

A background image of the WALL-E robot from the Pixar movie "WALL-E". The robot is a small, boxy, blue and orange machine with large, expressive eyes. It is standing on a rocky, debris-covered surface under a dark, starry sky. The robot's body is covered in various mechanical details, including gears, pipes, and a small antenna.

# CS106A: Programming Methodology

# Chris Gregg

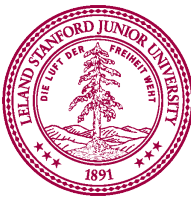


- Electrical Engineering undergraduate degree
- Spent 7 years on active duty in the Navy as a cryptologist, and then 15+ years in the Navy Reserves.
- Masters in Education
  - Taught high school physics for many years in Boston and Santa Cruz, CA
- Ph.D. in Computer Engineering
- Taught at Tufts and have been at Stanford for four years
- I love tech, tinkering, and teaching





# Head TA: Wil Kautz



# Section Leaders



**Luciano  
Gonzalez** ✉



**Maggie  
Davis** ✉



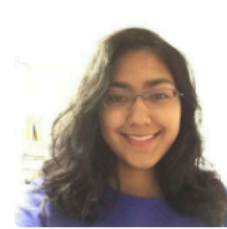
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**Nidhi  
Manoj** ✉



**Niki  
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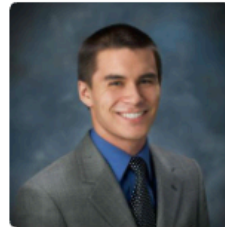
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**Rachel  
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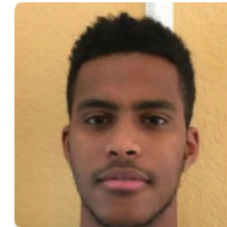
**Rhea  
Karuturi** ✉



**Robbie  
Jones** ✉



**Ruiqi  
Chen** ✉



**Semir  
Shafi** ✉



**Shanon  
Reckinger** ✉



**Tessera  
Chin** ✉



**Thariq  
Ridha** ✉



**Vineet  
Kosaraju** ✉

\* Actually some of last year's section leaders



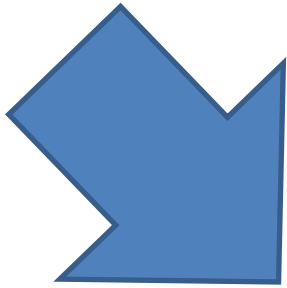


# Course mechanics

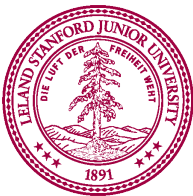
(This is a brief version.

Please read the handout for full details).

# Course Website

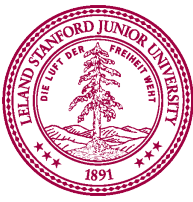


<http://cs106a.stanford.edu>





# Prerequisite Test



# Getting To Know You

- Assignment #0 on website (“Who are you?”)

CS106A

Lectures ▼

Assignments ▼

Section ▼

Handouts ▼

Examples ▼



## CS106A: Programming Methodologies

Stanford University | Spring 2020

Monday, Wednesday, Friday | *Live Lectures 1:30pm - 2:20pm PST*

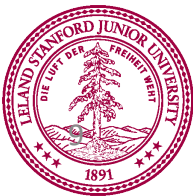
- Please fill this out so we can know who you are and where you are (for planning purposes)
- We also want to know a bit more about you!





# Lectures and Sections

- Lectures MTuWTh 10:30am-11:20am
  - Will be recorded (available on Canvas)
- Weekly 50-min section led by awesome section leaders (the backbone of the class!)
  - Section [signups are already open -- see the class webpage \(not Axxess\)](#)
  - Signups will close on Tuesday at 5pm. Sections start this week!



# Office Hours



LaIR: evenings Sunday through Wednesday  
(starting Tuesday)



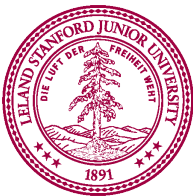


# Grading Scale

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

- ++** A submission so good it “makes you weep”
- +** Exceeds requirements (and has great style)
- ✓+** Satisfies all requirements, with good functionality and style
- ✓** Meets the requirements, but perhaps with small problems
- ✓-** Has some somewhat serious problems
- Is worse than that, but shows real effort and understanding
- Better than nothing

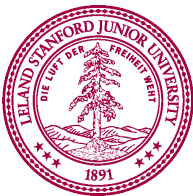
You are only competing against yourself.



# Meeting with your Section Leader

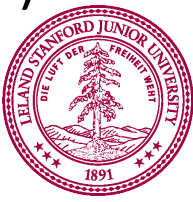


- For at least a couple of assignments, you will be able to meet with your Section Leader one on one to get feedback on your assignments.
- Chance for you to get more feedback than just a grade
- Opportunity to really develop “style” as a programmer
  - We’ll talk more about that soon

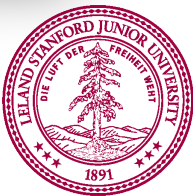
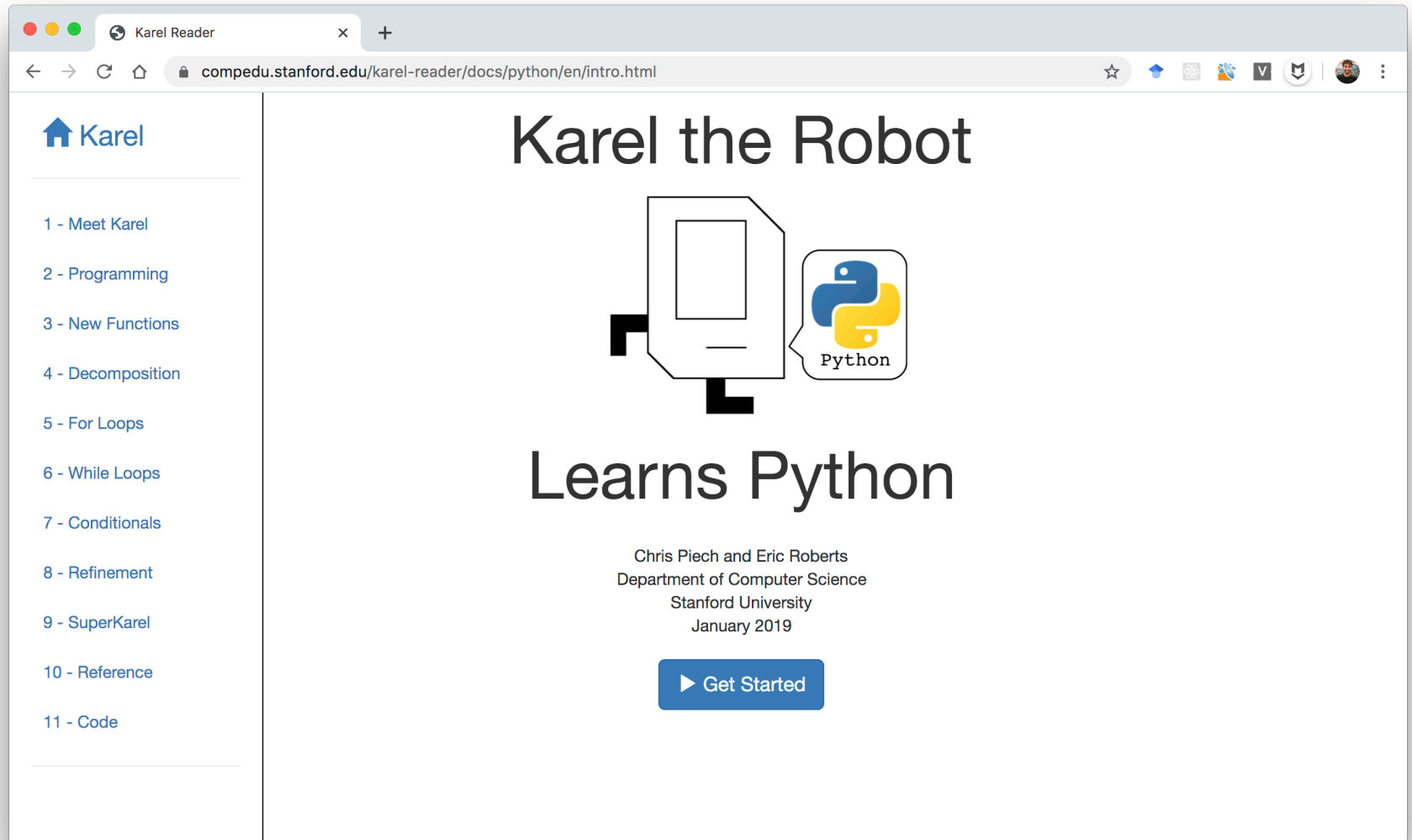


# What we will ask you to do

- 7 programming assignment 65%
  - Get more complicated as quarter progresses
- Week 3 in-class diagnostic assessment (exam) 10%
- Week 9 in-class diagnostic assessment. 15%
- Section participation 10%
- Get 4 free “late days” (on assignments)
  - Each “late day” is a 24-hour period
  - Allows for turning in assignment late without penalty
  - After free late days are used, assignments penalized one grade bucket per day late
  - For extensions beyond free late days, contact Wil (head TA)




# Online Text Books





# Online Karel Reader



## Karel


- 1 - Meet Karel
- 2 - Programming
- 3 - New Functions
- 4 - Decomposition
- 5 - For Loops
- 6 - While Loops
- 7 - Conditionals
- 8 - Refinement
- 9 - SuperKarel
- 10 - Reference
- 11 - Code

## Chapter 2: Programming Karel

The simplest style of Karel program uses text to specify a sequence of built-in commands that should be executed when the program is **run**. Consider the simple Karel program below. The text on the left is the program. The state of Karel's world is shown on the right:

```
# File: FirstKarel.py
# -----
# The FirstKarel program defines a "main"
# function with three commands. These commands cause
# Karel to move forward one block, pick up a beeper
# and then move ahead to the next corner.
from karel.stanfordkarel import *

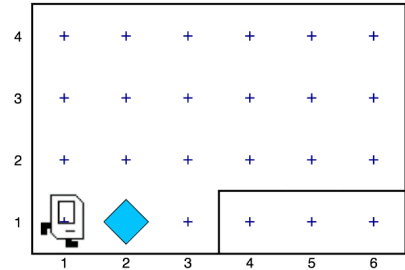
def main():
    move()
    pick_beeper()
    move()
```



Press the "Run" button to execute the program. Programs are typically written in a special application called an **Integrated Development Enviroment** (IDE) and most Karel programs are written in an IDE called PyCharm. Like an IDE, this reader has the ability to execute programs in order to help you see how things work as you learn.

