



Expanding Computer Science in RI

Building on existing RI efforts
to increase access for all students

Middle School Presentation

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Agenda

Computer Science National Movement

The Need for CS in Rhode Island

The Work Already Underway

CS Opportunities

Next Steps

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The Need Across the Nation



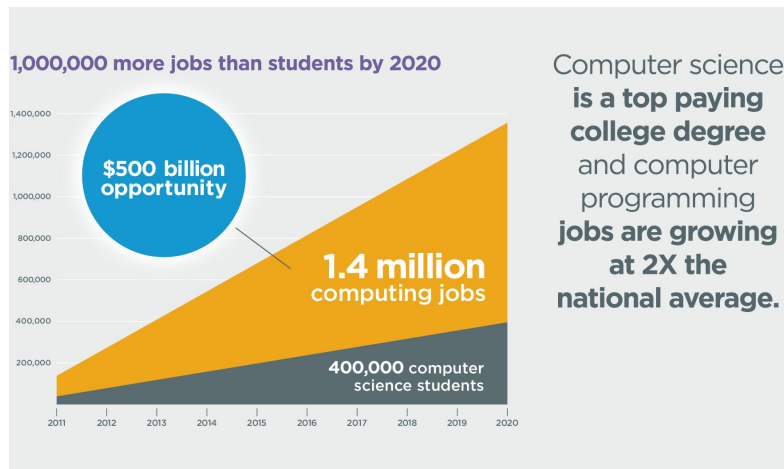
600,000

High-paying Tech Jobs



across the US
were UNFILLED last year.

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51% of all
STEM Jobs
are projected to be in
Computer Science
Related Fields

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CS in Rhode Island



- Organically established partnerships with industry and community partners
- 186 schools are already offering options for CS
- As a state, we will build on these efforts to:
 - Dramatically increase the diversity of students participating in CS learning opportunities in Rhode Island, with particular focus on attracting girls and historically underserved students.
 - Provide early exposure to CS fundamental concepts and on-ramps into CS coursework for elementary, middle, and high school students
 - Expand the reach of CS programming to be available for every student in all of Rhode Island's schools





Goals and Actions: Increase Access to CS Courses & Opportunities by

- Access to Computer Science available in ALL schools across RI in 2017
- Provide many on-ramps for students and educators
- Partner with organizations to provide affordable solutions and supports
- Ensure sustainability by providing professional development and support



In one short year...



- CS4RI launched in March 2016
- Series of in person and online webinars
- More than 375 teachers participated in summer professional development
- CS4RI focus at the annual Innovation Powered by Technology Conference in Sept. 2016
- 108 elementary, 26 middle schools, and 55 high schools offered CS opportunities to their students
- CS4RI Advisory Council
- Community of Practice Meetings
- More than 1600 students participated in the CS4RI Summit in Dec. 2016
- Expanding opportunities with existing partners and adding new partners

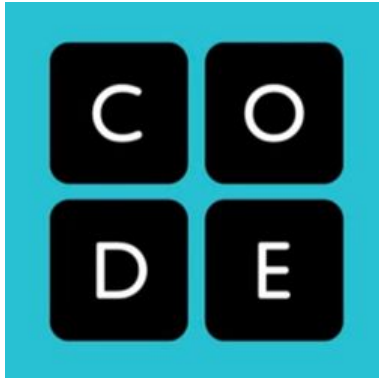




CS Options for Middle Schools

Code.Org/URI

Grades 6 - 8

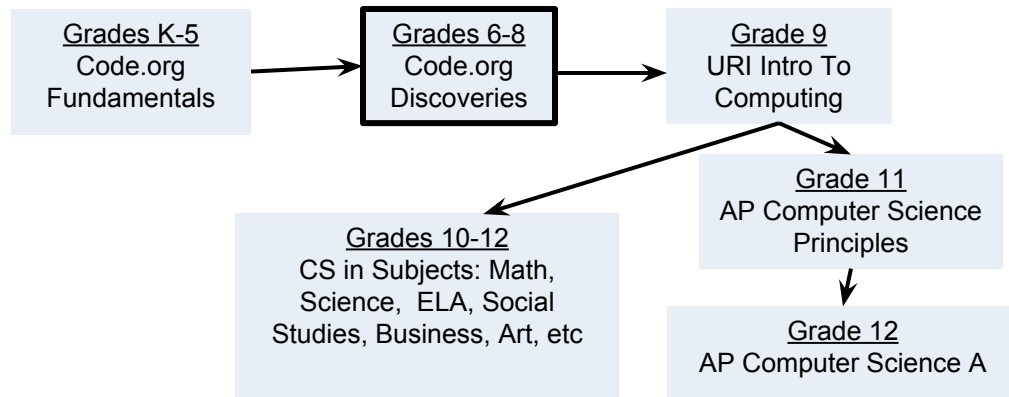


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Programs	CS Discoveries
Format	6 Modules Can be a full year course, 2 semesters, or modularized
Teacher Profile	No prior CS experience required
Cost to School	PD/Curriculum Costs Waived \$10/student for sensor device.
Required Tech Access	1:1 for all students in the classroom

