



Programmed Failure

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Many claim that the students are failing first year computer courses because they are failing programming. This claim is investigated by examining two first year computer courses, namely the first year of the Bachelor of Computing Systems taught at UNITEC and the Certificate in Business Computing taught at several polytechnics or institutes of technology around New Zealand. The grades are gathered and compared from these courses. The results show that the original claim is false and that the common most failed subject is actually Hardware Fundamentals.

