

Virtual Lab as a teaching learning tool for Computer Science



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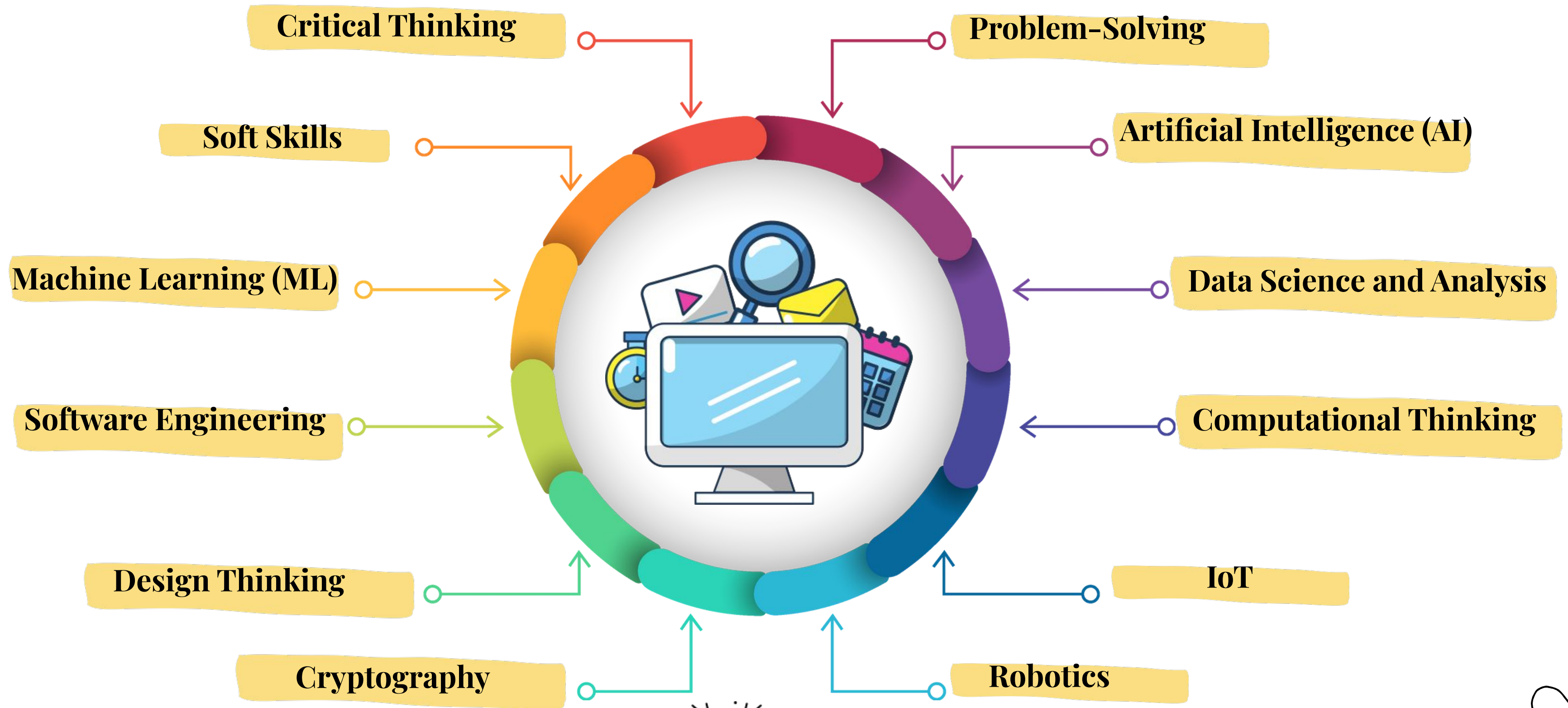
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Virtual Labs

