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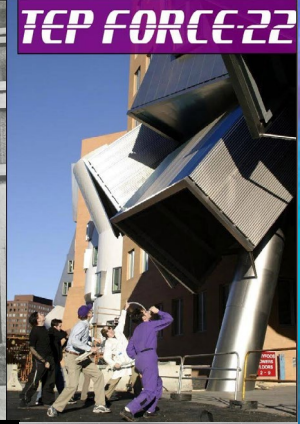
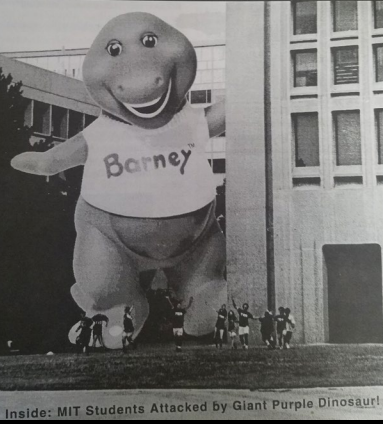
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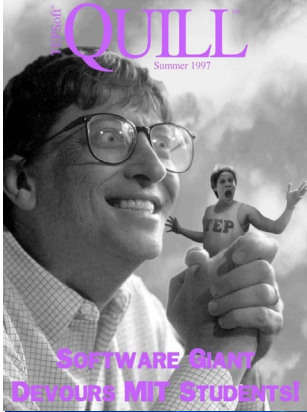
The Quill

1919-2019

“Published every once in a while.”



Inside: MIT Students Attacked by Giant Purple Dinosaur!



Editor's Comments

Contrary to popular practice, this rush book is not designed to give you an idea of life at tEp, except perhaps indirectly. Instead of inflating our chests and boasting of a social program that would make the Sunset Strip look boring, meals fit for King Louis XIV, a cum. GPA of 97%, and our notably high bowling scores, we've tried to produce a publication that will drain your mind of its seething turmoil of esoteric facts and figures to make room for generous quantities of marshmallow fluff.

Sit back and indulge.



Not The Editor

Edited Comments

The editor of The Quill would like to congratulate you on being the lucky recipient of the certifiably 22nd edition of The Quill, the finest of the fine with regard to recycled comedic material. The editor would also like to apologize in advance for it being so hastily put together, which may or may not have anything to do with the fact that the editor does not know the difference between a stalk of broccoli and a potato salad (and, likewise, would like to apologize to any readers for whom mayonnaise runs in their family). Actually, the green of the broccoli is represented by a yellow square, and the yellow is represented by the color taupe. The significance of the taupe will come to light in contrast to potato salad, which was not the thing with which the difference should have been computed. In any case, the editor, dear reader, is now once again finishing this publication way past when the editor would like to be awake. If the comedy is not

comedic to the dear reader, then it is recommended that the reader, dear reader, walk forward ten paces to the left, grab ahold of the shoulder of the man with the yellow clipboard, and ask him in a firm tone of voice "the eggplant is in the rockyway," to which he will respond "Alberta, right 'chu are." At this point, you must perform a medium-sized little jig with the scarecrow you brought along. Do you understand? "But sir—target destroyed," jumped the shark, with a little scrimshaw art on its teeth of a pet badger it had for a couple minutes. And then, the editor of The wonderful Quill, would like to point you to the PSA ->

Public Service Announcement

The editor of THE QUILL, working hard and at the last minute, would, from some amount of retrospection, like to recommend for you to

PLAN AHEAD!

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THE QUILL is printed with ink in such exciting colors as underground violet and purple haze. It is printed on paper. The book is held together with staples. The pictures were taken by people who have cameras and who use charged coupled devices. The text was typeset in various type styles including New Century Schlbk 10. The editor's doodling was done with a pen. THE QUILL was fabricated using recycled comedic materials. Any resemblance between the characters or events depicted in THE QUILL and the people you know proves you have weird taste in friends. THE QUILL was not funded by the NEA. No more questions, please.



