Computer Science: Past, Present, and Future

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This morning ...

- A quick reminder of what we've accomplished as a field
- The Computing Community Consortium: origins, goals, recent activities
- Some research challenges for our field
- Be a Myth Buster!



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3. Mobile phones

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Landmark contributions by students

Use of Boolean logic to model digital circuits Claude Shannon, MIT, 1937 Huffman coding David Huffman, MIT, 1951 Mathematical foundation of packet communication Len Kleinrock, MIT, 1962 Interactive computer graphics Ivan Sutherland, MIT, 1963 Computer vision Larry Roberts, MIT, 1963

- Symbolic mathematics
 - William A. Martin & Joel Moses, MIT, 1967

The FLEX language and machine

Alan Kay, Utah, 1969

The Boyer-Moore theorem prover

Robert S. Boyer and J Strother Moore, Edinburgh, 1971

Efficient graph planarity testing using depth-first search

Bob Tarjan, Stanford, 1972

Ethernet

Bob Metcalfe, Harvard, 1973

BSD Unix

Bill Joy, Berkeley, 1977 (with Fabry and Ferrari)

VisiCalc

Bob Frankston & Dan Bricklin, MIT, 1979

Public key cryptography

Ralph Merkle, Berkeley & Stanford, 1979 (with Diffie & Hellman)

The SUN workstation

Andy Bechtolsheim, Stanford, 1982 (with Baskett)

The Connection Machine

Danny Hillis, MIT, 1983

Sphinx

Kai-Fu Lee, Carnegie Mellon, 1988

Linux

- Linus Torvalds, Helsinki, 1991
- BDD-based symbolic model checking
 - Ken McMillan, Carnegie Mellon, 1992

Mosaic

Mark Andreessen, Illinois, 1994

The PCP theorem

Sanjeev Arora, Berkeley, 1994

Google

Larry Page & Sergey Brin, Stanford, 1998

Akamai

Danny Lewin, MIT, 1999 (with Leighton)

Peer-to-peer file sharing

Shawn Fanning, Northeastern, 1999

Imagine spending a day without information technology

- A day without the Internet and all that it enables
- A day without diagnostic medical imaging
- A day during which automobiles lacked electronic ignition, antilock brakes, and electronic stability control
- A day without digital media without wireless telephones, high-definition televisions, MP3 audio, DVD video, computer animation, and videogames
- A day during which aircraft could not fly, travelers had to navigate without benefit of GPS, weather forecasters had no models, banks and merchants could not transfer funds electronically, factory automation ceased to function, and the US military lacked technological supremacy

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- The number of transistors fabricated in 2004





William Shockley, Walter Brattain and John Bardeen, Bell Labs, 1947





The integrated circuit

Jack Kilby, Texas Instruments, and Bob Noyce, Fairchild Semiconductor Corporation, 1958







Exponential progress

Gordon Moore, 1965





















Algorithms make remarkable progress too!



DEEP

Deep Blue, 1997





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Deep Fritz, 2002

This sort of progress makes it dicey to predict the future



"I think there is a world market for maybe five computers" – Thomas J. Watson, founder and Chairman of IBM, 1943

> "Computers in the future may weigh no more than 1.5 tons" -*Popular Science*, 1949





"There is no reason anyone would want a computer in their home" – Ken Olsen, founder and President of Digital Equipment Corporation, 1977

Today: More than 1 billion PCs in use ...



Representing less than 2% of all processors!







Number of Internet hosts

- **1970: 10**
- **1975**: 100
- **1980: 200**
- **1985: 2,000**
- **1990: 350,000**
- **1995: 10,000,000**
- 2000: 100,000,000
- 2005: 400,000,000



A connected region - then







A connected region - now



The Computer: *Time* Magazine's 1982 "Machine of the Year"



"In medicine, the computer, which started by keeping records and sending bills, now suggests diagnoses. The process may sound dehumanized, but in one hospital ... a survey of patients showed that they found the machine 'more friendly, polite, relaxing and comprehensible' than the average physician."