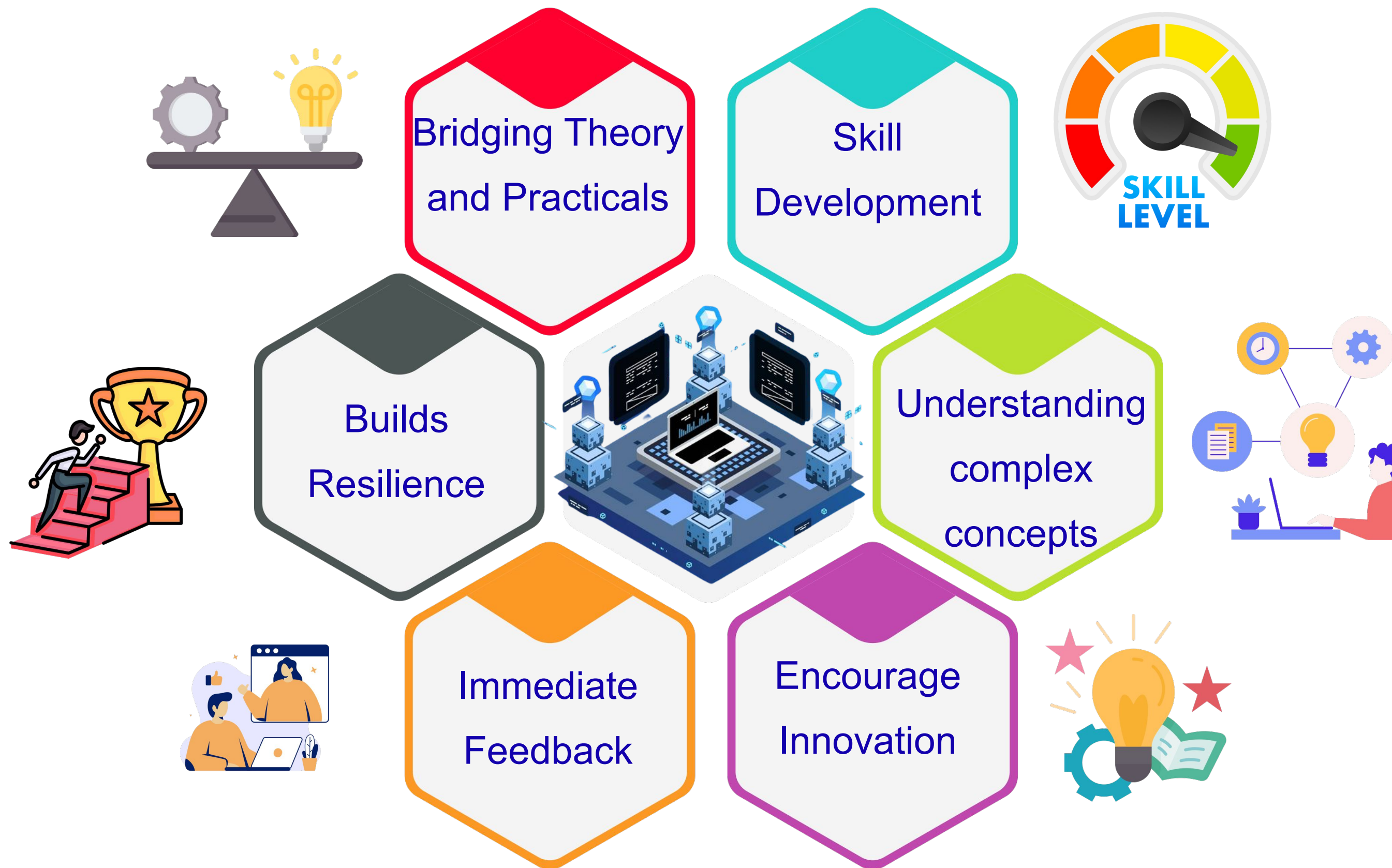
as a Teaching-Learning Tool for

Computer Science

Relevance of Computer Science in Education



Experimentation: The Backbone of Learning and Innovation in Computer Science



Virtual Labs for Computer Science

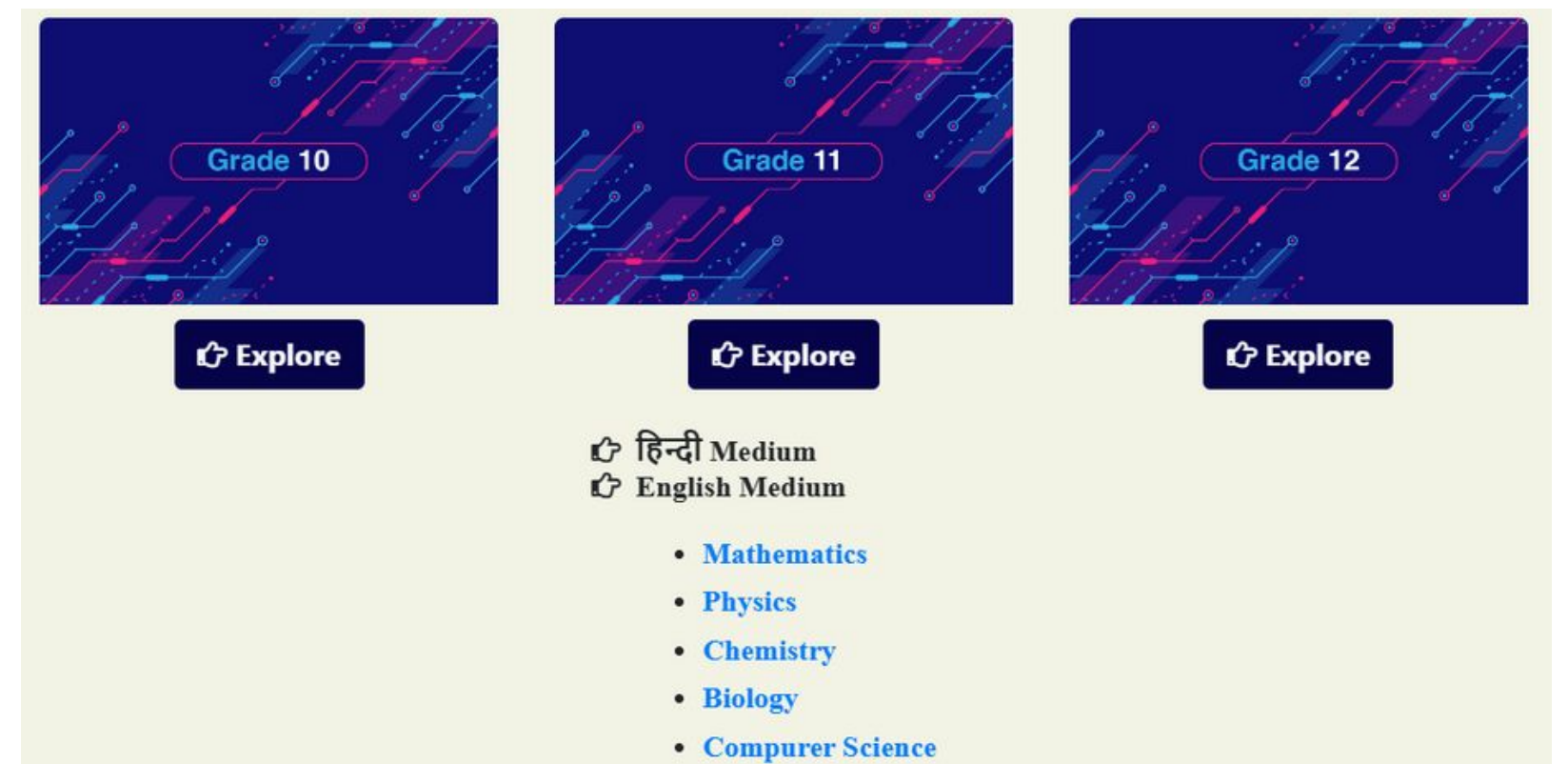
Virtual labs are interactive, digital simulations of activities that typically take place in physical laboratory settings.



Accessing Virtual Labs on Diksha Platform



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



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

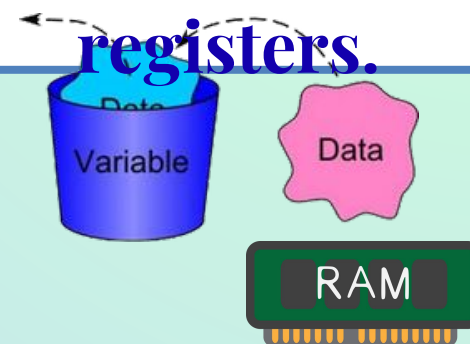
Step-by-Step Code Execution

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



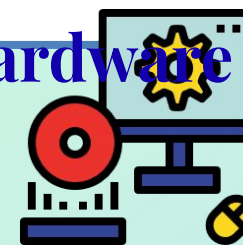
Visualizing Variables and Memory

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!

