CS107, Lecture 1
Welcome to CS107!

reading:

Course Syllabus

Bryant & O'Hallaron, Ch. 1 (skim)

Honor Code and Collaboration Page

Plan For Today

- Introduction
- CS107 Course Policies
- Break Time
- Unix and the Command Line
- Getting Started With C

Asking Questions

- Feel free to raise your hand at any time with a question

- If you are more comfortable, you can post a question in the Ed forum thread for each day's lecture (optionally anonymously)

- We will monitor the thread throughout the lecture for questions

Visit Ed (or access via Canvas):
https://edstem.org/us/courses/14319/discussion/618730

Today's thread:
https://edstem.org/us/courses/14319/discussion/627678

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Guiding Principles For In-Person Class

- We are each starting the 2021-22 academic year in unique circumstances
- We are likely not fully recovered or restored from the stresses of the past 18 months and now facing new uncertainties, responsibilities, and emotions.
- We will do everything we can to support you. We have designed the course to the best of our ability to provide flexibility.
- We will constantly evaluate and listen to ensure the class is going as smoothly as possible for everyone.
- Please communicate with us if any personal circumstances or issues arise! We are here to support you.

Guiding Principles For In-Person Class

- Stanford University is mandating the use of masks indoors for everyone, regardless of vaccination status.

- Whenever we spend time together indoors - in lecture, helper hours, labs and exams - we are each required to wear a mask.

- Some of us have health conditions precluding our ability to wear masks. Students in this situation should work with the **Office of Accessible Education**.

- Some of us might feel more comfortable social distancing even when not required, for example, during small-group work in lecture or lab and while masked. All of our preferences are reasonable, and it is important that we treat each others' preferences with respect and care.

What is CS107?

The CS106 series:

- Taught you how to solve problems as a programmer
- Many times, CS106 instructors had to say, "just don't worry about that," or "it probably doesn't make sense why that happens, but ignore it for now"

CS107 finally takes you **behind the scenes**:

- Not quite down to hardware or physics/electromagnetism (that's for later…)
- It's how things work **inside C++/Python/Java**, and how your programs map onto the components of computer systems
- Not only does it just feel good to know how these work, it can also inform projects you work on in the future.

What do you hope to achieve this quarter in CS107?

What is CS107?

Computer Organization and Systems

- How languages like C++ and Java **represent data** under the hood
- How programming structures are encoded in **bits and bytes**
- How to efficiently **manipulate and manage memory**
- How computers **compile** programs
- Uses the **C** programming language
- Programming **style** and software development practices

CS107 and Programming Experience

- We hope that CS107 can help further develop your programming experience and comfort with programming.

- CS107 focuses heavily on **debugging** and getting to the root of why something is happening.

- Across assignments, we will be emphasizing how to become a better debugger, how to write better code, and how to further your programming skills.

CS107 Learning Goals

The goals for CS107 are for students to gain **mastery** of

- writing C programs with complex use of memory and pointers
- an accurate model of the address space and compile/runtime behavior of C programs

to achieve **competence** in

- translating C to/from assembly
- writing programs that respect the limitations of computer arithmetic
- identifying bottlenecks and improving runtime performance
- working effectively in a Unix development environment
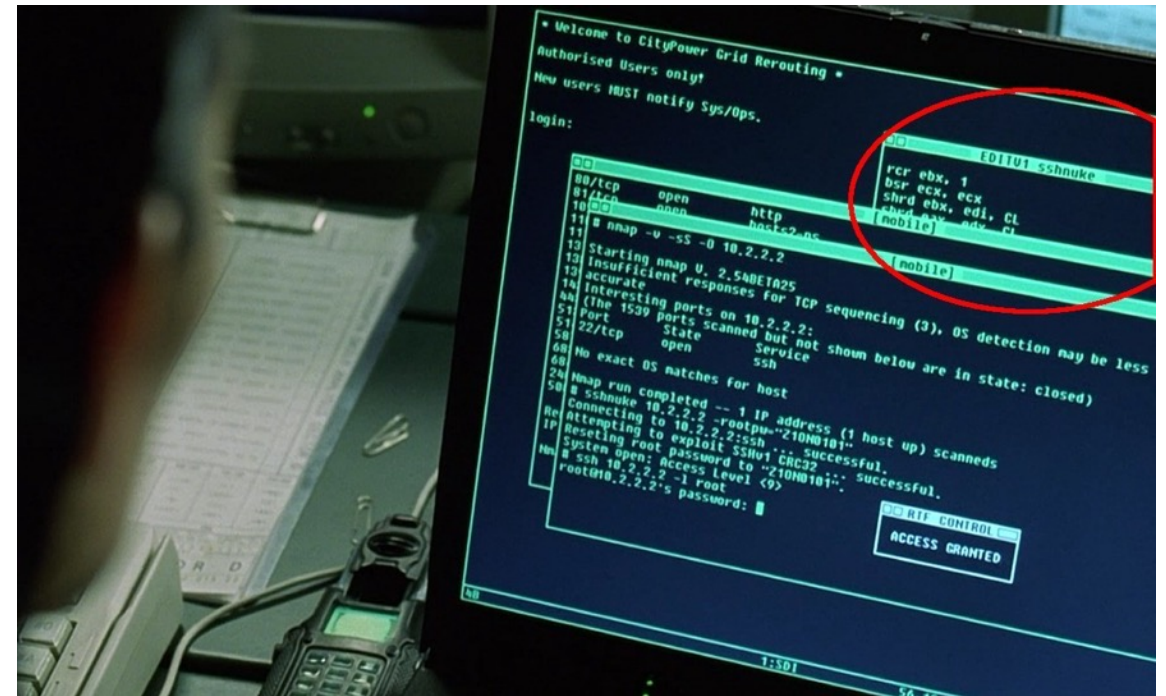
and have **exposure** to