When the citizen of tomorrow wants a new suit, one futurist scenario suggests, his personal computer will take his measurements and pass them on to a robot that will cut his choice of cloth with a laser beam and provide him with a perfectly tailored garment."



"In the home, computer enthusiasts delight in imagining machines performing domestic chores."



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vacuum your carpet


wash your floor











scrub your pool





clean your gutters





"In the home, computer enthusiasts delight in imagining machines performing domestic chores."





amuse your pet



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The Computing Community Consortium





Computing has changed the world

- Advances in computing change the way we live, work, learn, and communicate
- Advances in computing drive advances in nearly all other fields
- Advances in computing power our economy
 - Not just through the growth of the IT industry through productivity growth across the entire economy









Research has built the foundation

Evolving the High Performance Computing and Communications Initiative to Support the Nation's Information Infrastructure

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The future is full of opportunity

- Creating the future of networking
- Driving advances in all fields of science and engineering
- Revolutionizing transportation
- Personalized education
- The smart grid
- Predictive, preventive, personalized medicine
- Quantum computing
- Empowerment for the developing world
- Personalized health monitoring => quality of life
- Harnessing parallelism
- Neurobotics
- Synthetic biology























We must work together to establish, articulate, and pursue visions for the field

- The challenges that will shape the intellectual future of the field
- The challenges that will catalyze research investment and public support
- The challenges that will attract the best and brightest minds of a new generation



To this end, NSF asked CRA to create the Computing Community Consortium

To catalyze the computing research community to consider such questions

- To envision long-range, more audacious research challenges
- To build momentum around such visions
- To state them in compelling ways
- To move them towards funded initiatives
- To ensure "science oversight" of large-scale initiatives
- A "cooperative agreement" with NSF
 - Close coordination



Ongoing activities



November-December: Transition Team white papers



Synthetic Biology (Word version) (Drew Endy, Stanford, and Ed Lazowska, University of Washington)

Innovation in Networking (Word version) (Nick McKeown, Stanford University, Guru Parulkar, Stanford University, and Jennifer Rexford, Princeton University)

Big-Data Computing (Word version) (Randal E. Bryant, Carnegie Mellon University, Randy H. Katz, UC Berkeley, and Edward D. Lazowska, University of Washington)

Robotics (Word version) (Rodney Brooks, MIT)

The Ocean Observatories Initiative (Word version) (John Delaney, University of Washington, John Orcutt, Scripps Institute of Oceanography, and Robert Weller, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution)

Quality of Life Technology (Word version) (Howard Wactlar, Carnegie Mellon University, and Takeo Kanade, Carnegie Mellon University)

P4 Medicine (Word version) (Leroy Hood, Institute for Systems Biology, and David Galas, Battelle Memorial Institute)

Quantum Computing (Word version) (Scott Aaronson, MIT, and Dave Bacon, University of Washington)

Computer Architecture (Word version) (David Patterson, UC Berkeley)

Cyber-Physical Systems: A National Priority for Federal Investment in Infrastructure and Competitiveness (Word version) (Janos Sztipanovits, Vanderbilt University, and John Stankovic, University of Virginia)

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March: Library of Congress Symposium

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Session 1: The Internet and the World Wide Web

9:00 - 10:20

Why We're Able to Google Alfred Spector (Google)

The Magic of the "Cloud": Supercomputers for Everybody, Everywhere Eric Brewer (University of California, Berkeley)

Human Computation Luis von Ahn (Carnegie Mellon University)

Discussion by the speakers of future challenges and synergies





Session 2: Evolving Foundations

10:40 - 12:00

Security of Online Information Barbara Liskov (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)

Learning to Improve Our Lives Daphne Koller (Stanford University)

Global Information Networks Jon Kleinberg (Cornell University)

Discussion by the speakers of future challenges and synergies





Session 3: The Transformation of the Sciences via Computation 1:00 - 2:20

Supercomputers and Supernetworks are Transforming Research Larry Smarr (University of California, San Diego)

Computing and Visualizing the Future of Medicine Chris Johnson (University of Utah)

Zooming In On Life Gene Myers (Howard Hughes Medical Institute)

Discussion by the speakers of future challenges and synergies





Session 4: Computing Everywhere!