README.RTFM



A delicious part of this nutritious breakfast



12 pack for only \$22.22!





New Course Offerings

The following new courses were inadvertently omitted from the MIT Bulletin's Course Guide. They will be available this fall.

6.146 Recursion

Prereq: —
U (1,2)
3-0-3

Same as class 6.146.

7.270 Creation.

(same subject as 12.270)
Prereq: —
G (1,2)
6 day seminar

Design and construction of life forms using Cuisinart DNA splicing and duct tape. Term project requires fabrication of sentient species, with students' grades dependent on the being's interpretation of Milton's *Paradise Lost*. Campbell's Primordial Soup provided in lab (Kosher upon request). Extra credit for species which exhibit bi- or tri-pedal locomotion, use of fire, or development of advanced circuitry. Low-lives welcome.

15.067 Procrastination.

Prereq: —
Acad Year 2019–2020: U(1,2)
Acad Year: 2020–2021: Not offered
4-0-0 (4-0-12 at end of term)

The entry for Procrastination was received too late to be printed. This course will probably be offered next year.

24.045 Contemporary —.

Prereq: —
U (1,2)
3-0-3

First time offered! May be repeated for additional credit. In one term we teach all the new —. Lectures deal with more recent —. Recitations will offer insight into the nouveau —. Lab will allow students to express their — and current —, and experience today's —.

Plague of the Month Club

Choose any six plagues now for just 22¢. You'll receive your plagues shortly, and then each month we'll send you a new plague to examine. You can pass the plagues around to your friends, and if you like them you may purchase them at the regular low club price of just \$22.95 each.

Choose from these exciting plagues . . .

Classic Hits	Top 40	Easy Listening	Heavy Metal	Alternative
Fire and Hail	MTV VJs	"On Board" Signs	Blooter Amps	Scientologists
Bloody Water	BatWear™	Donahue	Bon Jovi Hair	™ Symbols
Income Tax	Spandax	Borax	Anthrax	MicroVAX
Locusts	Movie Sequels	Game Show Hosts	Giant Sloths	Doc Marten's
Black Death	Day-Glo Death	Plaid Death	Black Death	Paisley Death

reply

★Bike key/lock (stranded in the back lot)

Are you missing a bike lock key or do you have a bike lock key that doesn't match your bike lock? I have 3 keys and 2 locks with no matches.

- do NOT contact me with unsolicited services or offers

post ID: 22

posted: about 22 hours ago

reply

★family member available (Cambridge, MA)

hi i would like get associated with tEp and prove that i am there for MANKIND through tepliness

- do contact me with unsolicited services or offers

post ID: 22

posted: about 22 hours ago

reply

★Stick in jar of oil (sink)

If you are keeping some weird stick submersed in a jar of oil in the downstairs kitchen, could you please remove it?

- do contact me with information about sticks

post ID: 22

posted: about 222 hours ago

OPTICAL ILLUSION

Which line is longer?



SCRATCH N' SNIFF



CONNECT THE DOT

• 1

WORD PUZZLE

Rearrange the following letters to form a common word.