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

```
# File: FirstKarel.py
# -----
```



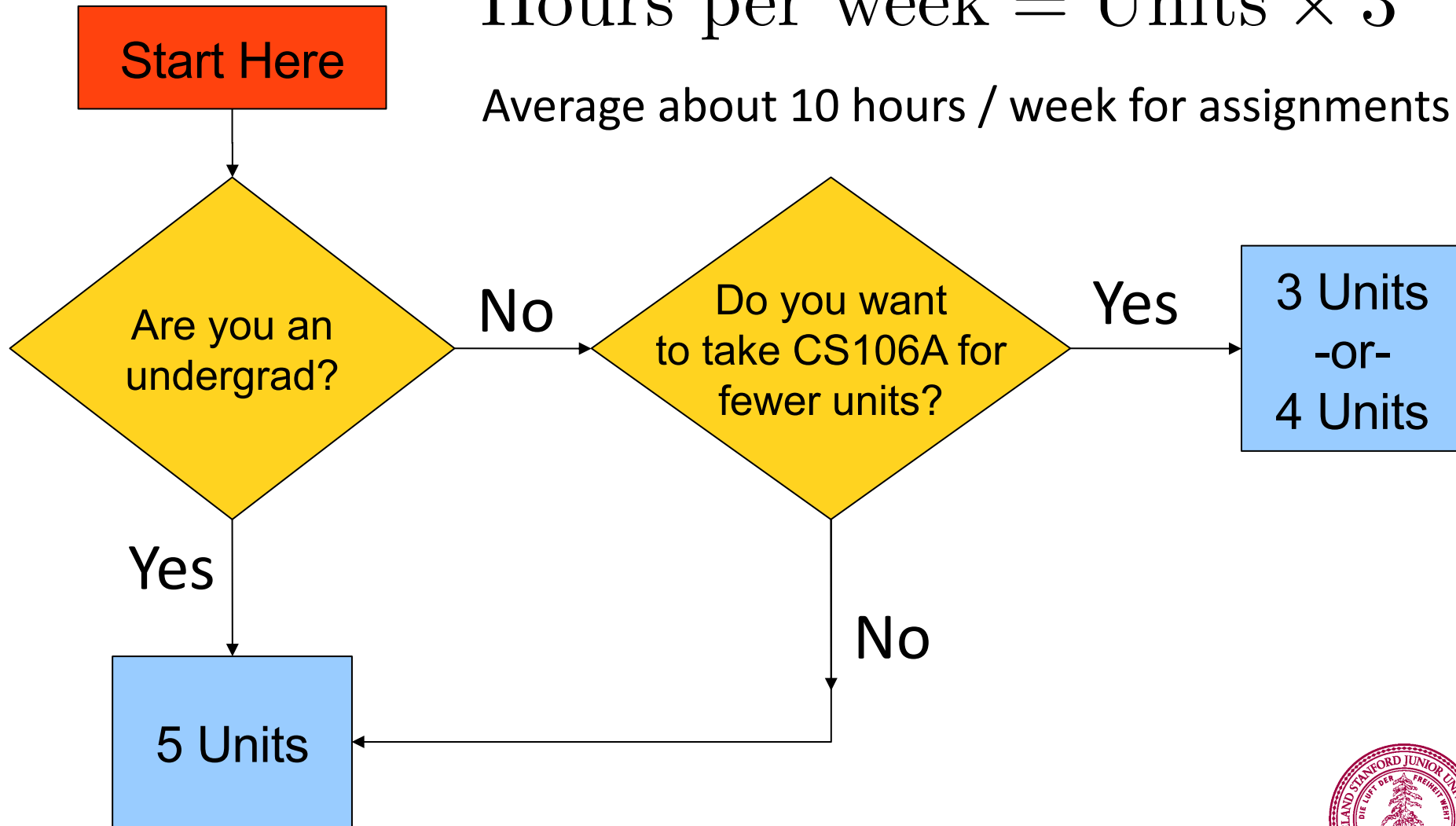
The diagram shows a 4x6 grid world. Karel is at the bottom-left corner (1,1). A blue diamond beeper is at (2,1). A black rectangle obstacle is at (4,1) and (5,1). Blue plus signs represent beepers at (1,2), (2,2), (3,2), (4,2), (5,2), (6,2), (1,3), (2,3), (3,3), (4,3), (5,3), (6,3), (1,4), (2,4), (3,4), (4,4), (5,4), and (6,4).



# CS106A Units

$$\text{Hours per week} = \text{Units} \times 3$$

Average about 10 hours / week for assignments



Are you in the right place?

What is CS106A?



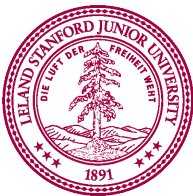
# Computer Science

“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

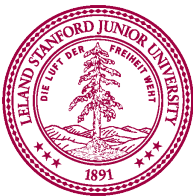
“You must unlearn what you have learned”

— Yoda



# 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 Python programming language.



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

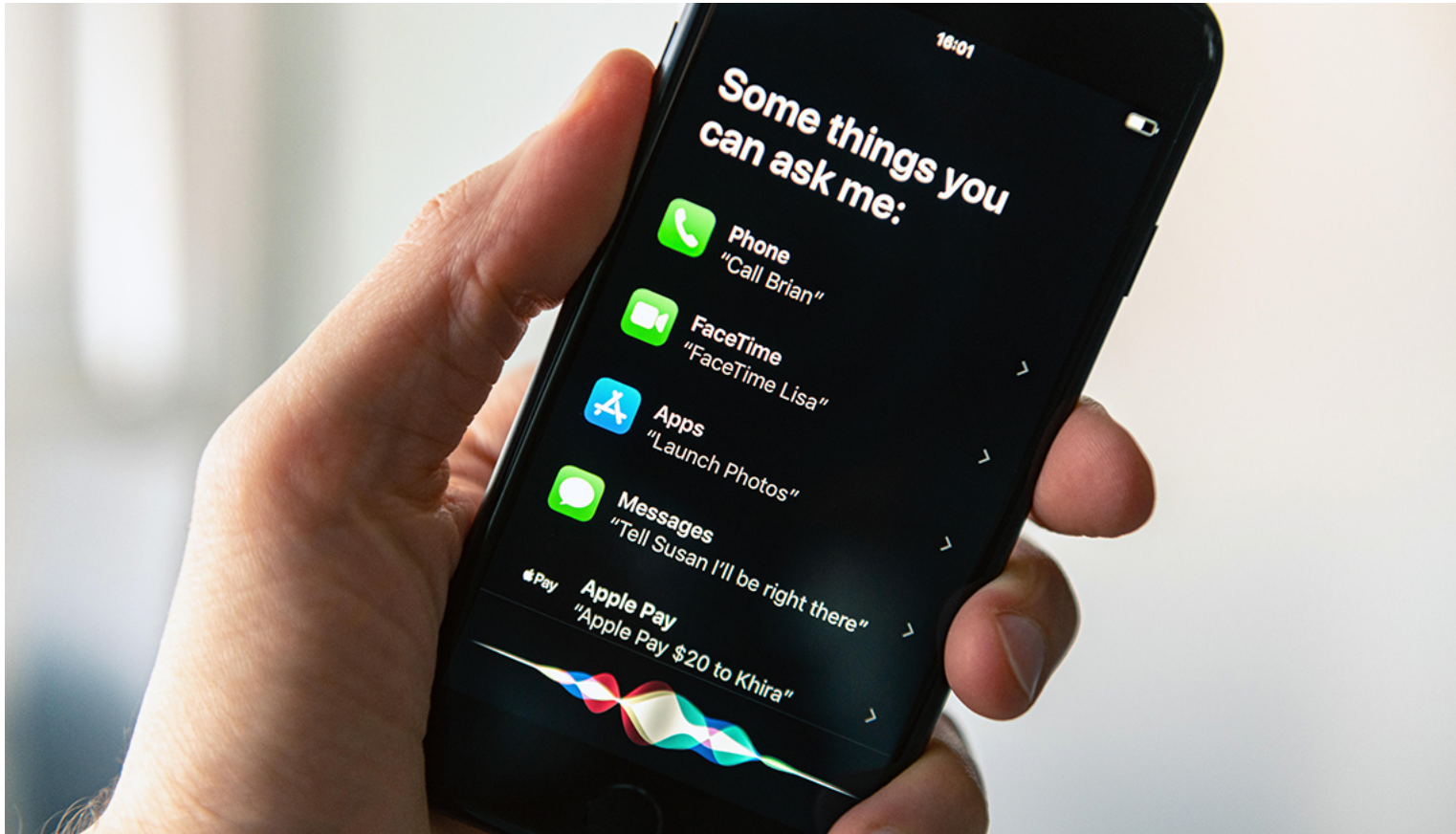
# Computer Graphics



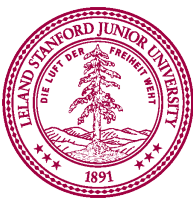
Pat Hanrahan, one of the founders of Pixar is a professor here.  
He just won the Turing Award – the Nobel Prize of Computer Science



# Mobile Computing



You probably have a supercomputer in your pocket. Learning to code for your phone can be fun!

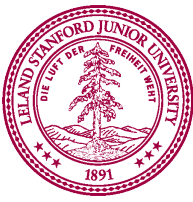




# Autonomous Surgery



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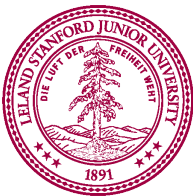


# Self-Driving Car

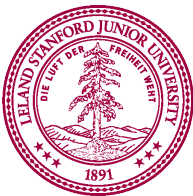
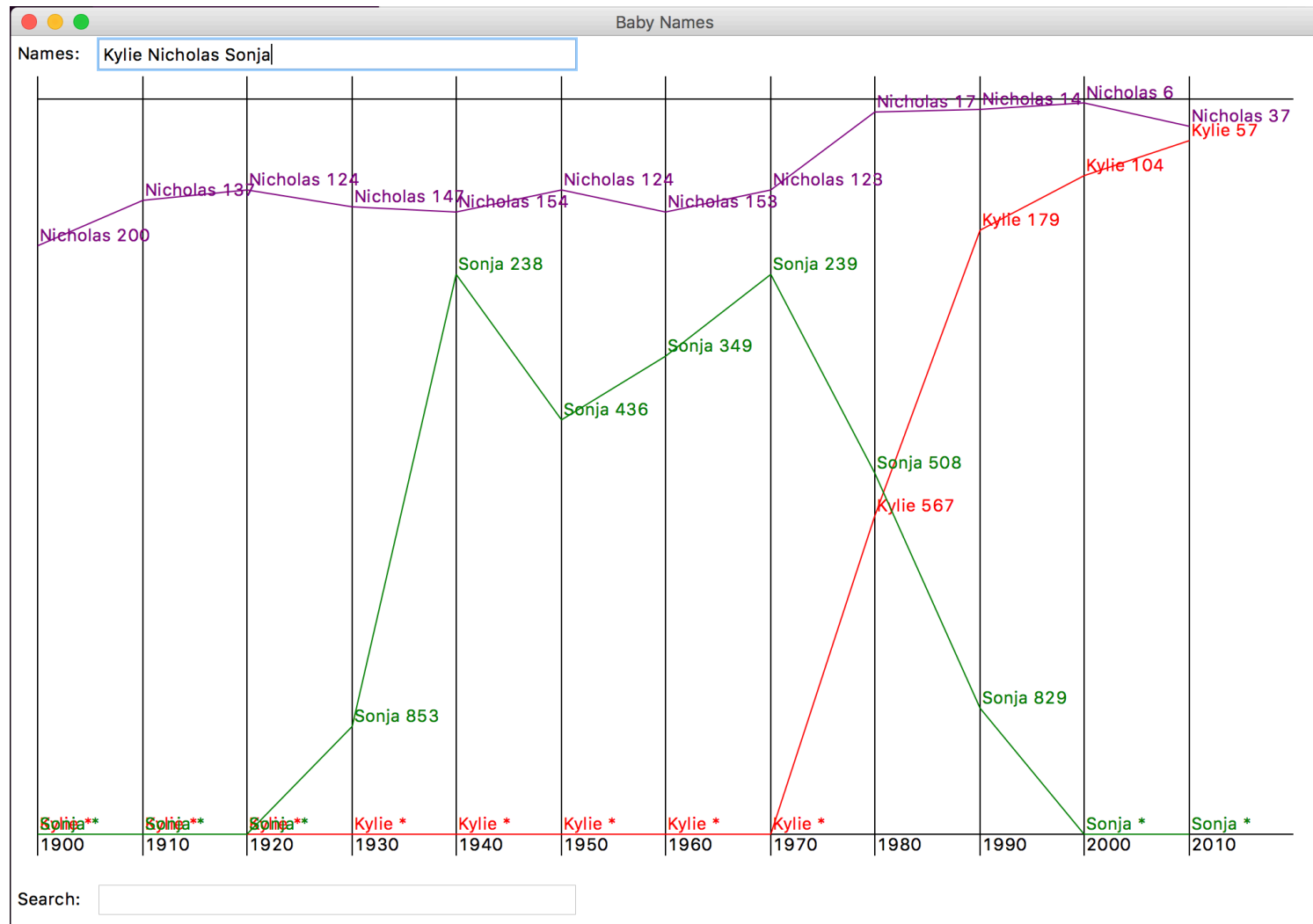


If only we could program  
self-driving cars...

