

# Programming Abstractions in C++

CS106X

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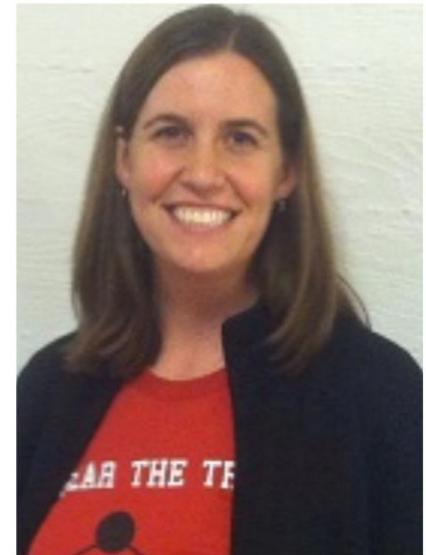
# Today's Topics

1. INTRODUCTIONS
2. COURSE STRUCTURE AND PROCEDURES
3. WHAT IS THIS CLASS? WHAT DO WE MEAN BY “ABSTRACTIONS”?
4. INTRODUCE THE C++ LANGUAGE FROM THE JAVA PROGRAMMER’S PERSPECTIVE (BUT IT’S OK IF YOU’RE NOT A JAVA PROGRAMMER!)
  - › Functions
  - › Strings
  - › Streams

## NEXT LECTURE:

- Strings and streams, continued
- Data structures: Grid

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## Introductions

WELCOME TO CS106X!

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# Who Am I?

# Cynthia Lee

## RESEARCH:

- PhD @ UCSD: market-based resource allocation in large-scale systems
- Recently: computer science education

## TEACHING:

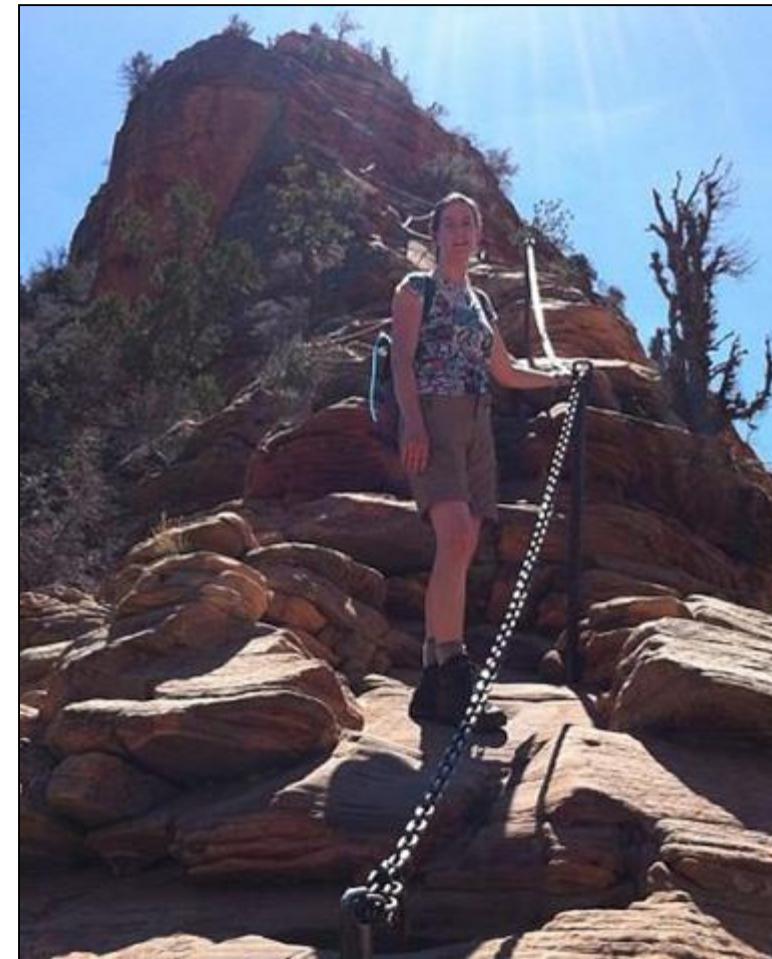
- 2 years at Stanford, 3 years at UCSD
- Courses: CS2 C++, CS1 Java, CS1 Matlab, CS2 Java, theory of computation, discrete mathematics, data structures, probability and statistics for CS, computer organization and systems with IA32, computer architecture, technical interviews prep

