# Foundations of Artificial Intelligence

Lecturer: Kan Min-Yen Wednesdays, 4:00 – 6:00 pm LT 33

# Outline for today

- Introduction to Artificial Intelligence
- Course administration
- Intelligent Agents

## Course administration

- Teaching staff
- Web sites
- Objective
- Syllabus
- Assessment overview

### Any questions?

# Teaching staff

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rock climbing, ballroom dancing, and inline skating...



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## Course web sites

#### http://www.comp.nus.edu.sg/~cs3243

- OLecture, Tutorials, Notes, and Homeworks
- Other supplementary content

#### http://ivle.nus.edu.sg/

- Discussion forum
  - Any questions related to the course should be raised on this forum
  - Please do not send emails except urgent or personal matters
- Announcements
- Homework submissions

# Objective

- Understand the essential concepts of Artificial Intelligence. These basic concepts include search and knowledge representation, logic and game playing.
  - Students will also get a preview of at least one advanced area of AI in a self-selected, advanced lecture.
- Who?
  - Undergraduates and beginning graduate students.
    Centered towards IS/CS or by permission.

# Readings

- Required textbook:
  - ○Russell and Norvig (2003) Artificial Intelligence: A Modern Approach (2nd Edition ← Important!)
  - "Just terrific" Prof. Brewka
  - "... a major step forward ... For the unified veiw of the field that this book introduces. Even for the experts in the field, there are important insights in almost every chapter" Prof. Dietterich
  - "Worth every penny! Recent advances covered in the advanced chapter" (me!)

#### Discussion

Tutorial participation is very important. There are no "dumb" questions. You will only be penalized for not asking questions / or giving comments.

#### Possibilities:

- Name tags
- Cold calls
- Small group discussion and presentation

### Assessment overview

Homework #1 (Individual) 15%

4 Feb

Midterm25%

11 Feb

• Homework #2 (Team) 20%

10 Mar

• Final Exam 40%

24 Apr

## Freedom of information rule

- Collaboration is acceptable
- To assure that all collaboration is on the level, you must always write the name(s) of your collaborators on your assignment.
- You will be assessed for the parts for which you claim is your own contribution.

# Gilligan's Island rule

- You are free to meet with fellow students(s) and discuss assignments with them.
- Writing on a board or shared piece of paper is acceptable during the meeting; however, you may not take any written (electronic or otherwise) record away from the meeting.
- After the meeting, do something else for at least a halfhour (watch an episode of Gilligan's Island), before working on the assignment.
  - This will assure that you are able to reconstruct what you learned from the meeting, by yourself, using your own brain.