# Image Transformation

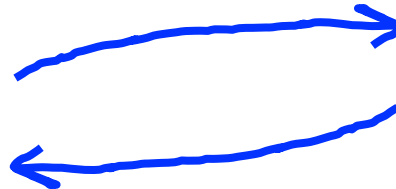
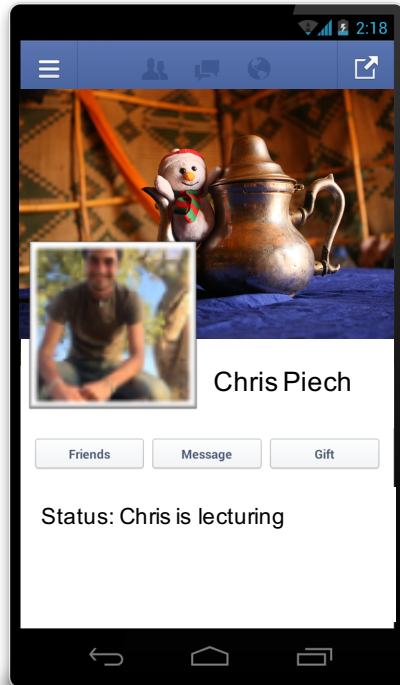


# Data Visualization

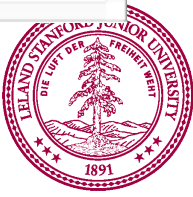




# Internet Applications



```
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
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```



# Art of Computer *Science*



# Strive for Everyone to Succeed





# Lets Get Started



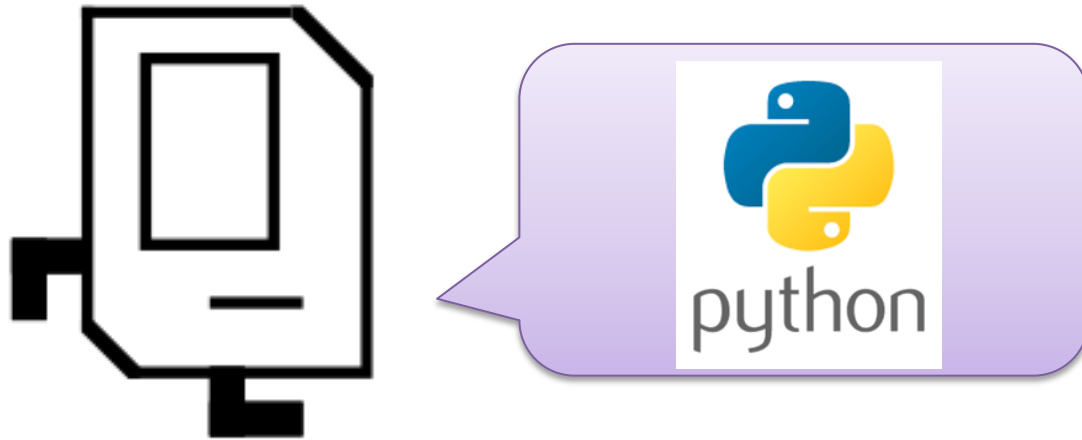
# Meet Karel the Robot



Good morning

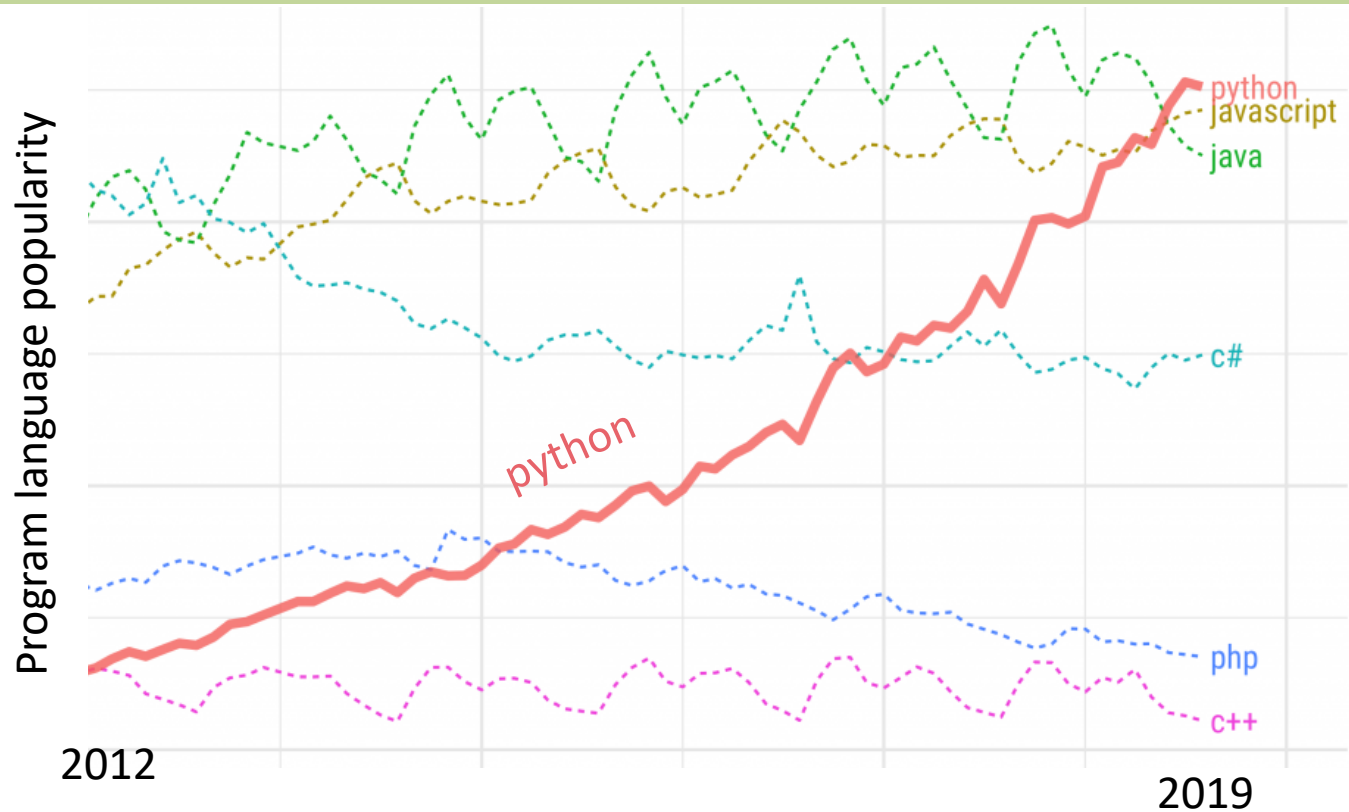


# Karel Speaks Python



# Why Python?

1



2

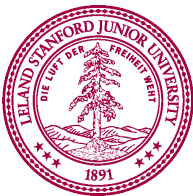
