

# Virtual Lab as a teaching learning tool for Computer Science



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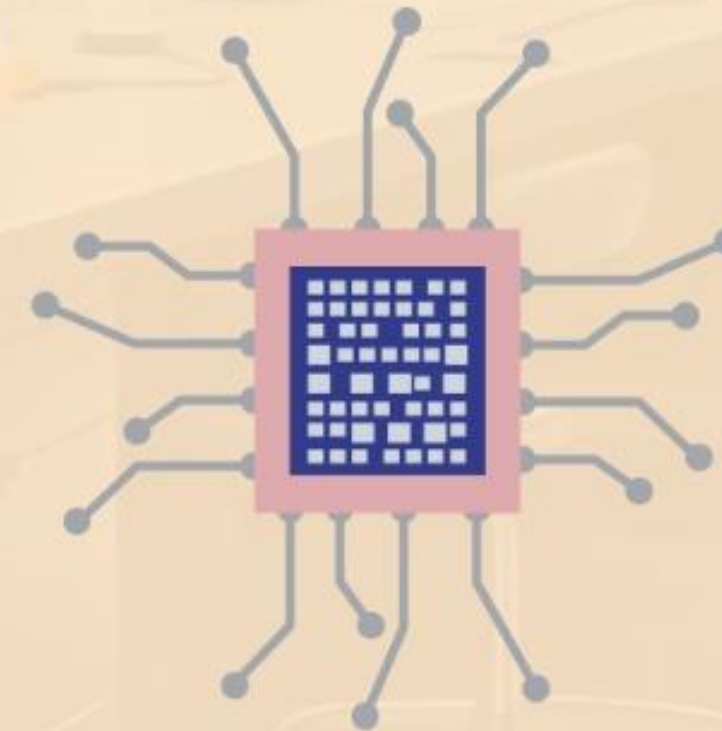
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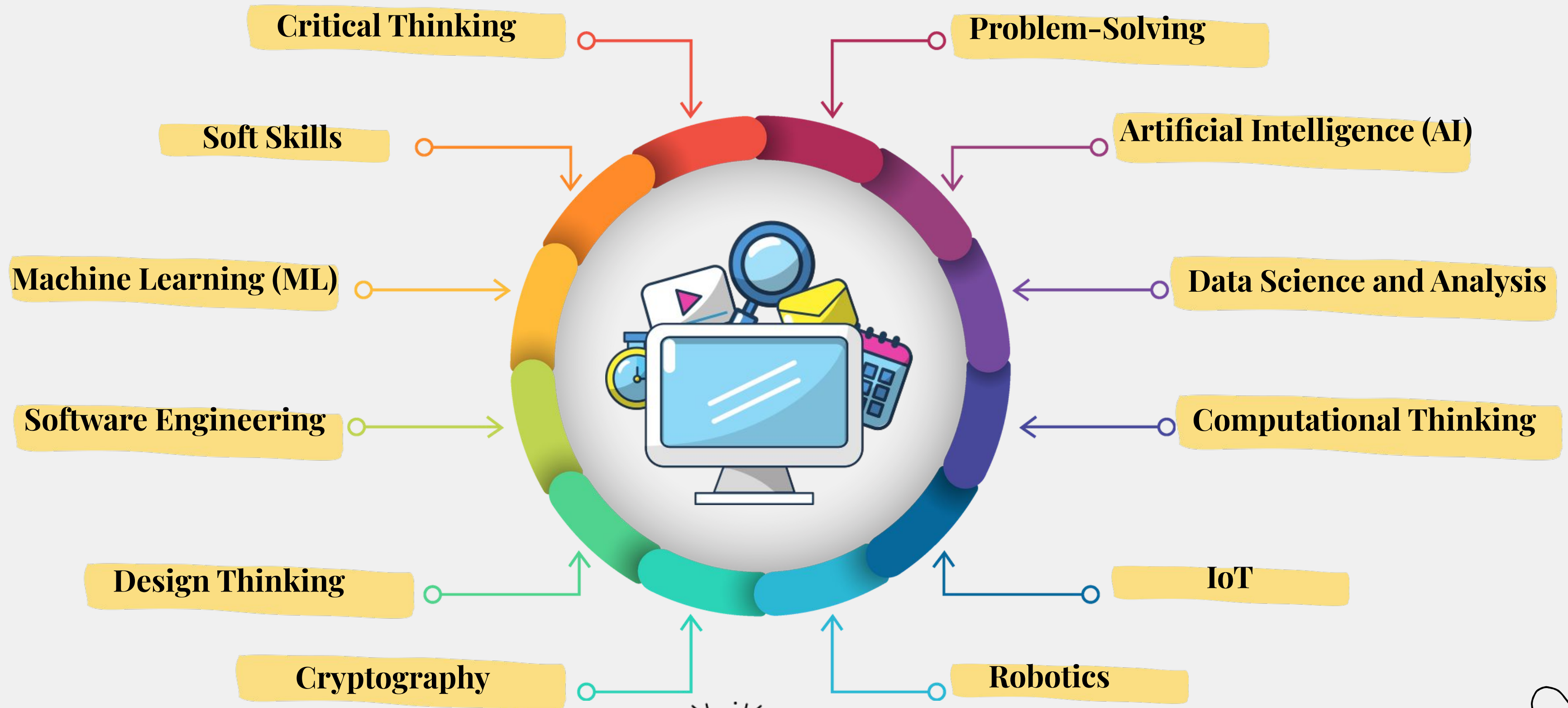
# **Virtual Labs**

