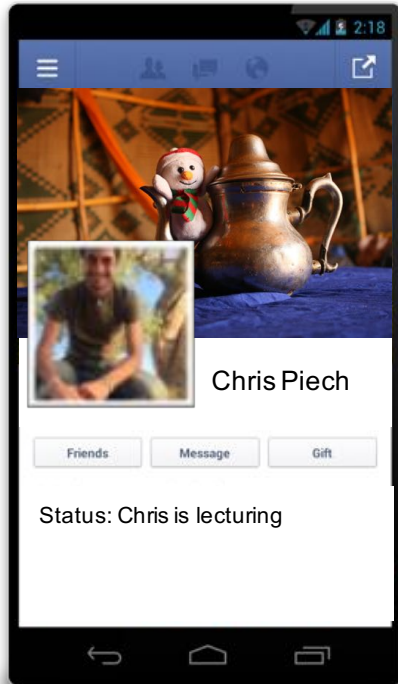
# Graphical Games



# Data Visualization



# Internet Applications



```
FacePamphletServer
Starting server on port 8000...
addProfile (name=Mehran)
=> success
addProfile (name=Chris)
=> success
addProfile (name=Chris)
=> Error: Database already contains Chris.
getStatus (name=Chris)
=> none
setStatus (name=Chris, status=teaching)
=> success
getStatus (name=Chris)
=> teaching
addFriend (name2=Mehran, name1=Chris)
=> success
getFriends (name=Chris)
=> [Mehran]
addProfile (name=Julie)
=> success
getImg (name=Julie)
=> none
getStatus (name=Julie)
=> none
getFriends (name=Julie)
=> []
setImg (img=JulieZ.jpg, name=Julie)
=> success
getImg (name=Julie)
=> JulieZ.jpg
getStatus (name=Julie)
=> none
getFriends (name=Julie)
=> []
addFriend (name2=Chris, name1=Julie)
=> success
getImg (name=Julie)
=> JulieZ.jpg
getStatus (name=Julie)
=> none
```



# Art of Computer *Science*



# Strive for Everyone to Succeed

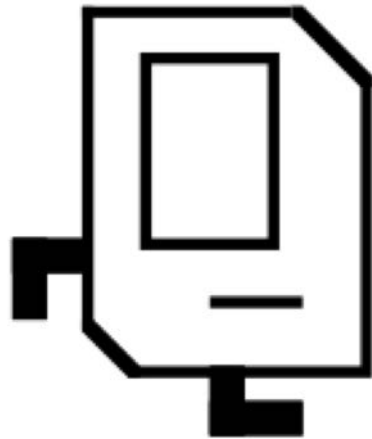




# Lets Get Started



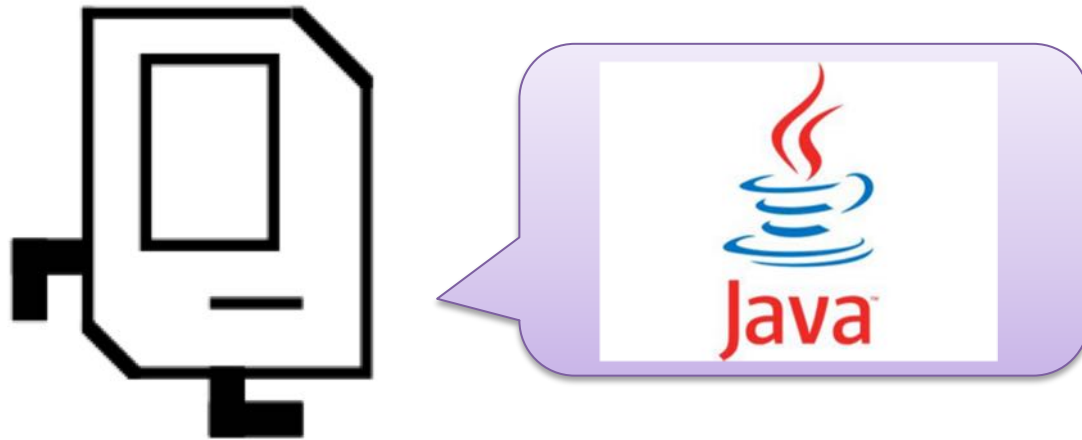
# Meet Karel the Robot



Good morning



# Karel Speaks Java

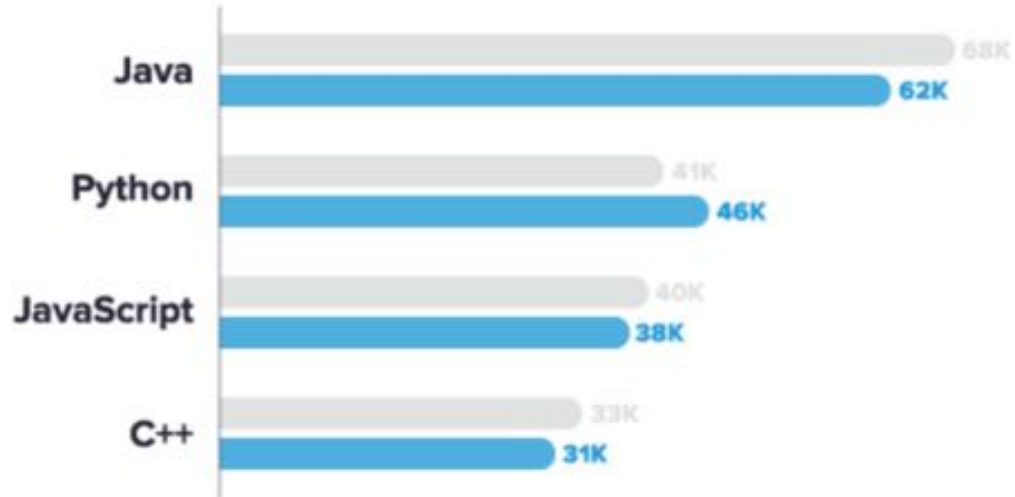


# Why Java?

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## Job postings containing top languages

