



# Y2 computing: demonstrators meeting

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# Lab session schedule

Contact hours: 40

- ❖ The lab will run in weeks **3–10** (**8** weeks in total).
- ❖ We expect **220** students, divided into **5** groups of **41–45** students.
- ❖ In total, **40 sessions** in **Poynting P6**, each session is **2h** long:
  - ✓ C4: Monday at 14.00–16.00;
  - ✓ C5: Monday at 16.00–18.00;
  - ✓ C2: Tuesday at 10.00–12.00;
  - ✓ C1: Wednesday at 9.00–11.00;
  - ✓ C3: Friday at 11.00–13.00.
- ❖ First session: **Mon 11 October**. Final session: **Fri 3 December**.
- ❖ The five slots are also booked in week **2**, could be used for testing.
- ❖ Each demonstrator should cover **20** sessions (**=40** contact hours), which is **2.5** sessions per week on average.
- ❖ In each session, Head of Class + **5.5** demonstrators (on average).
- ❖ **Please let me know** which sessions you **cannot** cover, and of any preferences, by **Fri 24 September**.
- ❖ First version of the rota: **Wed 29 Sep**; final version: **Wed 6 Oct**.

# Outside the lab sessions

Non-contact hours: 12

- ❖ **Before week 3, new demonstrators:** please study the Canvas page. If needed, install **Anaconda** following instructions on Canvas, and familiarise yourselves with the basics of **Jupyter notebooks**.
- ❖ The students will complete **three consecutive assignments**, each contained in a separate Jupyter notebook:
  - ✓ assignment 1: weeks **3–4**;
  - ✓ assignment 2: weeks **5–7**;
  - ✓ assignment 3: weeks **8–10**.
- ❖ **Assignments for the students** will be published on Canvas on the day of their lab session in **weeks 3,5,8**.
- ❖ **Demo assignments** will be emailed to you at least a week in advance. They contain an additional section at the bottom to check the marks. Try to **solve them** (using **studentID=0**) before relevant lab sessions. **Do not distribute** the assignments. Please let me know of any bugs.
- ❖ Marks generated automatically by the marking script will need **to be checked by you** within **2–3** days.

# High priority issues

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## Providing a good lab experience to the students

- ❖ Each session is led by the Head of Class.
- ❖ Please be very visible, walk around the lab, and engage with students even if not being asked a question.
- ❖ Please *do not to bring your own work or laptop*, and *do not to engage with your smartphone* in the lab.
- ❖ In case of too much work pressure: you can swap lab sessions.

## Assessment & feedback: marking must be completed on time

- ❖ Monday–Wednesday groups (~20 scripts/demonstrator):
  - ✓ marking script outputs emailed to you on Sundays of weeks 4,7,10;
  - ✓ feedback expected by Wednesdays of weeks 5,8,11.
- ❖ The Friday group (~15 scripts/demonstrator):
  - ✓ marking script outputs emailed to you on Wednesdays of weeks 5,8,11.
  - ✓ feedback expected by Fridays of weeks 5,8,11.
- ❖ Any preferences? – please contact me.