Computer Science Discoveries Course

- New middle school course designed by code.org, supported by URI.
- Rolling out nationally in 2017-18
- A CS course for every student, designed with equity in mind
- Middle school component in URI's recommended **K-12 CS Pathway** based on Computer Science Teacher's Association K-12 CS Standards



Target Grades:	6-8
Where in curriculum?	6 Modules. Can be a full year course, 2 semesters, or modularized
Teacher Profile:	No prior CS experience required
PD Plan:	Summer : 2 @ 2-day in-person, AY: 2 @ 1-day in-person , some online. On-going support
PD Cost:	None. State covered 2017-18
Cost To School:	\$10/student for sensor device . Course materials and required software are free.
Required Computers:	1-to-1 devices: computers or chromebooks in classroom



CS Discoveries 6 Modules

Problem Solving:
Computers, and Logic



The Internet: Web Development



Programming: Interactive
Games & Animations



Problem Solving:
The Design Process



The Internet: Data And Society



Programming: The
Internet of Things



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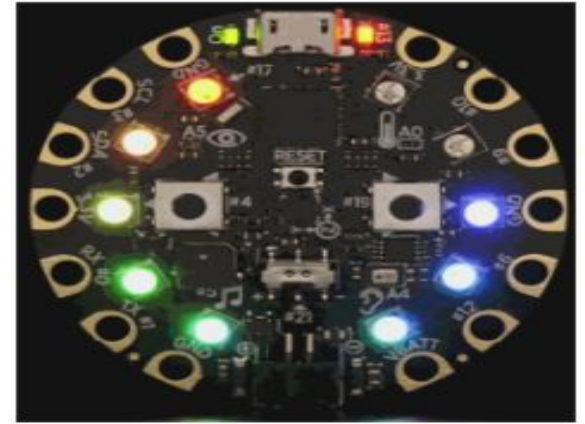
CS Discoveries Curriculum and Tools



Daily lesson plans come with detailed instructions, activity guides, and assessments



Students explore programming concepts through the development of animations and games in Game Lab



Students create prototypes of internet-connected physical computing devices using Adafruit's Circuit Playground board and App Lab

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More Information (curriculum, PD dates, signup):

k12.cs.uri.edu/csd.php

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Info on CS in College for your Students

Middle School CS Discoveries Course

Computer Science Discoveries is a full-year introductory computer science survey course (can be implemented as two standalone semesters or as modules), developed by code.org, targeted at middle school. The course takes a wide lens on computer science by covering topics such as programming, physical computing, HTML/CSS, and data. Students are empowered to create authentic artifacts and engage with CS as a medium for creativity, communication, problem solving, and fun.

URI is supporting the implementation of code.org's Computer Science Discoveries course for middle school as part of Rhode Island's CS4RI initiative. With code.org's support, we are providing professional development based on code.org's teacher training materials, and on-going support of trained teachers. This course will be piloted in Rhode Island during the 2017/18 school year.

Computer Science Matters



Code.org offers their curriculum for free and URI is providing free teacher professional development training for middle schools to implement this course.

[CS Discoveries Course Materials](#)

[CS Discoveries Professional Development Training](#)

Project Lead The Way

Grades 6 - 8



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Programs	Intro to CS
Format	2 9 - week units integrated into PLTW Gateway curriculum
Teacher Profile	No prior CS experience required
Cost to School	\$750/school for curriculum and PD program costs for one teacher \$950 for additional teacher PD
Required Tech Access	Computer, android tablet access for all students

A computer science experience with a specific grade band in mind.

