

Critical Thinking, Coding & Algorithmic Thinking

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Connecting ICT & Critical and Creative Thinking



How, why and what?



Robots & Coding Algorithms, and mathematical learning

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Virtual Reality, Machine Learning & Maths

Bots and personalizing learning

Technology for Mathematics learning





In the Australian Curriculum, students develop Information and Communication Technology (ICT) capability as they learn to use ICT:

- Effectively and appropriately,
- To access, create and communicate information and ideas,
- To solve problems,
- And work collaboratively in all learning areas at school and

in their lives beyond school

• ... decision-making, communication, creative expression and empirical reasoning

ICT Capability



The nature and scope of ICT capability is not fixed, but is **responsive** to ongoing technological developments.



In the Australian Curriculum, students develop capability in **Critical and creative thinking** as they learn to:

- Generate and evaluate knowledge
- Clarify concepts and ideas
- Seek possibilities,
- Consider alternatives,
- And solve problems.

 using skills, behaviours and dispositions such as reason, logic, resourcefulness, imagination and innovation...

Critical and Creative Thinking

General Capabilities Compared ...



Information, Communication Technologies

Access, create & communicate information & ideas

Problem Solving

Use technology effectively & appropriately

... decision-making, communication, creative expression and empirical reasoning

Critical and Creative Thinking

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Mathematics Curriculum

Victorian Curriculum – Level 4

Patterns and algebra

Describe, continue and create patterns with fractions, decimals and whole numbers resulting from addition and subtraction (VCMNA192)

Use equivalent number sentences involving multiplication and division to find unknown quantities (VCMNA193)

Follow a mathematical algorithm involving branching and repetition (iteration) (VCMNA194)

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National Curriculum – Level 4

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Think about thinking (metacognition)	describe what they are thinking and give reasons why	describe the thinking strategies used in given situations and tasks	reflect on, explain and check the processes used to come to conclusions	reflect on assumptions made, consider reasonable criticism and adjust their thinking if necessary	assess assumptions in their thinking and invite alternative opinions	give reasons to support their thinking, and address opposing viewpoints and possible weaknesses in their own positions
Reflect on processes	identify the main elements of the steps in a thinking process	outline the details and sequence in a whole task and separate it into workable parts	identify pertinent information in an investigation and separate into smaller parts or ideas	identify and justify the thinking behind choices they have made	evaluate and justify the reasons behind choosing a particular problem- solving strategy	balance rational and irrational components of a complex or ambiguous problem to evaluate evidence
Transfer knowledge into new contexts	connect information from one setting to another	use information from a previous experience to inform a new idea	transfer and apply information in one setting to enrich another	apply knowledge gained from one context to another unrelated context and identify new meaning	justify reasons for decisions when transferring information to similar and different contexts	identify, plan and justify transference of knowledge to new contexts
		Analysing, synthesisir	ng and evaluating reaso	ning and procedures ele	ment	
Apply logic and reasoning	identify the thinking used to solve problems in given situations	identify reasoning used in choices or actions in specific situations	identify and apply appropriate reasoning and thinking strategies for particular outcomes	assess whether there is adequate reasoning and evidence to justify a claim, conclusion or outcome	identify gaps in reasoning and missing elements in information	analyse reasoning used in finding and applying solutions, and in choice of resources
Draw conclusions and design a course of action	share their thinking about possible courses of action	identify alternative courses of action or possible conclusions when presented with new information	draw on prior knowledge and use evidence when choosing a course of action or drawing a conclusion	scrutinise ideas or concepts, test conclusions and modify actions when designing a course of action	differentiate the components of a designed course of action and tolerate ambiguities when drawing conclusions	use logical and abstract thinking to analyse and synthesise complex information to inform a course of action
Evaluate procedures and outcomes	check whether they are satisfied with the outcome of tasks or actions	evaluate whether they have accomplished what they set out to achieve	explain and justify ideas and outcomes	evaluate the effectiveness of ideas, products, performances, methods and courses of action against given criteria	explain intentions and justify ideas, methods and courses of action, and account for expected and unexpected outcomes against criteria they have identified	evaluate the effectiveness of ideas, products and performances and implement courses of action to achieve desired outcomes against criteria they have identified

https://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/me dia/1072/general-capabilities-creative-and-cr itical-thinking-learning-continuum.pdf Examples of critical thinking skills are:



- ✓ Interpreting,
- ✓ Analysing,
- ✓ Evaluating,
- ✓ Explaining,
- ✓ Sequencing,
- ✓ Reasoning,

- ✓ Comparing,
- ✓ Questioning,
- ✓ Inferring,
- ✓ Hypothesising,
- ✓ Appraising,
- ✓ Testing, and
- ✓ Generalising.







Predication: Tech will double in speed and halve in size every 18 months (Moore's law)





CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF MOORE'S LAW WHATEVER HAS BEEN DONE, CAN BE OUTDONE

On April 19, 1965, three years before co-founding Intel, Gordon Moore predicted that transistors—the fundamental building blocks of the microprocessor on the digital age—would decrease in cost at an exponential rate and increase in performance. For the last 50 years, "Moore's Law" and ever-tinier Intel processors have been the invisible force behind amazing innovations that have transformed our world and our lives.



Many devices that people use daily are powered by microprocessors made up of transistors. At these devices have dramatically devices din cost and increased in performance and energy efficiency, thanks to Moore's Law, they have become an indispensable part of our lives. Phones and watches have become smart, and cars have turned into roving computers.



Moore's Law is an aspiration, not a law of nature. It's made possible by an army of people, pushing the fundamental laws of physics. Today, intel factories produce over 10 billion transistors every second that power the amazing devices that serve the needs of billions of people all over the world.



Today, the pervasive spirit of innovation unleashed by Moore's Law continues to transform not just the technology industry but the world. Young makers, eager inventors, aspiring scientists and doctors and countless others will continue to amaze the world with ideas and breakthroughs that today we cannot even imagine.

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http://www.computerworld.com/article/2473980/data-storage-solutions/143723-Storagenow-and-then.html slide 2



"We won't experience 100 years of

progress in the 21st century —

it will be more like 20,000 years of

progress (at today's rate)"



Kurzweil in 2001. (BigThink)



"THE DOOR PROBLEM"

"So what does a game designer do? Are you an artist? Do you design characters and write the story? Or no, wait, you're a programmer?"

Game design is one of those nebulous terms to people outside the game industry that's about as clear as the "astrophysicist" job title is to me. It's also my job, so I find myself explaining what game design means to a lot of people from different backgrounds, some of whom don't know anything about games.

http://www.lizengland.com/blog/2014/04/the-door-problem/

Premise: You are making a game.

- Can the player open them?
- Can the player open every door in the game?
- Or are some doors for decoration?
- How does the player know the difference?



- Are doors you can open green and ones you can't red? Is there trash piled up in front of doors you can't use? Did you just remove the doorknobs and call it a day?
- Can doors be locked and unlocked?
- What tells a player a door is locked and will open, as opposed to a door that they will never open?
- Does a player know how to unlock a door? Do they need a key? To hack a console? To solve a puzzle? To wait until a story moment passes?
- Are there doors that can open but the player can never enter them?
- Where do enemies come from? Do they run in from doors? Do those doors lock afterwards?
- How does the player open a door? Do they just walk up to it and it slides open? Does it swing open? Does the player have to press a button to open it?
- Do doors lock behind the player?
- What happens if there are two players? Does it only lock after both players pass through the door?
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Premise: You are making a game.

Do you stop one player from progressing any further until both are together in the same room?

Do you teleport the player that stayed behind?

What size is a door?

Does it have to be big enough for a player to get through?

What about co-op players? What if player 1 is standing in the doorway – does that block player 2?

What about allies following you? How many of them need to get through the door without getting stuck?