## SOFTWARE ENGINEER:

- iPhone educational games
- Document clustering and classification

## WHEN I'M NOT WORKING:

- Biking, climbing, hiking



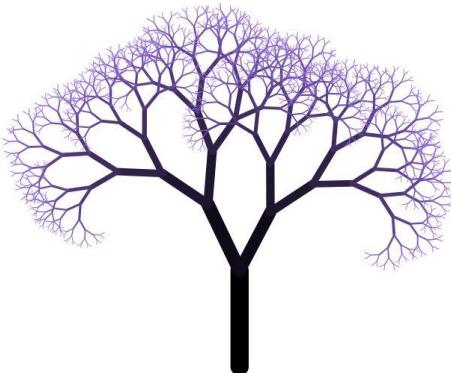
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# What is CS 106X?

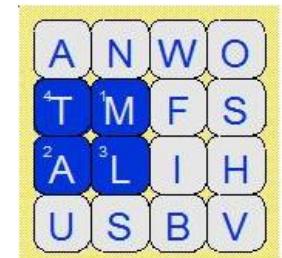
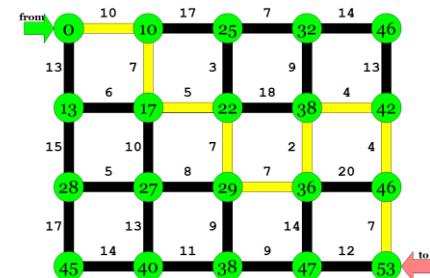
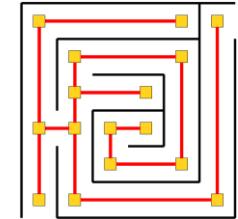
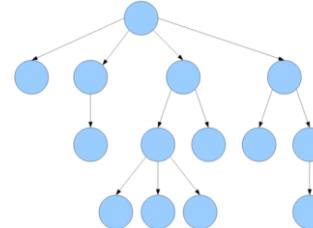
## CS 106X: PROGRAMMING ABSTRACTIONS

- solving big problems and processing big data
- learning to manage complex data structures
- algorithmic analysis and algorithmic techniques such as recursion
- programming style and software development practices
- familiarity with the C++ programming language

## PREREQUISITE: CS 106A OR EQUIVALENT



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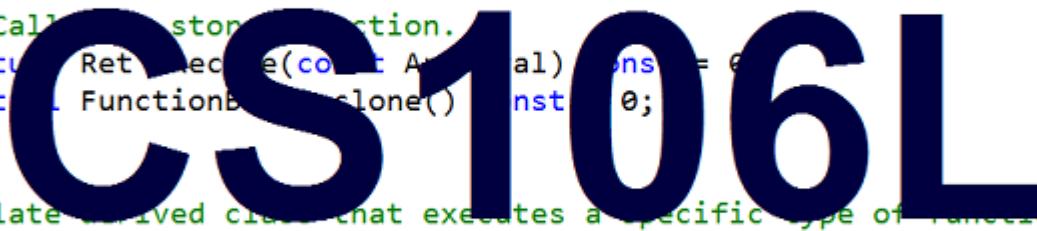


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# Possible addition to your repertoire: CS 106L

A ONE-UNIT COURSE TO LEARN AND PRACTICE C++ PROGRAMMING IN DEPTH

- Instructor: Cristian Cibils Bernardes
- Tu/Th 1:30-2:20, Lathrop Library (there is no enrollment cap)
- Take it this quarter if it fits, or it will be offered again in Spring



```
class FunctionBase
{
public:
    /* Polymorphic classes need virtual destructors. */
    virtual ~FunctionBase() {}

    /* Call this to stop execution. */
    virtual Ret execute(const Arg& val) const = 0;
    virtual FunctionBase* clone() const = 0;
};

/* Template derived class that executes a specific type of function. */
template <typename UnaryFunction> class FunctionImpl: public FunctionBase
{
public:
    explicit FunctionImpl(UnaryFunction fn) : fn(fn) {}

    virtual Ret execute(const Arg& val) const
    {
        return fn(val);
    }

    FunctionBase* clone() const
    {
        return new FunctionImpl(fn);
    }
};
```