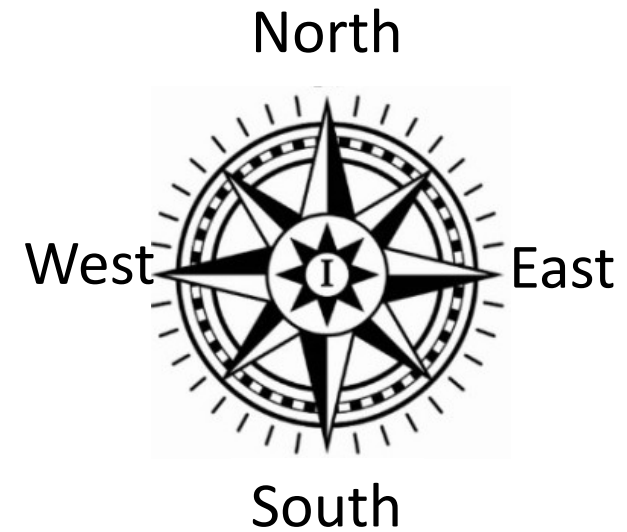
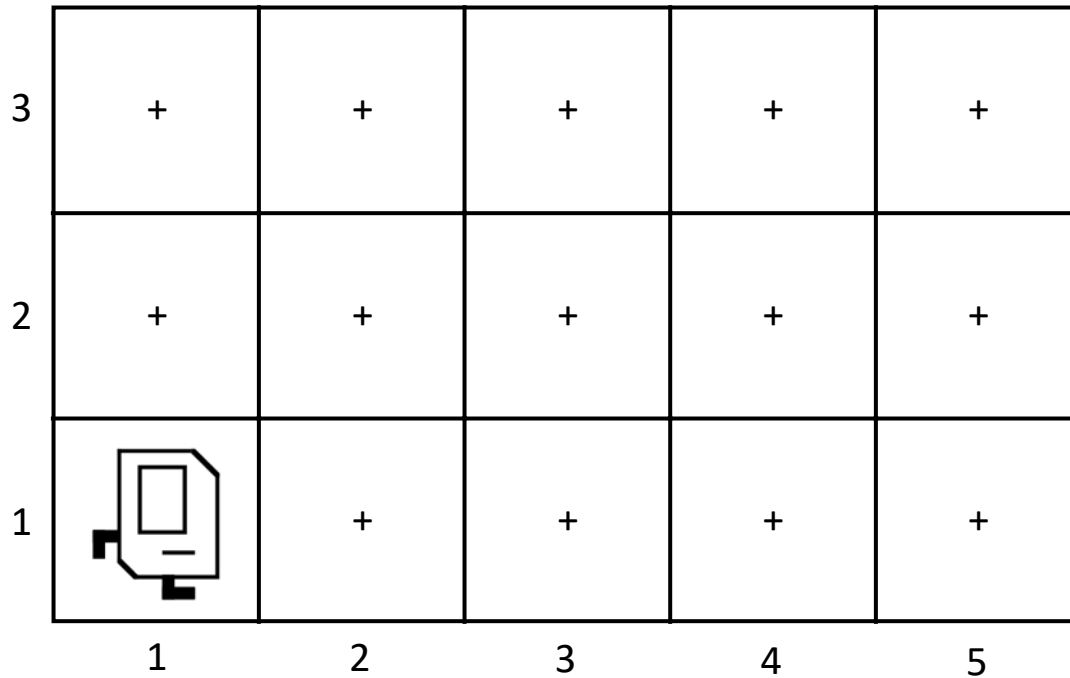




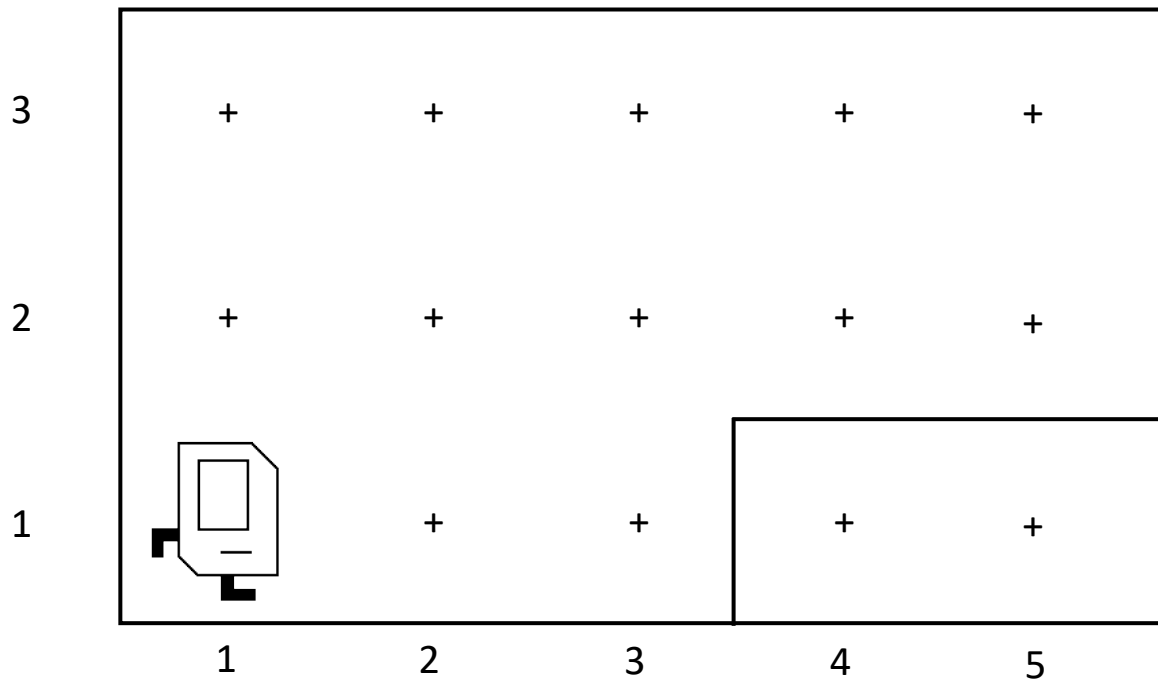
# Guido van Rossum



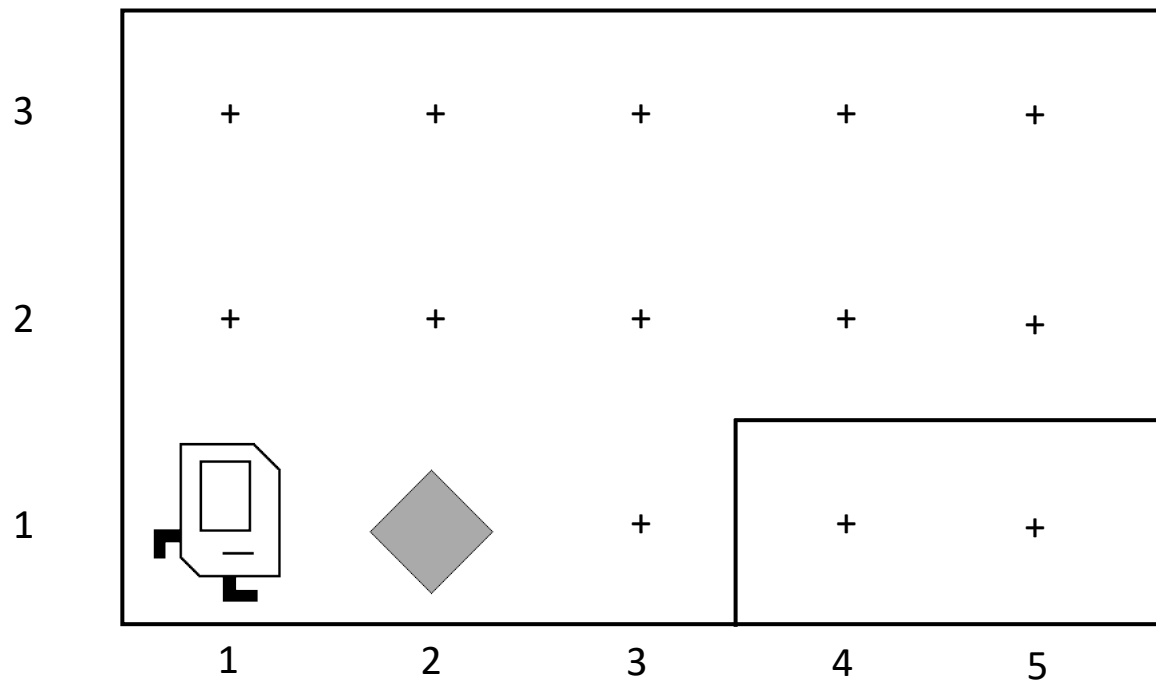
# Karel's World



# Walls



# Beeper's



# Knows Four Commands



`move()`

`turn_left()`

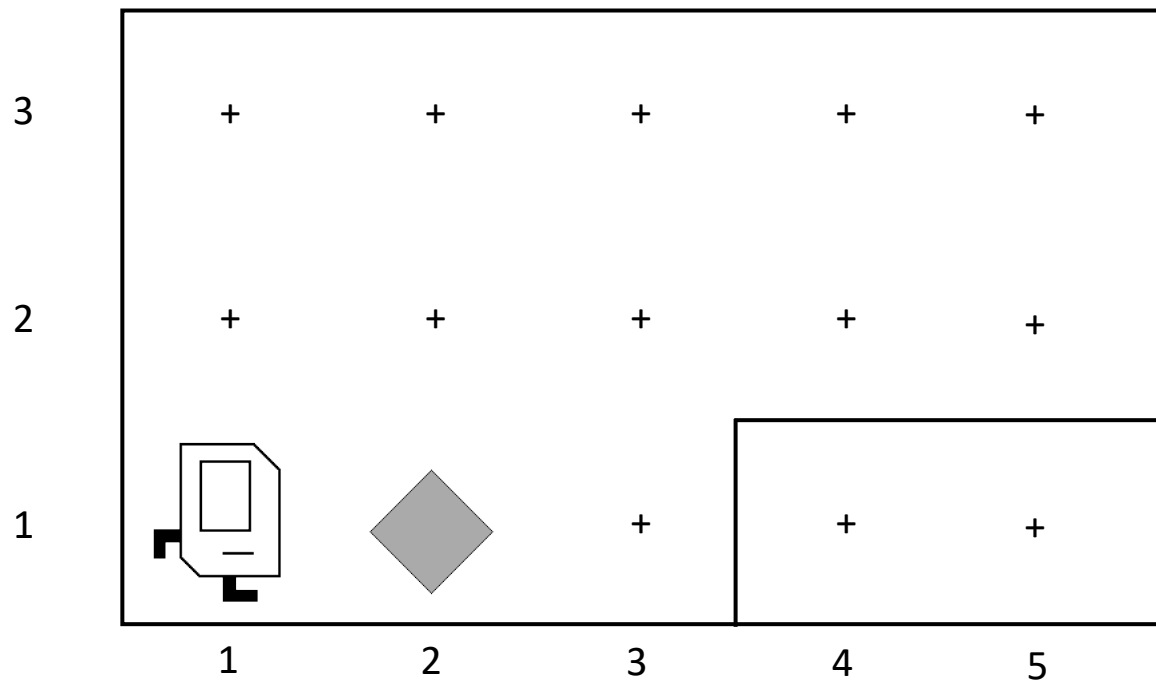
`put_beeper()`

`pick_beeper()`



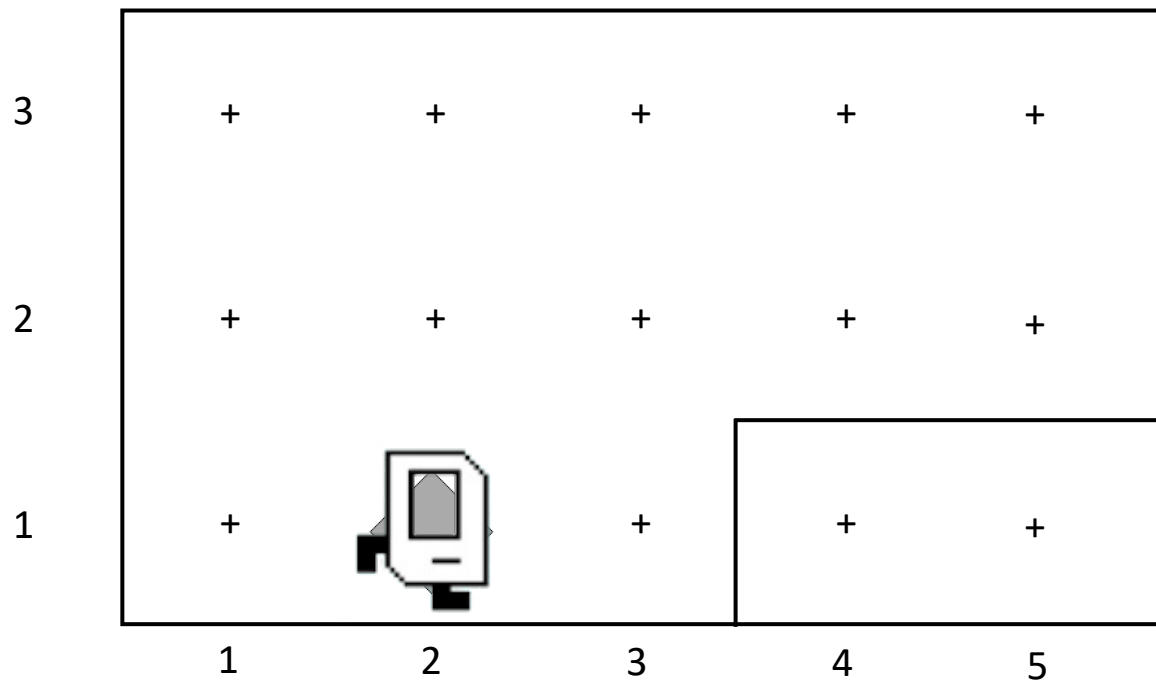
move ( )

# move ( )



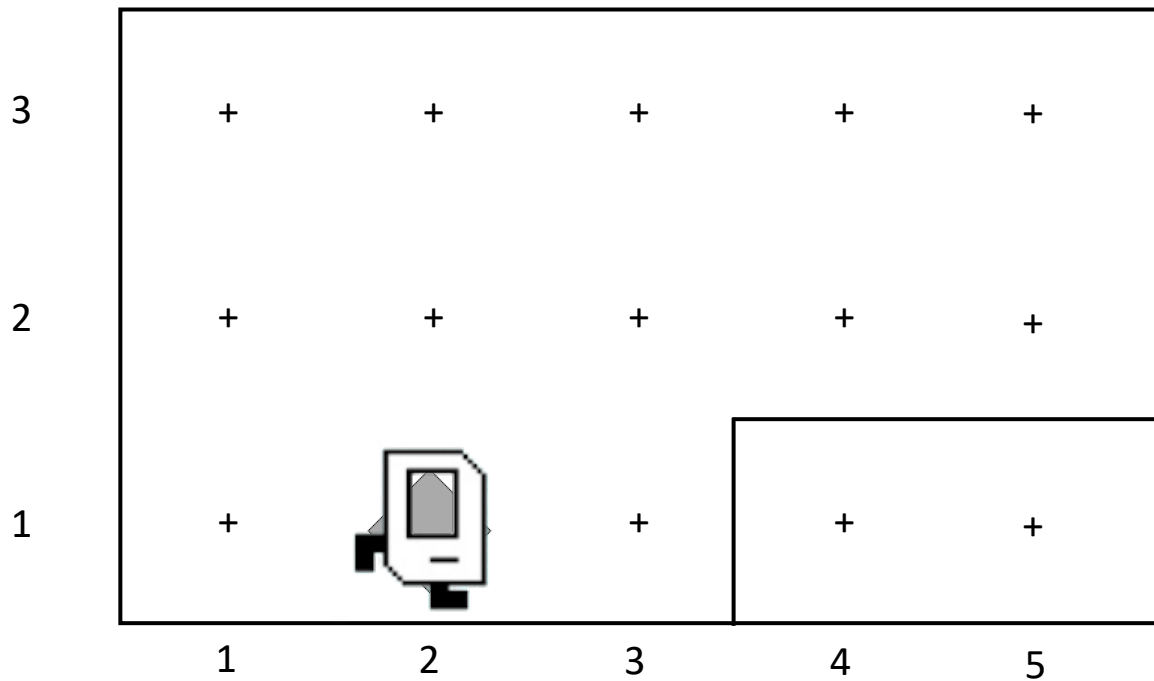


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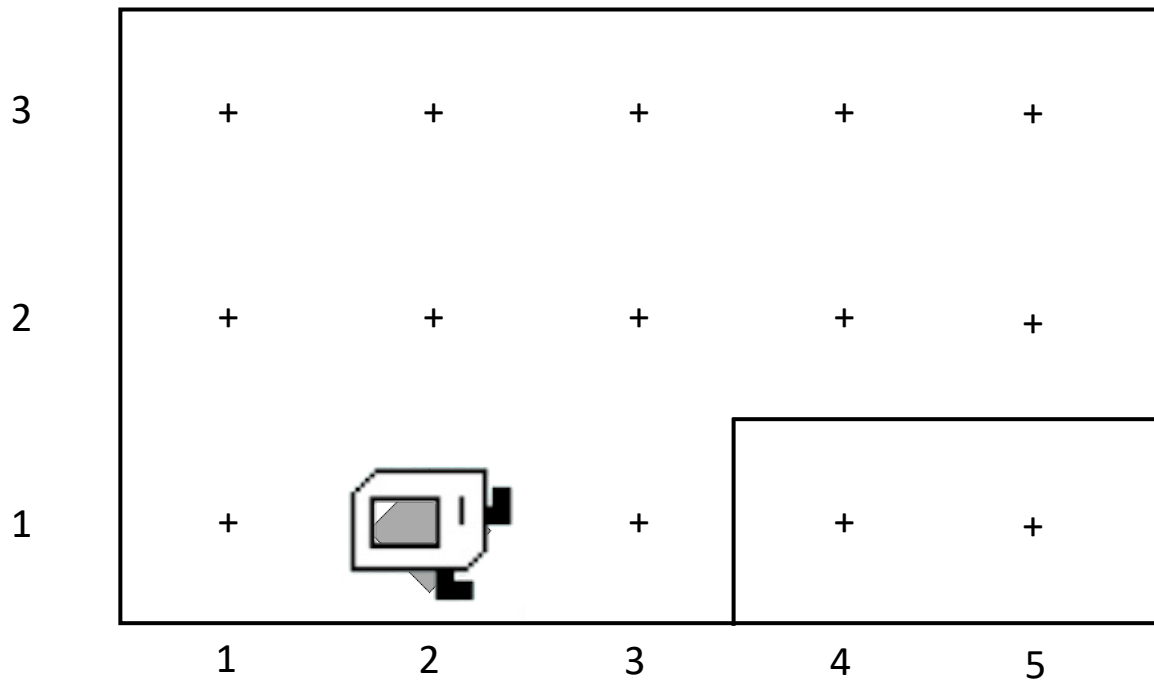


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turn_left()
```