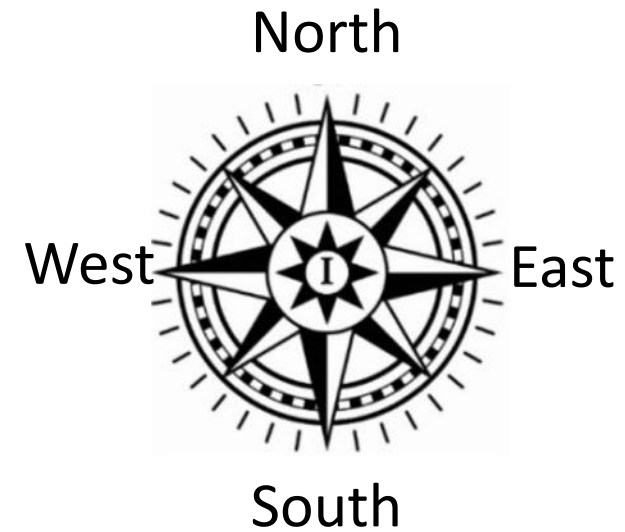
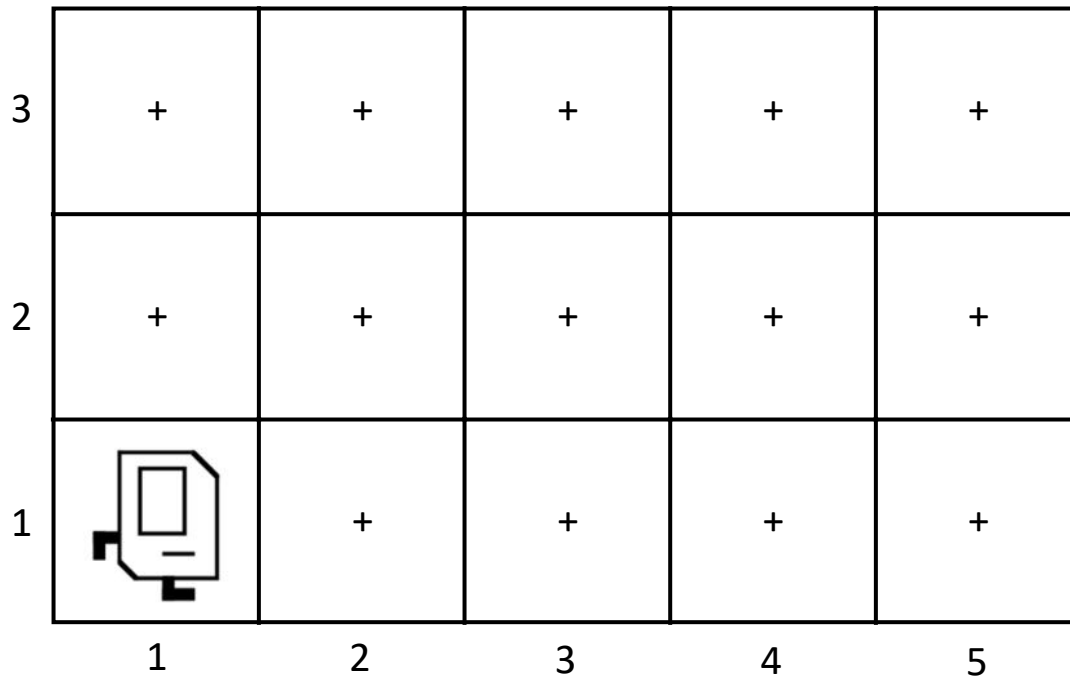
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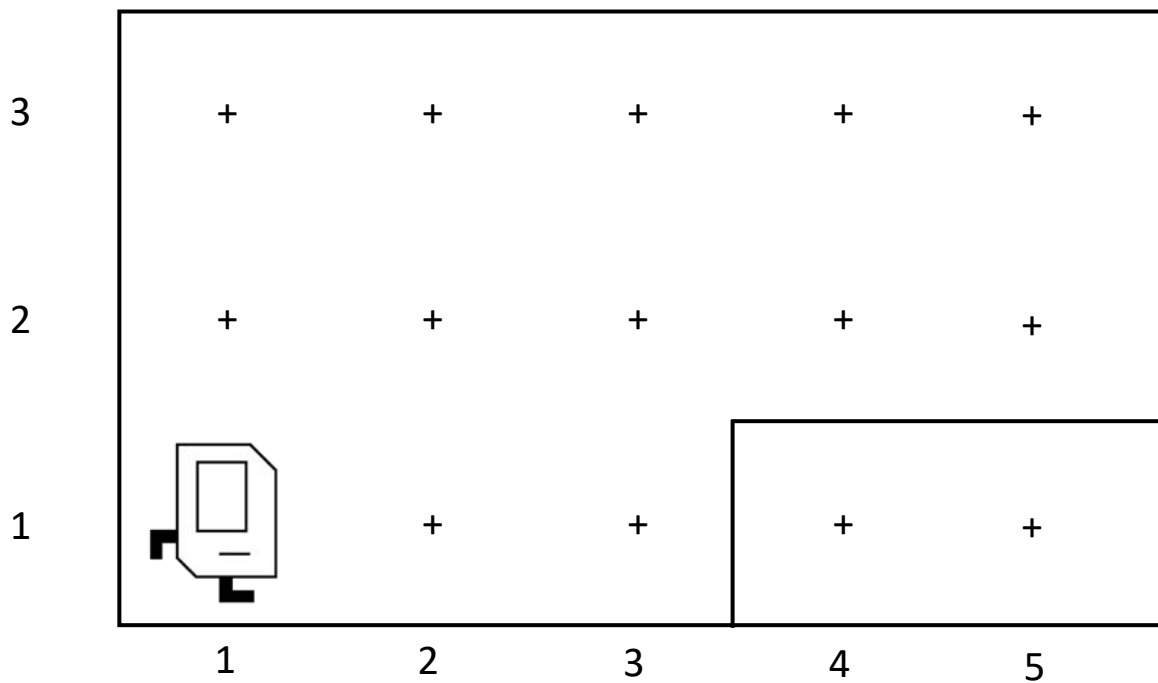
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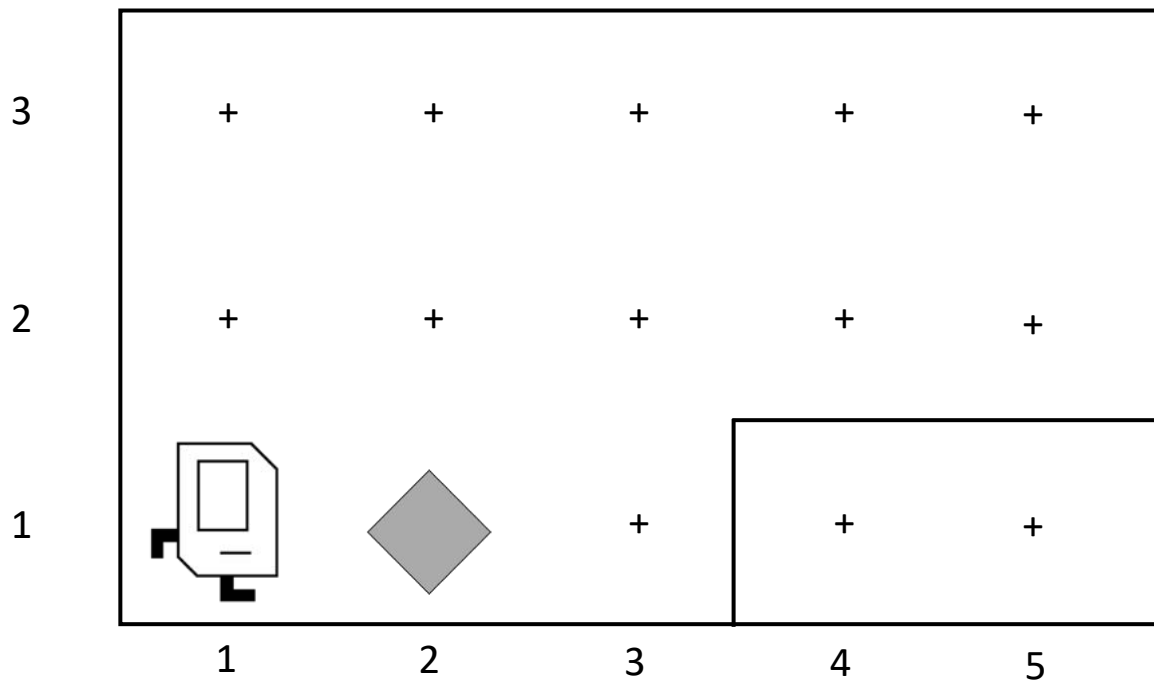
# Karel's World