**Standard C++ Programming Laboratory**

# Discussion Section, SLs

## **SECTION LEADERS: HELPFUL UNDERGRADUATE ASSISTANTS WHO WILL:**

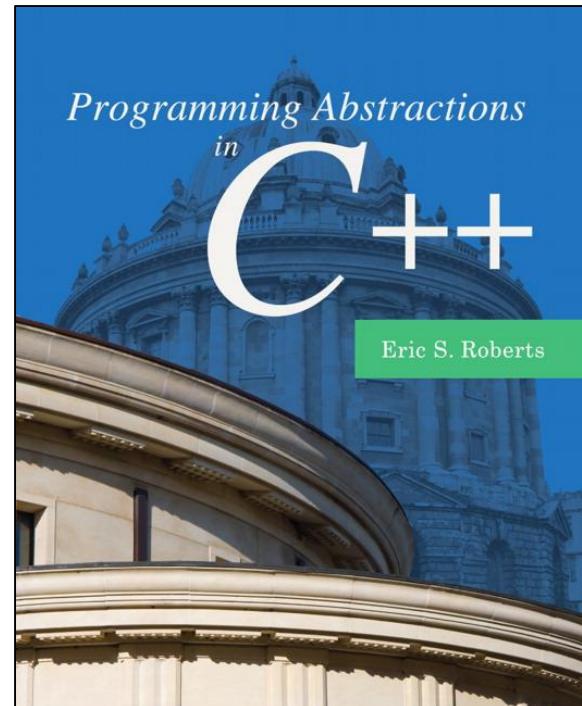
- run your discussion section each week
- grade your homework assignments and exams
- help you when you have questions
- ... and much more



# Textbook

*PROGRAMMING ABSTRACTIONS IN C++, BY ERIC ROBERTS*

- Written here at Stanford
- Tailored to this course
- A valuable reference
- Usable on open-book exams
  
- Available on reserve at library
- Either buy a copy,  
or have access to one when you need it
  
- A PDF of it exists on the class web site, though note  
that PDF is not usable on exams



# Late Days

**LATE DAY:** ALLOWS YOU TO SUBMIT A HOMEWORK 1 LECTURE DAY LATE

Week	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1							
2				due	1 day late	1 day late	2 days late
3	2 days late	2 days late	3 days late	3 days late			

# What is this class about?

WHAT DO WE MEAN BY  
“ABSTRACTIONS”?



