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Using the Open Source Physics Java Library to do Computer Simulations¹ HARVEY GOULD, Clark University, JAN TOBOCHNIK, Kalamazoo College, WOLFGANG CHRISTIAN, Davidson College — Computation has become a common feature of many physics courses. However, the computation is usually an add-on and students do not learn how to write simulations in a way that is similar to how they are done in a research context. We describe how to teach students to learn physics by writing and modifying programs in Java using the objected oriented Open Source Physics library available at jwww.opensourcephysics.org_i.

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