- a working understanding of the basics of computer architecture

(also learn to identify legitimate programmer scenes in old movies)
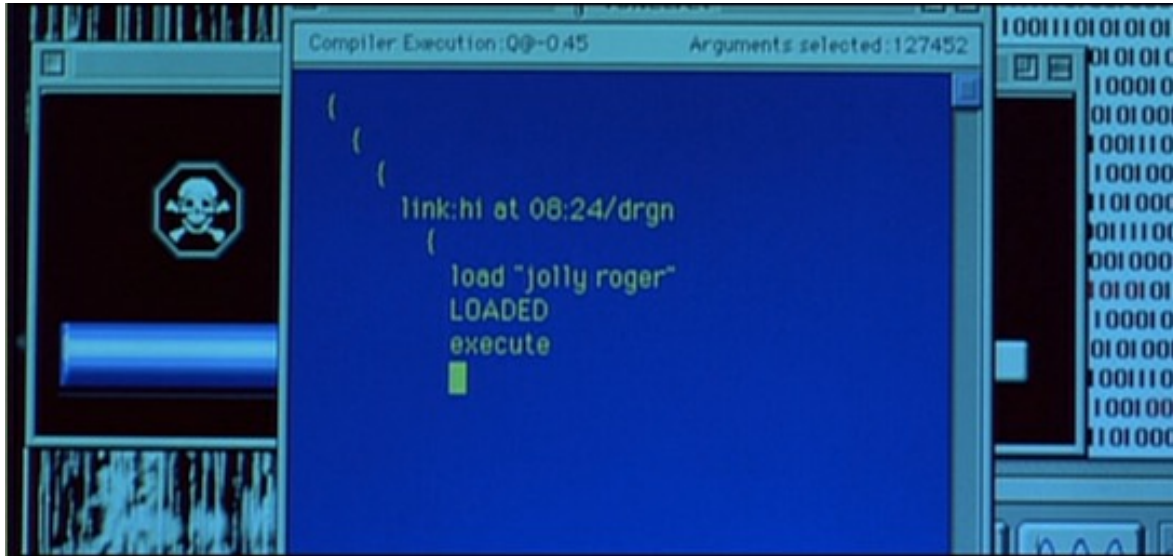
Jeff Goldblum's character saving the world by uploading a virus to the alien mothership
Independence Day, 1996

Trinity saving the world by hacking into the power grid using Nmap Network Scanning
The Matrix Reloaded, 2003

Course Overview

1. **Bits and Bytes -** *How can a computer represent integer numbers?*

2. **Chars and C-Strings -** *How can a computer represent and manipulate more complex data like text?*

3. **Pointers, Stack and Heap –** *How can we effectively manage all types of memory in our programs?*

4. **Generics -** *How can we use our knowledge of memory and data representation to write code that works with any data type?*

5. **Assembly -** *How does a computer interpret and execute C programs?*

6. **Heap Allocators -** *How do core memory-allocation operations like malloc and free work?*

A Wonderful Community ❤️

This past weekend before class started, I participated in the Ironman 70.3 World Championship.

I love popcorn

My favorite movie is Legally Blonde!

I used to be a professional magician

i LOVE to bake and hope to open a shop one day

I love to play pickleball.

I'm really excited but scared for in-person classes!

I learned how to cut my own hair 3 years ago :) This helped a lot during pandemic, and saved a lot of money and time in my life.

It was a good summer break - I wrote a poem on my Dad yesterday which he really appreciated!

I sing/play guitar!

