

Great Writings in Computing

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Abstract

As a student in the computer sciences you will want to read some of the great writings in these disciplines. This is a collection of what I and others believe are important books, articles, papers, code, etc., which are recommended reading.

The collection is by no means complete and I welcome suggested additions to it. There are some qualifications that must be met for inclusion, and some reasons to exclude certain writings although they may be important. To be included, the writing should have had a fundamental impact on how the subject is viewed, it should provide one of the best descriptions of the subjects, and it should be enjoyable to read. In general, most textbooks will be excluded as will reference manuals and programming guides.

The writing are subjectively marked as beginning, intermediate, or advanced to indicate a perceived level of achievement that must be met to appreciate the work. Beginning works should be accessible to anyone in the field. The writings are not, however, selected for a lay person to read. As a guide, beginning works should be accessible to an undergraduate in the computer sciences; intermediate works should be accessible to advanced undergraduates or beginning graduate students in the computer sciences; and advanced works should be accessible to advanced graduate students.

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Jon Louis Bentley. *Writing Efficient Programs*. Prentice-Hall, 1982.

Andrew Hunt and David Thomas. *The Pragmatic Programmer: From Journeyman to Master*. Addison-Wesley, 2000. ISBN 0-201-61622-X.

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Brian W. Kernighan and Dennis M. Ritchie. *The C Programming Language*. Prentice Hall, second edition, 1988.

Steve McConnell. *Code Complete: A Practical Handbook of Software Construction*. Microsoft Press, 1993.

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Erich Gamma, Richard Helm, Ralph Johnson, and John Vlissides. *Design Patterns: Elements of Reusable Object-Oriented Software*. Addison-Wesley, 1995.

Great Writings in the Theory of Computer Sciences

Michael R. Garey and David S Johnson. *Computers and Intractability: A Guide to the Theory of Intractability*. W. H. Freeman, 1979.

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Donald E. Knuth. *The T_EXbook*. Addison-Wesley, 1986.

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