F R P Z X J Q T L

Find x

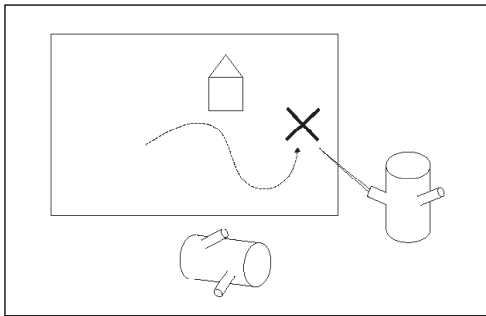
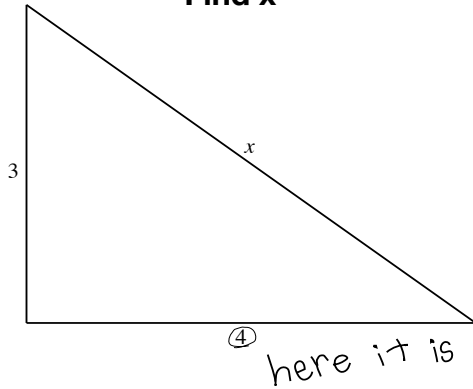
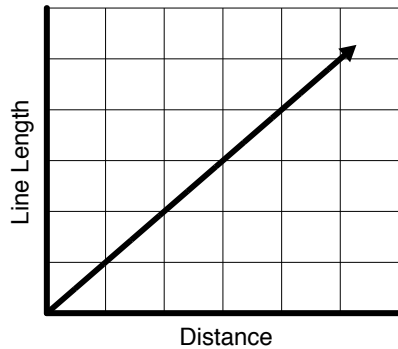


fig. 1 log-log plot

A Lesson in Correlation

We provide you, dear reader, the following graph to help you, dear reader, with understanding.



Expand (a+b)ⁿ

$$(a+b)^n$$

$$(a+b)^n$$

$$(a+b)^n$$

$$(a+b)^n$$

Lambdacats

Y?

$$f = \lambda \text{ [cat icon] }$$

$$g = \lambda \text{ [cat icon] [cat icon] [cat icon] }$$

$$g \text{ [cat icon] [cat icon] } \rightarrow \text{ [cat icon] [cat icon] }$$

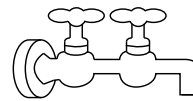
Treat your lambdcat to a sumptuous side of syntactic sugar.

Life Hacks:

- Use a paperclip to style your hard-to-reach nose hair.
- Did you know? From a scientific perspective, the tomato isn't a vegetable -- it's actually a starch.
- Meditate! Sit down and close your eyes. Pay attention to your breathing. Attempt to forget your surroundings, and perceive only your reactions. This state is known as "al dente".

Advertisements

SAFETY TAP



Should you forget to turn off one tap, the other one will safely stop the flow. Patent pending.

CEREAL DISPENSER

8 BITS IN EVERY BITE!



Serving Suggestion

COMBINATION BROOM/DUST PAN

You'll be amazed when you see what a wonder we've got for you this time. By putting the dust pan at the end of the broom, we'll save you closet space!

SWITCH

Turn things on and off with our handy switch! Ideal for lights.

LAPTOP COMPUTER (LIGHTLY USED)

Impress all your friends with the newest trend in tech--big is the new small! Comes with a free upgrade to Windows 98.



The makers of the Crazy Straw proudly present...

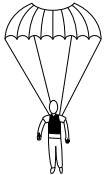
THE CRAZY WRENCH

Featuring the same distinctive design that made drinking soda so much fun!

It SUCKS!

CONVERTIBLE PARACHUTE

Tired of stuffy skydiving? Our convertible parachute has an open top for maximum airflow. LIFETIME GUARANTEE!

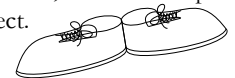


SINGING REINDEER TOPIARY

FINALLY! A quiet way to machine-wash sneakers. You'll want to order one for each member of the family.

DOUBLE-SIDED SHOE

When one pair wears out, swivel and repeat! Wholly pleasing effect.



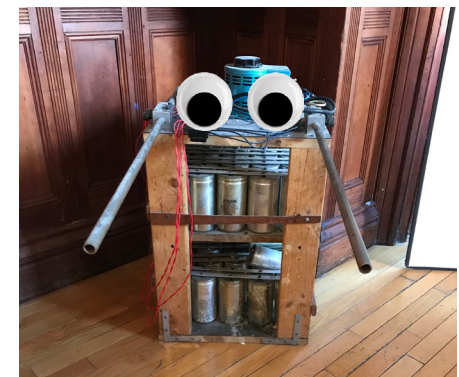
HONIG IMPORTERS

If we don't have it, go the extra mile!