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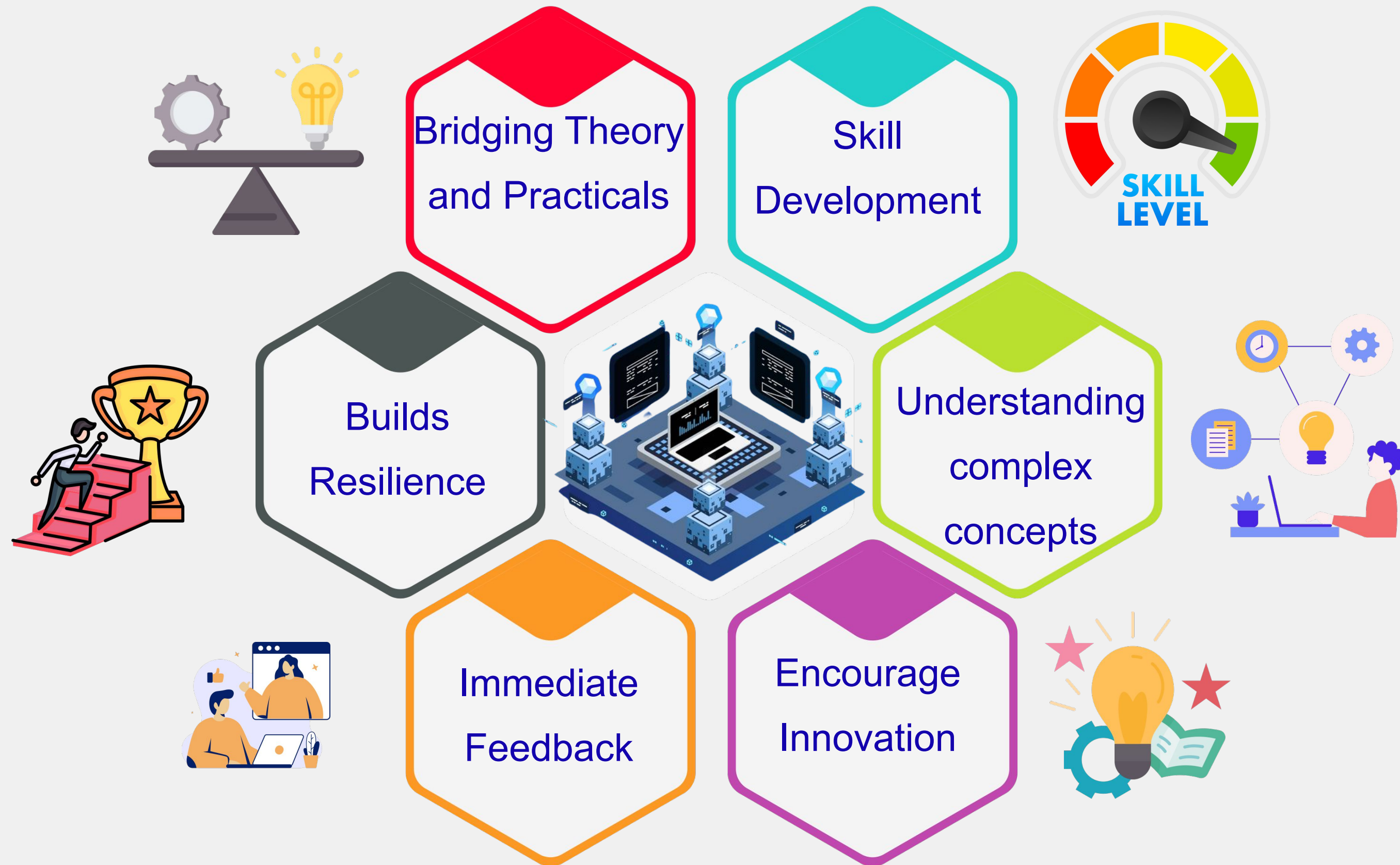
### **Computer Science**



