EECS 398 :: 001

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
- The goal is not to completely teach you any tool (they made the internets for that!)

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:

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main() { printf("Hello Worl
d\n"); return 0; }
```

- 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"
- 7. Now type "./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 92R5Z7 (also on course homepage)

Course Meeting Time and Location

• Section 001 AUD CHRYS, Friday 10:00a-11:30a



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
- 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

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.

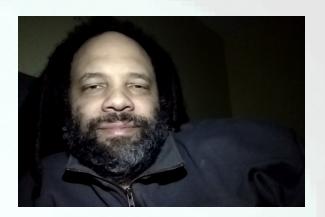


^another screenshot of c4cs.github.io

Administrivia

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?





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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!