What about enemies? Do mini-bosses that are larger than a person also need to fit through the door?





The Other Door Problems

To help people understand the role breakdowns at a big company, I sometimes go into how other people deal with doors:

- Creative Director: "Yes, we definitely need doors in this game."
- **Project Manager**: "I'll put time on the schedule for people to make doors."
- **Designer**: "I wrote a doc explaining what we need doors to do."
- Concept Artist: "I made some gorgeous paintings of doors."
- Art Director: "This third painting is exactly the style of doors we need."
- Environment Artist: "I took this painting of a door and made it into an object in the game."
- Animator: "I made the door open and close."
- Sound Designer: "I made the sounds the door creates when it opens and closes."
- **Audio Engineer**: "The sound of the door opening and closing will change based on where the player is and what direction they are facing."
- **Composer**: "I created a theme song for the door."
- FX Artist: "I added some cool sparks to the door when it opens."
- Writer: "When the door opens, the player will say, 'Hey look! The door opened!' "
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- **Legal**: "The environment artist put a Starbucks logo on the door. You need to remove that if you don't want to be sued."
- Character Artist: "I don't really care about this door until it can start wearing hats."
- **Gameplay Programmer**: "This door asset now opens and closes based on proximity to the player. It can also be locked and unlocked through script."
- Al Programmer: "Enemies and allies now know if a door is there and whether they can go through it."

Network Programmer: "Do all the players need to see the door open at the same time?"

Release Engineer: "You need to get your doors in by 3pm if you want them on the disk."

Core Engine Programmer: "I have optimized the code to allow up to 1024 doors in the game."

Tools Programmer: "I made it even easier for you to place doors."

Level Designer: "I put the door in my level and locked it. After an event, I unlocked it."

UI Designer: "There's now an objective marker on the door, and it has its own icon on the map."

Combat Designer: "Enemies will spawn behind doors, and lay cover fire as their allies enter the room. Unless the player is looking inside the door in which case they will spawn behind a different door."

Systems Designer: "A level 4 player earns 148xp for opening this door at the cost of 3 gold."

- **Monetization Designer**: "We could charge the player \$.99 to open the door now, or wait 24 hours for it to open automatically."
- **QA Tester**: "I walked to the door. I ran to the door. I jumped at the door. I stood in the doorway until it closed. I saved and reloaded and walked to the door. I died and reloaded then walked to the door. I threw grenades at the door."
- **UX / Usability Researcher**: "I found some people on Craigslist to go through the door so we could see what problems crop up."

Localization: "Door. Puerta. Porta. Porte. Tür. Dør. Deur. Drzwi. Drws. 문"

Producer: "Do we need to give everyone those doors or can we save them for a pre-order bonus?"

Publisher: "Those doors are really going to help this game stand out during the fall line-up."

CEO: "I want you all to know how much I appreciate the time and effort put into making those doors."

PR: "To all our fans, you're going to go crazy over our next reveal #gamedev #doors #nextgen #retweet"

Community Manager: "I let the fans know that their concerns about doors will be addressed in the upcoming patch."

Customer Support: "A player contacted us, confused about doors. I gave them detailed instructions on how to use them."

Player: "I totally didn't even notice a door there."



Internet Devices per Household in Australia (Australian Bureau of Statistics, 2016)



Australian Household Internet Access



"The difference in the participation rates was not statistically significant between children living in major cities (91%) and remote and very remote areas of Australia (88%)" (Australian Bureau of Statistics, 2016).









New Words!



Say it with me: Al-go-ri-thm

A list of steps that you can follow to finish a task

Program

Say it with me: Pro-gram

An algorithm that has been coded into something that can be run by a machine



You might have experienced the power of an algorithm when the information you were looking for was at the **top of your search results** or when your **GPS device suggested another travel route based on traffic.**



Australian Curriculum definition of:

Algorithms

"Step-by-step procedures required to solve a problem."