*Quotes taken from CS107 welcome survey
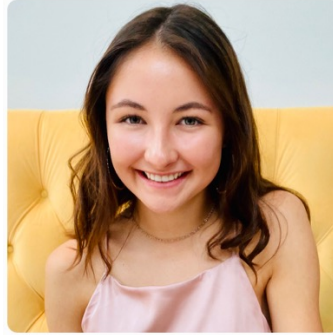
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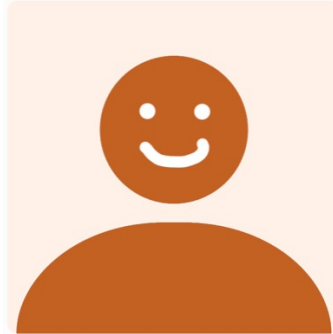Ofure Ebhomielen

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About Nick Troccoli (troccoli@stanford.edu):

- Stanford BS/MS (coterm) in CS

- Systems track undergrad, AI track grad

- Systems has played a key part in my discovery of CS. I hope it will for you too ☺

Companion Class: CS107A

- **CS107A** is an extra 1-unit "Pathfinders" or "ACE" section with additional course support, practice and instruction.

- Meets for an additional weekly section and has additional review sessions

- Entry by application – see the FAQ on the course website for details: cs107a.stanford.edu

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Course Website

cs107.stanford.edu

*lecture videos on Canvas

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# Course Syllabus and Schedule

cs107.stanford.edu/syllabus

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Textbook(s)

- *Computer Systems: A Programmer's Perspective* by Bryant & O'Hallaron, **3rd Edition**
  - **3rd edition matters** – important updates to content
  - Stanford Library has generously scanned **all** readings for CS107 under "fair use" (private study, scholarship, research). [**Canvas -> Files**]. Please do not distribute.
  - If you want more context, or if you plan to continue onto CS110, you may want to purchase a full copy
- A C programming reference of your choice
  - *The C Programming Language* by Kernighan and Ritchie (free link on course website Resources page)
  - Other C programming books, websites, or reference sheets
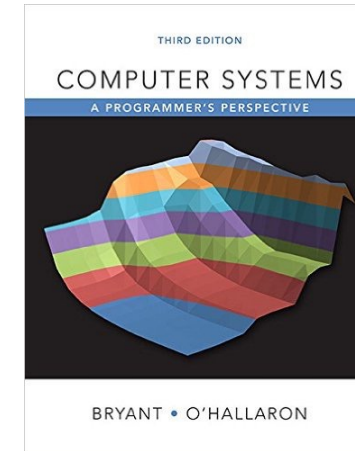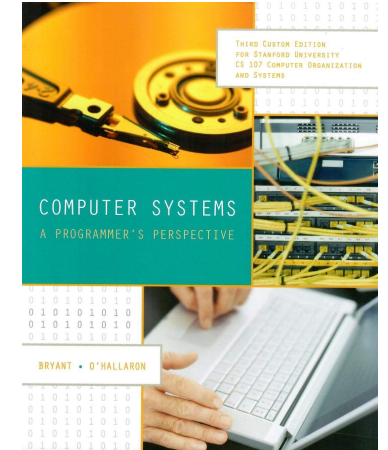
Full textbook   CS107 full chapters

CS107-specific readings

The textbook (and C programming references) are **very** good resources in this course, especially post-midterm!

Course Structure

- Lectures*: understand concepts, see demos
- Assignments: build programming skills, synthesize lecture/lab content
- Labs: learn tools, study code, discuss with peers ⬅ **Great preview of homework!**

	Monday	Tues-Thurs	Friday
Week N			Lecture: part A
Week N+1	Lecture: part B	Lab	

- **assign0**: out later today, due next Monday (covers today's lecture)

*Lectures are "flipped" (pre-recorded) on Canvas; live lecture is optional review and Q&A

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Lecture Check-in Quizzes

- Main lecture material is **pre-recorded** in short video "bytes" (get it?) and posted in advance of live lecture.

- Short "lecture check-in quizzes" after each ~1-2 videos, permitting 3 attempts, due by **30 minutes before** that live lecture.

- Each day's worth of lecture quizzes are weighted the same in aggregate.

- **Live in-person lecture** times are optional, and we instead review concepts further, answer questions, and do additional exercises.

- You can submit questions in advance of the live lectures or bring questions!
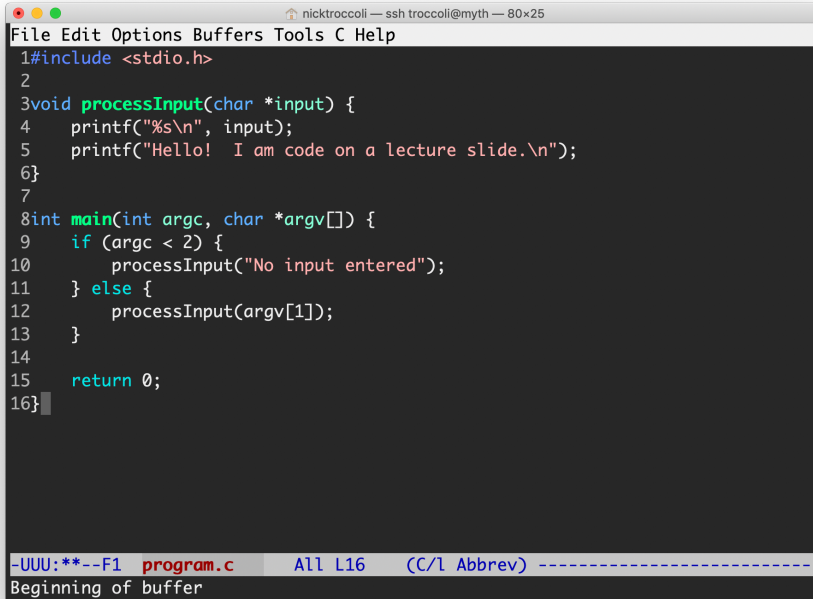
Question Break!

