Slack Overview

Overview

- How Slack works

- Our channels

- Tips for Slack

Slack Background

- What is Slack?
    - Instant messaging app for teams and businesses
    - Initially released in 2013
    - Heavily used across the industry
    - Built with Electron (C++, JavaScript, etc.)
    - Publicly traded (WORK)
    - Extra apps and integrations
        - Google Drive
        - Github
        - Dropbox
        - Or build out with your own APIs

Why use Slack

- Our main source of communication
    - Your instructors will send information in your channel
    - Staff will give updates about events happening in our community

- Used by developers everywhere

Our Channels

- #2021c
  - This will be for communication between all of your classmates as well as instructors and the staff
  - Post zoom meeting links
  - Used for any classwork, events, or communication needed to reach all of you

Our Channels

- #everybody
  - All current students, alumni, community partners, and staff
  - Ask any coding questions or any LEARN questions
- #events
- #random
  - Something fun to share, looking for something to do, maybe you need a new roommate

Slack Etiquette

- Be Responsible
    - Just like the LEARN classroom, our Slack channels are a brave space
    - Use good judgement
- @channel or @here
    - Pings everyone in the channel, use good judgement
- Whenever possible use the classroom channel for communication

Tips for Slack

- Add a profile picture!
- Need a break? Put on a do not disturb sign for a time limit
  - Click your profile on the top right to turn off notifications or to set a schedule
  - Can set a status for when you are offline
- Download Slack on your phone to communicate in the event of any internet issues
- Can change the color theme in Preferences

Tips for Slack

- Threads, pinned content, saved files
  - To catch up on conversations you are a part of, click the **threads** option at the top of the menu bar
  - Important content such as the Daily Schedule is **pinned** to the channel
  - Important files such as our classroom Google drive and the weekly schedule are held in the modal for **2021c**

Tips for Slack

- Giphy and emojis
  - Using emoji reactions helps the poster know that you have read the post
  - Plus it is fun!
  - Use the command **/giphy** and follow with a keyword to produce a set of giphys you can shuffle through