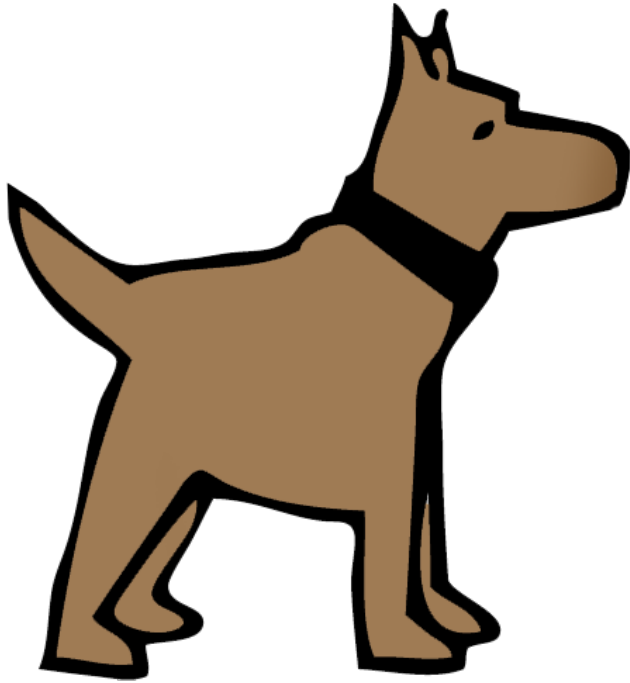


Meet Karel the Dog

Discussion

Karel is the name of the dog that we use to teach programming concepts in this course. Giving commands to a computer is actually similar to how you can give commands to a dog.



Computer programs are built out of lines of code. These codes are like sheets of instructions that tell the the computer what to do and how to do it.

What language does Karel speak?

Our Karel uses a language called JavaScript with a few special commands (like moving and putting down a tennis ball). JavaScript is one of the most popular programming languages in the world. In fact, most of the websites that you use everyday are built with the help of JavaScript!

Why is the dog named Karel?

Karel is named after Karel Čapek, a 20th century Czech writer. Čapek is known for introducing and popularizing the word "robot." We've named our robot dog Karel in honor of him.