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CSEN1002 Compilers Lab, Spring Term 2022
Regulations

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In the sequel you will find some important information about how this class will run. It is very important that you read, and understand, this at least once :-) Please read carefully and ask the course staff about anything that you may find ambiguous.

1 Attendance

- You are expected to attend all sessions and to be present in the lab throughout the period of the session.

- *You have attended a session if you are in the lab no later than fifteen minutes from the start of the session as per your official schedule.* Only the sessions in your schedule count: While you are generally welcome to join other groups during their sessions, only being present during the sessions in your own schedule counts as attendance.

2 Session Structure

- Each session starts by some introductory remarks or directions by the tutor.

- During the rest of the session you will mostly be working on a programming task.

- Part of your time will be dedicated to the tutor's evaluating your work on a programming task assigned a week before. (Thus, there are no evaluations during the first week.)

- The tutor will start the evaluations with the student sitting in the leftmost seat of the front row (from the tutor's perspective, with their back to the board) and proceed in snake-like fashion.

- It may happen that your work will be evaluated immediately following the introductory remarks. Hence, we advise you to make sure that your work is complete before the start of the session.

3 Tasks

- All tasks are programming tasks and are to be completed *individually* using Java.

- When asked to implement a certain functionality, you should implement it yourself; using library classes/funcions implementing said functionality is not equivalent to implementing it yourself. This is how we understand the notion of individual work.

- There will be around ten sessions during the semester, with one task per session; hence, there will be around ten tasks.

- The tasks are divided into four groups. Groups 1 and 4 are each made up of three tasks. Only your best two grades in each of these two groups shall be considered. Each task of the four taken into consideration is worth 15% of the course grade. Groups 2 and 3 are each made up of two tasks, each worth 10% of the course grade.

- The task for week n will be announced to everybody at least one day before the first session of week n; it will be evaluated during the respective session of week $n + 1$.

  - We are aware that this setup will result in some people's having more time to work on tasks than others. There is no way around this. But note that groups which will take advantage of this situation before the midterm exams will probably be in the less advantaged position thereafter.

- During a session, the tutor will evaluate your work based on test cases. In general, tutors will not inspect your code and you should, hence, thoroughly test your work before evaluation time.

- You will be informed of your mark out of ten immediately after the evaluation.

- You are also required to submit your work online by the end of each week for random or systematic plagiarism checks. Directions for online submission will typically be indicated in task descriptions.

- We take plagiarism very seriously. The first incident of plagiarism will be penalized by getting a zero in the respective task; later incidents will be penalized by *getting zeros in the respective task and all earlier tasks*.

- We understand "plagiarism" to cover the following sense (provided by the University of Oxford: https://www.ox.ac.uk/students/academic/guidance/skills/plagiarism)

  > Plagiarism is presenting someone else's work or ideas as your own, with or without their consent, by incorporating it into your work without full acknowledgement. All published and unpublished material, whether in manuscript, printed or electronic form, is covered under this definition. Plagiarism may be intentional or reckless, or unintentional.

  In addition, however, even proper acknowledgment of the use of somebody else's code still counts as plagiarism since it violates our understanding of the notion of individual work.

4   Advice

We advice you to finish all your work during the lab session (which is indeed possible) and save your time outside the lab to other classes.