2:30 - 3:50

Sensing Everywhere! Deborah Estrin (University of California, Los Angeles)

Pixels Everywhere! Pat Hanrahan (Stanford University)

Robotics Everywhere! Rodney Brooks (Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Heartland Robotics)

Discussion by the speakers of future challenges and synergies



April-July: Computing Innovation Fellows Project



Computing Innovation Fellows Project

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The 2009 Computing Innovation Fellows have been selected!

We will publicize the names, institutions, and mentors of all CI Fellows as soon as **all awards** are finalized.

Congratulations to everyone who was selected for a CIFellow award! Thank you for your interest in CIFellows. The response has been tremendous! For up-to- the-minute news on the progress of the selection process, check out the forum.

In the light of the response that the CIFellows has received, we have set up a courtesy website where employers can post available postions suitable for new computing PhD's. This site is available at http://cifellows.org/opportunities.

An additional courtesy site has been set up for computing PhD's to post their profiles and availability. This website is available at http://cifellows.org/profiles. We encourage employers and candidates to make use of these complimentary services.

> 1200 prospective mentors

> 500 applicants

60 awardees

- > 40 distinct Ph.D. institutions
- > 40 distinct mentoring institutions
 - 85% academic, 15% industrial
- 75% citizen or permanent resident
- 40% female
- 12% under-represented minority

August-September: DARPA transition





Regina Dugan





September: NetSE Research Agenda

Network Science and Engineering (NetSE) Research Agenda

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The next ten years ...



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- 11. Highways 12. Spacecraft
- 13. Internet
- 15. Household Appliances
- 16. Health Technologies
- 17. Petroleum and Petrochemical Technologies
- 18. Laser and Fiber Optics
- 19. Nuclear Technologies
- 20. High-performance Materials



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- 14. Imaging
- 5. Household Appliances
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eScience: Computational science for the 21st century











Theory Experiment Observation



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[John Delaney, University of Washington]



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eScience is driven by data

Massive volumes of data from sensors and networks of sensors



Apache Point telescope, SDSS

15TB of data (15,000,000,000,000 bytes)




Large Synoptic Survey Telescope (LSST)

> 30TB/day, 60PB in its 10-year lifetime





Large Hadron Collider 700MB of data per second, 60TB/day, 20PB/year





Regional Scale Nodes of the NSF Ocean Observatories Initiative

1000 km of fiber optic cable on the seafloor, connecting thousands of chemical, physical, and biological sensors











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eScience is about the analysis of data

The automated or semi-automated extraction of knowledge from massive volumes of data

There's simply too much of it to look at

Technologies of eScience

- Sensors and sensor networks
- Databases
- Data mining
- Machine learning
- Data visualization
- Cluster computing at enormous scale



eScience will be pervasive

Computational science has been transformational, but to some extent it has been a niche

- As an institution (e.g., a university), you didn't need to employ it broadly in order to be competitive
- eScience capabilities must be broadly available and broadly practiced

If not, the institution will simply cease to be competitive





[John Delaney, University of Washington]





[John Delaney, University of Washington]

eScience utilizes the Cloud: Scalable computing for everyone



Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud (EC2)

\$0.80 per hour for

- 8 cores of 3 GHz 64-bit Intel or AMD
- **7** GB memory
- 1.69 TB scratch storage
- Need it 24x7 for a year?
 - \$3000
- \$0.10 per hour for
 - 1 core of 1.2 GHz 32-bit Intel or AMD (1/20th the above)
 - I.7 GB memory
 - 160 GB scratch storage
- Need it 24x7 for a year?
 - \$379



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- Purchase + replacement
- Housing
- Power
- Operation
- Reliability
- Security
- Instantaneous expansion and contraction
- 1000 computers for a day costs the same as one computer for 1000 days revolutionary!