# Relevance of Computer Science in Education



# Experimentation: The Backbone of Learning and Innovation in Computer Science





# Virtual Labs for Computer Science

**Virtual labs are interactive, digital simulations of activities that typically take place in physical laboratory settings.**



# Accessing Virtual Labs on Diksha Platform



URL: <https://diksha.gov.in/virtuallabs.html>



A screenshot of the Virtual Labs interface. It shows three buttons for 'Grade 10', 'Grade 11', and 'Grade 12', each with an 'Explore' button below it. Below these buttons, there are two language options: 'हिन्दी Medium' and 'English Medium'. At the bottom, there is a list of subjects: 'Mathematics', 'Physics', 'Chemistry', 'Biology', and 'Compuer Science' (note the typo).

# Computer Science

## Understanding

**Familiarity with  
programming  
language**



## Visualization

**Visualization of  
concepts using  
Algorithms and  
Flowcharts**



## Real-world Application

**Ability to solve  
problems is the most  
significant  
component of  
computer science**





# The Significance of Virtual Labs in Computer Science Education

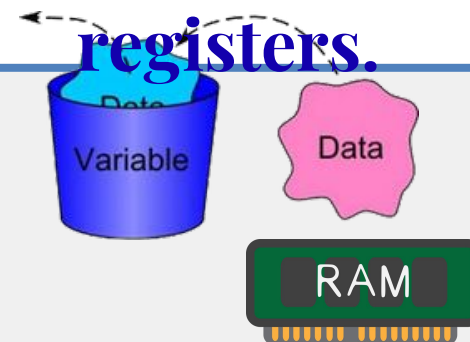
## Step-by-Step Code Execution

Provide an interactive environment to understand programming concepts step by step.



## Visualizing Variables and Memory

Visual representations of memory allocation, showing how variables are stored in memory or registers.



## Simulating Hardware Interaction

Simulate lower-level aspects of computation, such as how the CPU processes instructions, how memory is allocated at a hardware level!