1-800-BUY-STUFF

RLC - REALLY LARGE CAPACITOR

Broken. Fix at your own risk :)



THIS WEEK'S EPISODE OF "THREE-TOED ALIEN BREAKDANCERS FROM VENUS" WILL NOT BE SHOWN IN ORDER TO BRING YOU THIS SPECIAL HISTORICAL DOCV-DRAMA IN LIVID BLACK AND WHITE...

THE QUEST FOR THE HOLY BOUNCER

BRAND COFFEE MUG. THEY'RE HARD TO BREAK.

AFTER FOUR LONG YEARS AT THE INSTITUTE, THE GRADUATING SENIORS PREPARE TO LEAVE. ONE PAUSES TO RELATE A FEW STORIES FROM THE HISTORY OF **TEP**.

WHEN I WAS A FRESHMAN, HOUSE BILLS WERE \$1.22 A TERM EVERYONE ALWAYS DID THEIR WORK ASSIGNMENTS, AND **TEP** HAD THE HOLY BOUNCER IN ITS POSSESSION!

IT'S TRUE. I GET HIS ROOM.

EAGER TO RETURN **TEP** TO ITS FORMERLY LOFTY STANDING IN THE EYES OF THE PEOPLES OF UNIVERSE, THE **TEP TEAM** SETS OUT ON A FATE-FILLED QUEST FOR THAT MYSTIC COFFEE MUG OF LORE, RUMORED TO BE SOMEWHERE AT **THE INSTITUTE**.

HI! I'M PFIEFFER, THE ELECTRIC PENCIL, AND THESE ARE MY FRIENDS MY KEF, ED, AND JOE BLOB!

I HATE QUESTS.

MORE PAPER SCRAPLE, MOM!

READ DOWN!

READ OVER THERE FIRST

READ THIS COME LIKE THIS

MEGAWATT LASER RESEARCH ZONE

BOY ARE YOU STUPID IF YOU LOOK IN THE BEAM!

AT LAST! THIS MEGAWATT FREE ELECTRON LASER SPECTROMETER WILL BRING THE BOUNCER TO ITS KNEES!

BECAUSE ME I JUST REARRANGED SOME SOCKS THAT NEED FOLDING...

NOBODY COME IN HERE

DANGER! NASTY VOLTAJAGE!

SUPR LOCK

NOBODY COME IN HERE

IS THIS THE END!? OR ONLY THE MIDDLE?

MASS. INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

666 MASS AVE

BOOM!

WRITTEN, DRAWN, LETTERED AND DUMB JOKES BY ROB

WITH ENDESS THANKS TO: Mike Earl, Nicky McEOT, The Legend of Ugo88, The Jotted Man, The Masked, Paul McNeil, Buckaroo Bane, The Professor, Chuck McEster, and the Baboon, Neph L.F. who made REAL Bouncer.

MEANWHILE IN A TOP SECRET STAR WARS RESEARCH FACILITY IN THE BASEMENT OF BUILDING 22:

SIR! THIS DRINKING UNIT HAS AMAZING PROPERTIES! IT'S HARDER THAN DIAMOND AND IS COMPLETELY UNBREAKABLE!

IT'LL MAKE GREAT TANK ARMOR!

YAWN WRITE 'S

NOBODY KNOWS THE CHUBBLES I'VE SEEN... NOBODY KNOWS THE CHUBBLES I'VE BEEN...

READ UP!

JOE, YOU ARE SO SPINELESS! GET A BACKBONE!

SHUT UP ERASERHEAD!

HOMOGENEOUS- THAT'S ME!

AT THE VERY SAME INSTANT IN TIME, THE **TEP TEAM** CROSSES THE TREACHEROUS HARVARD BRIDGE!

WARNING SCARY PAPER!