Animoto: EC2 Instance Usage



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ICTD: Empowering the developing world



3 billion people in the **rural developing world need the same** <u>information</u> we do

- ✓ <u>Business</u>: new opportunities
- ✓ <u>Finance</u>: capital to invest
- ✓ <u>Government</u>: services & programs
- ✓ <u>Health</u>: informed, consistent care
- ✓ Education: personal advancement



[Tapan Parikh, UW and UC Berkeley]

3 billion people in the rural **developing world have different** <u>limitations</u> and <u>capabilities</u>

X Money: to buy technology

X Education: to use technology

X Infrastructure: power, connectivity

✓ <u>Time</u>: lots of available labor

✓ <u>Community</u>: lots of relations



[Tapan Parikh, UW and UC Berkeley]

CAM: Managing Information from the Grassroots

Information systems are key to scaling microfinance

- Transaction processing
- Monitor members and groups
- Analyse performance and impact
- Offer more services
- Link to formal institutions

Can we design a UI to document member-level SHG transactions?

- Accurate and efficient
- Accessible to a variety of users



[Tapan Parikh, UW and UC Berkeley]





Open Data Kit

[Gaetano Borriello, UW and Google]

Revolutionizing transportation







In 2004, in just the United States:

- 6,181,000 police-reported traffic accidents
 - | 42,636 people killed
 - 2,788,000 people injured
 - 4,281,000 had property damage only
- ~ \$500 billion (that's *half a trillion dollars* ...) in *annual* economic cost
 - 1 200 times greater than even an extravagant estimate of the nation's annual investment in computing research



But there's more at stake than safety ...

Energy and the environment

Highway transportation uses 22% of all US energy

Efficiency and productivity

Traffic congestion in the US is responsible for 3.6 billion vehicle hours of delay annually

Equity

- The elderly, and low-income individuals forced to the exurbs, are disadvantages
- The economic and environmental costs of manufacturing automobiles

And computing research can help!

- Real-time sensor information for transit location
- Personalized, real-time information for choosing travel options
- Zipcar on steroids



Greater vehicle density through semi-automated control

Transportation is one element of energy

- The smart grid
 - Engineering
 - Control



- IT as a substitute for energy-intensive goods and services
- IT as a tool for discovering and designing new energy sources
- Improved energy efficiency in computation



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[Shwetak Patel, UW]

Neurobotics









[Yoky Matsuoka and Raj Rao, UW]

Security and privacy



[Yoshi Kohno, UW]

Human-computer systems





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[Luis von Ahn, CMU]



[David Baker and Zoran Popovic, UW]

Personalized education



Quantum computing



Predictive, preventive, personalized medicine



Synthetic biology / molecular engineering





Personalized health monitoring => quality of life => IT and health



Omron pedometer



Nike + iPod



Bodymedia multi-function



Biozoom: body fat, hydration, blood oxygen, etc.



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Dispel these myths!

- You need to have programmed in high school to pursue computer science in college
- A computer science degree leads only to a career as a programmer
- Programming is a solitary activity
- Employment continues to be in a trough
- Eventually, all the programming jobs will be overseas
- Student interest in computer science continues to be in a trough, and is lower than in more other STEM fields
- Computer science lacks opportunities for making a positive impact on society
- There's nothing intellectually challenging in computer science
- There have been no recent breakthroughs in computer science
- Computer cience lacks compelling research visions



What are *your* compelling visions for the field?
How can the CCC facilitate your pursuit of them?





Computing Community Consortium

We support the computing research community in creating compelling research visions and the mechanisms to realize these visions.

