CCCS: Spring 2016 Agenda

Computer Science Club (January 20, 2016)

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1 PIZZA

As Ryan would have it \dots

2 Introductions

Welcome to the Computer Science club kickoff meet. There's one every semester and the idea is to have an informal first meeting to orient everyone towards the club's plans for the semester. This is especially important for new students.

2.1 Google Group

The CS department has a Google Group that is used as our mailing list. In particular, it is used for department-wide announcments that include events and employment opportunities. If you aren't in the group currently, please fill out the form being passed around with your email.

2.2 Calendar

There's a calendar of events that you can access through the frontpage at http://bit.ly/yliow0.

2.3 Icebreaker

Let's go around and have everyone introduce themselves. Include some interesting facts about yourself.

3 Computer Science Club Meetings

3.1 Computer Science Help

We meet everyday from 3 to 5 pm in one of the Buchanan labs. There are seniors and Dr. Liow in attendance who will help you with anything CS related. The exact room schedule is posted on the calendar, but we are in BUH104 on mondays, wednesdays and fridays and in BUH107 on tuesdays and thursdays. There are a couple of days where both those rooms were occupied for something else and we will be in some other BUH room for those days. Just look around the Buchanan rooms between 3 to 5 pm and you will find us in one of them.

3.2 Weekly Meetings

The club will have weekly meetings every friday from 3 to 5 pm in BUH104. Apart from the regular club things you can expect of a typical college club, you can expect to learn valuable information through events such as:

- workshops on various tools that a programmer should be aware of
- talks on career planning, searching for internships and jobs, interview preparation and so on
- forums on various special interest topics such as game development, artificial intelligence etc.
- Occasional presentations from students who want to show off their work.

We will typically ask for volunteers to produce content for and/or run the next meeting during a meeting and decide among the options. Everyone's welcome to chip in. We would love for you to get involved and produce some content for a meeting, or even take charge of some meetings altogether.

3.3 Other events

We will also have other fun, social events outside of the regular weekly meetings described above. There are ideas flying around that include but aren't limited to the following:

• Movie nights

- Game days
- Hackathons
- Fun(d) raising events

Any other ideas are welcome. We also need volunteers to help us organize these events. If you fancy any of these, or if you have a different event you would like to lead the club into, get in touch with one of the club officers.

4 Linux Workshop

Next Friday, Ujjwal will be running a Linux Workshop during the CS club meeting, i.e., 3 to 5 pm in BUH104. We will cover basic Linux commands and demonstrate a workflow to write C++ programs that makes working on Dr. Liow's assignments much more fun than working in Visual Studio does. This is recommended for any CISS245 and above student who doesn't yet know of Linux. Interested students from lower classes are nonetheless very welcome.

There will be further Linux workshops covering other workflows and more advanced topics later on.

5 MidwayUSA visit

Columbia College has a strong track record with the local companies of note. One of the big local companies, MidwayUSA, has a large number of our graduates working for them. They have invited us to tour their company. We will visit them sometime during February. The exact date is not set in stone but we will let you know of further details through the CS Google Group.

6 CS T-Shirt

As a tradition, we order t-shirts associated with the club every year. We offer a very good deal. The price will be around 12 \$ for a short-sleeved t-shirt based on previous years. The proceeds from the sale are used to fund club meetings. This year we will be using a new design that ties the t-shirt with the club even stronger. More details will follow. We would like to have a rough headcount, so please note in the form being passed around if you are interested in buying a CS t-shirt.