

Instructions for Using Gradiance

For the written assignments this quarter, we will be making use of the automated services provided by the company Gradiance¹. Gradiance offers a collection of questions about the material covered in a compilers course. On at least some of the written assignments, you will be asked to answer questions on-line at the Gradiance web site.

1 Setup Instructions

You can access the Gradiance services at the following URL:

<http://www.gradiance.com/services>

To use the services, you will first need to create an account. In order to simplify the administrative process, when you create your account, please use your Leland username as the User ID, if possible. We also request that the name you enter on Gradiance be the same as the name the registrar lists on the class roster.

After you have created an account, you can sign up for CS143. You will need a class token to sign up. The class token you should enter is:

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Once you have signed up for CS143, you can access the CS143 page on Gradiance by following the link from the home page that you reach when you log in to Gradiance. The written assignments will be assigned as homeworks on Gradiance, and can be accessed by following the Homeworks link on the CS143 page on Gradiance.

2 Assignment Format

The homework assignments on Gradiance consist of multiple-choice questions. After you have answered the questions on an assignment, you submit the assignment, and will be given feedback on your answers.

If you do not answer all of the questions correctly, you will have an opportunity to repeat the assignment. The entire assignment must be completed again, however, as the system always presents all of the questions, regardless of which questions were answered incorrectly on the first attempt. As such, when you repeat an assignment, you must answer the questions you answered correctly again.

Each time you work on an assignment, the system uses randomization to generate the list of questions and possible answers to present to you. For this reason, a particular assignment may look different on each repetition.

You can submit an assignment an unlimited number of times. For the purposes of grading, we will only consider the most recent submission.

Note that because assignments on Gradiance cannot be submitted after their due dates, the due date listed on Gradiance for an assignment will be the latest possible date the assignment will be accepted with the late penalty. That is, the due date on Gradiance will be three days after the original due date, which is 5:00 PM on the date listed on the syllabus.

¹<http://www.gradiance.com>