EECS 398 :: 003, 004

Computing for Computer Scientists

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- This is not "Tools for Computer Scientists"
- Though, we will cover a lot of cool tools
- The goal is to give you the ability to pick up, learn, and use tools effectively

This class is NOT a set of tutorials

1. Log in to a CAEN machine in Linux
2. Press the "windows" key to open the application launcher and then type "gedit"
3. Now copy-paste the following block of code into the window:

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#include <stdio.h>
int main() { printf("Hello Worl
d\n"); return 0; }
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4. Type "Ctrl-s" or click the "save" icon, save the file as "myprogram.c" in your home directory.
5. Press the "windows" key again and type "terminal"
6. In the window that appears, type "gcc myprogram.c -o myprogram"

1. Open your favorite text editor and write a basic "Hello World" program
2. Compile and run your program

Lectures give you the "what" and the "why", homeworks are a self-guided tour on the "how"

- Lectures are designed to be interactive
- Lots of live coding, lots of mistakes!
- **Bring your laptop to every class**

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The second time you do it

Collaboration

Less than you're used to

- The goal is to build your *individual* skills
- You will get the most benefit doing assignments on your own

"The 15 Minute Rule"

- A little frustration is a good thing, a lot is a bad thing
    - Try to solve a problem on your own for 15 minutes before asking for help
    - After 15 minutes, ask for help!
    - Good rule of thumb outside of this class too

Course Resources

https://c4cs.github.io

- The course homepage. Everything is here or linked from here.
  - Homework assignments
  - Lecture materials
  - Syllabus, schedule, etc
- You can also get here from canvas

Piazza

- Essentially high-latency digital office hours
  - All questions *private* by default