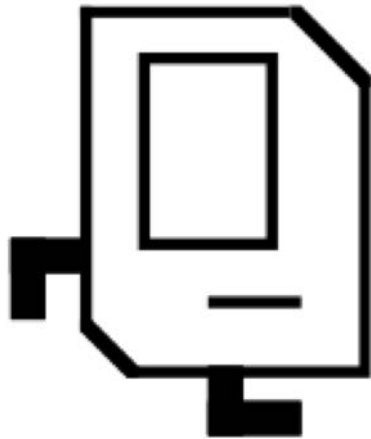
# Walls



# Beeper



# Knows Four Commands



```
move();
```

```
turnLeft();
```

```
putBeeper();
```

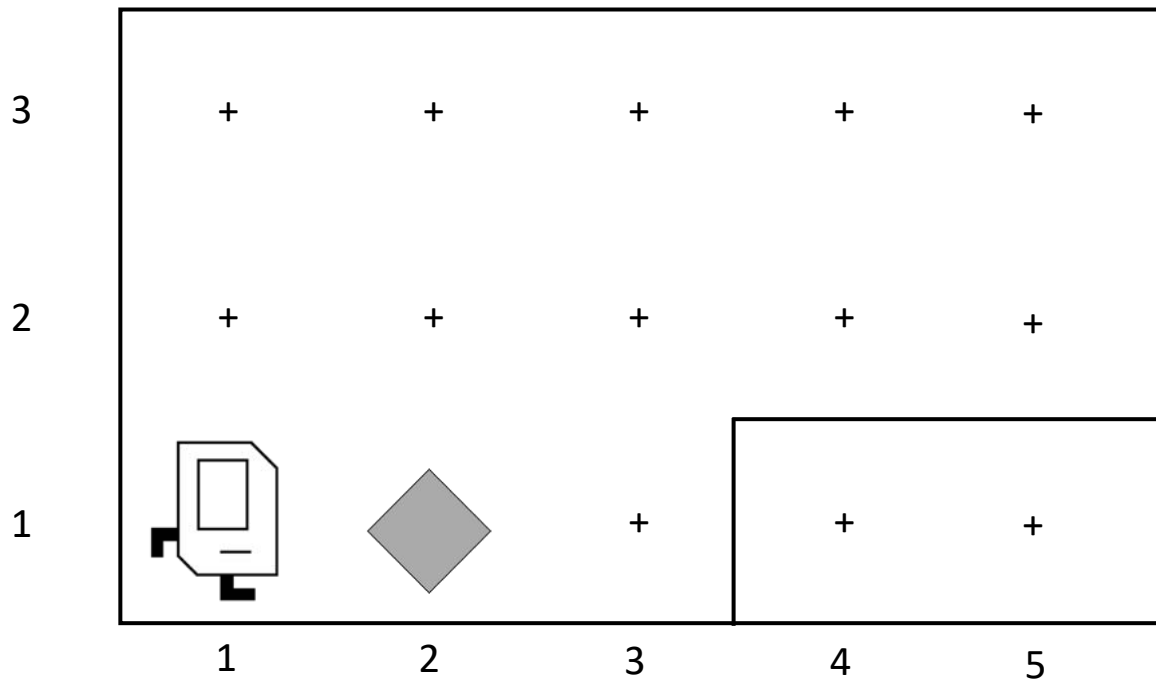
```
pickBeeper();
```



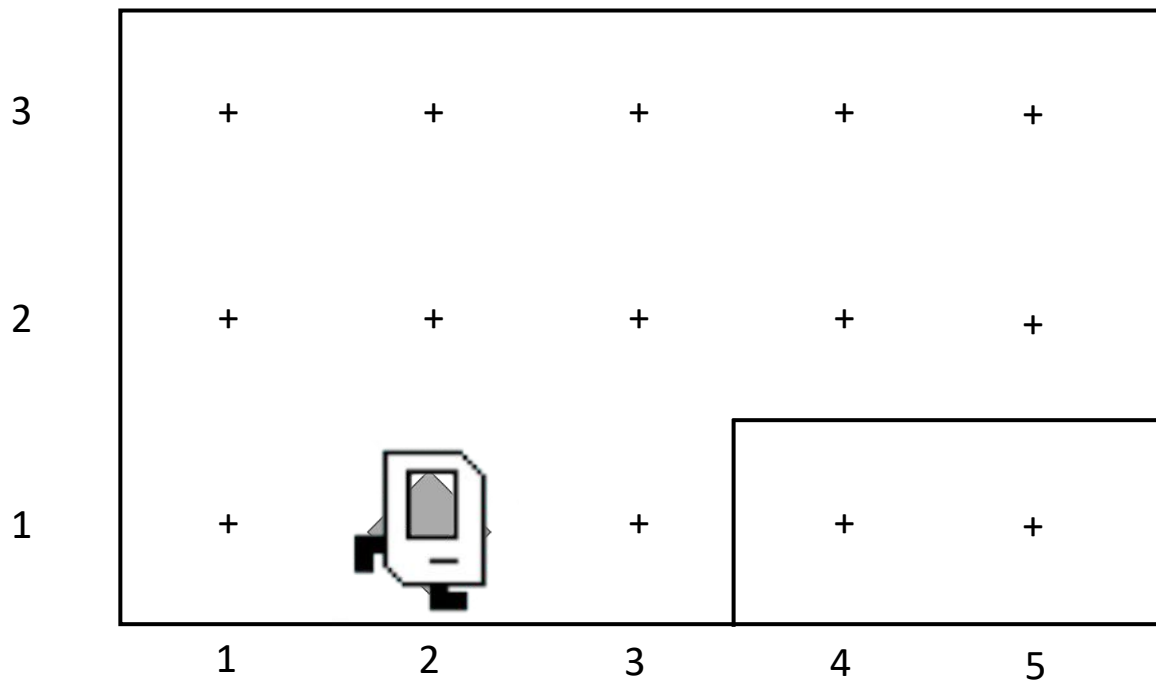


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move ( ) ;
```

# move ( ) ;

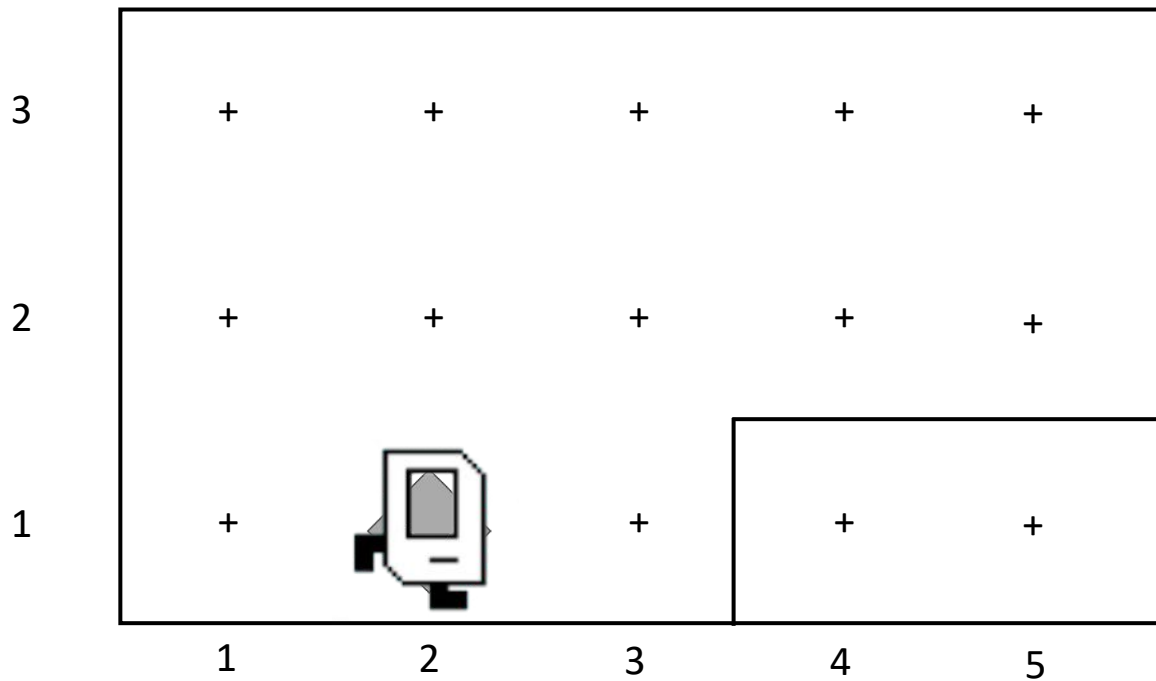


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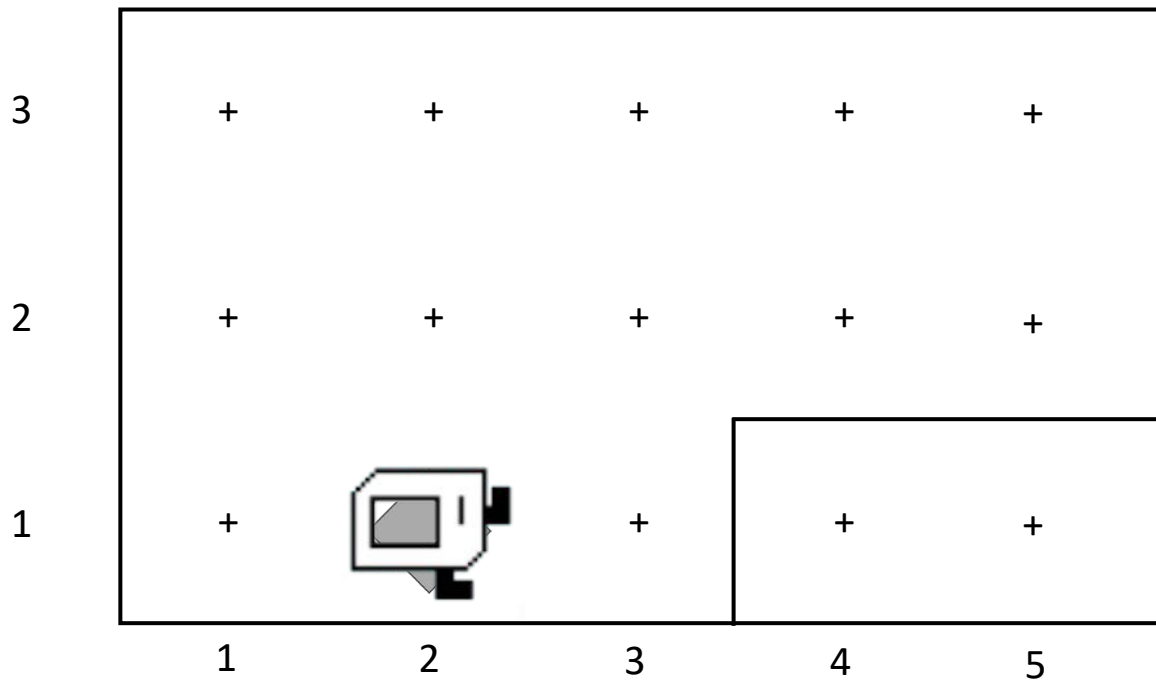


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turnLeft();
```