What questions do you have about the lecture structure, overall course goals, or textbook?

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Assignments

- 7 programming assignments completed individually using **Unix command line tools**
  - Free software, pre-installed on Myth machines / available on course website
  - We will give out starter projects for each assignment
- Graded on **functionality** (behavior) and **style** (elegance)
  - Functionality graded using *automated tools,* given as point score – no TA review
  - Style graded via *automated tests* and TA code review, given as bucket score
  - Grades returned via course website

```
File Edit Options Buffers Tools C Help
1#include <stdio.h>
2
3void processInput(char *input) {
4    printf("%s\n", input);
5    printf("Hello!  I am code on a lecture slide.\n");
6}
7
8int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
9    if (argc < 2) {
10       processInput("No input entered");
11   } else {
12       processInput(argv[1]);
13   }
14
15   return 0;
16}
```

The Style Bucket System

+	An outstanding job; could be used as course example code for good style.
ok	A good job; solid effort, but also opportunities for improvement.
-	Shows some effort and understanding but has larger problems that should be focused on.
- -	Shows many significant issues and does not represent passing work.
0	No work submitted, or barely any changes from the starter assignment.

Assignment Late Policy

- **Start out with 5 "free late days"**: each late day allows you to submit an assignment up to 24 additional hours late without penalty. (No late days permitted for the first or last assignments)

- **Hard deadline 48 hours** after original due date

- Penalty per day after late days are exhausted (1 day: 80% cap; 2 days: 60% cap)

- Late days are "pre-granted extensions" – additional extensions for exceptional circumstances must be approved by the **instructor**. Please communicate with us! We are here to accommodate you as much as possible.

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Lab Sections

- Weekly 1-hour 30-minute in-person labs led by a CA, starting *next* week, offered on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

- Hands-on practice in small groups with lecture material and course concepts.

- Graded on attendance + participation

- SCPD students complete lab work remotely (more info in SCPD Handout)

- Lab preference submissions open **Tuesday 9/21 at 5PM PST** and **are not first-come first-serve**. You may submit your preferences anytime until **Saturday 9/25 at 5PM PST**. Sign up on the course website.

Question Break!

What questions do you have about assignments and labs?

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Exams

- **Midterm exam** – Tuesday, October 26, 7-9PM outside of class
  - Contact the course staff by 5PM on Tuesday, October 19 if you have an academic or University conflict with this time, and absolutely cannot make the regularly scheduled midterm
- **Final exam** – Thursday, December 9th, 12:15PM-3:15PM
  - No alternate final! You **MUST** be able to take the final exam at the scheduled time (except for university athletics or OAE accommodations)

- Both exams are closed-book, closed-notes, but you may bring in 1 double-sided page of notes. You will also be provided with a syntax reference sheet.
- SCPD students have 24hr window during which to take the exams
- Exams are administered electronically

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Read our full course policies document:
https://cs107.stanford.edu/syllabus.html

Getting Help

- Post on the **Discussion Forum**
  - Online discussion forum for students; post questions, answer other students' questions
  - Best for course material discussions, course policy questions or general assignment questions (DON'T POST ASSIGNMENT CODE!)

- Visit **Helper Hours**
  - Chat about course topics or just hang out
  - Sign up in a queue for 1:1 TA help; schedule will be posted on course website tomorrow.
  - Considering mix of in-person and online helper hours – stay tuned
  - Best for **group work**, **coding/debugging questions (with TAs only!)** or **longer course material discussions**

- **Email** the Course Staff
  - cs107@cs.stanford.edu – please do not email CAs individually
  - Best for **private matters** (e.g. grading questions, OAE accommodations).

Stanford Honor Code

- The **Honor Code** is an undertaking of the students, individually and collectively:
  - that they will not give or receive aid in examinations; that they will not give or receive unpermitted aid in class work, in the preparation of reports, or in any other work that is to be used by the instructor as the basis of grading;
  - that they will do their share and take an active part in seeing to it that others as well as themselves uphold the spirit and letter of the Honor Code.

