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## *Preface*

Hello, welcome to the delightful pages of

*“Becoming a Computational Thinker: Success in the Digital Age”*

The book has a single purpose: to help everyone become a **computational thinker**. A computational thinker is someone who has acquired computational thinking (CT) and can apply that thinking everywhere, everyday. Reading the book, you can better navigate the digital world and improve your efficiency, productivity, and success immediately.

You’ll find many interesting and practical articles. Each article is short, sweet, and an independent self-contained unit. Each article is written in plain language and amply illustrated by pictures and images. To enjoy the book, you don’t need a background in computing, just a sense of curiosity.

Collectively, the articles paint an increasingly complete picture of computing and digital technologies as well as mental skills inspired by them. You can pick an article that strikes your fancy and read it. There is no need to stick to the sequential ordering. But it is good to start at the beginning.

You’ll find the information revealing, interesting, and practical. Their applications can be found everywhere everyday. Simply allow the articles to guide your digital journey to better understanding, sharper mental skills, wiser decisions, and more success in everything you do.

To make the book more useful, there is a companion website for you at [computize.org/CTer](http://computize.org/CTer) where you can find answers to article-end crossword puzzles, interactive demos, and more.



*Companion Website*

So why not go ahead, kick back, get a cup of tea or coffee, and start reading.

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