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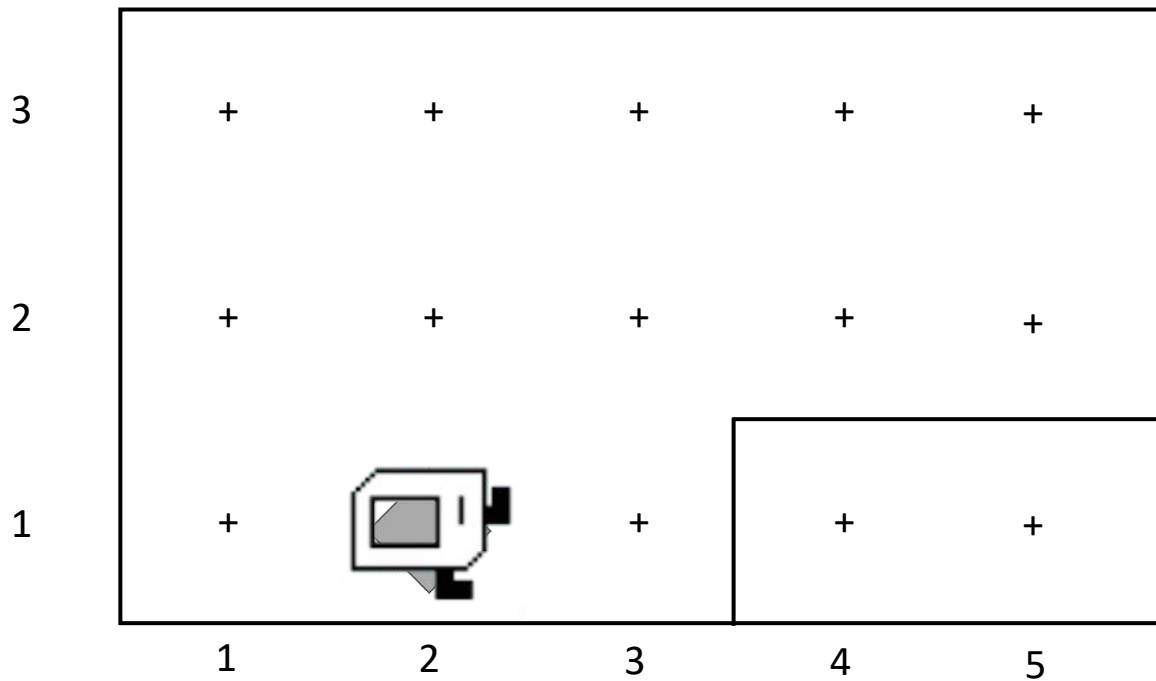


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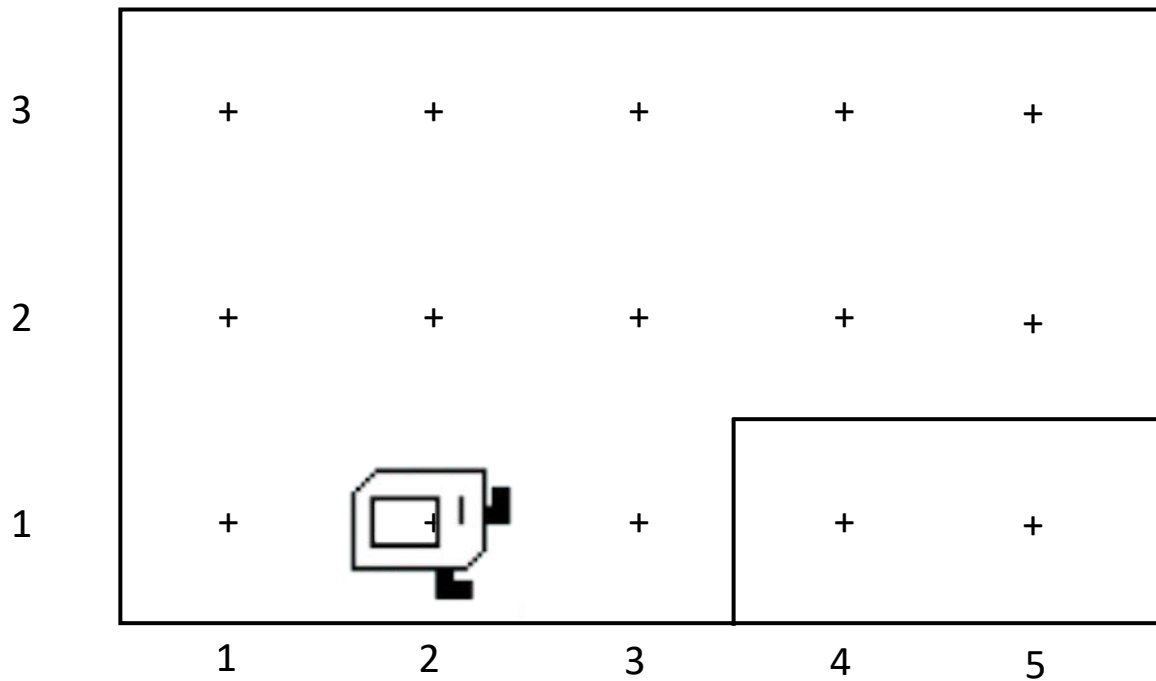
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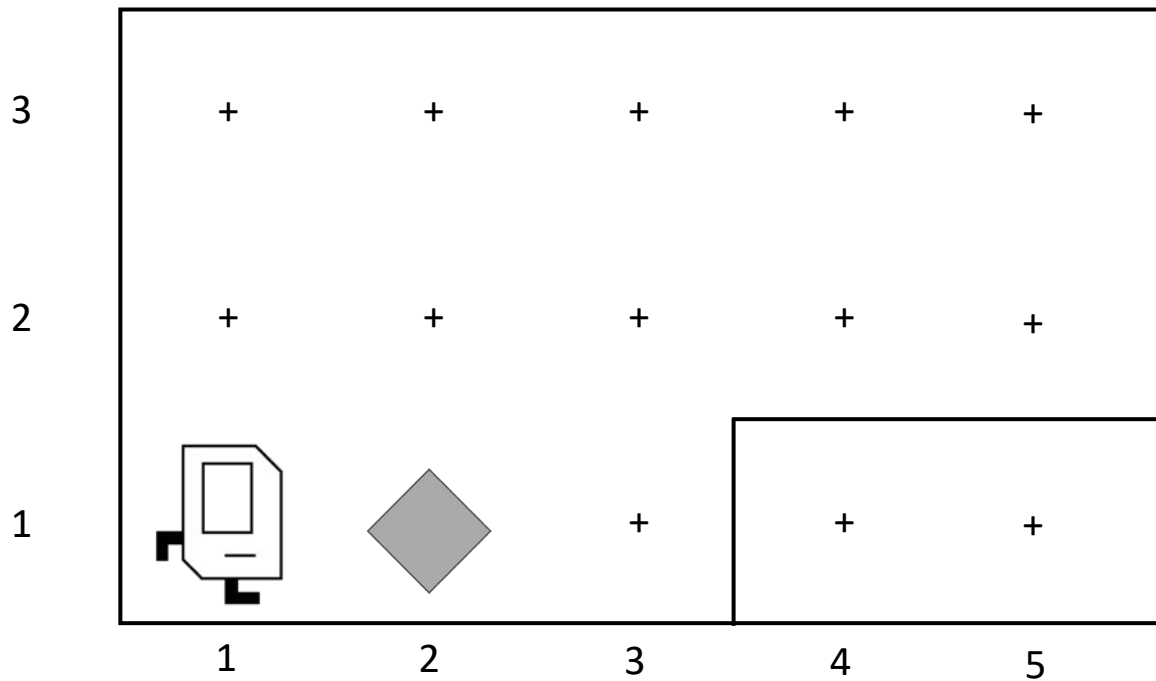


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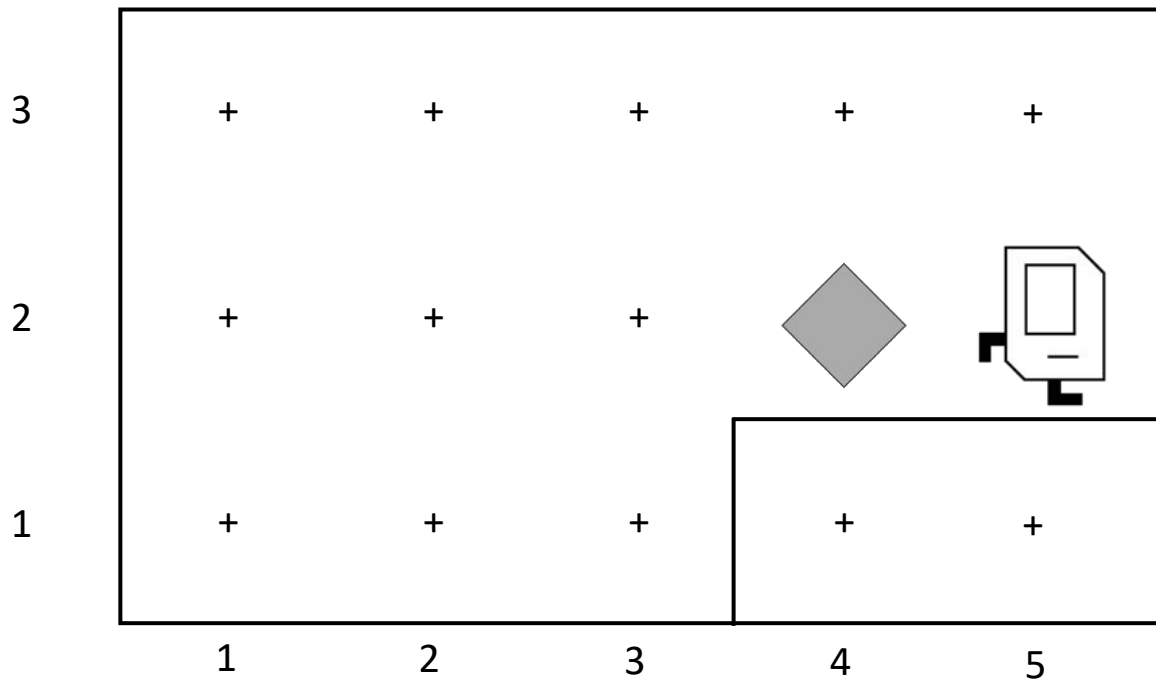


Make Sense?

