Computer Systems Organization Recitation

CSCI-UA 0201-007

R01: Introduction & Environment Setup

Many slides are based on John Westhoff's Fall 2019 CSO recitation

Logistics

Important things you should know

What is this recitation for?

- Help you better understand the course contents, including but not limited to:
  - Reinforce this week's lecture content
  - Review previous week's assessment
  - Some exercises meant to help with the labs/assessments
- Make us all suffer by making us stay at school late

Where we release course materials

- Course website
  - https://nyu-cso.github.io/
  - Recitation slides also on the course schedule page
- NYU Brightspace
  - Zoom recitation links/recording
- CampusWire
  - It's your responsibility to read Instructor's Note on Campuswire
  - You are encouraged to ask questions on Campuswire
- GitHub
  - All labs are released on GitHub
  - You will submit all labs on both GitHub and Gradescope
- Gradescope
  - Weekly mini-quiz on Gradescope

How to contact us

- Don’t be afraid to ask questions!
- If you have general questions about course contents or labs
  - Ask on Campuswire
  - Come to office hours
  - Register the in-person recitation

  If you want more personal question answering
- If you want to send us a private message
  - Email cso-staff mailing list at cso-staff@cs.nyu.edu

How are we going to proceed?

- For the first two weeks, we will focus on lab setups, usage of basic tools, etc.
  - Today we will cover lab setup related setups
  - Next recitation will cover programming tools
- From next week
  - We will review weekly assessment, reinforce some course contents, exercises to prepare for your labs
- Weekly assessments will be due Friday 9pm EST
  - Done on Gradescope, do it early
  - No late submission

Academic Integrity

- All work must be your own – do not copy or even look at assignments done by others
  - Don’t ask StackOverflow or Chegg for help - if you need it, ask us!
  - Don’t hire someone to do your work for you
- We reserve the right to use software plagiarism detection tools such as Moss
- It’s not worth the risk, just don’t cheat and make us sad
- More details: https://nyu-cso.github.io/policy.html

Getting Started

Important things you must do

Today’s Topics

- Log into snappy1
- Setting up your git repositories
- Basic Unix commands
- Program development
  - Editor (Sublime)
  - Version control (Git)

Today’s Goal

- By the end of today’s recitation, your should
  - Be able to log into snappy1
  - Have GitHub ready for you to submit work
    - An account
    - Lab-1 repository
    - Know how to submit assignments

Log into snappy1

- Follow https://nyu-cso.github.io/labs/ instructions
  - Separate instructions for Mac and Windows
- Forget password?
  - https://cims.nyu.edu/webapps/password
- Demo

Attention: You MUST test your code on snappy1

- We recommend you to do your labs on snappy1 and test it before submission
- More tools are available for debugging (gdb etc.)
- Gradescope runs the same test script
  - In general, there should be no surprises
- If you choose to do your labs outside of snappy1, we will not provide any technical support should you encounter any OS-related issues in doing the labs

I’m in snappy1, now what?

Basic Commands

- Some useful commands to know:
  - man
  - ls, cd, pwd, mkdir
  - cp, mv, rm
  - echo, cat
  - wc
  - grep
  - ctrl-c,ctrl-d, ctrl-z, fg, bg
  - |, >, <, >>
  - apt install/search
  - history, ctrl-r

Basic Commands

- Whenever you want to find out how to do something using command line, ask Google first
- Here are some useful links:
  - A one-pager: https://nyu-cso.github.io/labs/linux_cheat_sheet
  - A more descriptive source: https://github.com/jlevy/the-art-of-command-line

Editor

- You need a good editor to code with for productivity
- Popular editors used by programmers:
  - vim
  - emacs
  - vscode
  - sublime
- We recommend you use nano
  - Unfortunately, vscode and sublime are not installed on snappy1
  - No self-respecting programmers use nano, but you can get by with nano in CSO

Setup GitHub/lab1 repo

- Create a GitHub account if you don’t have one
- We have created for you a corresponding private lab repository on Github.com
- Enroll yourself in the GitHub classroom
  - Create your lab-1 repository by following the link posted on Campuswire
    - Select your NYU NetID
      - Very important!
    - Don’t select someone else’s NetID!
- If you cannot find your NetID, let me know!