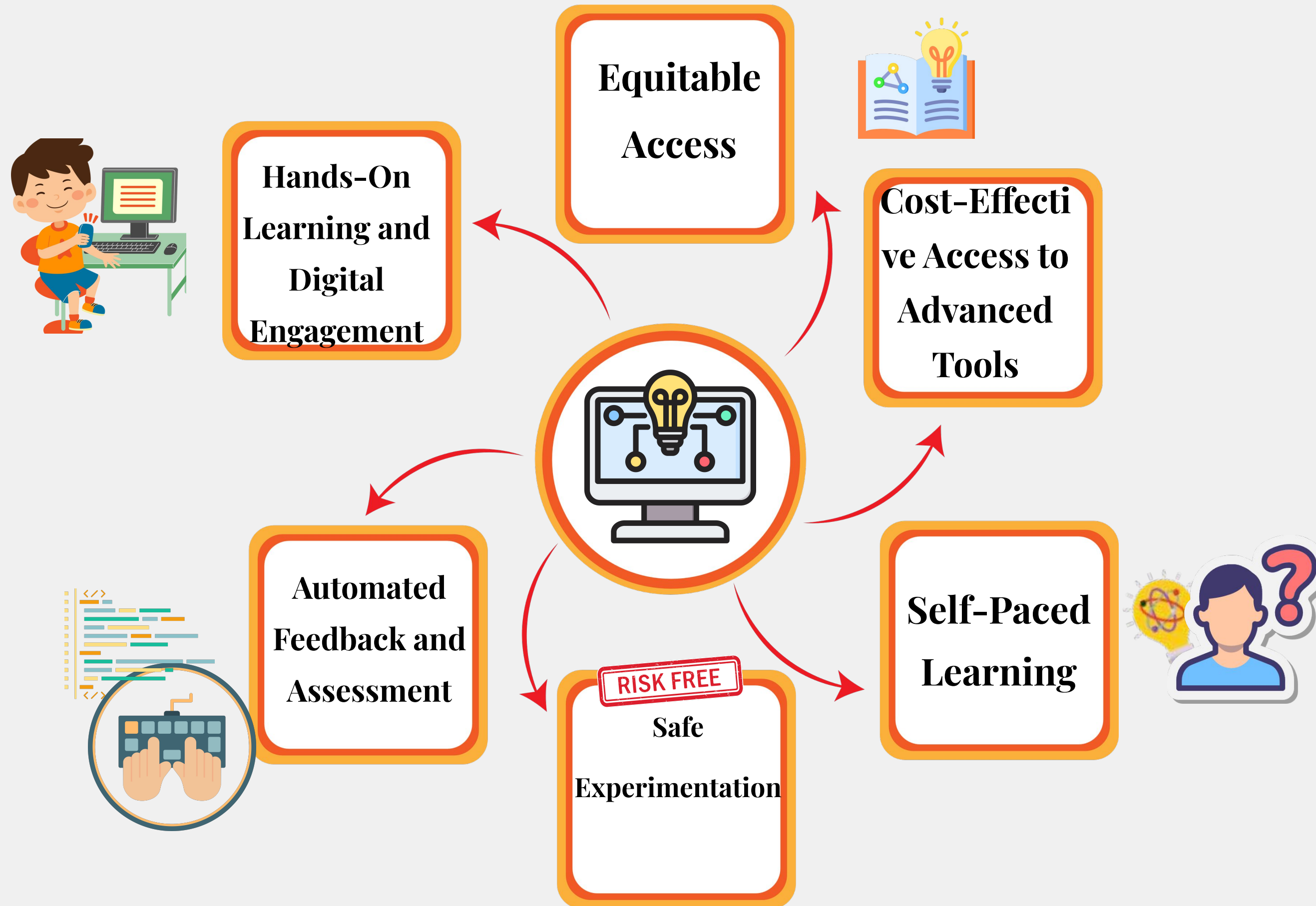
## Interactive Debugging

Examine the code in real-time, spotting and fixing bugs directly in the development environment





# Learning by Doing: Experiential Learning



# VIRTUAL LAB SESSIONS

## PRE-LAB

Develop familiarity with the necessary instructions, background information, and execution guidelines to prepare the students.

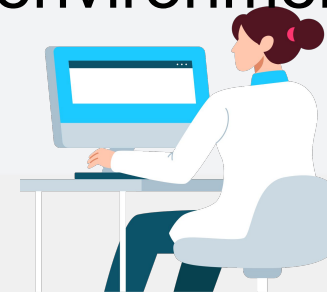


## PERFORMANCE

### -LAB

Allows students to conduct experiments, analyze code, and explore execution process through interactive digital simulations in sandbox

environment



## POST-LAB

Involves reviewing output, analyzing results and discussing findings to reinforce learning and draw conclusions from the executed code.





# Virtual Lab Experiment

## Class XI (Computer Science Lab Manual)

### Lab Activity: Add Two Numbers

**Aim: -To understand the working of addition of two numbers in python and visualising the output through virtual labs**

The screenshot shows the O Labs virtual lab interface. The top bar displays "OLabs | Computer Science Lab | Class 11". The interface is divided into several sections:

- Python:** A text area containing the following code:

```
1. a=20
2. b=30
3. sum=a+b
4. print (sum)
```
- Code Segment:** A list of assembly-like instructions:

```
1. a,b,sum,
2. assign a 20.
3. assign b 30.
4. load a R5.
5. load b R1.
6. add R5 R1.
7. store R5 sum.
8. out "sum_" sum.
9. exit.
```
- Data Segment:** A button labeled "Data Segment".
- Stack Segment:** A button labeled "Stack Segment".
- Heap Segment:** A button labeled "Heap Segment".
- CPU Registers:** A diagram showing 16 registers (R0 to R15) arranged in two rows of eight. The registers are currently empty.
- START:** A purple button at the bottom of the Code Segment area.