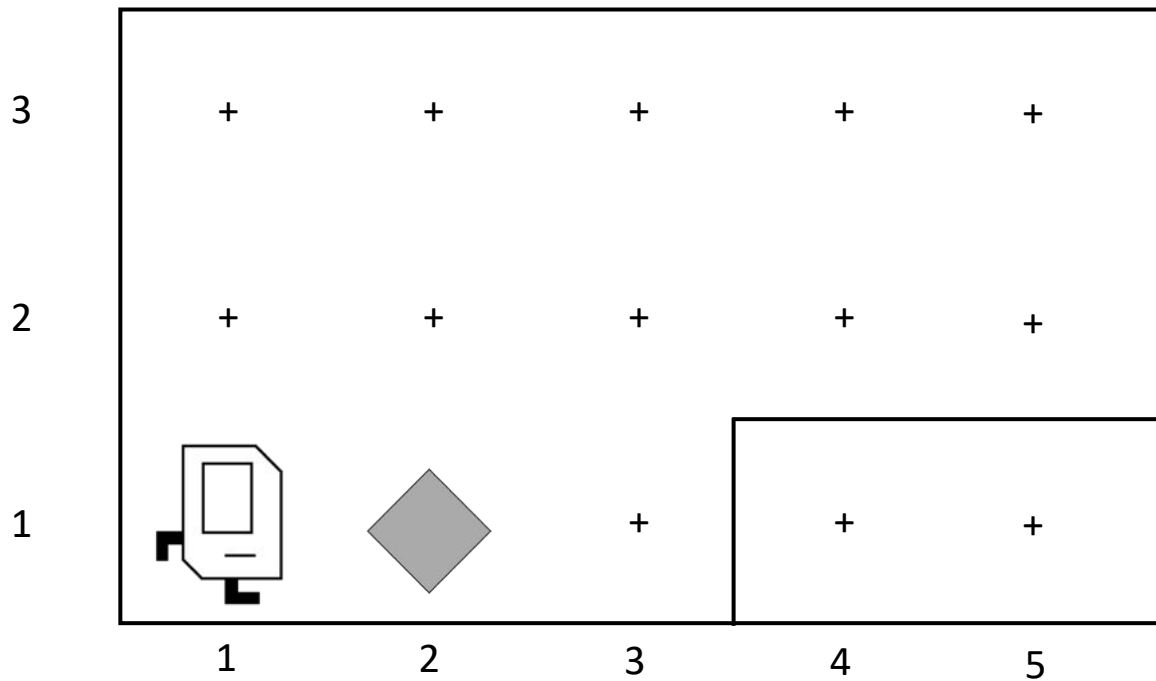
# First Challenge



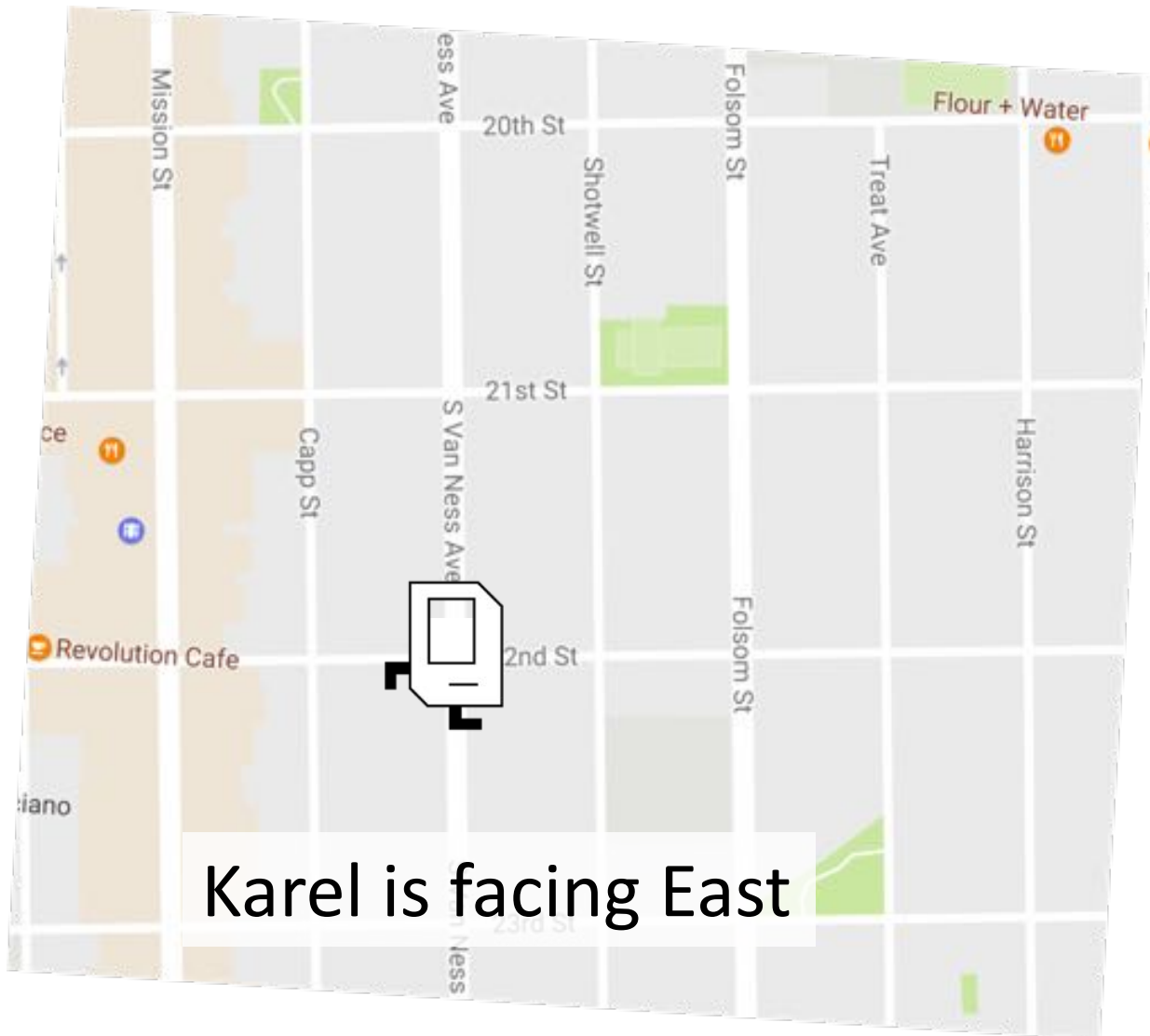
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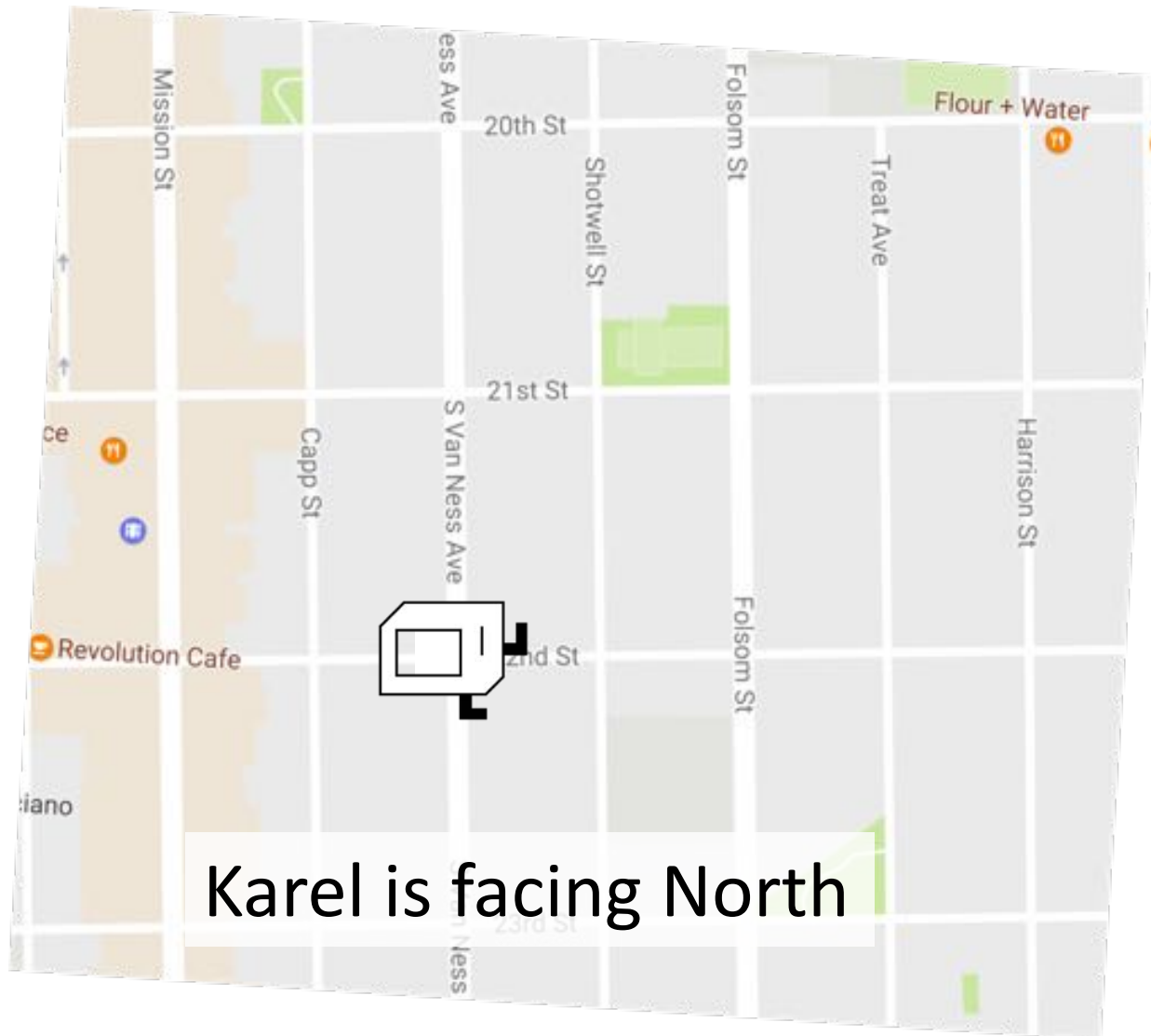
# Bird's Eye View