# turn\_left()

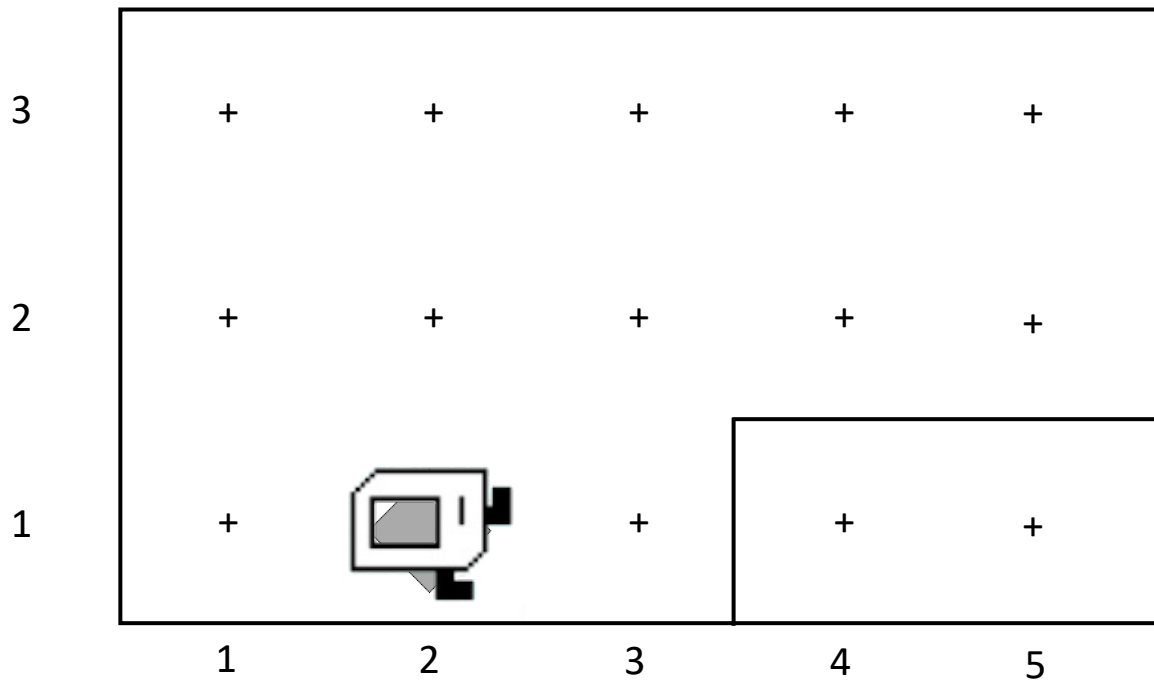


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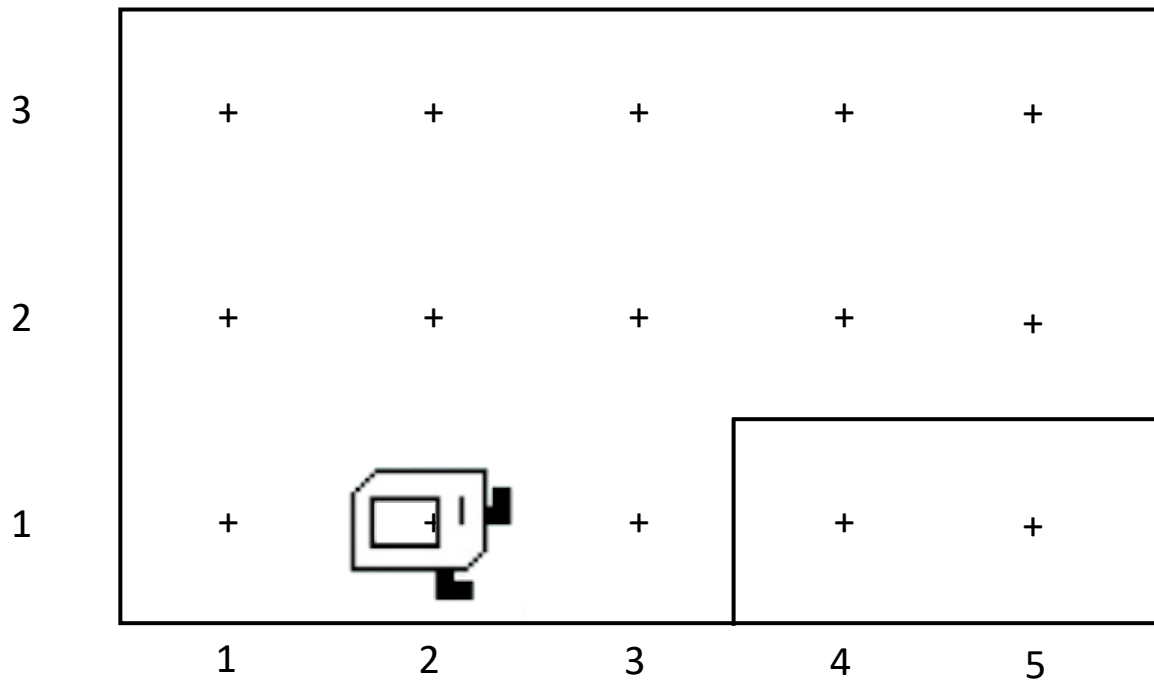
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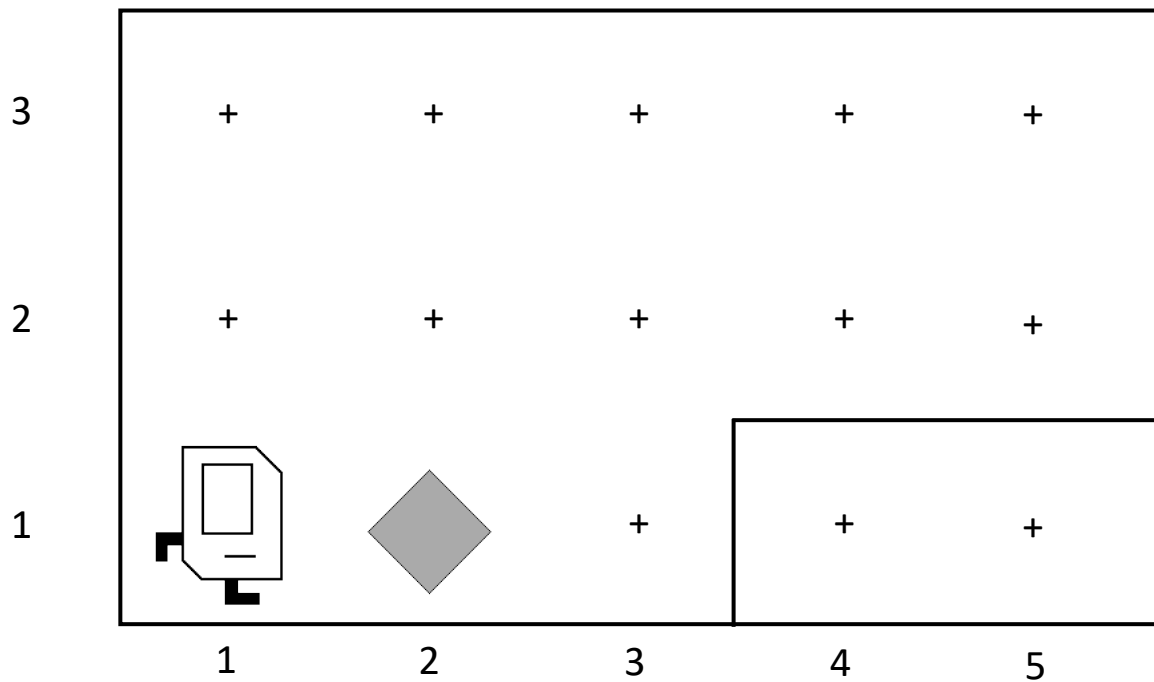


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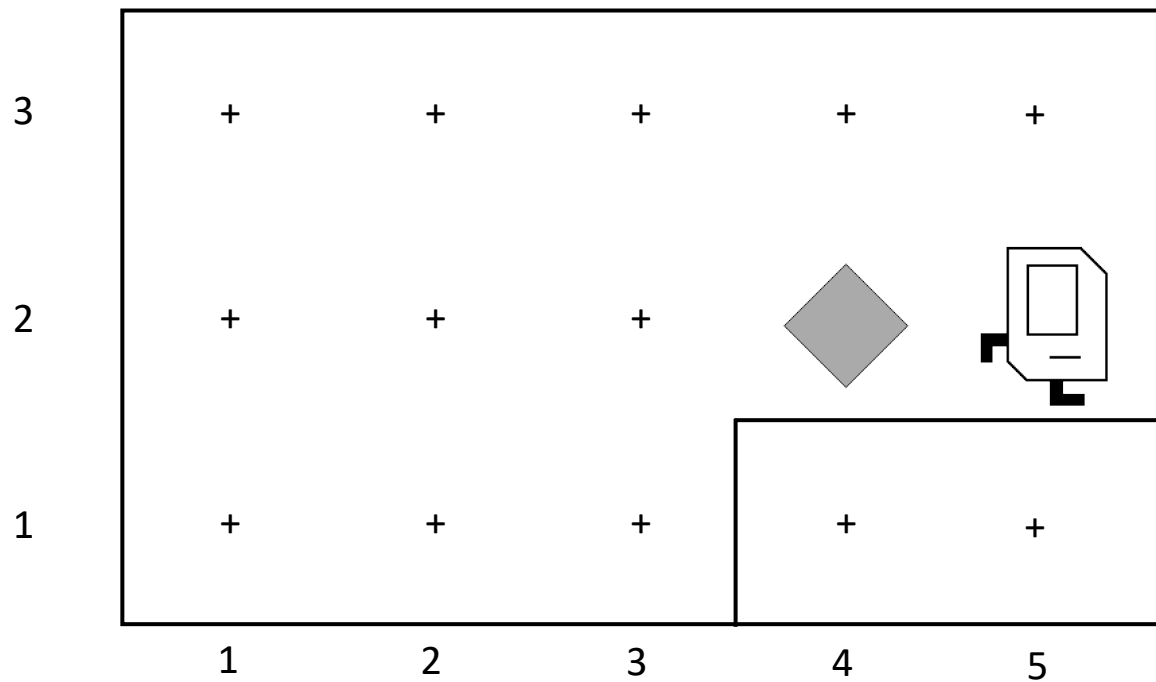


Make Sense?