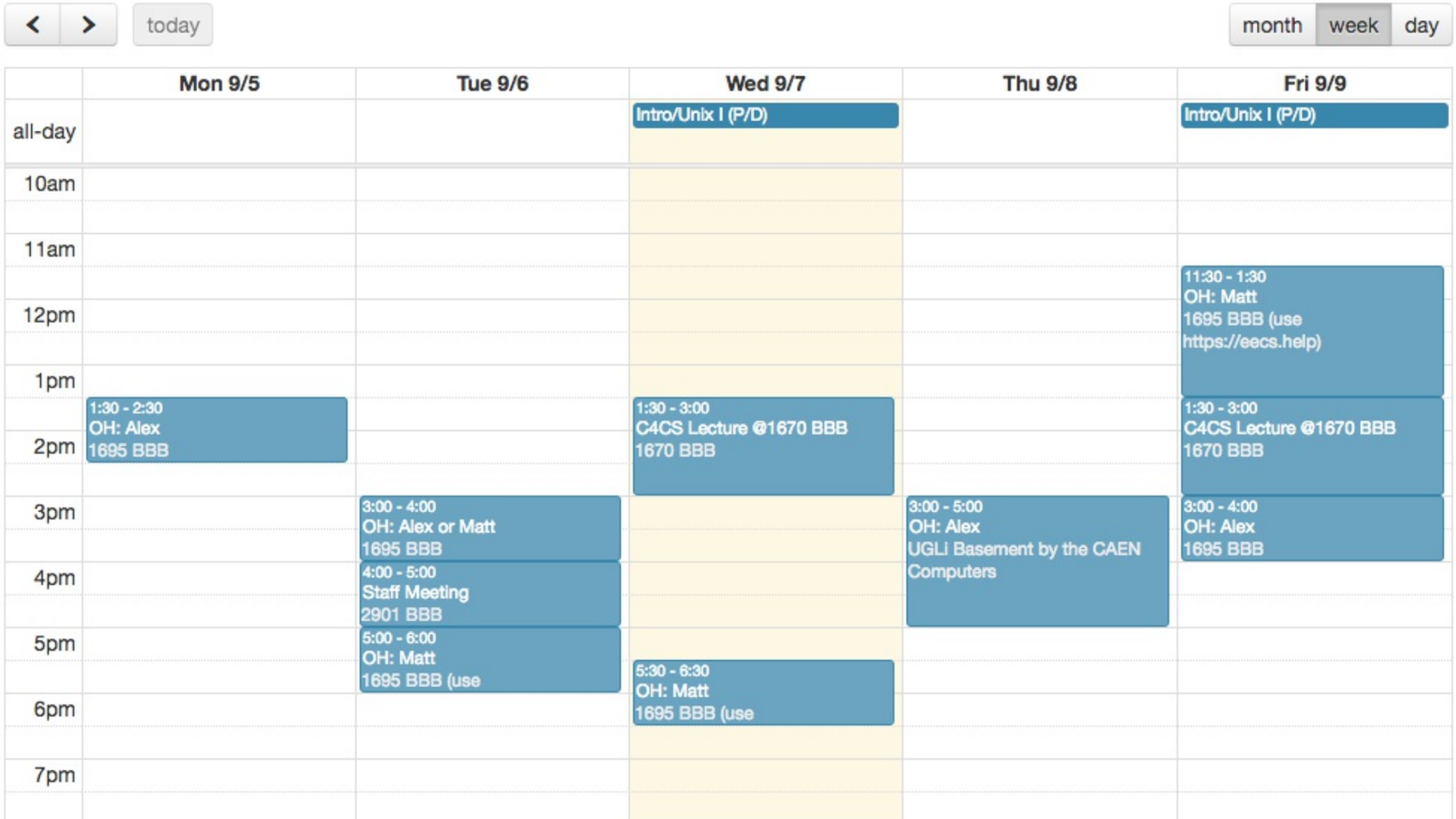
Gradescope

- Homework submission
  - Warning, their clocks are unsympathetic
- Entry code MX54N9 (also on course homepage)

Course Meeting Times and Locations

- **Section 003** 1670 BBB, Friday 1:30-3:00p
- **Section 004** 220 Chrys (auditorium), Friday 10:00-11:30a

In general, you may attend any section, however if the classroom becomes overfull, we will have to ask that you attend the section you are officially registered for.



Work and Expectations

This is a 1-credit course

- 1 credit = 4 hours of your life / week
  - 1.5 hours in lecture
  - 1.5 hours of homework
  - 3 times this semester: 2-3 hours of "advanced exercises"

Grading

40% Homework

- One homework every week except the last week
- (Yes there is homework this week)
- Due at 10PM every Saturday

30% Attendance & Participation

- 12 weeks not counting the first week (or optional pre-spring break lecture)
- We'll take attendance every week, somehow

30% Advanced Exercises

- Explore a topic in more depth
- Two week window to turn them in
- *Must be turned in at office hours*

You need will need your own computer for this class

CAEN machines are NOT sufficient for this class

If you don't have your own computer...

- Dog ate it
- TSA confiscated it on your flight to Michigan
- Drunk roommate confused it for a frisbee

The CSE department has some loaner laptops available for the semester[†]

- Contact Don Winsor: don@umich.edu

[†]For people with genuine need, please don't abuse this

Course staff

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For general issues, e-mail the course staff at c4cs-staff@umich.edu. For sensitive issues, please e-mail Marcus directly.

				
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^another screenshot of c4cs.github.io

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Take A Break

1. Take a selfie
2. E-mail c4cs-photos@umich.edu with…
   - Your name
   - Your picture
   - One thing you want to get out of this course
   - Anything else you want us to know about you
     - Preferred nickname
     - Special considerations
     - Awesome trivia
3. Meet a stranger
   - Preferably not the person right or left, maybe turn around behind you?

Photo credit Apple Computer, Inc.

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This is pretty easy to do with most laptops now

- OS X has it built in
- Linux subsystem for Windows in the "Windows 10 Anniversary Update"

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For Homework 1, you'll install a VM to use this term

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- cat
- cd
- chmod/chown/chgrp
- clear
- cp
- diff
- echo
- fg/bg/jobs [ctrl-z]
- grep
- help
- kill
- ls
- man
- mkdir
- mv
- pwd
- rm
- sleep
- tail
- touch
- true
- whoami

Welcome to C4CS

Looking forward to a great semester!