

Hello, my name is **Tom Reid**. I'm pleased to be your instructor this semester.

Career

I have been a computer programmer my entire career. I started learning the ropes in high school in Utah. I earned a degree in Computer Science at Utah State University. I later picked up a master's degree in management information systems. I spent my entire career with the federal government, staying for 30 years before retiring due to disability.

I have held various jobs along with my programming focus – systems administration, management, and even hardware maintenance when I was stationed at a small field unit; these jobs were in various locations, in the UK and East Coast US, along with temporary assignments to Germany, Massachusetts, and California.

I've been developing software for the last few years to assist individuals who need hands-free tools to use their computers in conjunction with businesses in Holland and California with customers worldwide. This has helped not only me but others with disabilities. It has also been helping other professionals – doctors, etc., who also benefit from hands-free capabilities. Here is an example of some of the products I have developed in the last few years: <https://speechproductivity.eu/SP6PRO.html>

I have been teaching with BYU for the past 2+ years, teaching this course several times.

Current Physical Challenges

I have been quadriplegic for the last 12 years and use Dragon Naturally Speaking to do all my typing. If you get feedback from me that seems a bit strange, that may be the issue. Sometimes, my computer doesn't understand me as well as I thought. So, if I don't carefully proofread, I can get myself in trouble :-)

Family and Church Service

I am married with five children and 12 grandchildren. As for church callings, I've held almost every position at the ward level, and there are a few with the stake. I'm currently serving as a Ward and Stake Membership Clerk. I am also serving as a service missionary in the BYU Pathways Worldwide program, serving students in Brazil for the last four years.

I currently live in southern Pennsylvania, a few miles south of Gettysburg. Previously I have lived in Maryland, Utah, and England.

Interests

I enjoyed playing many sports in the past – baseball, softball, basketball, golf, soccer, fishing, and other outdoor activities. I was active in scouting for many years. I'm also a licensed Extra-Class amateur radio operator.

Contact Information

I can be contacted at **reidth@byui.edu** and the class **Microsoft Teams** page.