

Lab01

Objectives

- to map network drives
- to use email to submit documents
- to schedule meetings using Microsoft Outlook
- to have an experience programming robots

Preliminaries

For this course, you will be using the campus-wide network of PC's. As part of your computer account privileges, you are given disk storage space on drive M, a networked hard disk. As a student of CSCI-130, you also have read only privileges on drive N. Write-ups for your labs, handouts and example files or programs will be placed on the N: drive for you to access. Please follow the steps outlined below to gain access to the N: drive and to get organized properly for this and following labs.

Creating your M:\CS130\Labs folder

1. Create a folder called CS130 on you M: drive
2. Create a folder called Labs inside of your CS130 folder

Mapping the N: network drive

1. Click the Windows *Start* button, in the bottom left corner of your screen
2. Open the File Explorer
3. Right click *This PC* in the pane on the right of the popup menu
4. Choose *Map network drive*
5. For Drive, choose the letter N
6. For Folder, type in the following server name: \\ad\compsci\$
7. Make sure *Reconnect at logon* is checked
8. Click *Finish*

Get a copy of this lab folder from the N: network drive

1. Go to folder N:\Classes\CS130\labs and copy and paste the folder for today's lab (i.e., Lab03) to M:\CS130\labs
2. You may now work locally by opening the write-up from within the copied folder. (The write-up is the current document you are reading.)
3. For future labs, you may start by copying the proper lab folder right away.

Introducing yourself

Create a Microsoft Word document describing yourself. Include in your description, your name, where you are from, your major, your other interests, any computer experience you have had (including programming, using spreadsheets or databases), your reason for taking this class, any particular hopes or expectations you might have for this class, and anything else you would like to share about yourself. Boldface and center your name in 16-pt font. (Use any type font). Save this file as aboutYourFirstNameYourLastName, (i.e. aboutJohnMiller), in your lab folder.

Insert a picture of yourself into the document aboutYou by completing the following steps:

- Get a copy of a picture of you and place it in your lab folder.
- Position cursor where picture is to be inserted in your document.
- From the menu bar, select **Insert—Picture** and then locate your image and click **Insert**.
- Save your document. (**File—Save** (file already exists)).

Use the Mail Program to Submit the “aboutYou” file

It is assumed that everyone has used the mail program at some time. If you do not know how to get into your mail program, ask your TA or Lab Instructor. Follow the instructions below to send your file to your lecture professor and also to your lab instructor.

To insert a file into a mail message

- In the message area, position the insertion point where you want to insert the file
- From the Menu bar, select **Insert—Attach File**.
- Locate the file you want to insert.
- Click on the file name and **Insert**. An icon and filename should appear in the message area.
- Repeat the steps above to send multiple files.
- Then click **Send** to complete the task.

Scheduling meetings

CSB/SJU has made a decision to use the family of products known as Microsoft Office. Among them is an application for sending/receiving email called Microsoft Outlook. Besides email, Outlook is also capable of managing the digital calendar associated with your CSB/SJU email account. One of the useful functionalities that this provides is the ability to easily schedule meetings with other users within the CSB/SJU network. Your task is to schedule a 10-minute meeting with me before the first exam (this is a real meeting that you will be expected to come to, not just a fictitious one for the sake of this assignment, so plan accordingly). To do this, you should complete the following steps:

- Open the Microsoft Outlook application.
- Under the **Home** ribbon, click **New Items**.
- Under the **New Items** menu, click **Meeting**.

The following steps are similar to what you would do if you were sending an email, except that there is a “Meeting time” associated with the message.

- Insert your classroom instructor’s (i.e., Jeremy’s) email address in the “To” field.
- For “Subject” put “[CSCI 130] Your Name Lab 1 meeting”, i.e. if my name was John Doe, it would be “[CSCI 130] John Doe Lab 1 meeting”. This would be a good time to look at details for sending emails to your instructor contained in the syllabus on the Canvas webpage.
- Choose a start time, i.e., when the meeting will start, that you and your instructor are BOTH available, you can view your instructor’s prior commitments by clicking **Scheduling Assistant** in the **Meeting** ribbon — to return to the appointment, click **Appointment** in the **Meeting** ribbon.
- Choose an end time that is 10 minutes after your start time.
- When all of the information is correct, click **Send** — this will send an appointment invitation to your instructor which they can then accept, decline, or propose a new time.

The rest of the exercises for this lab are going to be done in room PE204 where you will create programs to direct an **NXT Lego Mindstorms** robot. If you are finished sending the file about yourself to your lecture and lab instructors, log off and head down to room PE204 to start the Robotics exercise for this lab.