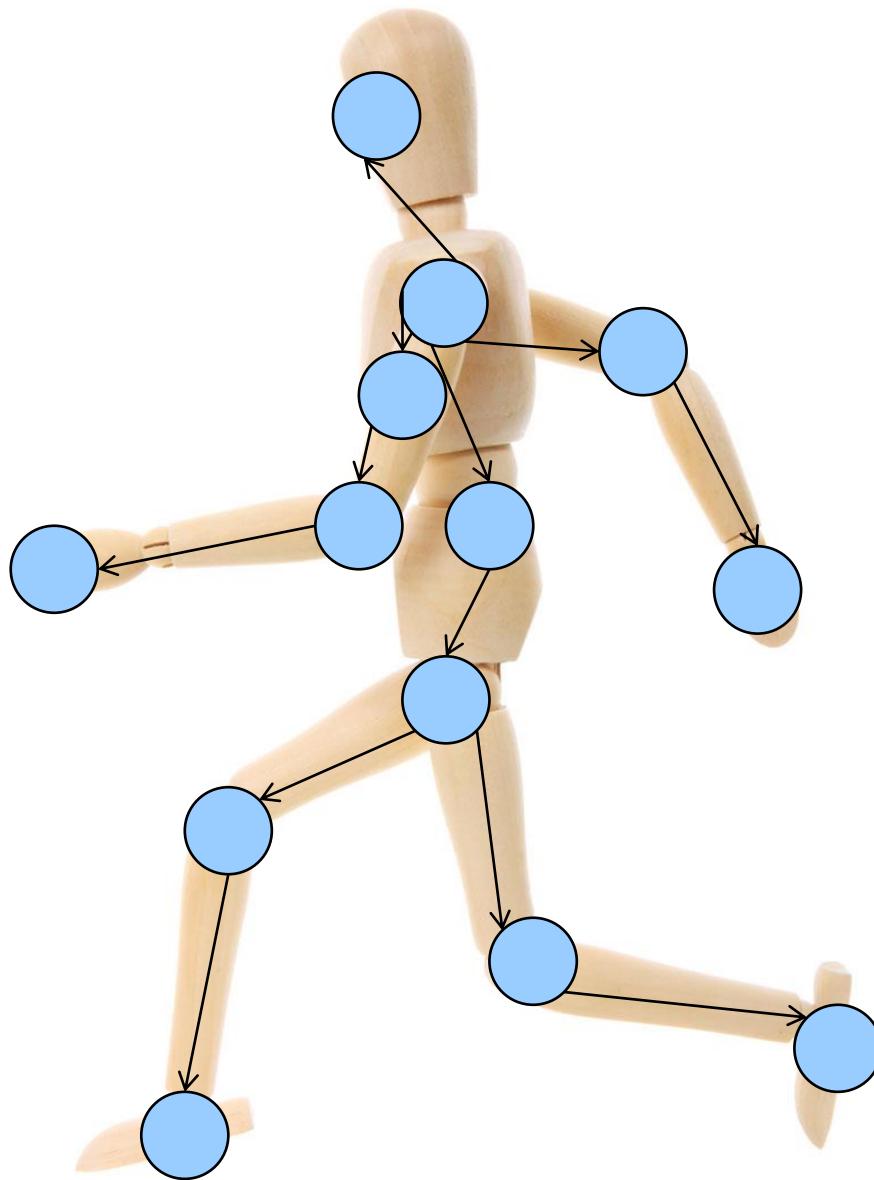
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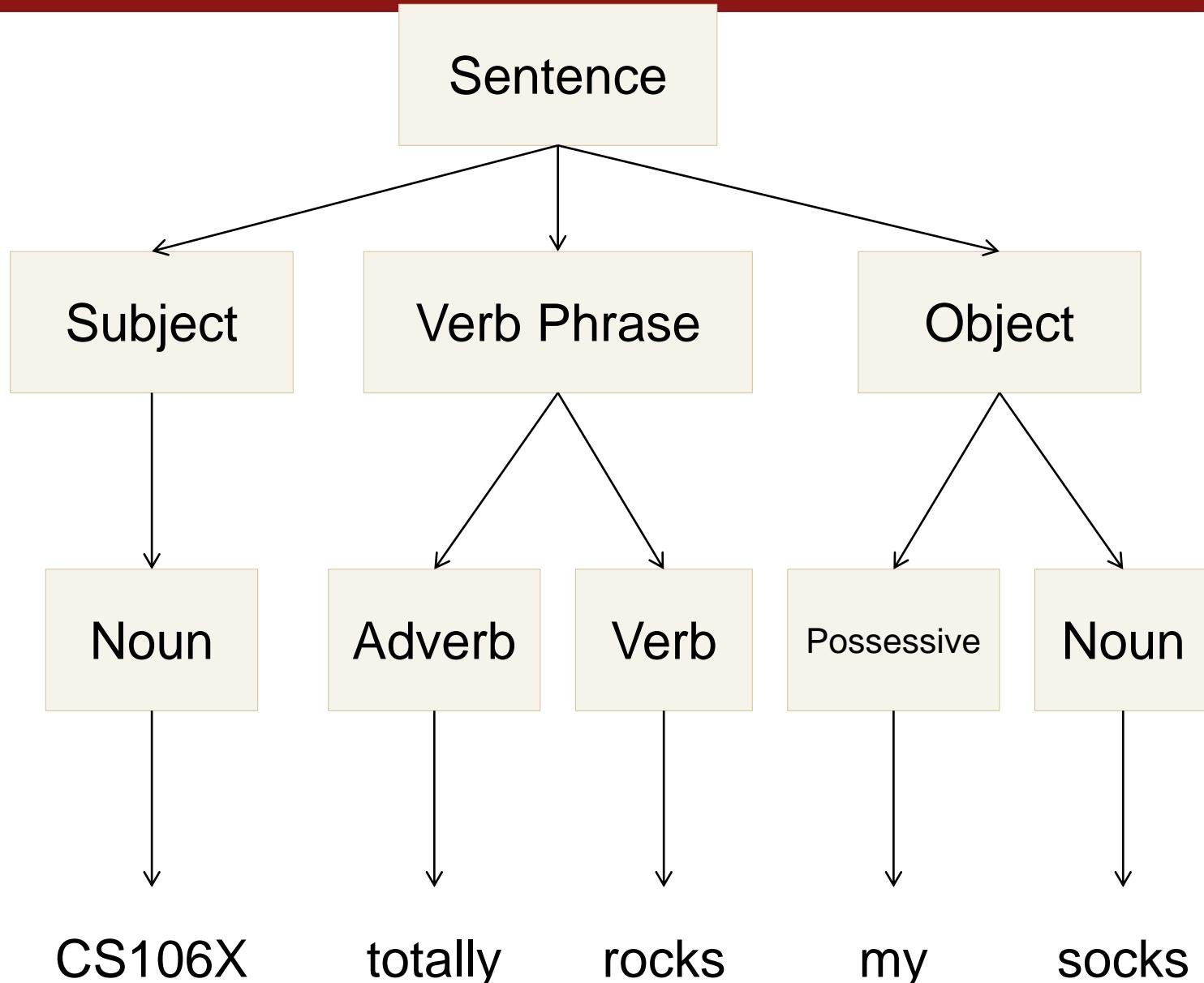
