

# Introductions

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# Eduardo Feo-Flushing

- Built his biggest software hit in high school: a desktop app that “predicted” lottery numbers (spoiler: it just printed `random()`), but it sold surprisingly well.
- Heavy open source user
- Research focuses on deploying robotic systems in real-world environments.



# Stephen Walli

- Open Source Ecosystem Team in the Azure Office of the CTO, Microsoft
- Adjunct Faculty at Johns Hopkins and CMU (Pittsburgh)
- Worked across the industry over 44+ years from customer to vendor, startups (my own) to large orgs like Microsoft & HP, nonprofits & consulting.
- I've built standards (IEEE, ISO) and worked in open source collaborations (Linux Foundation, Eclipse Foundation) for 35 years



# Austin Henley

- Research on AI+developer tools
- AI researcher at Microsoft during the ChatGPT craze
- Spent 99 days at a startup
- Made video games during college



# Nour Ali

- Graduated from CMUQ, Class of 2023
- Majored in Computational Biology,  
Minored in Cognitive Neuroscience
- I run the annual [LifeLines](#) Hackathon -  
Software that Saves Lives



**LifeLines**  
*Software that saves lives*



# Course outline

# Join our Slack channel



[bit.ly/cmu-applied-seng-slack](https://bit.ly/cmu-applied-seng-slack)

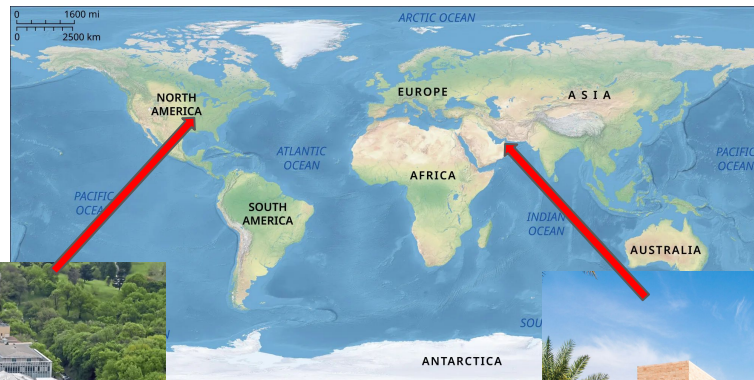
# Please introduce yourself!

Write a message on Slack (**#social**) to introduce yourself by answering these 5 questions:

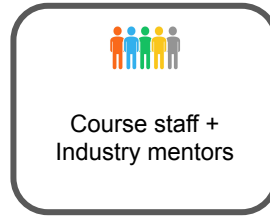
- Name
- Location
- Major
- One software project you've contributed to (class, internship, open source, personal, ... anything!)
- What's a fun fact about you that's not on your resume?







18 Students



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7 Teams

# Learning Goals

Gain hands-on experience working on a real software project for real users, in a fully remote setting, no simulations, just real-world collaboration across time zones.

Learn how software is actually built in the industry, navigating messy requirements, distributed teams, and real constraints, while applying professional development practices.

Understand why software engineering practices matter by facing the unique challenges of remote collaboration and making real trade-offs in a globally distributed team.

Critically evaluate and contribute to key aspects of remote software projects, including planning, communication, **teamwork**, quality, and evolving requirements.

Build essential **communication skills** for the remote workplace, clearly explaining your work, process, and decisions to teammates, mentors, and stakeholders across geographic and cultural boundaries.

# Grading

Your course grade will be determined approximately as follows:

- 50% Participation
  - Includes attendance, presentations, team surveys, and individual journals.
  - Occasional misses won't impact full credit.
- 50% Process
  - Based on 360 team reviews and mentor feedback.
  - You will propose a final letter grade, discussed and finalized with course staff.
  - Mid-semester checkpoint for early feedback.

# Course Outline

The course will consist of the following components:

- Remote sessions:
  - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
  - 8 - 9:20 AM (Pittsburgh)
  - 3 - 4:20 PM (Qatar)
  - These will be a mix of lectures, activities, and student presentations.
- Meetings
  - We expect you to meet with your project mentor 60 min a week as a minimum (if they want to meet more, that is ok)
  - Each team will also meet with the course staff for one meeting of ~15 min a week

# Course Mechanics

- Most of the communication will happen via Slack
  - Join here: [bit.ly/cmu-applied-seng-slack](https://bit.ly/cmu-applied-seng-slack)



- We will use our course website to distribute the material (coming soon)



# Projects

# Eclipse Foundation Projects

## The Community for Open Collaboration and Innovation

The Eclipse Foundation provides our global community of individuals and organisations with a business-friendly environment for open source software collaboration and innovation. We host the Eclipse IDE, Adoptium, Software Defined Vehicle, Jakarta EE, and over 410+ open source projects, Headquartered in Brussels, Belgium, the Eclipse Foundation is an international non-profit association supported by over 360 members.



