# Fostering interest in Computer Science

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#### About my education

- Attended small elementary, middle, and high schools
- Limited computing resources and classes available

## Drawing in Logo

When	Elementary school
What	A small (cute) turtle which would draw shapes on the screen
Why	Instant gratification. Kids can easily build fun applications, and can extend them to draw more complex objects if they so choose.

### Simple games

When	Middle school
What	Building a simple game like Black Jack or Yahtzee
Why	Harness their pre-teen competitive nature. Once they are done, they can play with their new toy! There are lots of games of varying difficulty that can be easily built.

#### Building a website

When	High school
What	Build a website for an educational competition, like ThinkQuest
Why	Competition brings out the best innovation and will entice students to write web-applications to differentiate their submission from other contestants

#### Discussion