At the bottom of the interface, there are logos and text for the developers and funders:

- Developed by:** AMRITA VISHWA VIDYAPEETHAM, CDAC (Centre for Development of Advanced Computing).
- Funded by:** Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology, Government of India.

# Assessment with Virtual Simulations

## DIAGNOSTIC

### IDENTIFY MISCONCEPTION

Virtual lab diagnostic can pinpoint specific areas where students struggle, allowing teachers to address misconception

### PERSONALISED FEEDBACK

Diagnostic assessment in virtual labs can provide tailored feedback to students, guiding them towards mastery

### DATA DRIVEN INTERVENTION

Insights from virtual lab diagnostic can inform targeted interventions and personalized learning plans

## FORMATIVE

### INTERACTIVITY

Virtual simulations allow students to actively execute the code, providing real-time feedback and opportunities for experimentation.

### DATA COLLECTION

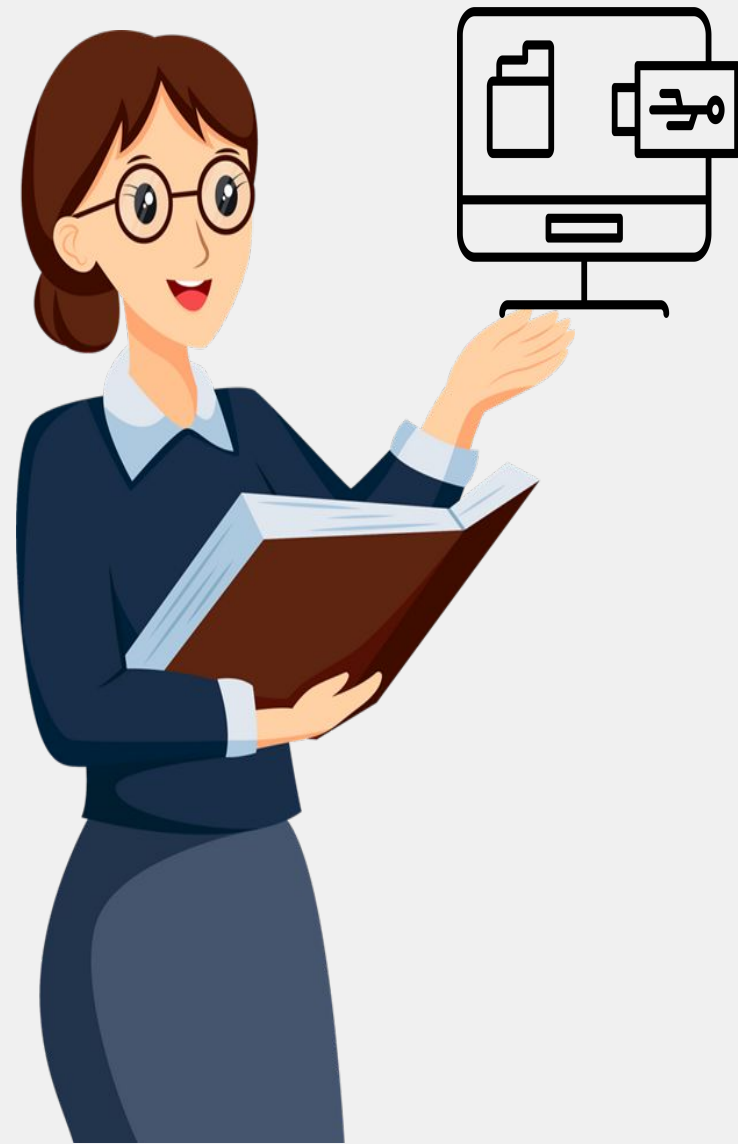
Virtual labs can capture detailed performance data, enabling teachers to track student progress and identify areas for improvement.

### ADAPTIVE FEEDBACK

Simulations can adapt to student actions, providing personalized guidance and scaffolding to support learning.



# The Role of Teachers in Virtual Lab Assessment



- 1. Guiding and Facilitating Learning**
- 2. Blending Virtual and Physical Lab Activities**
- 3. Monitoring and Assessing Progress**
- 4. Supporting Self-Paced Learning**
- 5. Developing Assessment Strategies**