

CSC151.02 2013F, Class 08: Documenting Programs and Procedures

Overview

- Preliminaries
 - Admin.
 - About HW 3.
 - Clicker Questions.
- The need for documentation.
- The Six P's - a strategy for documenting procedures.
- A few additional P's.
- Practice.

Admin

- First lab writeup due Friday. It's supposed to be quick and easy (assuming you've done the problem).
- "Sam, what color names are available?"
 - (`ggimp-rgb-list`)
 - Or create your own with (`irgb-new RED GREEN BLUE`)
- Warning! Friday the 13th falls on a Friday this month.
- I've put the "calling order" on the board today.
- Reminder: Mentor sessions are Thursdays and Sundays at 7:30 pm.
- Reminder: Quiz Friday on Drawings as Values, Procedures, and maybe a bit about documentation.
- Reading for Friday
 - The GNU Image Manipulation Program
- EC Opportunities:
 - Humanities Center Speaker Sarah Hendron TONIGHT Sept. 11, 7:30 p.m., JRC101 Waking the Machines: Art, Design, and Adaptive Technology
 - CS Table Friday (Reflections on Trusting Trust; NYT on NSA)
 - Men's Soccer, 1:30pm, Here. Nebraska Wesleyan (sp?)
- Other things
 - Feminist Action Coalition is having a "rethink ourselves" meeting tonight at 8:00 pm. (Yunker)

HW 3

- We went over the homework (available online)
 - You know everything you need to know to do this assignment
 - No, you don't need to know how to make spirals to do this assignment
 - You can get a smile by overlaying two circles

Clicker Questions

- Today's clicker questions are about procedures (retrospective) and documentation (coming later)

The need for documentation

- Code isn't always obvious. Does it accomplish what it's supposed to? How do we know?
 - We write notes in English that explains

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- Human-language text that describes computer code is called "Documentation"
- Written for multiple audiences: "Know your audience"
 - You - What do I want the code to do?
 - Someone who has to fix your code - What do you want the code to achieve and how do you achieve that goal?
 - Someone who has to USE your code
- We usually embed these in the code as comments
- In Scheme, comments begin with a semicolon
- Our focus will be comments for clients
- "Six P's"
 - Procedure - name
 - Parameters - inputs to the program, give their name and type
 - Purpose - A quick explanation in English
 - Produces - name and type the result
 - Preconditions - Limits on input (usually)
 - Postconditions - An attempt to formally specify what
 - ;;; Procedure: ;;; square ;;; Parameter: ;;; n, a real number ;;; Purpose: ;;; square n ;;; Produces: ;;; result, a number of the same type as n ;;; Preconditions: ;;; [No additional] ;;; n != 0 ;;; Postconditions: ;;; $nn = result$;;; (*equals?* (n n) result) ;;; result is positive e (define square (lambda (num) drawing-unit-square))

Note: If we're using inexact numbers, this may not always be true

The Six P's - a strategy for documenting procedures

A few additional P's

Practice

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