Git Overview

- Distributed version control system
- What is version control?
  - Manages *changes* to documents, source files and other collections of information
- Why is version control indispensable?
  - History tracking: track code changes
  - Roll back to older version
  - Collaborate with others (*collaborative history tracking*)
- We are going to use the popular "Git" as our version control system

You need to config git first!

- git config --global user.email “<Your Email>”
- git config --global user.name “<Your Name>”
- You can issue “git config --list” to check your configuration
- Here, the <Your Email> should be the one associated with your GitHub account

A list of git commands you need

- git clone
- git status
- git remote
- git add <file name>
- git commit -m <commit messages>
- git push origin master
- git pull upstream master

Git Overview

- GitHub:
  - provides hosting for software development and version control using Git.

Clone your lab repo locally

- In command line, type:
  - mkdir cso-labs
  - cd cso-labs
  - git clone git@github.com:nyu-cso-fa21/clab-part1-<YourGithubUsername>.git clab-part1
    - If you copy the above command to command line, don't let the line break
    - Replace <Your GitHub Username> (including the angle brackets) with your GitHub username.
  - cd clab-part1

Git Setup

The remote copy is stored in some efficient format

A closer look at your repository stored on snappy1

Local repository stored on snappy1

How to interact with Git

- git add hello_world.c
  - Tell git to track changes to hello_world.c
- git commit
  - Store tracked file to .git
- git push origin master
  - Submit commits to your remote repository

Github.com

For each new assignment

- Create lab repo on GitHub (click link, select yourself)
- Clone your lab repo to snappy1
  - cd cso-labs
  - git clone git@github.com:nyu-cso-fa21/clab-part1-<YourGithubUsername>.git clab-part1
  - Tell git to track changes
  - git add filenames
- Commit your changes
  - git commit -m “commit messages”
- Push to your remote repository (on GitHub)
  - git push origin master

Git commit

- When you issue “git commit”, you need to provide a message which is a short description of the changes you made
- You can use “-m” option to provide the commit message
  - E.g.: git commit -m “my first commit”
- If you don’t use “-m” option, a command line editor will pop up for you to edit the commit message
  - By default, nano

How to get out of Nano Editor

- The default editor is called Nano

- To add a commit message from nano
  - First type in some commit message
  - Hit Ctrl+O to save your commit message (^ means Ctrl)
  - Hit Ctrl+X to exit

Double check with “git status”

- Sometimes, you might forget to do some (or all) of
  - git add, git commit, git push
- It’s always good to check the status of your repository
- git status tells you
  - What files are going to commit
  - What files are not tracked
  - Whether you forget to push commits to remote

Triple check with GitHub

- Still not sure/confident about whether assignment was submitted properly?
- Go to github.com, then go to your repo
- Manually check if every file contains the up-to-date information

Git is much powerful than that

- Our git introduction only covers a small part of Git
- Git tutorial:
  - https://www.atlassian.com/git/tutorials/what-is-versioncontrol
  - https://try.github.io/levels/1/challenges/1

All the git commands you need for CSO

- For beginners, it's super easy to mess up Git
- After setting lab repository, you ONLY need to use the following git commands:
  - git add filenames
  - git commit -m "commit message"
  - git push origin master
  - git clone your-lab-repo lab
  - git status

Warning: unless you know what you are doing, do not use any other git commands or git command flags

Ask the staff for help

- If you really cannot fix conflicts or other git problems, you should ask course staff for help
  - You need to email the staff or attend office hours
    - Online makes things harder..
  - You should start your lab earlier
- Don’t randomly issue commands to further mess things up

Things you should NEVER do

- Don’t use git add *, git add .
  - Instead, you should always specify the file names you want to commit
  - Please don’t add complied programs to git
- Don’t modify any file using GitHub website
  - Instead, you should always make changes locally on your laptop and then push commits to GitHub
  - Otherwise, there will be conflicts, which will lead to sadness