# CSC 3210 Computer Organization and Programming Assignment #1 Fall 2018

# due Friday, September 14th, 11:59 pm

**Learning Objectives:** Use Slack, YouTube, and Word processor applications to develop your soft skills—verbal and written communication, cooperation, decisions making, tasks identifications, planning, and scheduling, conflict resolution.

#### **Important Note: (read this carefully please)**

As you will find out, group work isn't always easy—team members sometimes cannot prepare for or attend group sessions because of other responsibilities, and conflicts often result from differing skill levels and work ethics. When teams work and communicate well, however, the benefits more than compensate for the difficulties. One way to improve the chances that a team will work well is to agree beforehand on what everyone on the team expects from everyone else. Reaching this understanding is the goal of the assignment.

#### **Team Policies:**

- Rotate the coordinator role for each assignment.
- You are all expected to cooperate.
- Do the required individual preparation.
- Agree on a common meeting time and what each member should have done before the meeting (readings, taking the first cut at some or all of the assigned work, etc.)
- A team coordinator:
  - o interfaces between the instructor and the team.
  - turning in the documents with the names on it of every team member who participated actively in completing it. Only the team coordinator is responsible for submitting the project assignment.
  - review returned assignments and make sure everyone understands why points were lost and how to correct errors.
  - o bringing team questions to the instructor coordinator
  - o receiving and returning the Raspberry PI
  - checks with other team members before the meeting to remind them of when they will meet and what they are supposed to do.
  - o with the help of the team members, identifying, assigning, and scheduling tasks to the team members
  - o monitoring and reporting the progress of the assigned tasks
  - o coordinator team members
- Consult with your instructor if a **conflict** arises that can't be worked through by the team.
  - Dealing with non-cooperative team members:
    - If a team member refuses to cooperate on an assignment, her/ his name should be included in the tasks table with "she/he did not do the or partially did the assigned task" on the note column and zero will be assigned for that assignment.
    - o If the problem persists, the team should meet with the instructor so that the problem can be resolved, if possible, otherwise, grade of zeroes will be assigned for the remaining assignments

#### TASKS:

Find your team at iCollege under the Assessments menu, Discussions, Class Project, Groups Formation. The instructor has assigned a team coordinator for every group. The team coordinator should contact the team members and discuss when and where to meet to discuss the following tasks. The coordinator role will be rotated for each assignment.

# 1) (18p) Planning and Scheduling:

- (4p) Choose a name for the team
- (14p) Create a table and have every member's name, assigned task or tasks, etc. Ex.:

#### Work Breakdown Structure

Assignee Name	Email	Task	Duration (hours)	Dependency	Due date	Note
Awad Mussa	amussa@gsu.edu	Technical writing (getting the report ready) as described in the assignment	5 hours	Slack, GitHub, and the video (these have to be done first)	02/22/18	Must be ready 30 hours before the due date
James Siemen (coordinator)	exmple@gsu.edu	Creating the slack account as described in the assignment	2 hours	none	02/19/18	Please send everybody the link and ask them to login and write their member introduction: name, interest, expectation from this project
Michael Jorden	exmple@gsu.edu	Did not do the assigned task	Did not do the assigned task	Did not do the assigned task	Did not do the assigned task	Brian and Mike did it.

#### 2) (10p) Collaboration:

#### Slack:

- (3p) Create Slack account and name it using the group name chosen above. Basic introduction to Slack can be found here:
  - o https://get.slack.help/hc/en-us/articles/115004056967
  - https://get.slack.help/hc/en---us/articles/218080037-Getting-startedfor-new-members
- (3p) Send the invitation to the team members. Every team member must write a message with: member introduction: name, interest, assigned task/s, expectation, from this project
- (3p) Take screenshot of the main screen (shows members messages "member introduction: name, interest, expectation from this project") in include it in your report.
- (1p) Include the link to this slack with your report.

## 3) (29p) Presentation (verbal communication):

- Video:
  - (14p) What to do: (Every team member must participate in this video)
    - (2p) Introduce yourself.
    - (2p) Identify your task for this assignment.
    - (3p) What have you learned from this assignment (2-3 key things)?
    - (4p) How will you apply what you learned in your next assignment, academic life (future classes), and in the future (job)?
    - (3p) What was the best/most challenging/worst experience you encountered?

- (15p) <u>How to do it</u>:
  - (5p) Use your smart phone camera. Make sure the voice and picture are clear.
  - (5p) Create a channel at YouTube and name it as your group name
    - Once ready, upload the video to your channel.

## Note:

Basic introduction to How To Make A YouTube Channel and Upload a video can be found here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b38ef8n1p4U

- Use this channel for uploading future videos.
- (4p) This video must be 3-8 minutes. You will lose points if it is more than 8m.
- (1p) Include the link to this channel with your report.
- 4) (56p) Report (written communication):
  - (5p) A title page (first page) has:
    - (2p) project title: Developing Soft and Parallel Programming Skills Using Project-Based Learning,
    - (3p) semester (Fall-2018), group name, group members' names,
  - (6p) Text format should be:
    - (3p) Font size 12, Font type is times new roman, single space between lines.
    - (1p) All paragraphs must Text Justified.
    - (2p) Pages are numbered
  - (3p) Report sections:
    - Planning and Scheduling: have Task 1 here
    - Teamwork basics: have Read the TEAMWORK BASICS here
    - Appendix: have the links (slack and video links and screenshot) here
  - (37p) Read the TEAMWORK BASICS and answer the following as a group:
    - (5p) What to do to get the task accomplished *and* the team members' satisfaction high?
    - (18p) Answer all the questions in the Work Norms, Facilitator Norms, Communication Norms using your own words and your own context.
    - (4p) As a team, select two cases out of the four mentioned in Handling Difficult Behavior. (use your own words and your own context)
    - (4p) When making decisions, If the team is having trouble reaching consensus, what should you do? (use your own words and your own context)
    - (3p) What should you do if person may reach a decision more quickly than others and pressure people to move on before it is a good idea to do so?
    - (3p) What happens if most people on the team want to get an "A" on the assignment, but another person decides that a "B" will be acceptable?

Note: TEAMWORK BASICS can be found in iCollege, week2, Project A1 folder.

- (2p) All text must be produced on a word processor and convert it to PDF format.
- (3p) You (the team coordinator for this assignment) will also print out a copy of the report and submit it in person to the instructor during the office hours: (the one after the submission due date)

#### **Note:**

You will submit the document electronically through iCollege as a PDF file:

- The file you submit should be named coordinatorName Groupname.pdf
- Only the team coordinator should submit the report
  - o Individuals will only get points if they are in a group that has been submitted.

Note: Projects support material can be found at iCollege, Assessments menu, Discussions, Class Project.