- The faculty on its part manifests its confidence in the honor of its students by refraining from proctoring examinations and from taking unusual and unreasonable precautions to prevent the forms of dishonesty mentioned above. The faculty will also avoid, as far as practicable, academic procedures that create temptations to violate the Honor Code.

- While the faculty alone has the right and obligation to set academic requirements, the students and faculty will work together to establish optimal conditions for honorable academic work.

  see also: http://honorcode.stanford.edu/

It is your responsibility to ensure you have read and are familiar with the honor code guidelines posted on the main page of the CS107 course website. Please read them and come talk to us if you have any questions or concerns.

Honor Code and CS107

- Please help us ensure academic integrity:
  - Indicate any assistance received on HW (books, friends, etc.).
  - Do not look at other people's solution code or answers
  - Do not give your solutions to others or post them on the web or our Ed forum.
  - Report any inappropriate activity you see performed by others.
- Assignments are checked regularly for similarity with help of software tools.
- If you need help, please contact us and we will help you.
  - We do not want you to feel any pressure to violate the Honor Code in order to succeed in this course.
  - If you realize that you have made a mistake, you may retract your submission to any assignment at any time, no questions asked.

https://cs107.stanford.edu/collaboration

OAE Accommodations

- Please email the course staff (cs107@cs.stanford.edu) as soon as possible with any accommodations you may need for the course.

- We are eager to do everything we can to support you and make you successful in CS107!

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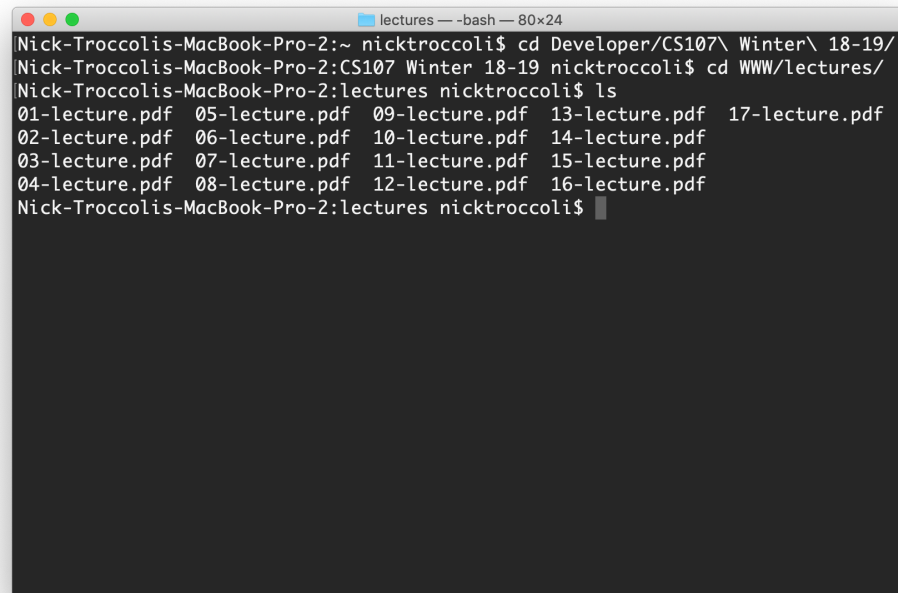What questions do you have about exams, course support, or the honor code?

Break Time

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What is Unix?

- **Unix:** a set of standards and tools commonly used in software development.
  - **macOS** and **Linux** are operating systems built on top of Unix
- You can navigate a Unix system using the **command line** ("terminal")
- Every Unix system works with the same tools and commands

What is the Command Line?