# Eclipse Foundation Project Proposals



The Eclipse Foundation supports widely used and popular open source infrastructure. They have a series of projects they are mentoring this summer. More info at the link below

- Build zero-copy UTransport for uProtocol
- Improve EE4J build infrastructure and stress test environment
- Enhancing Adoptium Temurin Software Supply Chain Security
- Adoptium PerfSavvy - Smart Adaptive Performance Testing Framework

[Project Proposals Document](#) for more details



# Apache Lucene Projects

**The Apache Software Foundation is at the heart of the open source community for a quarter century**

The Apache Lucene™ project develops open-source search software. Lucene Core is a Java library providing powerful indexing and search features, as well as spell checking, hit highlighting, and advanced analysis/tokenization capabilities. The PyLucene sub project provides Python bindings for Lucene Core.



# Apache Lucene Proposals



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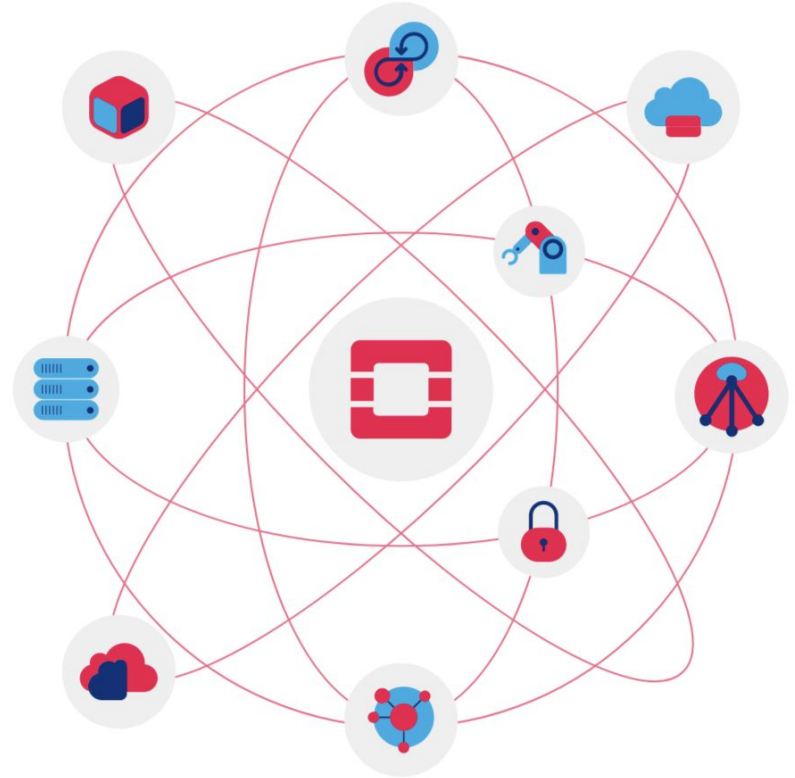
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# OpenStack Projects

# The Most Widely Deployed Open Source Cloud Software in the World

Deployed by thousands including Bloomberg and CERN.  
Proven production at scale. OpenStack is a set of software components that provide common services for cloud infrastructure.

OpenStack is developed by the community for the community.





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# OpenStack Project Proposals

OpenStack creates cloud computing infrastructure. They have a series of projects they are willing to support. More info at the link below

- OpenStack Resource Controller (ORC) – This project has it all: Go-lang, Kubernetes, OpenStack, end-to-end testing, and API work

[Project Proposal Document](#) for more details

# What These Open Source Projects Provide

- These projects are resume builders – your project work goes on your resume
- The mentors are industry employees (e.g., Red Hat, IBM, Microsoft) – you are working in the industry
- These projects are all open source licensed – your work is visible
- OpenStack is big in the telecommunications industry
- Eclipse Foundation projects are well known and well respected across the industry
- Apache Lucene is at the heart of industry search (including elasticsearch)
- Required skills are generally git, bash, Linux – you will learn the rest on the project

# Action Items

- Join Slack!
- Read the [Project Proposals Document](#)
- Complete the project interest form by tomorrow
  - We will share it on Slack later today