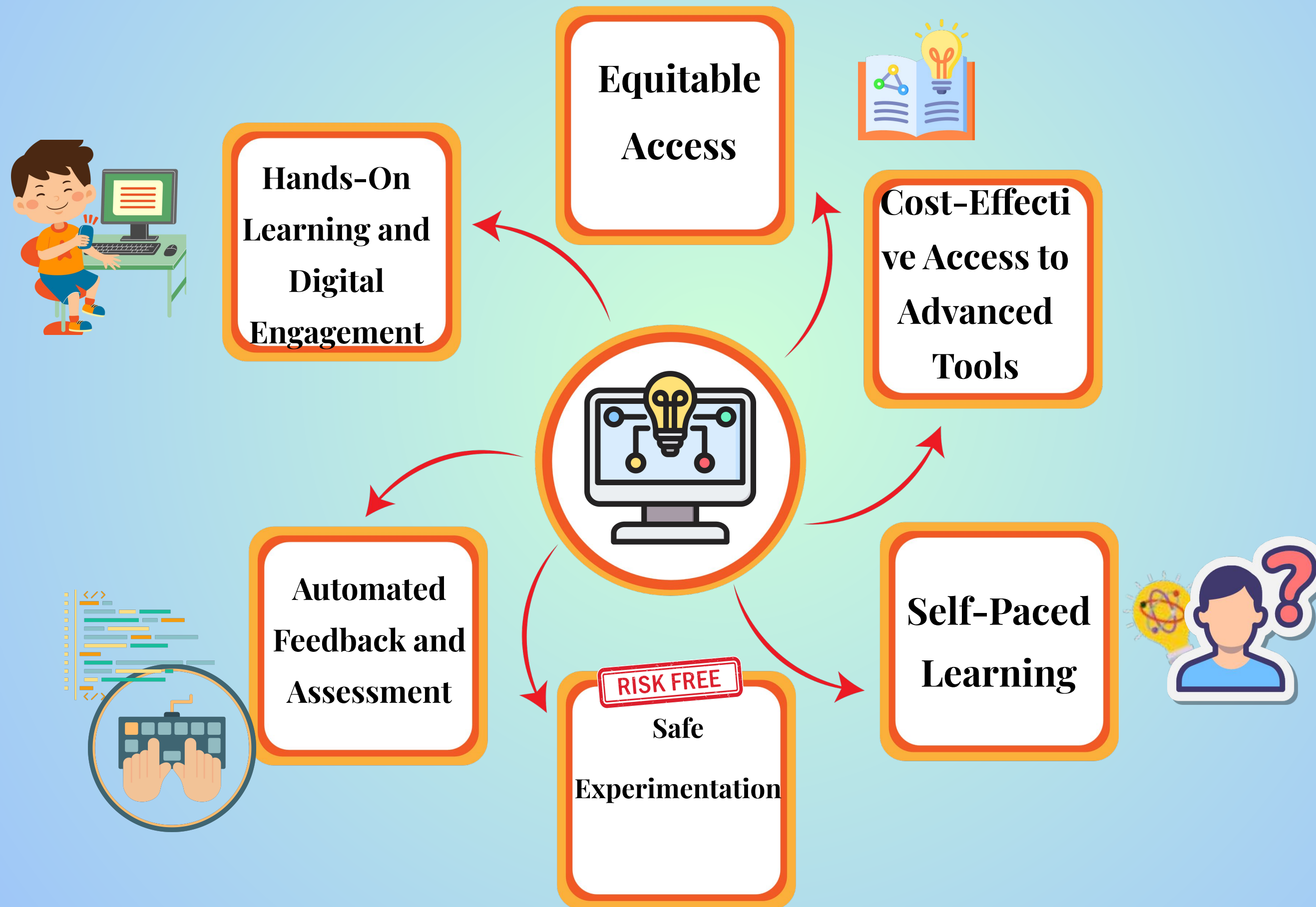


Interactive Debugging

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 displays the O Labs virtual lab interface for a Python program. The interface is divided into several sections:

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

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

```
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 window showing 16 registers (R0 to R15) arranged in two rows of eight. The registers are currently empty.

At the bottom of the interface, there is a "START" button. The footer contains 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**