

# COMP 360 — Homework 1

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## 1 Introduction

Complete the following tasks, then answer the questions below. Submit your answers on Moodle.

## 2 Tasks

1. Read the class syllabus.
2. Download (or buy) the required textbook.
3. Read all of chapter 1 of the textbook.
4. Ensure that you have an appropriate development environment for working on programming assignments. Concretely, this means that at least one of the following is true:
  - (a) You use Linux (such as Ubuntu, Debian, or Fedora) as the main operating system on your personal computer.
  - (b) You have installed a virtual machine hypervisor (such as Virtual-Box) on your personal computer, and have a working Linux virtual machine.
  - (c) You have decided to develop your programming assignments on another computer, such as one in a computer lab, that runs Linux.
  - (d) You have decided to develop your programming assignments on a computer running a non-Linux operating system, even though you understand that your programs will be evaluated on the basis of their performance on a Linux operating system.

## 3 Questions

1. Have you completed all of the above tasks?
2. What do you hope to learn in this class?

3. What kinds of distributed systems have you personally used?
4. What kinds of distributed systems interest you?
5. Based on your reading of the textbook chapter, write at least one question that you have about the material.
6. Will late assignments be accepted in this class?
7. What should you do if you have questions or need help with the course material?
8. What should you do if a student asks to see your programming assignment or homework?
9. What should you do if said student *really* wants to see your programming assignment or homework, like, just for a minute?