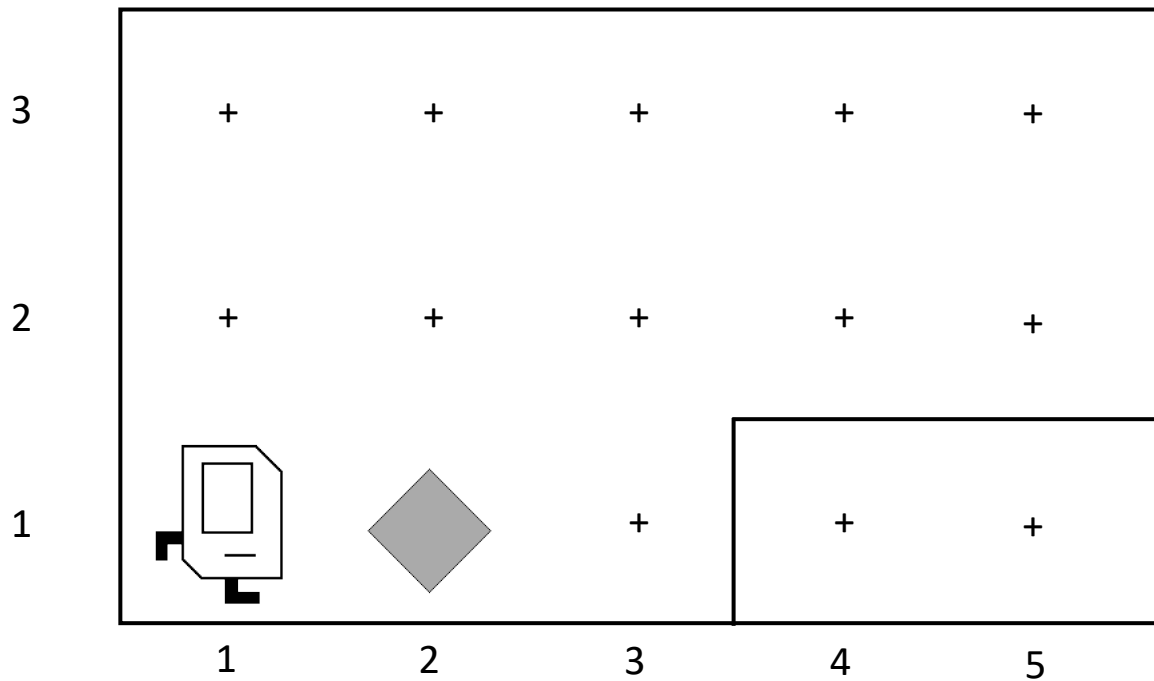
# First Challenge



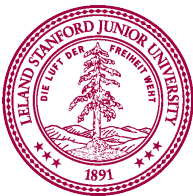
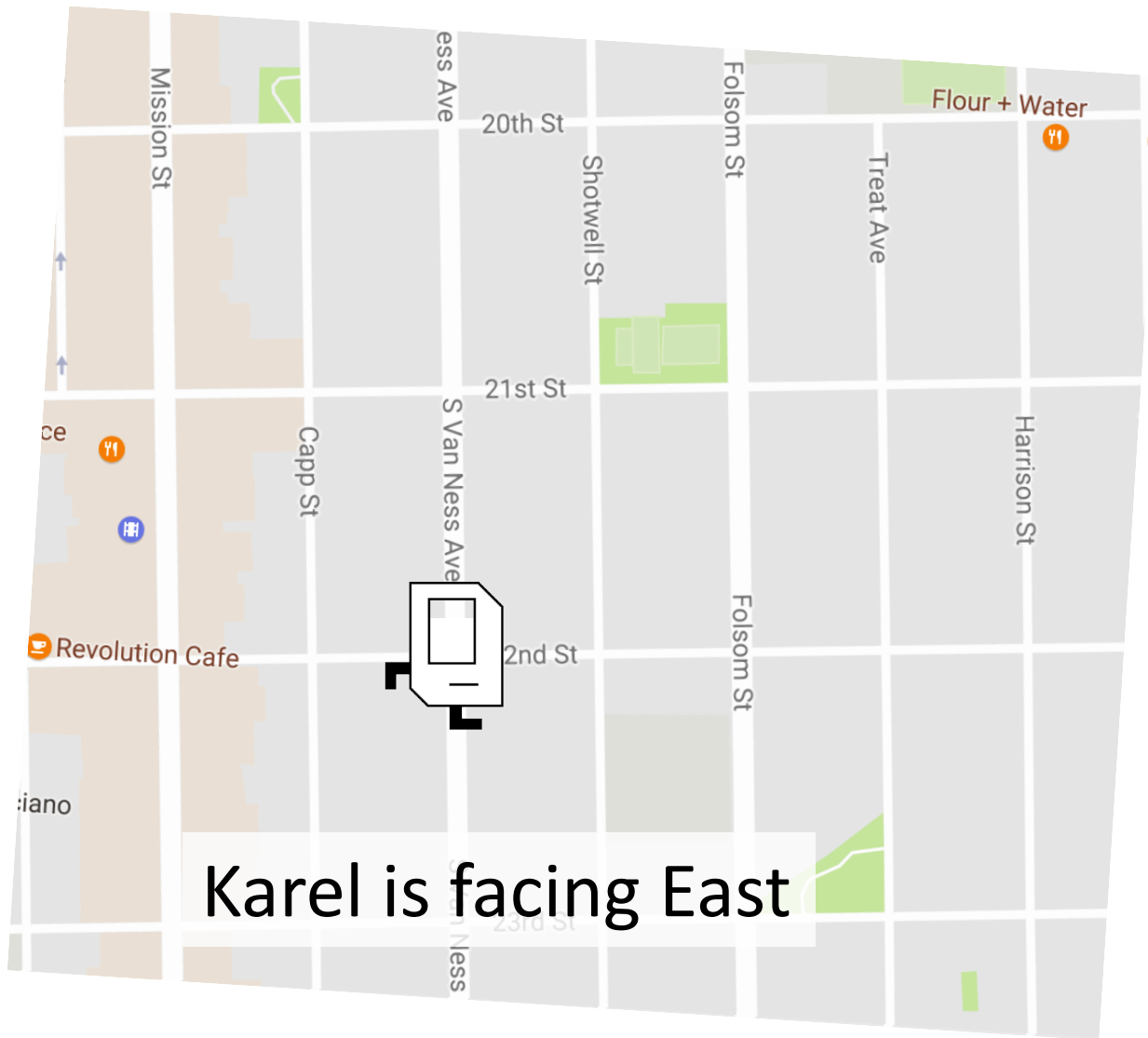
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# Bird's Eye View

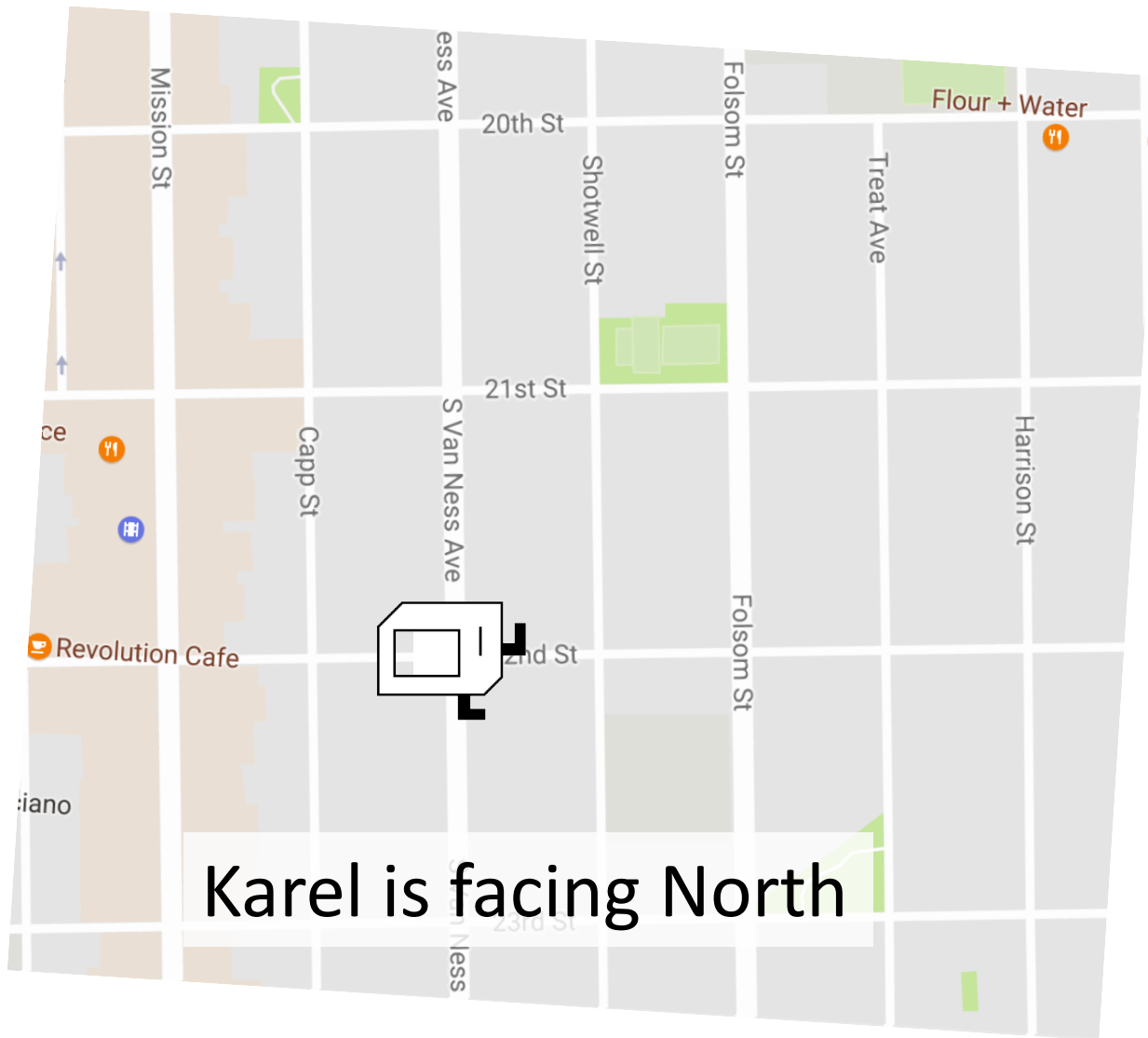


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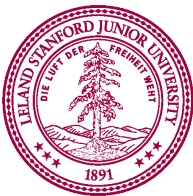




