

A Curriculum Framework for Hong Kong Students

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CT Concepts



Computational Thinking Concepts: Fundamental Coding Concepts

- < **Sequences** / >: identifying a series of steps for a task*
- < **Events** / >: one thing causing another thing to happen*
- < **Repetition** / >: running the same sequence multiple times*
- < **Conditional** / >: making decisions based on conditions*
- < **Parallelism** / >: making things happen at the same time*
- < **Naming** / >: naming variables and functions descriptively to make them distinguishable from each other
- < **Operators** / >: support for mathematical and logical expressions*
- < **Data manipulation** / >: storing, retrieving and updating values*
- < **Elementary data structures** / >: the basic ways data are formatted and stored

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CT Practices



Computational Thinking Practices: Problem-solving Skills

- < **Algorithmic thinking** / >: articulating the solution to a problem in well-defined rules and steps
- < **Decomposition, abstraction, generalisation** / >: exploring connections between the whole and the parts*
- < **Testing and debugging** / >: making sure things work — and finding and solving problems when they arise*
- < **Being incremental and iterative** / >: developing a little bit, then trying it out, then developing some more*
- < **Reusing and remixing** / >: making something by building on existing projects or ideas*

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CT Perspectives



Computational Thinking Perspectives: Identity and Motivation

- < **Personal interest in coding** / >: a desire to learn more about coding and its application
- < **Willingness to engage further in coding** / >: becoming intrinsically motivated to start new coding projects
- < **Positive perception of coding** / >: to see coding and its products as valuable to society
- < **Confidence in coding** / >: developing the self-confidence to understand and build with code
- < **Digital empowerment** / >: developing the ability to see problems in the world as solvable through code
- < **Computational identity** / >: seeing oneself as being able to enhance the world through coding

* Brennan & Resnick, 2012.

Inspiring Digital Creativity

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