HEY! MOVE UP!

YEAH I'M TIRED OF QUESTING MAYBE WE SHOULD GO BACK.

MAN I COULD REALLY GO FOR A BANANA SUZY-G RIGHT NOW!

THIS IS THE TIME AND THIS IS THE REASON OF THE TIME.

IT ALSO SEEMS TO BE IMPERVIOUS TO ALL RADIATION! YEAH, AND IT SUPERCONDUCTS AT ROOM TEMPERATURE! BUT THREE YEARS LATER, YOU STILL CAN'T COOK AN EGG ON IT!



I request that I be allowed to dispose of the following official materials:

- MIT Bulletin
- Registration correction card
- Toxic waste
- Future Iraggate papers
- Rush Material — *The Quill*

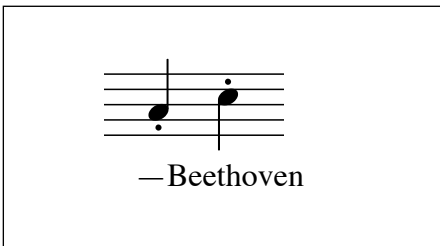
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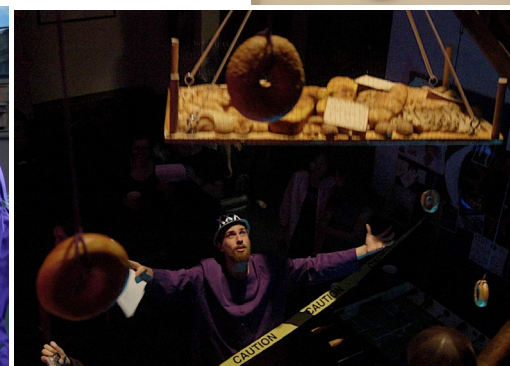
The Unofficial Guide to Annoying Other FSILGs During Orientation

- Get the upper hand by saying “Hi, nice to meet you. What’s your name? Where ya from? What ya wanna be?” before the upperclassman can get a word in.
- Try to sneak into an FSILG by singing “Joe Shmoe Frosh.”
- Bring an extra set of clothes. Periodically duck into the bathroom and swap. Keep your nametag constant at all times to maximize confusion.
- Develop multiple personality disorder. Switch personalities often.
- Cross-dress. If you’re female, try to get as many bids from frats as possible. If you’re male, see how far you can get in Panhel rush.
- Ask to borrow a towel. Ask for a different color. Complain that it smells funny. Say that it’s too scratchy. Ask for a bigger one. Change your mind and decide you don’t need a towel after all.
- If staying overnight in an FSILG, demand to be awakened before 5 a.m.
- Call an FSILG for a ride, and when they arrive, ask them to bring you to another FSILG.
- Ask the FSILG where they hide the spy cam-

- eras pointed at all the freshmen.
- Break out in hives when asked questions.
- Other FSILGs love recycling. Drop off your empty beer cans in conspicuous places so they can receive a proper refund.
- Ask if you can meet the house’s rush chair, then try to drag out the conversation as long as possible. Talk with him for more than ten minutes and you have achieved the impossible. Bonus points if you criticize the activities he’s organizing and tell him how to do his job. Extra bonus points if he strangles you.
- Get killed while on a trip. Very heavy fines are involved.
- Ask if the FSILG can grant you political asylum.



Memoirs of a tEP Cook



Gossip & Slander

“If you violate causality, you gotta call your local fire department.”

“Humans are shaped like a pair of pants for people with seven legs.”

“Meat is the gravy of the gravy.”

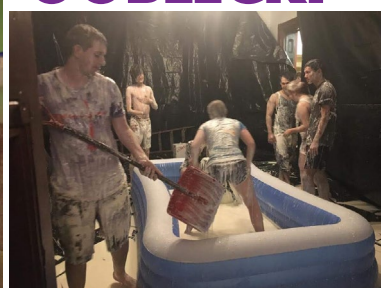
“Did you know that everything that rhymes is true?”