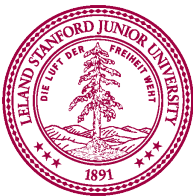
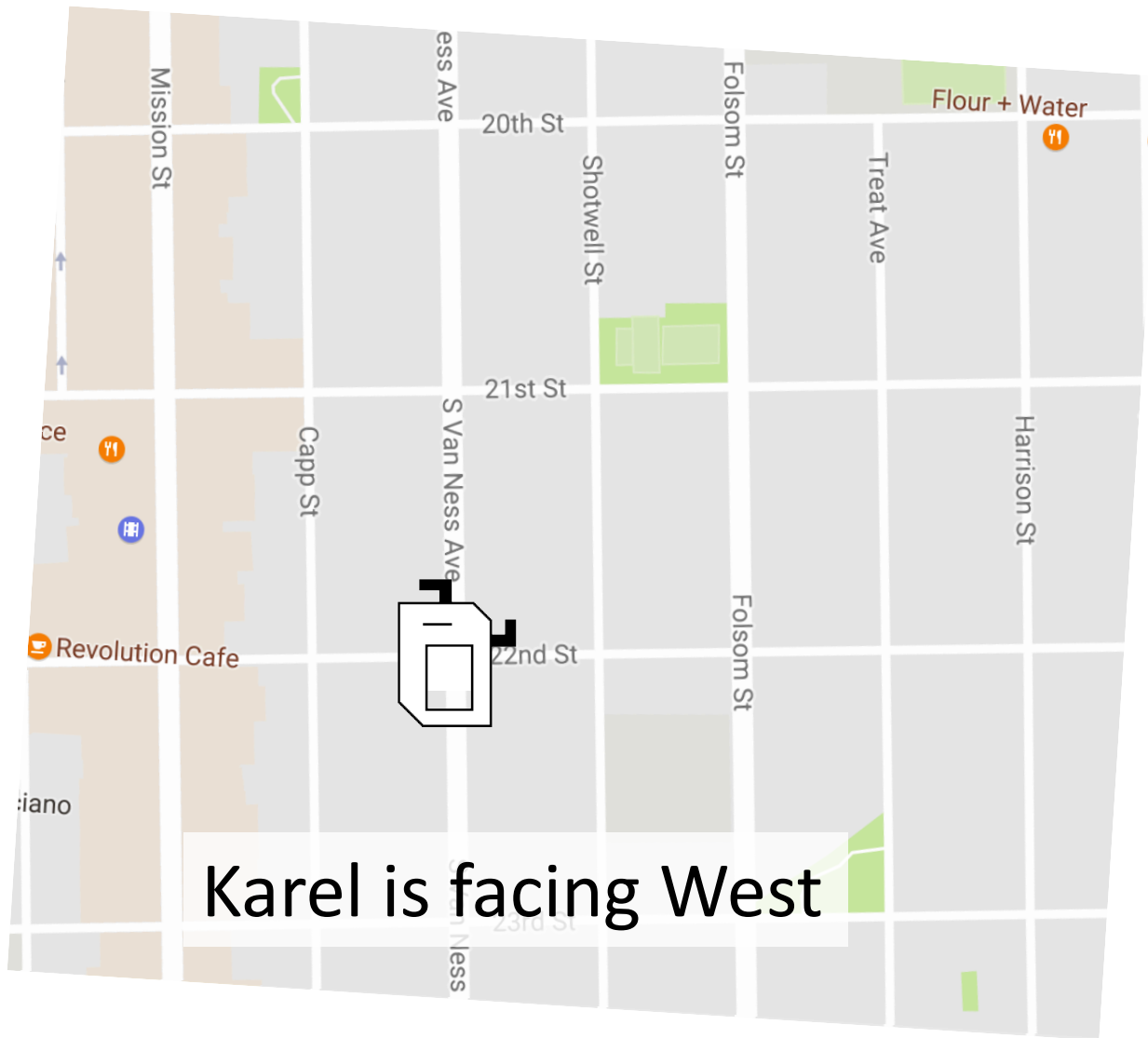
# Turn Left



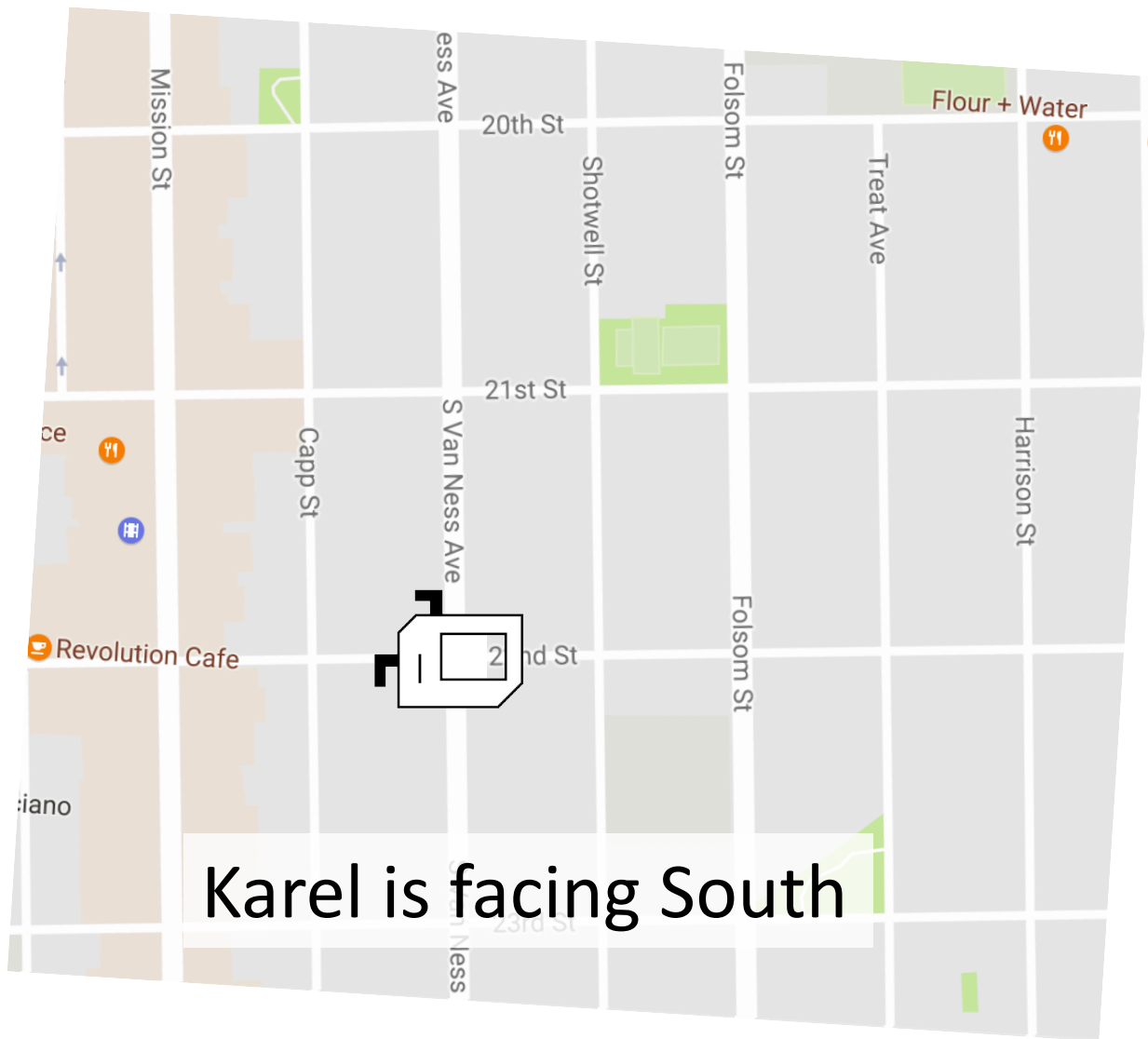
Karel is facing North



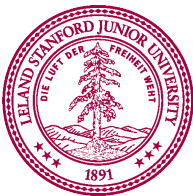
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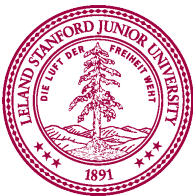
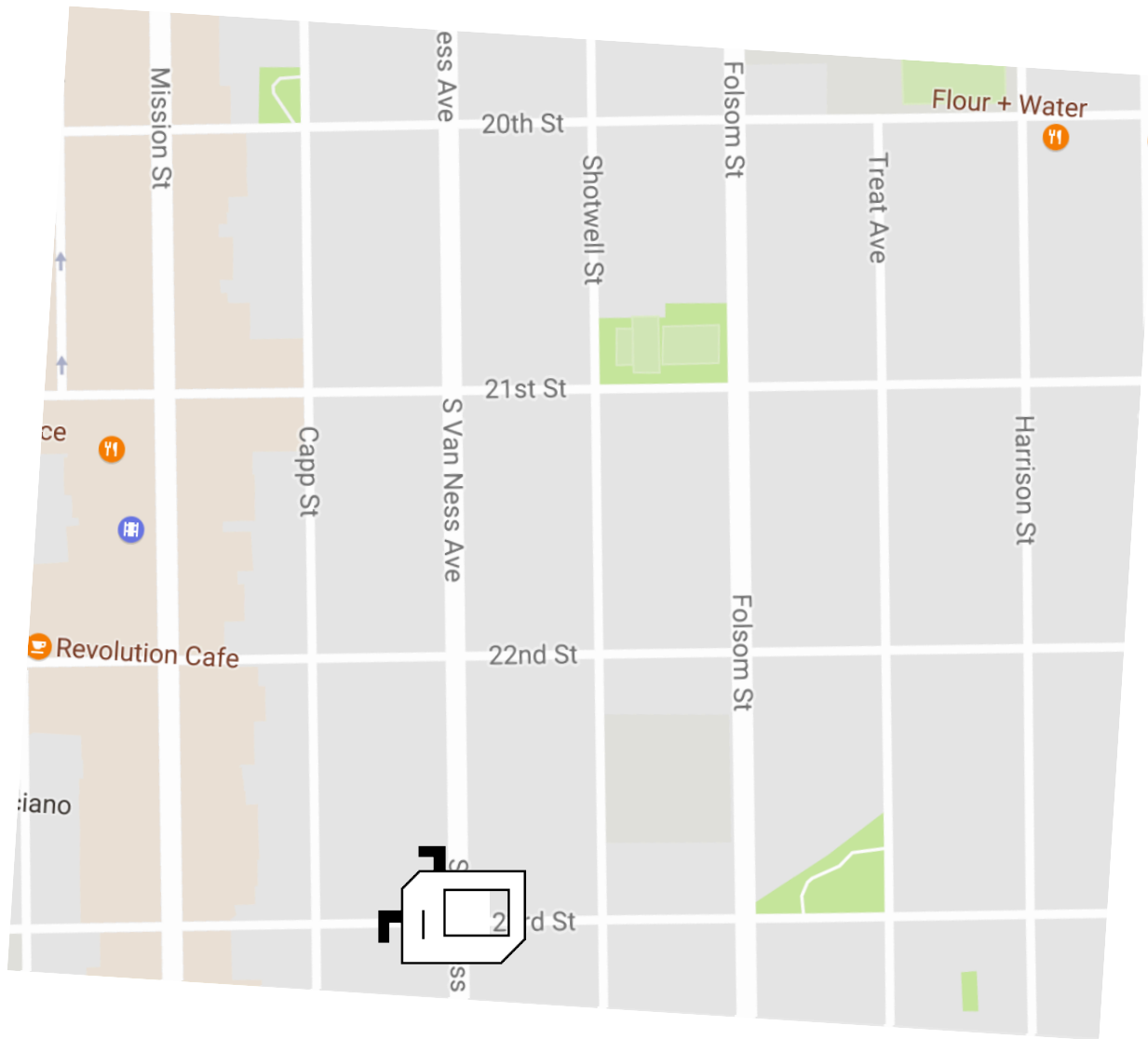
# Turn Left