PLTW Launch (K-5)

8 modules
80 hours of content
integrated across
grades K-5



Access to + 160 extra
hours of high-quality
STEM experiences

PLTW Gateway (6-8)

3 units integrated
across grades 6-8 –
each unit is 45
minutes/45 days of
instruction



Access to 7 additional
units of high-quality
multidisciplinary middle
school experiences

PLTW Computer Science (9-12) 4 year-long courses



Access to 2 additional
career pathways, a
broad selection of
courses and students
opportunities

Project Lead The Way Middle School Offerings



PLTW Gateway (6-8)

- Activity-, Project-, Problem-based approach
- Focuses on the positive impact of the application of computer science to other disciplines
- Student-driven experiences



PLTW Gateway (6-8)		
6-7	7-8	8
- Computer Science for Innovators and Makers	- App Creators	- Automation and Robotics



Project Lead the Way on-ramps

WHAT: Three Phases Professional Development

- Readiness Training (4 - 6 hours)
- Core Training
 - PLTW Launch: 3 days
 - PLTW Gateway: 5 days / unit
- Ongoing Training

WHERE: RI, WPI or Affiliate Colleges

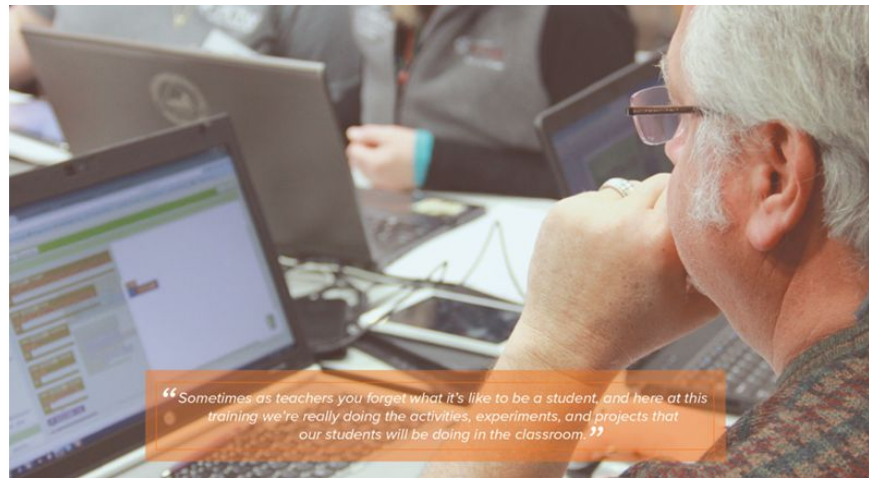
WHEN: July – TBA Soon

BRING: Laptop, Devices, Enthusiasm!

REGISTER:

<https://www.pltw.org/our-programs/professional-development>

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NEW

GameSalad

Grades 6 - 8



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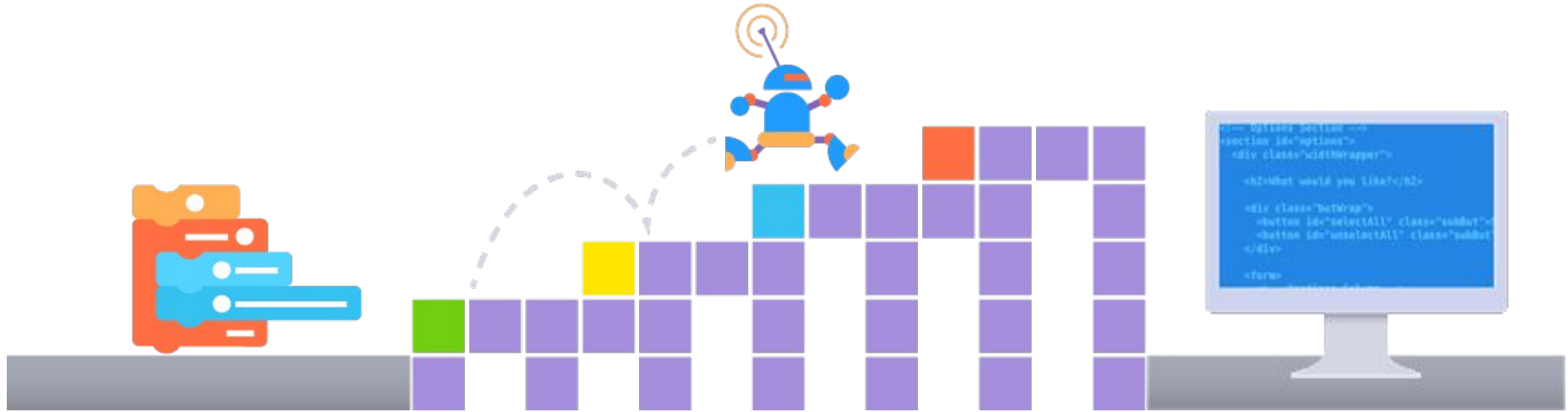
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Programs	CS Through Game Creation
Format	8 modular units 9-week, 1 semester, or full year course
Teacher Profile	No prior CS experience required
Cost to School	\$27/student for licenses and curriculum PD costs waived for one teacher \$950 for additional teacher PD
Required Tech Access	Computer access for all students