“I don’t believe in math.”

“We are like muskrats that have lost sight of their bodies.”

“Doesn’t it taste like the way porta potty bathrooms smell?”

OUBLECK!



Letters to the Editor



Dear Cap'n tEp,

The literature indicated that freshmen were to expect negligible conformation changes throughout all domains following adsorption onto the tEp interface. Unexpectedly, I have not only undergone conformational changes, but I have turned into a newt. Is there any way I can still publish this paper?

-Cynops

Dear Cynops,

Yeah, probably. I dunno.

Dear Editor,

One of my testicles is larger than the other two. Should I be self-conscious?

-Triforce

Dear Triforce,

Minor size variations aren't uncommon, and are nothing to be ashamed of.

Dear Editor,

Why would a merciful god let bad things happen to good people?

-Questioning in Quebec

Dear Questioning,

To get to the other side.

Dear TEP-Force 22,

I wasn't planning on joining an elite strike force. I don't think I'm that sort of person. Would I fit in at tEp?

-Nervous

Dear Nervous,

Overwhelmingly. Many of TEP-Force 22's members thought that elite strike forces spent all of their time doing pull-ups and smashing cans against their foreheads. TEP-Force 22 isn't like that. I'd recommend checking it out.

Dear Editor,

I told an upperclassman to clean my window for me, but when I checked he was scrubbing the sink! Does he hate me? Does he hate what I stand for?

-Hurt and Dirty

Dear Dirty Hurty,

Don't worry! He was probably working in the Fourier domain. Be sure to specify!

Send comments, questions, bribes, etc. to 253 Commonwealth Ave., c/o Her Majesty, the Editor of The Quill, the Unparalleled Piece of Work of the Northeast Free World.

"Journalism is the art of filling up space."

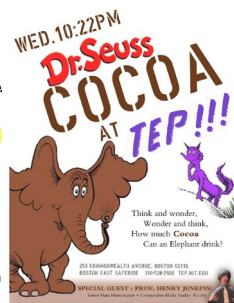
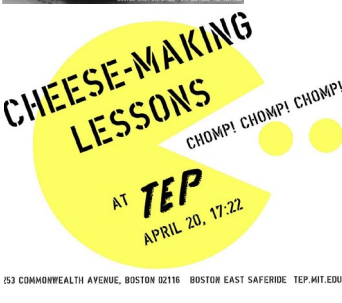
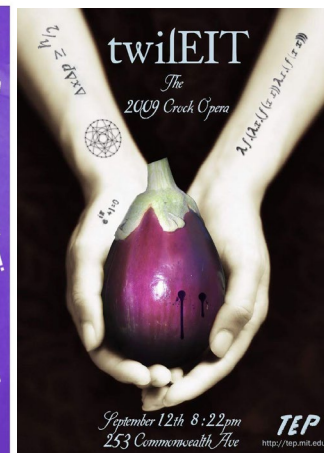
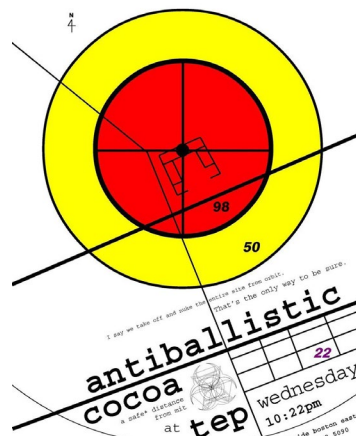
-The Editor