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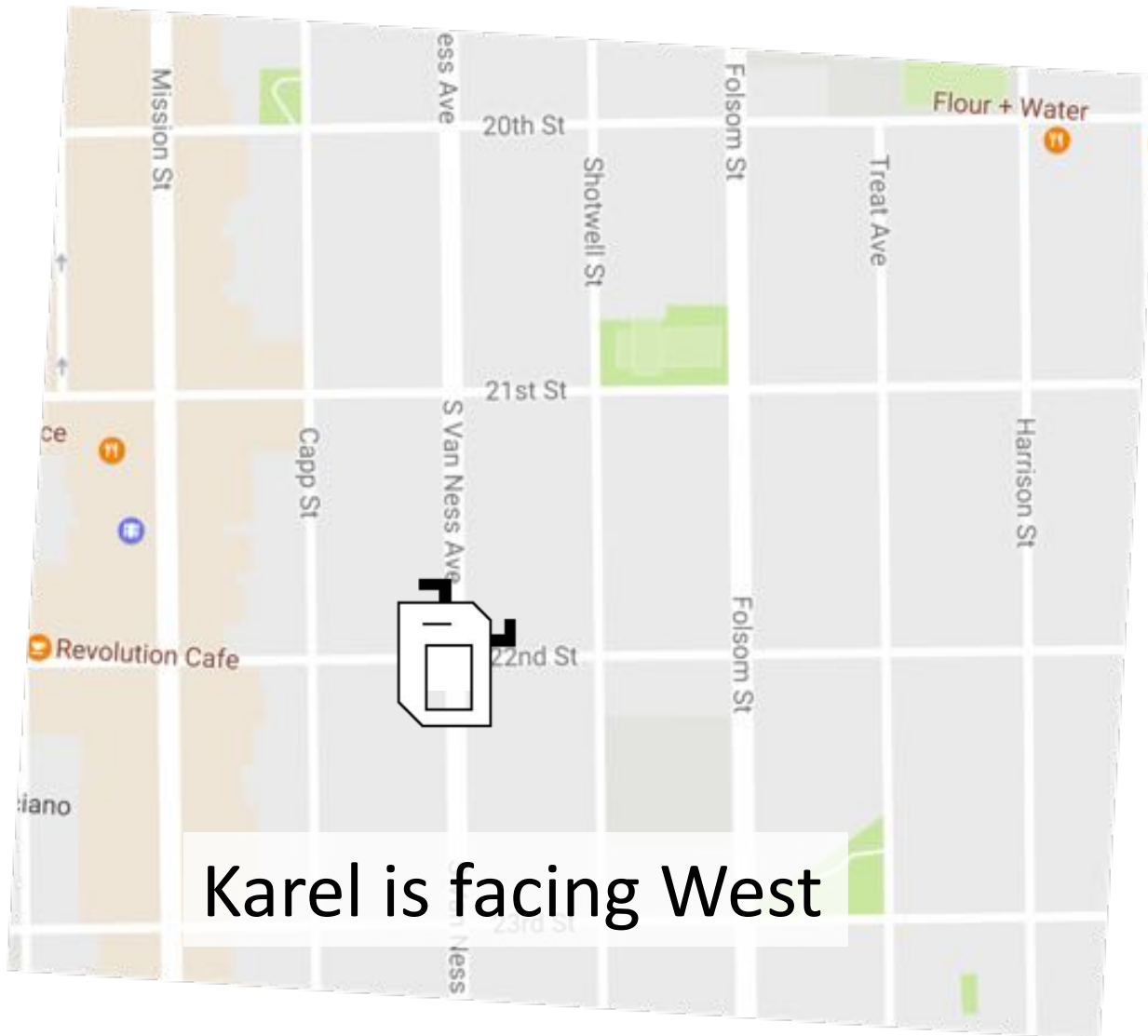
# Turn Left