- The **command-line** is a text-based interface (i.e., **terminal** interface) to navigate a computer, instead of a Graphical User Interface (GUI).
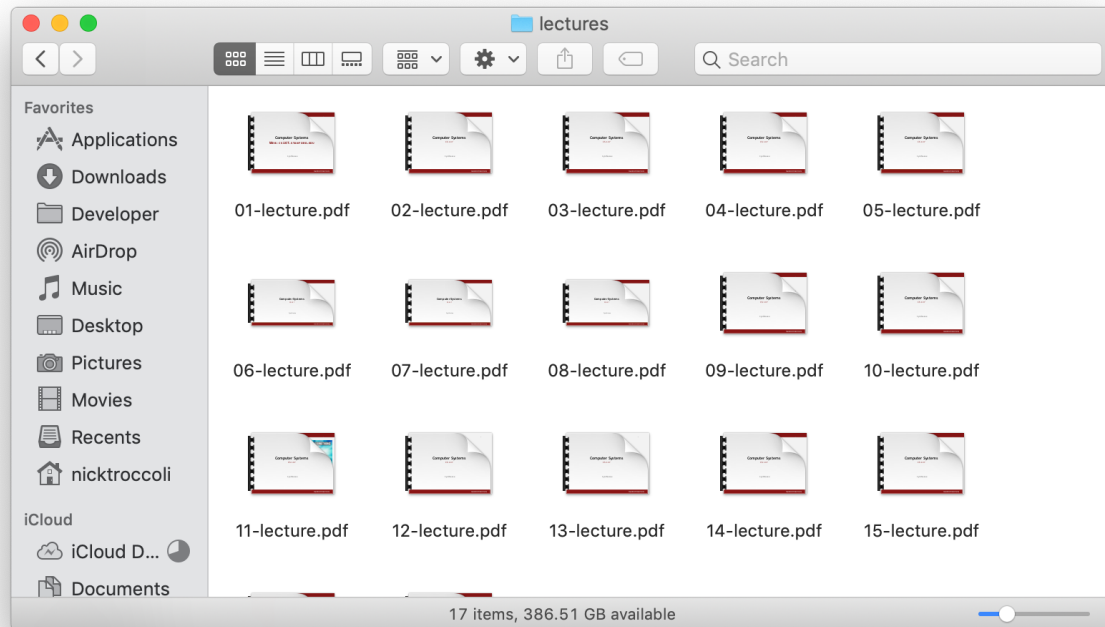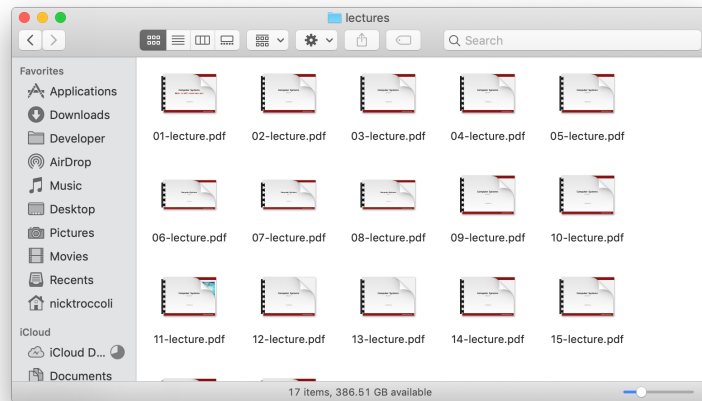

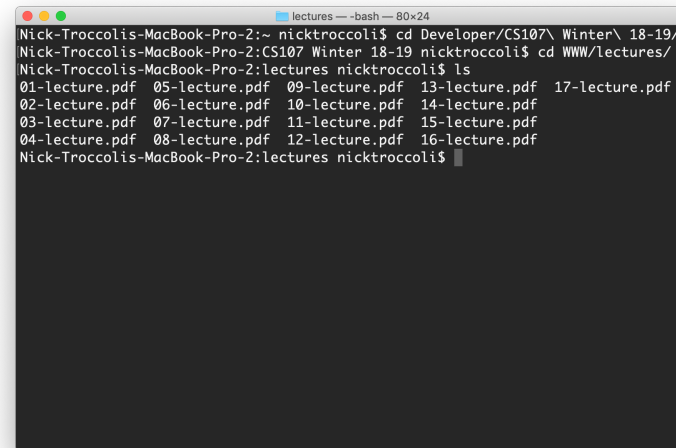Graphical User Interface

Text-based interface

Command Line Vs. GUI

Just like a GUI file explorer interface, a terminal interface:

- shows you a **specific place** on your computer at any given time.

- lets you go **into folders** and **out of folders**.

- lets you **create new** files and **edit** files.

- lets you **execute programs**.

Graphical User Interface

Command-line interface

Why Use Unix / the Command Line?

- You can navigate almost any device using the same tools and commands:
    - Servers
    - Laptops and desktops
    - Embedded devices (Raspberry Pi, etc.)
    - Mobile Devices (Android, etc.)

- Used frequently by software engineers:
    - **Web development**: running servers and web tools on servers
    - **Machine learning**: processing data on servers, running algorithms
    - **Systems**: writing operating systems, networking code and embedded software
    - **Mobile Development**: running tools, managing libraries
    - And more…

- We'll use Unix and the command line to implement and execute our programs.

Unix Commands To Try

- **cd** – change directories (..)
- **ls** – list directory contents
- **mkdir** – make directory
- **emacs** – open text editor
- **rm** – remove file or folder
- **man** – view manual pages

See the course website for more commands and a complete reference.

Demo: Using Unix and the Command Line

Get up and running with our guide:

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Learning Unix and the Command Line

- Using Unix and the command line can be intimidating at first:
    - It looks retro!
    - How do I know what to type?

- It's like learning a new language:
    - At first, you may have to constantly look things up (**resources** on course website!)
    - It's important to spend as much time as possible (during labs and assignments) building muscle memory with the tools

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The C Language

C was created around 1970 to make writing Unix and Unix tools easier.

