

### Introduction to Programming Languages KIPR Module 3



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# Introduction to Programming Languages



#### Goals

- To help students understand that languages have rules/conventions you must follow
- Understand how programs such as Microsoft Word or other applications help you follow the rules/conventions of a program
- Understand that the KISS IDE (Integrated Development Environment) is like a word processing program that helps them follow the rules/conventions while they write their source code
- New Vocabulary word is Debug; meaning checking your program for errors and fixing them, much like when Microsoft Word underlines misspelled words or grammatical errors
- To help students understand the basic components of a C program



## **Understanding Programming Languages**

#### Activity 3.1

- 1. Have the students read and discuss the following slides:
  - Programming Languages
  - Why Not Use an Interpreter
  - Terms to Understand
- 2. Use a strategy such as chant it, sing it, rap it to share the information.





Computers only understand machine language (stream of bytes), which they can then read and execute (run).

Humans on the other hand, don't do well with machine language.

# Why Not Use an Interpreter?



Humans have created languages with funny names like; C, C++, JAVA and Python, that allow them to write "source code" which they can understand and edit.

This source code is then compiled (translated) into machine language that the computer can understand and execute (run).



## **Terms to Understand**



- o Machine Language -- what the computers understand-Bytes
- o **Executes** -- in terms of a computer running or carrying out the instructions
- o Source Code -- name for code written in programming language
- o **Compiled** -- translated from a programming language to a machine language
- o **Programming Language** -- Language humans understand that can be turned into machine language
- o C, C++, Java, Python -- names of programming languages
- o **IDE** -- Integrated Development Environment



## **KIPR Software Suite**



We will be using the **KIPR Software Suite as our IDE** to develop source code with the C programming language. KIPR Software Suite is a software application that makes it easy for you to <u>write</u> and <u>edit</u> your source code, <u>debug</u> it (look for and correct mistakes) and compile



(translate) it.



# Looking at a Program

- Use a strategy such as the Jigsaw strategy to learn about C program. Use the following slides:
  - int main
  - **Curly Braces**
  - Code
  - return
  - Semi-colons
  - Colors



# Looking at a Program



- The int main is the main program, int stands for integer (whole number)
- The curly braces bracket the programming statements
- Programs should always return something, in this case it is a 0



#### Looking at a Program Curly Braces



The curly braces organize everything you want the program to do (execute) when the computer comes to the last curly brace it will end the main program. The actions you want the robot to do will be between the curly braces.





This is the code and specifies the things (functions) you want the program to execute.



# Looking at a Program return



Notice the program returns a value even though it is 0.





When the program is executing, the semicolon <u>terminates</u> the code and says go to the next line. Without it, the code will not compile (be translated so the computer can understand it).



# Looking at a Program Colors

The KISS IDE highlights parts of a program to make it easier to read. By default, the KISS IDE colors your code and adds line numbers

- Comments appear in green
- Key words appear in bold blue
- Text strings appear in red
- Numbers appear in aqua



# **Identify Parts of a Program**



#### Activity 3.2

1. Discuss the "Looking at a Program" slides.

2. Label and explain what the following parts do from the Sample Program on the next slide.

- Curly braces
- Semi-colons
- Main function
- Return
- Source code (programming statements)
- Color of the text in your code



### **Sample Program**

```
int main()
{
     printf("Hello, World!\n");
     motor(3, 100);
     motor(0,100);
     msleep(3800); //forward
     motor(3, 100);
     motor(0,25);
     msleep(1000); //turn right
     return 0;
```

}



# **Rules and Conventions**

#### Activity 3.3

These are a few of the rules that are always done in a language.

- When writing a sentence you always start with a capital letter.
- Complete sentences should end with a period.
- Spaces are used to create paragraphs, which are used to separate ideas.
- The order of words make a difference
  - The ran horse slowly; The horse ran slowly.
- Math has conventions as well
  - Order of operations (1+2) X 4

#### What other conventions or rules did you think of?

Discuss the different rules/conventions and use the POPCORN SHARE Strategy to share.





### How do word processing skills help you write computer code?



#### Activity 3.4

Materials: computer and/or print out of a keyboard

- 1. Have students use the Think-Pair-Share Strategy on how word processing programs, such as Microsoft Word or Google Docs, work as you use them.
  - How do you input information?
  - What keys on the keyboard are good to know?
  - What tricks help you with shortcuts?
- 1. Discuss how writing computer programming is like typing in a word processing program.



# **Keyboard Skills**

#### Activity 3.5

Students will learn how to use important keyboard skills that will help them with programming.

Materials: keyboard print out or computer/laptop keyboard

- 1. Look at the keyboard or use a laptop/computer and identify the following keys:
  - { } Curly braces keys
     () parenthesis keys
     return/enter key
     ; semicolon key
     delete/back
     arrow keys
     " quotation mark key
- 2. Practice holding down the shift button and the following keys at the **same time**:

- { } ( ) "

3. You may want to teach older students how to copy and

paste.



### Keyboard





# **Assessments and Rubrics**



Suggestions: Understanding or Group Collaboration rubrics