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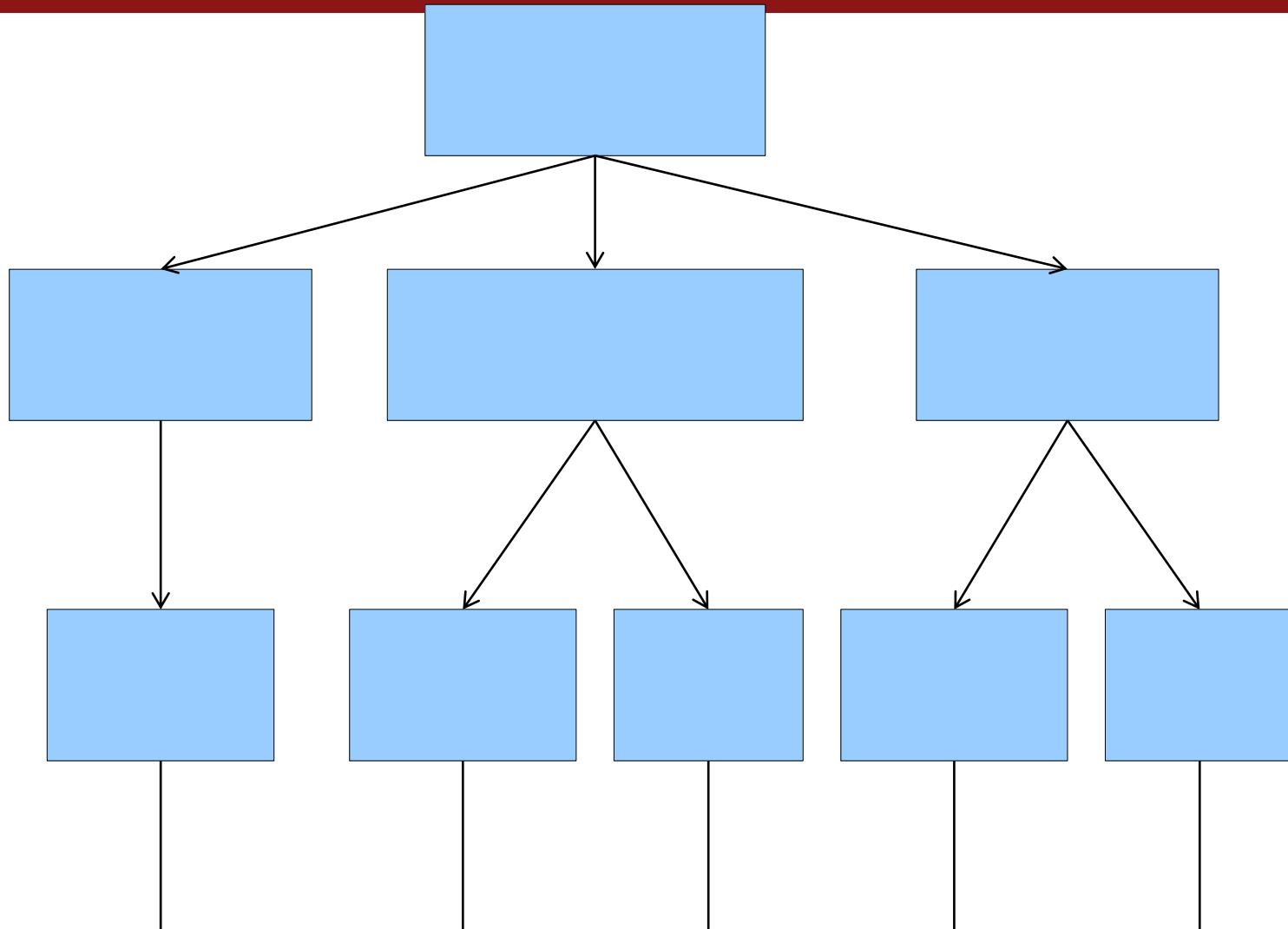


