**CSE 5441**

**Assignment 0**

**Due by 2:00PM, Wednesday, September 3**

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This assignment should be submitted by you using the ***Carmen*** ([https://carmen.osu.edu](https://carmen.osu.edu/)) system. You may choose to just edit this Word file (Assignment-0.doc can be downloaded from Carmen) and submit it, or use any other form you prefer.

1. What is your main reason for taking this course?

My interest is two fold. I want to speed up some code I am writing for my thesis, and I want to be a competitive candidate when I apply for a job as a scientifically-oriented computer programmer.

1. What prior background (if any) do you have in parallel computing?

I took a summer course about CUDA.

1. What is the name by which you prefer to be called (e.g. Marty, Chuck, Sudha, etc.)?

Melvyn

1. Are you familiar with Unix? Debian based linux distributions.
2. Are you familiar with C? Yes.
3. What is the topic of your research (if applicable)?

I am working on vertex dynamics models of epithelial tissue. I am speeding up some

algorithms which have high levels of data parallelism.

1. Please attach a digital image of yourself (in any format).

See attached.