CS110
Introduction to Computing

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- Teaching Assistants: TBA
- Labs: Each TA will give 4 hours/week
- Text: Learning Computing with Robots
- Plus: Personal Robot Kit
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What is a computer?
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What is computing??

[Images of various technological devices and symbols]

Google™
Computing is…
A new way of looking at the world.
Example: Google
Old Biology

New Biology
Example: Economics
Do the Questionnaire now…
A robot geologist!
Mars: What’s going on?
Ancient dream: “Breathe Life into Matter”

In Jewish folklore, a golem (גולם, pronounced goilem) is an animated being created entirely from inanimate matter. Has made its way into popular culture....
Popular Culture

Frankenstein
Mary Shelley, 1818

RUR (Rossum’s Universal Robots)
Karel Capek, 1921
Robots...
“Breathe Life into Matter”
An Alternative perspective
“Breathe life into matter”
A Computational perspective

“I love my ergonomic office chair. It reclines, has heated vibrating massage, and provides electro-shock therapy at the end of a stressful day!”

Make matter do useful interesting things on its own.
"In the morning paper, I can read the weather report as well as the stock quotes. But when I look out of my window I only get a weather update and no stock exchange info. Could someone please fix this bug in my environmental system? Thanks."
What is a robot?

- a machine that looks like a human being and performs various complex acts (as walking or talking) of a human being;

  also a similar but fictional machine whose lack of capacity for human emotions is often emphasized;

  and also an efficient insensitive person who functions automatically

- a device that automatically performs complicated often repetitive tasks

- a mechanism guided by automatic controls

From: Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary
A robot is...

*a mechanism guided by automatic controls*