An *algorithm* may be described in many ways. Flowcharts are often useful in visualising an *algorithm*.













http://mentalfloss.com/article/28052/10-funny-and-fabulous-flowcharts

160 + 32 = 192



Fixing the Odds

You have two bags, four red balls and four white balls. You must put all the balls in the bags although you are allowed to have one bag empty.

How should you distribute the balls between the two bags so as to make the probability of choosing a red ball as small as possible and what will the probability be in that case?

Hour of Code

"Don't just play on your phone, program it."

- President Barack Obama

Anybody can learn! Start with one #HourOfCode

"From phones to cars to medicine, technology touches every part of our lives. If you can create technology, you can change the world." – Susan Wojcicki, CEO, YouTube

> Anybody can learn! Start with an Hour of Code http://code.org

C O D E

https://code.org/learn

More girls tried computer science than in the last 70 years

Code.org increases diversity in computer science by reaching students of all backgrounds where they are — at their skill-level, in their schools, and in ways that inspire them to keep learning. Read about **our efforts to increase diversity in computer science**.

Comfortable

Student experience

Minecraft Hour of Code

MINECRAFT

Moana: Wayfinding with Code

https://hourofcode.com/au/learn?grade=6-8&subject=math

Build a Catapult GP Blocks Grades 6+ I Blocks

Participants will build a catapult to launch a ball from one side of the stage to the other, as in the game Angry Birds.

More resources	C [™] Teacher notes		
Short link	https://hourofcode.com/gpbcatapult		
Student experience	Comfortable		
Classroom technology	All modern browsers		
Topics	Math, Science		
Activity type	Self-led tutorial		
Length	One hour		
Languages	English only		

http://gpblocks.org/hourOfCode2017b/

Data Generation

Using Sphero robots and coding

Mathematics – Data, Measurement, Mean, Median & Mode.

Skills students develop:

Coding using block code
Percentages, Angles, Measurement, Time, Distance, Speed
Data, Analysing data, Mean, Median & Mode

https://youtu.be/4llaGeNfVYg. (5sec)

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Organise & process information

Seek solutions and put ideas in action

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Thinking about thinking

Apply logic and reasoning

Evaluate procedures & outcomes

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Low Floors with High Ceilings

... supports differentiated learning ...

Students can engage at their ability and comfort levels and investigate extensions as they develop conceptual understanding and gain confidence.

Seymour Papert, 1980 http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/literacynumeracy/ nspire/research/Computer_Coding_K8_en.pdf

SEYMOUR PAPERT

Virtual Reality, Machine Learning & Maths

Maths in the "real" world?

is an interactive educational application helping students understand 3D geometry, graphs and vectors - via Virtual and Augmented Reality.

https://vrmath.co/

Virtual Reality is not a future tool.

It is already in use in a range of fields:

- 1. Gaming play, explore, build and interact inside games
- 2. Virtual museums tour, view up close and talk to museum staff
- 3. Virtual theme parks ride a theme park roller-coaster!
- 4. Theatre immersive performances
- 5. History visit' historic locations up close, participate in historic events (WW1, Australian settlement, Mabo land rights declaration)
- 6. Military VR parachuting, flight simulation, battle simulation, boot camp, medic training
- 7. Real estate VR house tours & building plans
- 8. Design tour architects' designs, test ideas, explore full size models
- 9. Surgery virtual practice, interaction with patients, robotic surgery, diagnoses
- 10. Universities recruit students with virtual tours, meet with students
- 11. Emergency management explore video footage to analyse risk in dangerous situations (aftermath of a tsunami or volcanic eruption)
- 12. Artists collaborate with others remotely, walk through large scale art installations
- 13. Fashion create virtual models, explore 3D views of designs
- 14. Start-ups explore new products, design, plan for billboard advertising
- 15. Business remote workers can benefit from virtual interactions with colleagues in VR (virtual meetings & virtual coffee breaks)
- 16. Sport bring the audience on to the running track or into the pool, design and test running shoes, coach athletes in new skills, diagnose problems during a game (walk the MCG during a game), train at home with a virtual trainer
- 17. Shopping Combine at-home Internet shopping with visiting items in store (also, soon you'll be able to 'touch' fabrics, hold items and talk to virtual staff (consider doing this at Bunnings, David Jones or Toys R Us!)
- 18. Instructional videos for repairs/DIY rehearse your repair with an expert before performing it on your own.
- Building check plans for viability, ground works planning, simulated construction timing, testing of build plan (to increase efficiency)
- 20. Computer programming use a virtual setting to physically move between algorithms and programs to test code. Next is "post-symbolic" coding that uses drawing as a method of writing program, these can then be manipulated in a VR environment to speed up coding and programming (Microsoft)
- 21. Environment promote positive environmental practices by visiting locations before/after human impact
- 22. Virtual reality music (played on VR instruments), VR books (walk through the pages) and VR art (view art pieces alongside the artist, in the location that inspired the art)
- 23. MIT collaborative learning environments, work with other students within the virtual space