Karel is facing North



# Turn Left

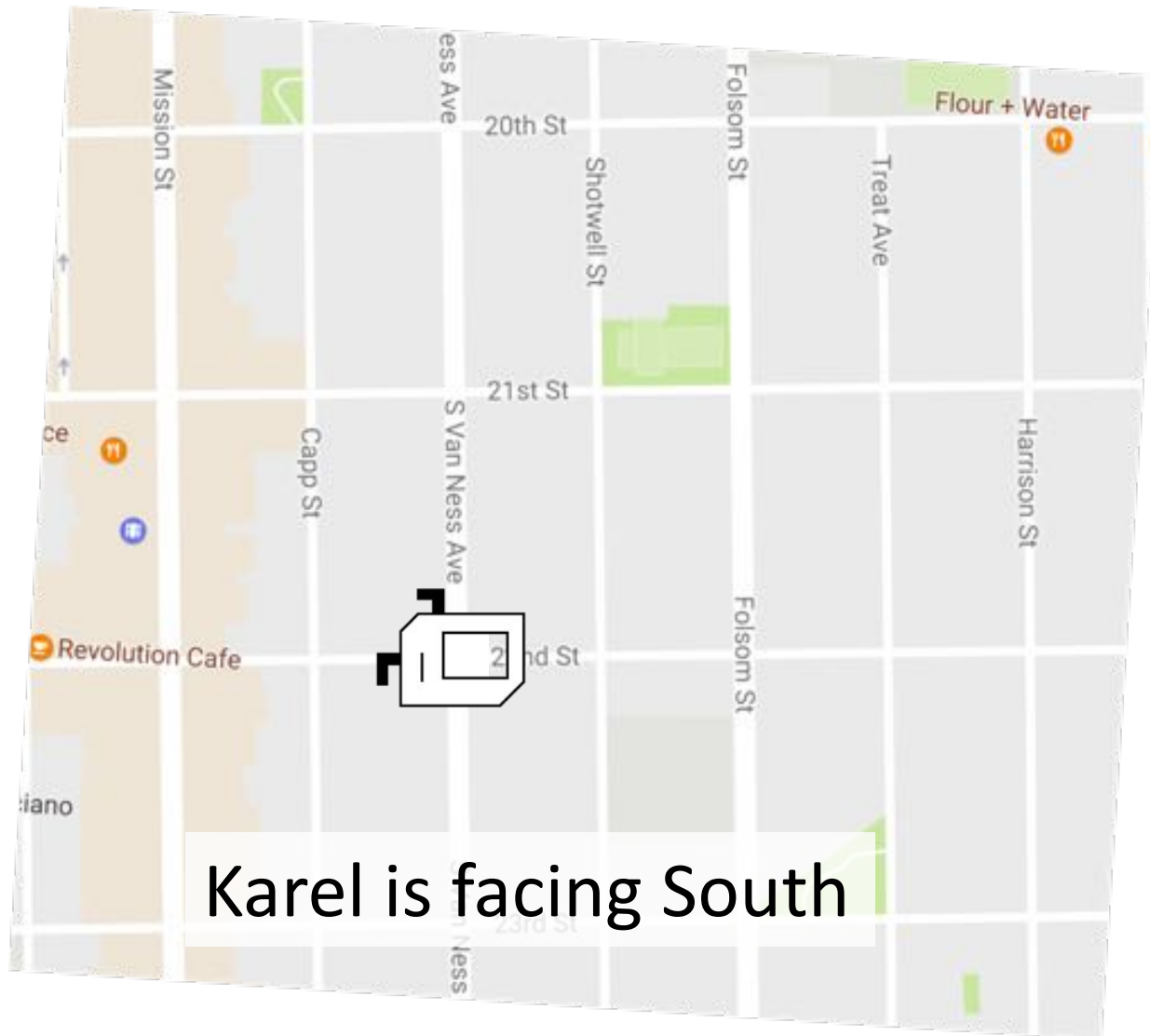


Karel is facing West





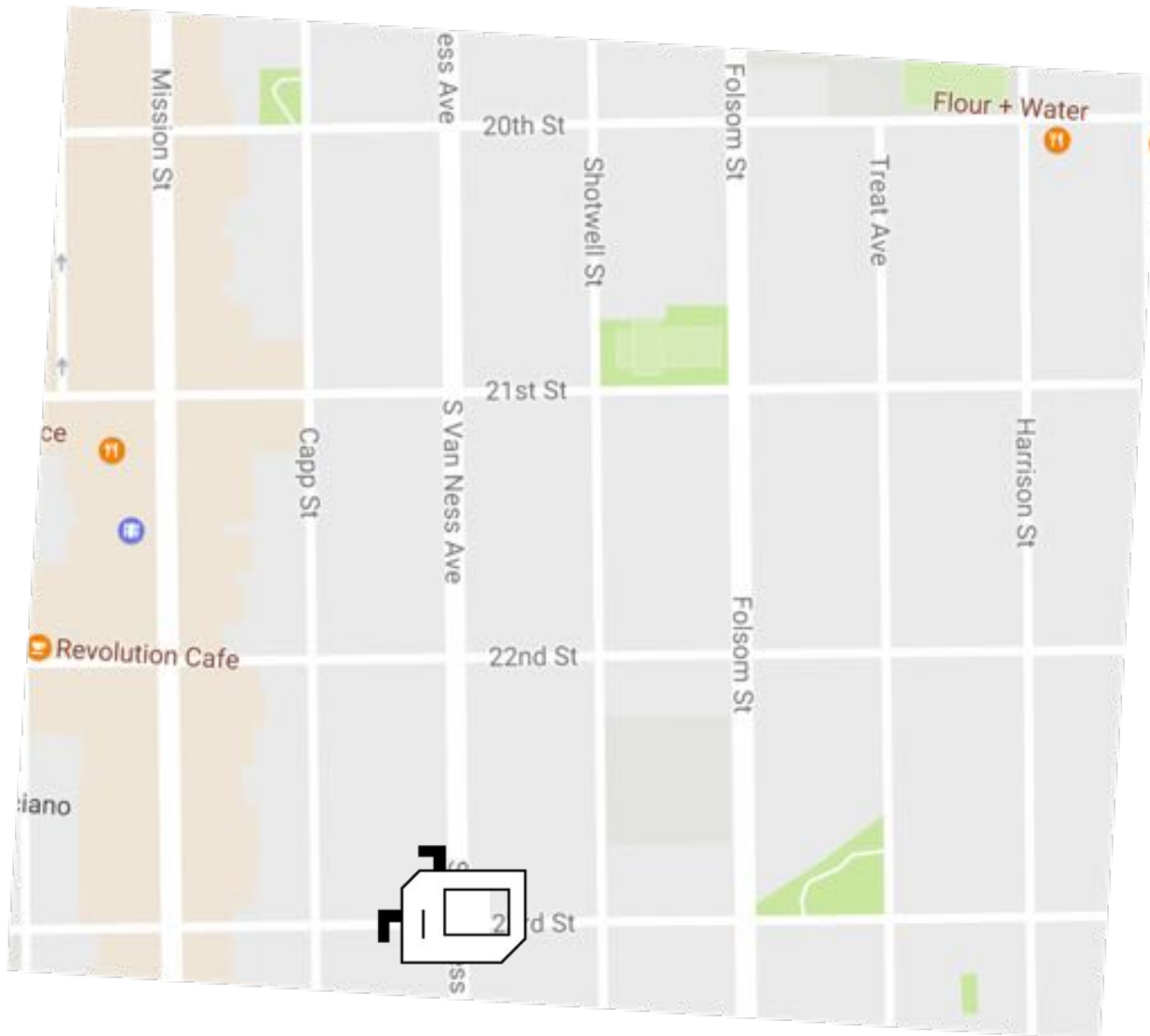
# Turn Left



Karel is facing South



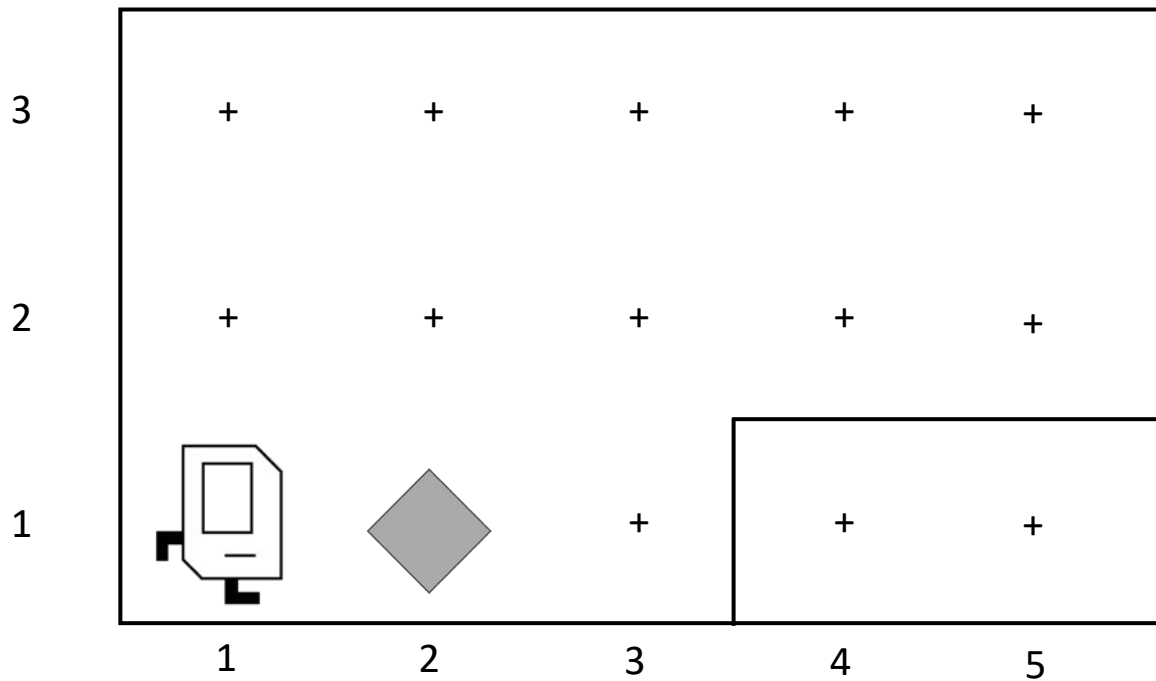
# Move



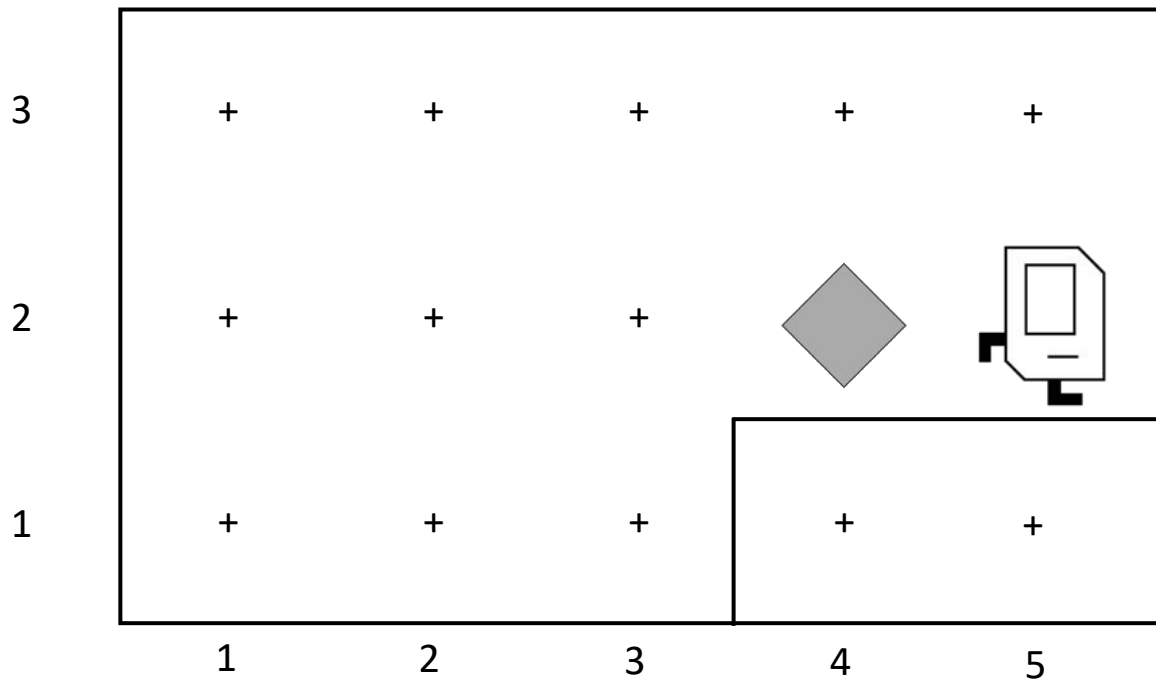
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# Learn By Doing



# eclipse



# Method Definition

```
private void name() {  
    method statements  
}
```

This adds a new  
command to Karel's  
vocabulary



# Anatomy of a Program

Import Packages

Program





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```
public class OurKarelProgram extends Karel {
```

```
}
```



# Anatomy of a Program

Import Packages

```
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```

run method

helper methods

```
}
```



# Anatomy of a Program

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# Anatomy of a Program

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This piece of the program's  
*source code* is called a  
*method*.



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```

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```

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```

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```

```
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```

```
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```

```
        turnRight();
```

```
        move();
```

```
        putBeeper();
```

```
        move();
```

```
    }
```

```
    private void turnRight() {
```

```
        turnLeft();
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```

```
    }
```

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}
```

This line of code gives the *name* of the method (here, run)



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```
    private void turnRight() {
```

```
        turnLeft();
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```

```
    }
```

```
}
```

This is also called a  
*code block*