Bridging the Gap in Computer Science Education



Grades K-4

Basic Introduction
& Block-Based
Programming

GameSalad[®]
for Education

Robust computer
science development
without syntax

Grades 11-12

Advanced Coding
Languages & AP
Computer Science

GameSalad Empowers Student Creators



Student Enthusiasm

Students are highly motivated to learn CS content as they create **professional-grade mobile games** (without the frustrations of coding syntax)



Team-Oriented Approach

Comprehensive, project-based curriculum builds **21st-century skills** like collaboration, innovation, critical thinking and project management



Learning Through Failure

Students are encouraged to take risks, iterate on ideas, practice perseverance and **develop a growth mindset**



GameSalad Offerings

Software License

Comprehensive Curriculum

- Detailed student guide
- Video walkthrough
- Educator lesson plan / schedule
- Project checklist
- Project evaluation rubric
- Assessment & answer key
- Example final game projects
- All art and sound assets

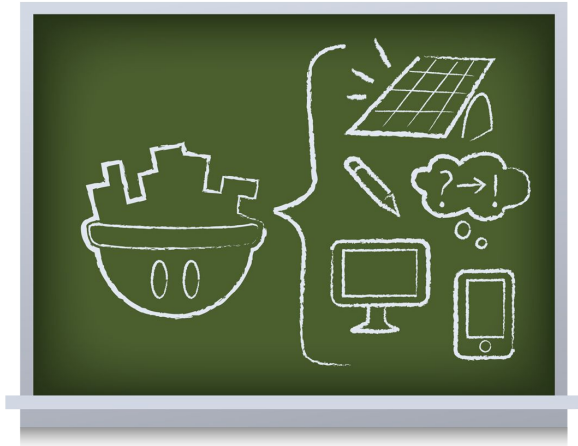
Teacher Dashboard

Free Viewer App

Webinars & Live Training

Asset Packs for Educators

Technical Support





GameSalad on-ramps

WHAT: Online or In-Person PD + “Train the Trainer” Option

- ★ **Online:**
 - 2-Hour Webinar
 - Ongoing Support & Training
- ★ **In-Person:**
 - 4-Hour Onsite Training
 - Ongoing Support & Training
- ★ **Train the Trainer:**
 - 2-Day Onsite Training
 - Ongoing Support & Training

WHERE: RI Partner Campuses

WHEN: July 2017 - TBA Soon!

BRING: Laptop

REGISTER: tinyurl.com/GS4RI

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Bootstrap

Grades 8 - 10



BOOTSTRAP

www.bootstrapworld.org

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Programs	Bootstrap 1 / Bootstrap 2
Format	20 hour module in existing algebra course 1 semester course
Teacher Profile	No prior CS experience required for Bootstrap 1 experience, or discuss with staff
Cost to School	PD/Curriculum costs waived for one teacher \$1000 for additional teacher PD, but free options available
Required Tech Access	Occasional student access



Bootstrap: Putting Algebra First



Abstract
Thinking



Gateway to
STEM & Beyond



Income
and Equity



Standardized
Testing



BOOTSTRAP
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Bootstrap: Language Matters

What if you want to help students in algebra?

Most programming languages are anti-math:

- Numbers that aren't numbers
- Variables that aren't variables
- Functions that aren't functions

$$1/3 = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned}x &= 10 \\x &= x+2\end{aligned}$$

But not all languages work this way....

Bootstrap Offerings



- **Bootstrap 1**
Intro to CS
(good math intervention!)
- **Bootstrap 2**
Advanced CS Concepts

What makes us unique?

- Algebraic programming language
- Structured approach to problem solving
- Build an authentic video game...out of pure math
- Computing for every student
(not just every school)
- Focus on equity
(solving the access and opt-in problems)
- Real data, real results
(www.bootstrapworld.org/impact)



BOOTSTRAP
www.bootstrapworld.org



Bootstrap on-ramps

WHAT: Bootstrap Teacher Professional Development

WHERE: Brown University, Computer Science Department
115 Waterman Street, 3rd Floor Atrium
Providence, RI 02912

WHEN: Monday, June 26 - Wednesday, June 28, 2017
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

BRING: Laptop

REGISTER: HERE → <https://goo.gl/904h9J>

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Next Steps



Your Next Steps

- Consider which CS partner opportunities would be effective for your school or district
- Connect with CS providers to begin the process of on-boarding your school
- Complete the Expanding CS Opportunities survey, to let us know about your unique needs --> <https://goo.gl/AtPEMR>



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