Showing mechanisms in 3D is extremely helpful in understanding how a system functions. Image credit: *eonreality*.

Problem-Solving with VR:

•What is the problem? What am I trying to figure out? •What do I know? •What do I need to know to solve the problem? •What problems like this have I solved before? •What solutions could work? •What strategies will work best in this situation?

AI, Chatbots & Machine Learning

In 2016, Bill Gates announced that the **Bill and Melissa Gates Foundation** will invest more than \$240 million dollars in a tech project that personalizes institutional learning

https://snatchbot.me/bot/19303/build

Behind the scenes

https://landbot.io/u/H-36651-BDJF8UUWWJ2SOJMQ/index.html

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Transfer knowledge into new contents

Think about thinking (metacognition)

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Technology for Mathematics learning

It's a skill. This is the 21st Century, it's (technology) equal to maths and electricity.... ICT yeah ...

Seeking equity for all students

Using multiple strategies for personal learning

Demonstrating risk-taking and continual learning

School leadership

Student Learning

2018 This Is What Happens In An Internet Minute

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Projection of the World Population by Level of Education (1970 – 2100) This visualization shows the Medium projection by the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA).

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Data source: International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA) (Global Projection – Medium SSP2) The interactive data visualization is available at OurWorldinData.org. There you find the raw data and more visualizations on this topic.

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KnowledgeWorks Forecast 3.0

A Glimpse into the Future of Learning

"School" will take many forms. **Sometimes** it will be self-organized.

Work will evolve so rapidly that continuous career readiness will become the norm.

Diverse forms of credentials, certificates, and reputation markers will reflect the many ways in which people learn and demonstrate

mastery.

forecast on the future of learning, see Recombinant Education: Regenerating the Learning Ecosystem knowledgeworks.org/ strategic-foresight

For KnowledgeWorks' full

As more people take it upon themselves to find solutions, a new wave of social innovation will help address resource constraints and other challenges.

At the same time, geographic and virtual communities will take ownership of learning in new ways, blending it with other kinds of activity.

Learners and their families will create individualized learning playlists reflecting their particular interests. goals, and values.

These changes

point the way toward

a diverse learning

ecosystem in which

learning adapts to each

child instead of each child

trying to adapt

to school.

Some of those tools

will use rich data to

provide insight into

learning and

suggest strategies

for success.

Learning will no

longer be defined by

time and place -

unless a learner wants

to learn at a particular

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Those learning playlists might include public schools but could also include a wide variety of digitally-mediated or place-based learning experiences.

> Whatever the path, radical personalization will become the norm, with learning approaches and supports tailored to each learner.

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Educators' jobs will diversify as many new learning agent roles emerge to support learning.

A wide variety of digital networks, platforms, and content resources will help learners and learning agents connect and learn.

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"There's nothing magical about any tech tool. **Real magic** rests in the minds and hearts of teachers using digital tools to introduce students to new individuals, ideas and opportunities."

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