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```
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```

```
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```

```
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```

```
        move();
```

```
        turnRight();
```

```
        move();
```

```
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```

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```

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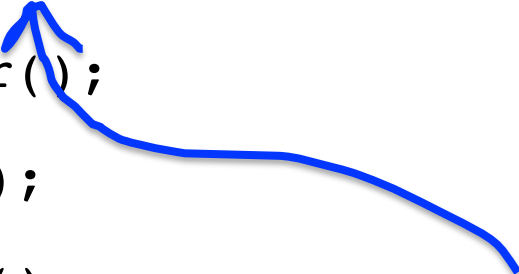
```
        turnLeft();
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```
    }
```

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}
```



The run method is “public” so that  
Eclipse can call it.



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```

The turnRight method is “private” to indicate it is only visible to our current program.



Why Study CS?

# Joy of Building





# Interdisciplinary



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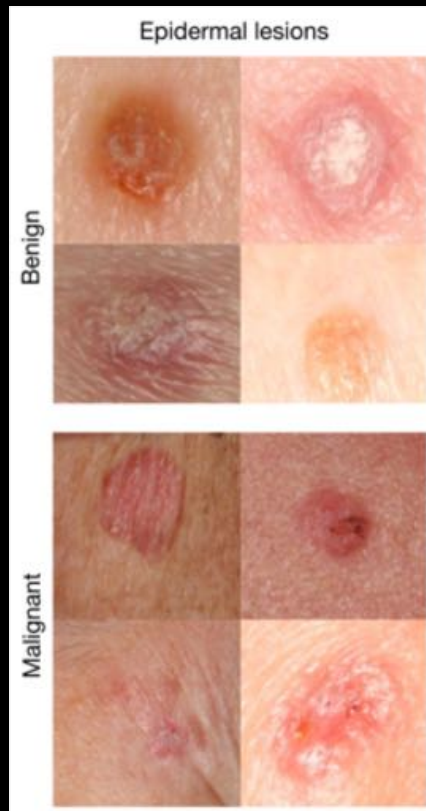
# Closest Thing To Magic



# Now is the Time



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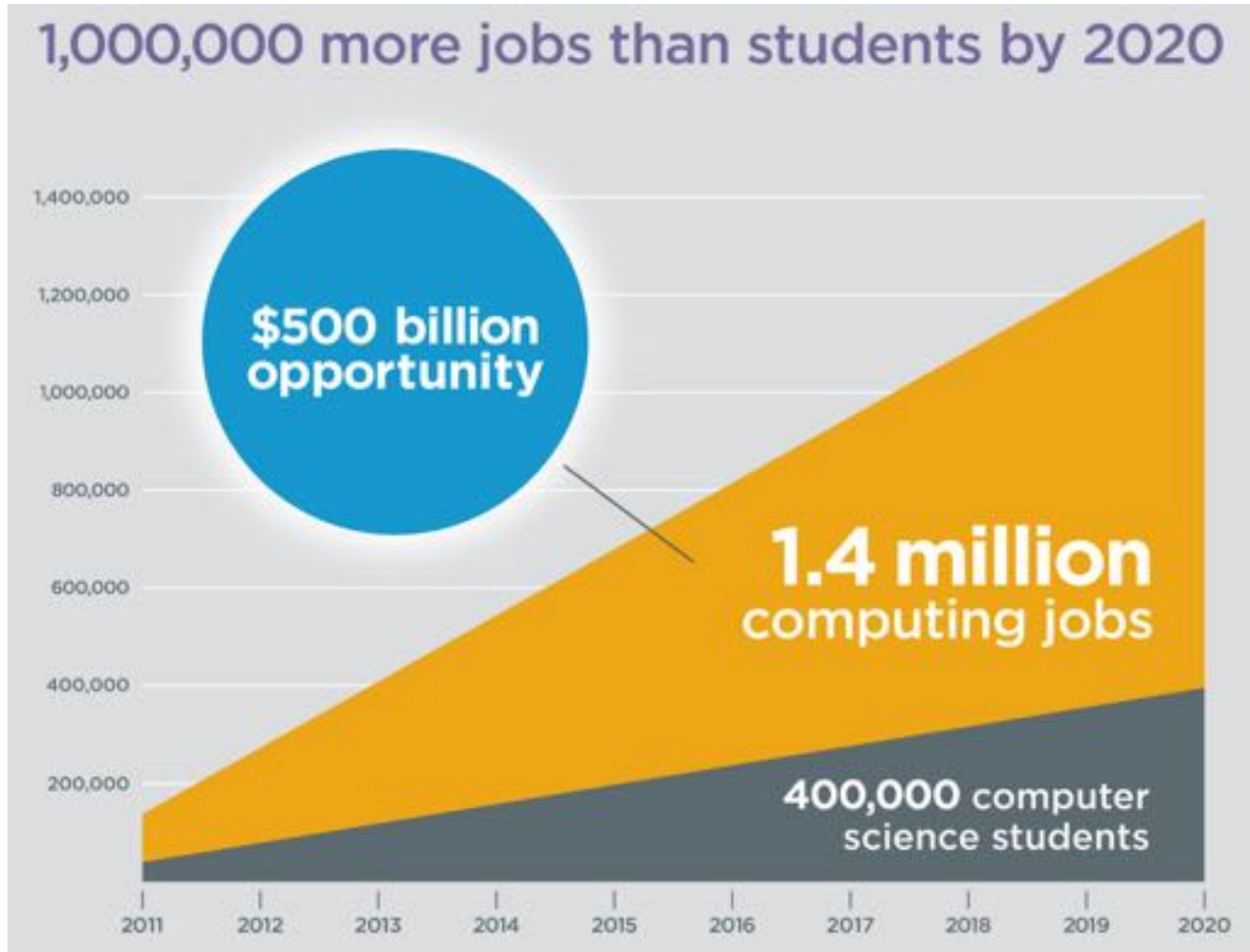


A machine learning algorithm performs **better than** the best dermatologists.

Developed this year, at Stanford.

Esteva, Andre, et al. "Dermatologist-level classification of skin cancer with deep neural networks." *Nature* 542.7639 (2017): 115-118.

# Oh and Its Useful



# Everyone is Welcome



The End

A black and white photograph of a spinning top toy. The top is a dark, teardrop-shaped object with a sharp point at the top and a wider, rounded base. It is positioned on a highly reflective surface, which creates a clear, inverted reflection of the top. The background is a soft, out-of-focus gradient of light and dark tones, suggesting an indoor setting with ambient lighting. The text "The End?" is superimposed in a clean, white, sans-serif font over the right side of the spinning top.

The End?



Who are you?