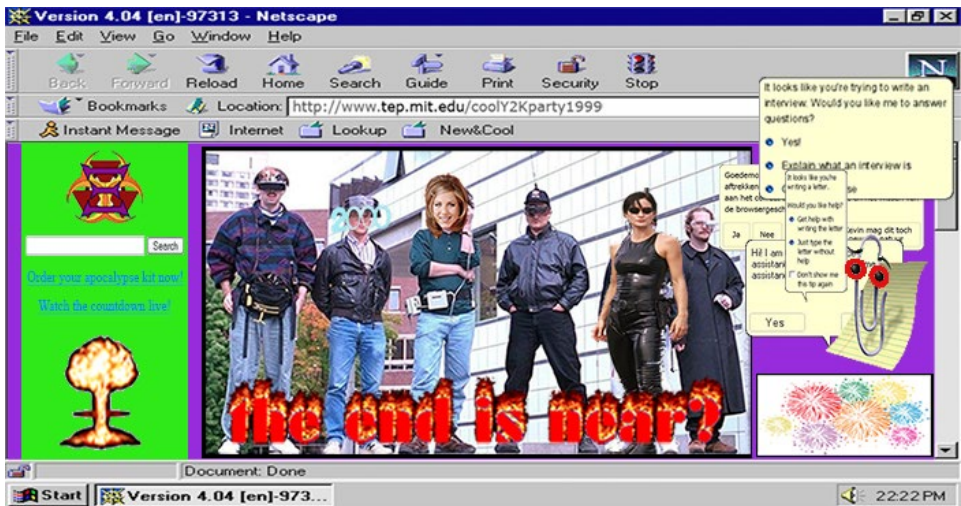
Rush Schedule



Come on over to talk to xisters, attend events, be creative with our supplies, go on a house tour, or just hang out. We want you to have a chance to see whether you have a tEp in your future!

Please use this complimentary #22 Integra Wood Golf Pencil to doodle on this rush schedule for maximum pleasure.





A Quick and Simple Guide to Multi-threading

In the modern world, single threads often just don't cut it any more. Use the quill's handy guide to learn to program with multiple threads in your favorite language!

The benefits of multi-threading are obvious:

- Lagless user interface code
- Take advantage of multiple cores
- Bigger lead for a specified pitch
- Support both English and metric user interfaces

However, there are some drawbacks as well:

- Depending on how you position the threads within your project, garbage collection may become much less straightforward. Make sure to contact your dumpster company before multi-threading your code, to ensure they can pick up all the extra data that may leak through holes you create in the program.
- Multi-threaded code is much more difficult to rewrite. Consider using wood glue if you find yourself needing to streamline large portions of your codebase.

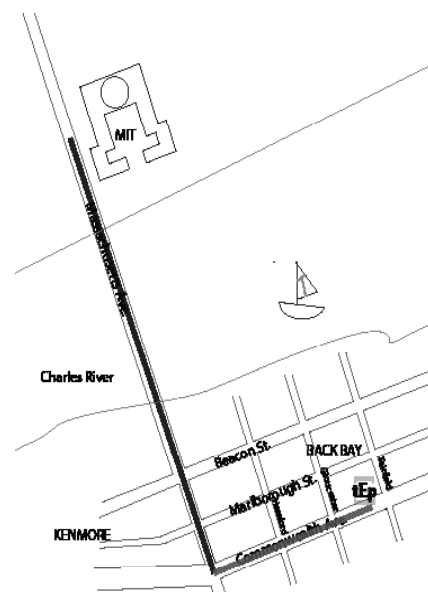
Preparing your Project for Multi-Threading:

Begin by opening an editor of your choice. I use a DeWalt cordless model, but Emacs has an emulation layer as well. Make sure your build environment is clear of obstructions, and always use eye & memory protection — segfaults can cause blindness in rare cases! Do a dry walkthrough of the steps in your code. What are the critical paths? Which holes will need to be cut into by multiple threads?



Be aware never to cross-thread your programs! This can produce "deadlock", a condition in which your program cannot advance further. To unlock a dead screw, consider using a healthy amount of any machine lubricant.

If by this point you have given up on multi-threading, don't worry! You can convert any multi-threaded program back to a single-threaded program by using a larger tap size.



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