- Part of the C/C++/Java family of languages (C++ and Java were created later)
- Design principles:
  - Small, simple abstractions of hardware
  - Minimalist aesthetic
  - Prioritizes efficiency and minimalism over safety and high-level abstractions

C vs. C++ and Java

They all share:

- Syntax
- Basic data types
- Arithmetic, relational, and logical operators

C limitations:

- No advanced features like operator overloading, default arguments, pass by reference, classes and objects, ADTs, etc.
- No extensive libraries (no graphics, networking, etc.) – Small language footprint means not much to learn ☺
- Weak compiler and almost no runtime checks (this may cause security vulnerabilities!)

Programming Language Philosophies

C is procedural: you write functions, rather than define new variable types with classes and call methods on objects. **C is small, fast and efficient.**

C++ is procedural, with objects: you write functions, and define new variable types with classes, and call methods on objects.

Python is also procedural, but dynamically typed: you still write functions and call methods on objects, but the development process is very different.

Java is object-oriented: virtually everything is an object, and everything you write needs to conform to the object-oriented design pattern.

Why C?

- Many tools (and even other languages, like Python!) are built with C.
- C is the language of choice for fast, highly efficient programs.
- C is popular for systems programming (operating systems, networking, etc.)
- C lets you work at a lower level to manipulate and understand the underlying system.

Programming Language Popularity
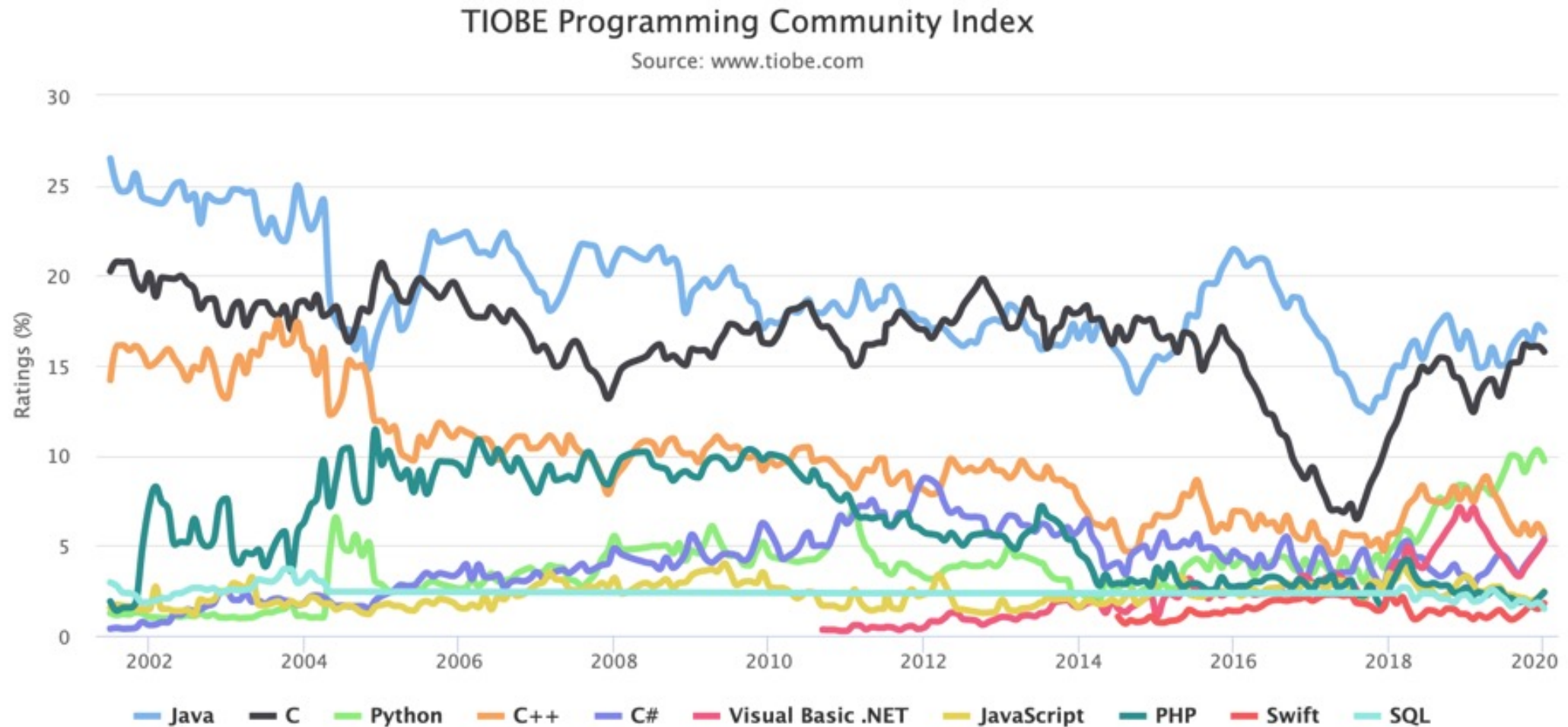
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Our First C Program

```c
/*
 * hello.c
 * This program prints a welcome message
 * to the user.
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#include <stdio.h>   // for printf

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Program comments
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Import statements
C libraries are written with angle brackets.
Local libraries have quotes:
`#include "lib.h"`

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Main function – entry point for the program
Should always return an integer (0 = success)

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Main parameters – **main** takes two parameters, both relating to the *command line arguments* used to execute the program.

argc is the *number* of arguments in **argv**
argv is an *array of arguments **(char * is C string)***

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printf – prints output to the screen

printf(***text, arg1, arg2, arg3,...***);

`printf` makes it easy to print out the values of variables or expressions.

If you include *placeholders* in your printed text, `printf` will replace each placeholder *in order* with the values of the parameters passed after the text.