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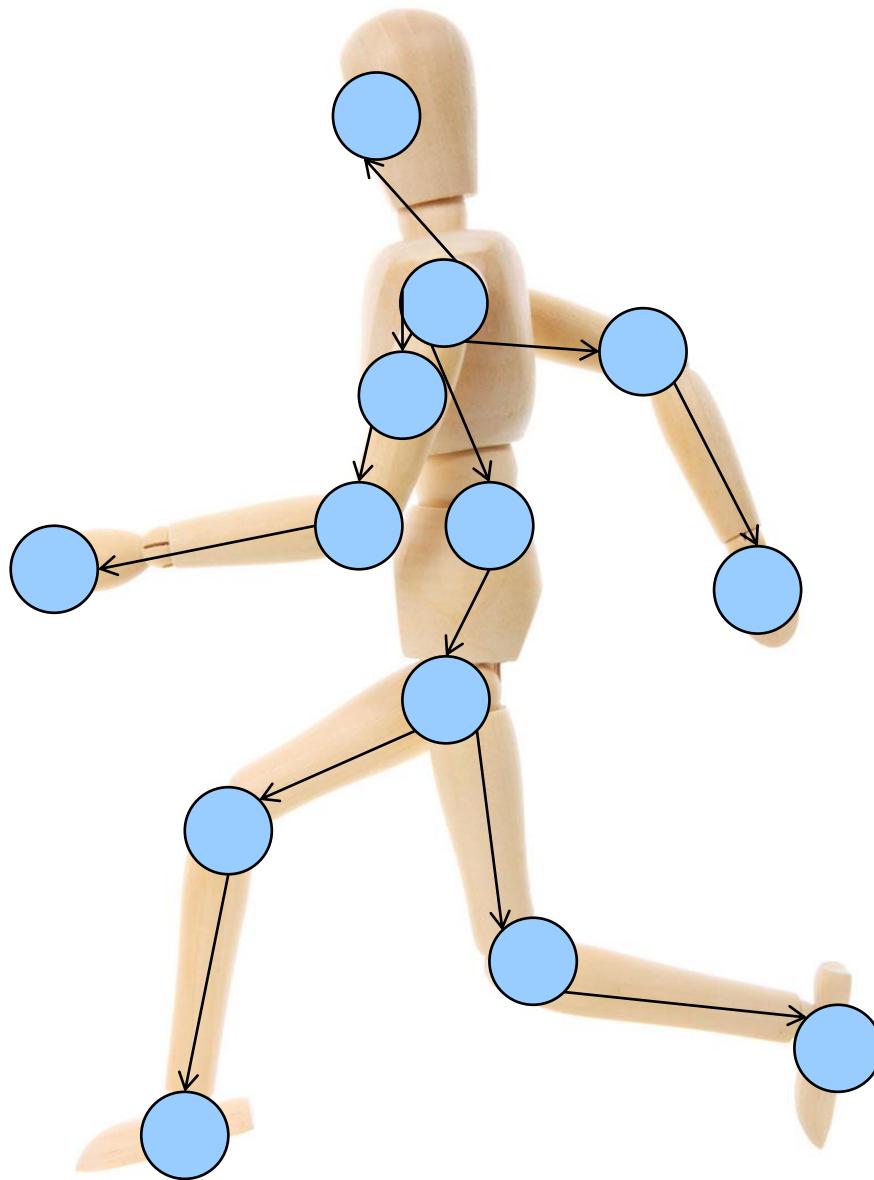
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BUILDING A VOCABULARY OF **ABSTRACTIONS**

MAKES IT POSSIBLE TO REPRESENT AND SOLVE A HUGE VARIETY OF PROBLEMS  
USING KNOWN TOOLS.

# A first C++ program (Error)

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firstprogram.cpp

```
#include <iostream>
#include "console.h"
using namespace std;

int main(){
    cout << "|-5| = "
        << absoluteValue(-5)
        << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

```
int absoluteValue(int n) {
    if (n<0){
        return -n;
    }
    return n;
}
```