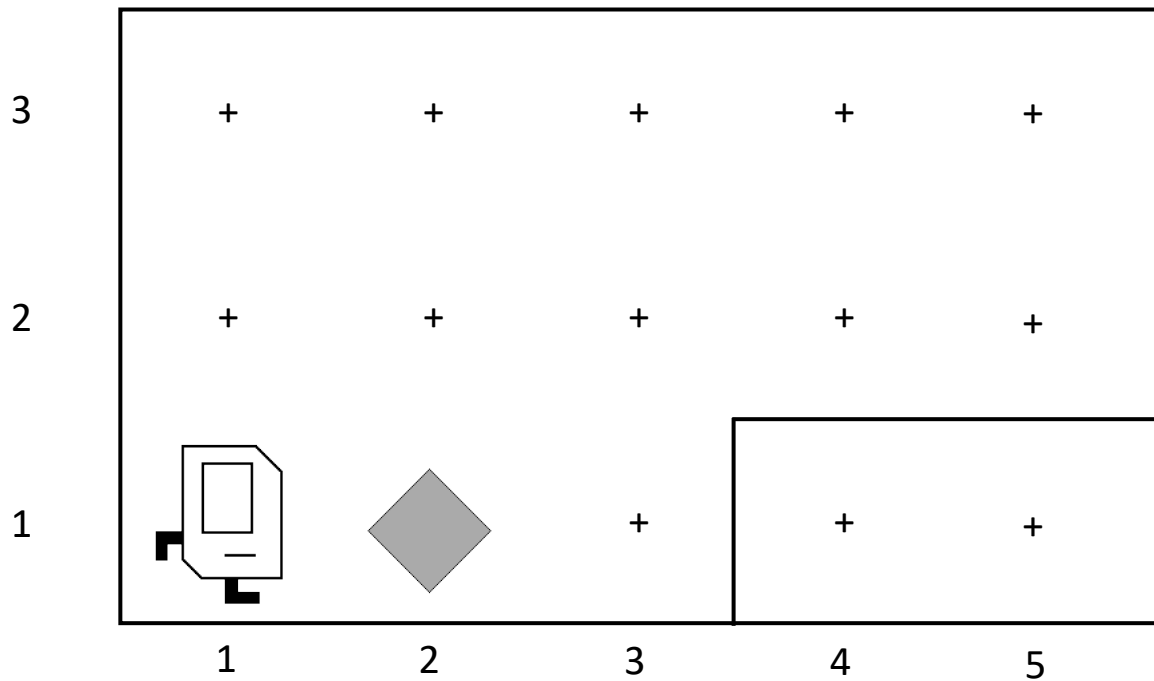
Karel is facing South



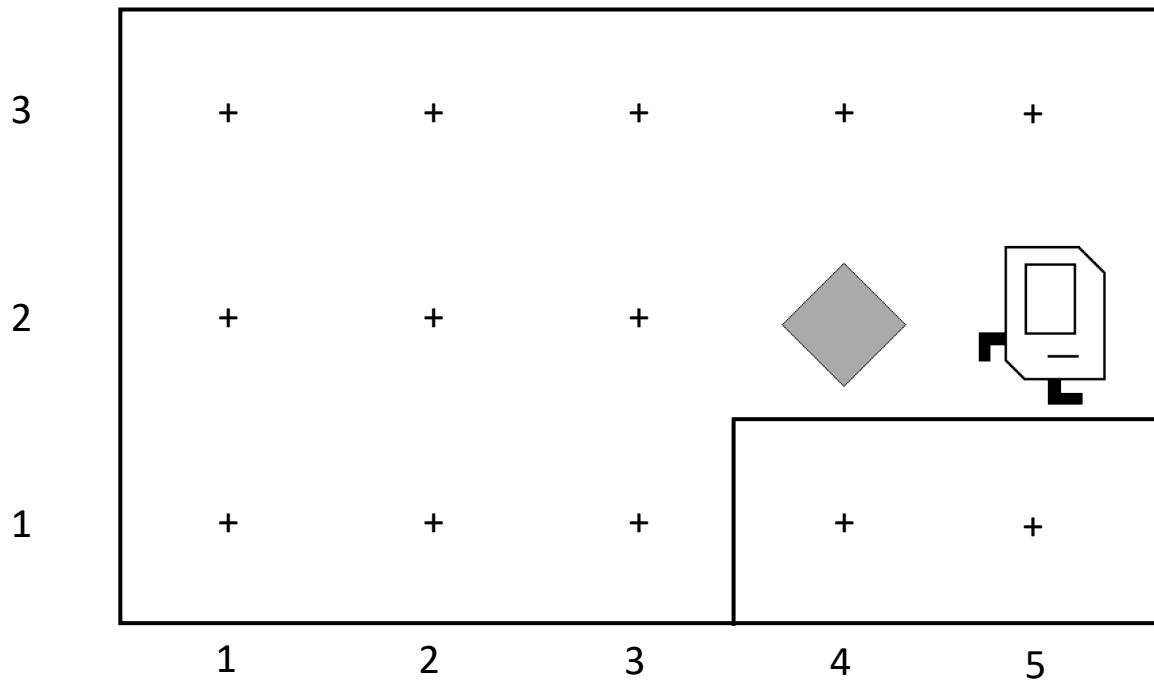
# Move



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# Learn By Doing





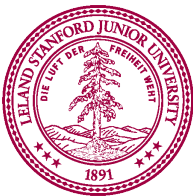


# PyCharm

The Python IDE  
for Professional  
Developers

**DOWNLOAD**

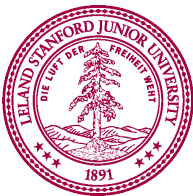
Full-fledged Professional or Free Community



# Function Definition

```
def name( ) :  
    function statements
```

This adds a new  
command to Karels  
vocabulary



# Anatomy of a Program

Import Packages

Program



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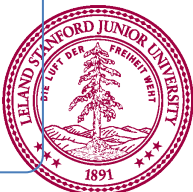


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    turn_left()
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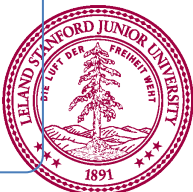
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if __name__ == "__main__":  
    run_karel_program()
```





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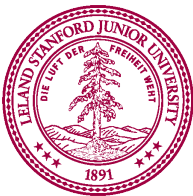
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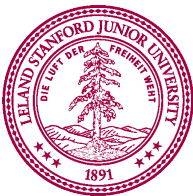
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*source code* is called a  
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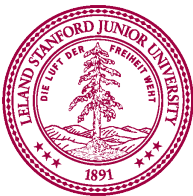
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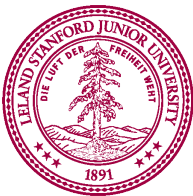
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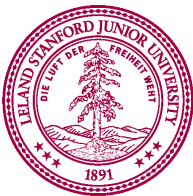
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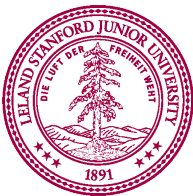
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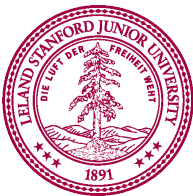
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# Joy of Building



# Interdisciplinary





# Closest Thing To Magic

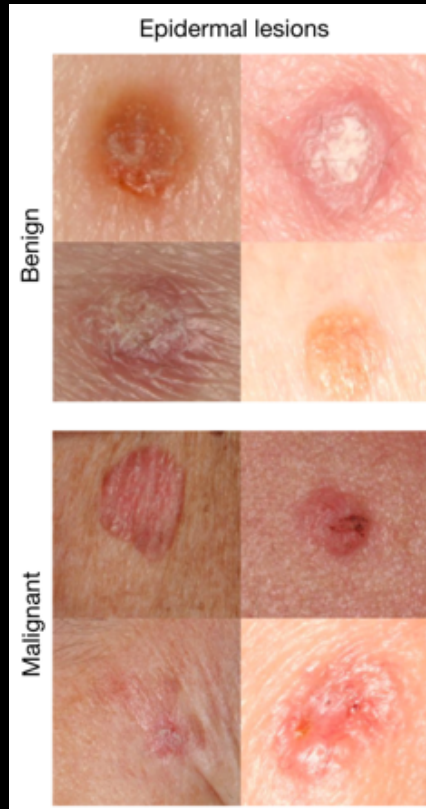




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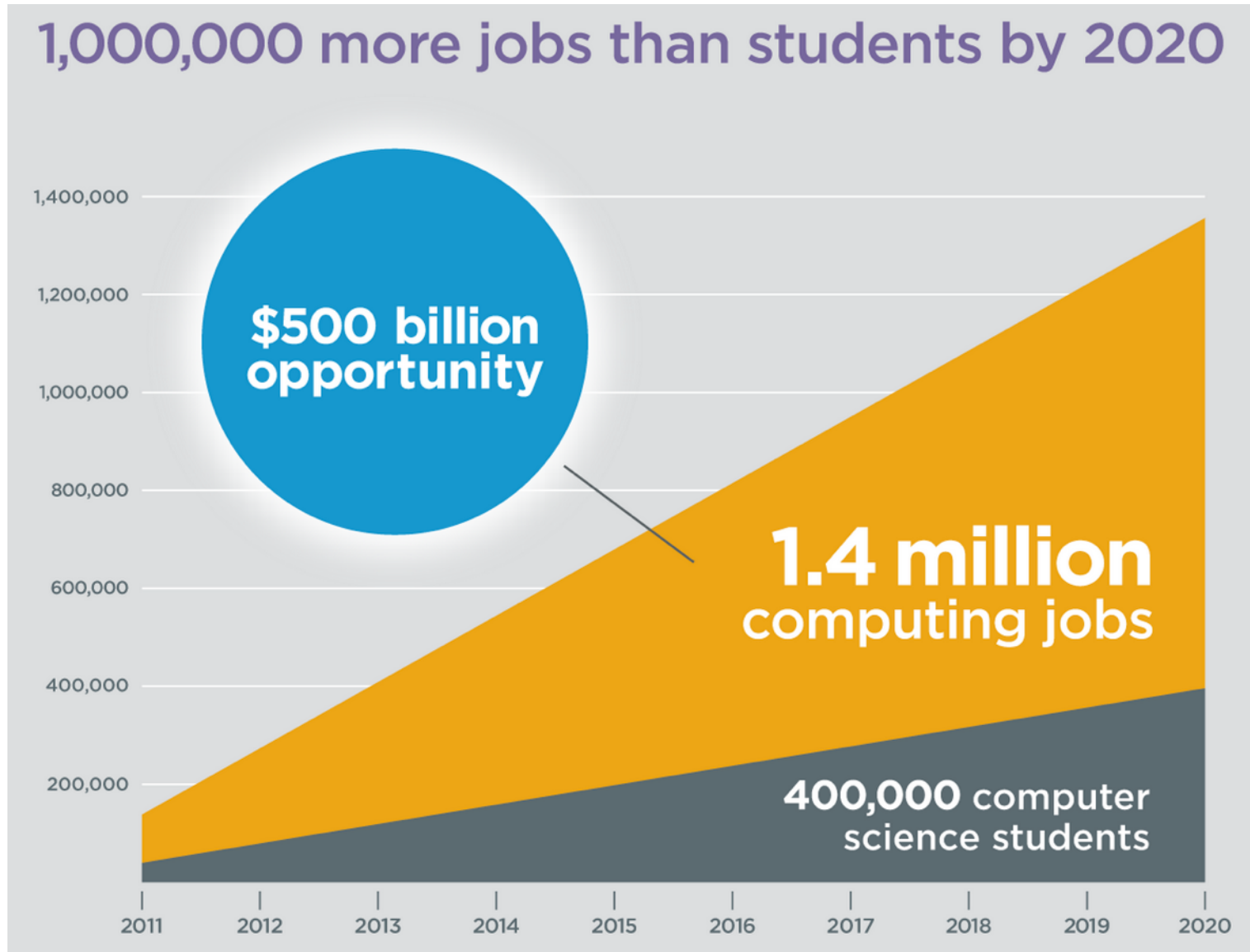


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# Oh and Its Useful





# Everyone is Welcome





The End

Actually, the  
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