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Software Literacy Center to launch, bringing "The Hour of Code" to Fresno December 8th — 14th

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Liberating Software, the newly-formed "The Fresno Center for Open Software Literacy", will launch on December 8th by bringing a full week's worth of "**An Hour of Code**" to Fresno as part of Computer Science Education Week 2014.

Computers are everywhere, but fewer schools teach computer science than 10 years ago. Girls and minorities are severely underrepresented. Good news is, we're on our way to change this.

In one week last year, 15 million students tried computer science! Computer science was on homepages of Google, MSN, Yahoo! and Disney. President Obama, Shakira and Ashton Kutcher all kicked off the **Hour of Code** with videos. Over 100 partners came together to support this movement.

Now the **Hour of Code** movement is aiming for 100 million students.

That's why **Liberating Software** is kicking off its computer literacy programs by joining in on the largest learning event in history: **The Hour of Code**, during the week of December 8-14.

A number of different one-hour sessions will be offered in the afternoons and early evenings, and winding up with an Open House the afternoon of Sunday, December 14th. Workshops will include

- Hands-on introduction to "Scratch", a simple graphic programming language aimed at elementary school students, but capable of creating sophisticated programs
- An introduction to the "Processing" programming language, created for designers and artists
- The opportunity to play with and learn more about the newest inexpensive tiny computers, like Arduino, Raspberry Pi, and the BeagleBone Black

- Evening presentations on a variety of topics, including "How not to have your identity stolen", "Safe shopping online", "How the web works", and others.

About **Liberating Software**

Liberating Software is the Fresno Center for Open Software Literacy, dedicated to providing students with the opportunity to learn to program computers using a wide range of freely-available tools. We work in collaboration with a number of local organizations, including **Fresno Ideaworks** and **Geekwise Academy**, as well as national and international groups including **Code.org**, **CoderDojo**, and **Girl Develop It!**

About **The Hour of Code**

The Hour of Code is organized by **Code.org**, a public 501c3 non-profit dedicated to expanding participation in computer science by making it available in more schools, and increasing participation by women and underrepresented students of color. An unprecedented coalition of partners have come together to support **The Hour of Code**, too — including **Microsoft**, **Apple**, **Amazon**, **Boys and Girls Clubs of America** and the **College Board**.

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