```
        %s (string)     %d (integer)     %f (double)
```

```
 // Example
char *classPrefix = "CS";
int classNumber = 107;
printf("You are in %s%d", classPrefix, classNumber);     // You are in CS107
```

Familiar Syntax

```
int x = 42 + 7 * -5;                // variables, types
double pi = 3.14159;
char c = 'Q';                       /* two comment styles */


for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++) {      // for loops
    if (i % 2 == 0) {               // if statements
        x += i;
    }
}

while (x > 0 && c == 'Q' || b) {    // while loops, logic
    x = x / 2;
    if (x == 42) {
        return 0;
    }
}

binky(x, 17, c);                    // function call
```

Boolean Variables

To declare Booleans, (e.g. bool b = ____), you must include `stdbool.h`:

```
#include <stdio.h>      // for printf
#include <stdbool.h>    // for bool

int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
    bool x = 5 > 2 && binky(argc) > 0;
    if (x) {
        printf("Hello, world!\n");
    } else {
        printf("Howdy, world!\n");
    }
    return 0;
}
```

C treats a nonzero value as <u>true</u>, and a zero value as <u>false</u>:

```c
#include <stdio.h>

int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
    int x = 5;
    if (x) {    // true
       printf("Hello, world!\n");
    } else {
       printf("Howdy, world!\n");
    }
    return 0;
}
```

Question Break!

Writing, Debugging and Compiling

We will use:

- the **emacs** text editor to write our C programs
- the **make** tool to compile our C programs
- the **gdb** debugger to debug our programs
- the **valgrind** tools to debug memory errors and measure program efficiency

Now

Next week

Working On C Programs

- **ssh** – remotely log in to Myth computers
- **Emacs** – text editor to write and edit C programs
  - Use the mouse to position cursor, scroll, and highlight text
  - Ctl-x Ctl-s to save, Ctl-x Ctl-c to quit
- **make** – compile program using provided Makefile
- **./myprogram** – run executable program (optionally with arguments)
- **make clean** – remove executables and other compiler files
- Lecture code is accessible at **/afs/ir/class/cs107/lecture-code/lect[N]**
  - Make your own copy: **cp -r /afs/ir/class/cs107/lecture-code/lect[N] lect[N]**
  - See the website for even more commands, and a complete reference.

Demo: Compiling And Running A C Program

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- Lecture code is accessible at **/afs/ir/class/cs107/lecture-code/lect[N]**
  - Make your own copy: **cp -r /afs/ir/class/cs107/lecture-code/lect[N] lect[N]**
  - See the website for even more commands, and a complete reference.

Question Break!

Get up and running with our guide:

http://cs107.stanford.edu/resources/getting-started.html

Assign0

Assignment 0 (Intro to Unix and C) will be released later today on the course website and is due in one week on **Mon. 9/27 at 11:59PM PDT**.

There are **5** parts to the assignment, which is meant to get you comfortable using the command line, and editing/compiling/running C programs:

- Visit the website resources to become familiar with different Unix commands
- **Clone** the assign0 starter project
- **Answer** several questions in `readme.txt`
- **Compile** a provided C program and **modify** it
- **Submit** the assignment

Lectures 2 and 3

Videos/quizzes on Canvas, slides on course website.

- Complete Lecture 2 quizzes by **Friday 9/24 1:00pm PDT**
- Lecture 2 review in-class on Friday 9/24

- Complete Lecture 3 quiz by **Monday 9/27 1:00pm PDT**
- Lecture 3 review in-class on Monday 9/27

Recap

- CS107 is a programming class in C that teaches you about what goes on under the hood of programming languages and software.

- We'll use Unix and command line tools to write, debug and run our programs.

- Please visit the course website, cs107.stanford.edu, where you can read the General Information page, information about the Honor Code in CS107, and more about CS107 course policies and logistics.

We're looking forward to an awesome quarter!

Preview: Next Time

- Make sure to reboot Boeing Dreamliners every 248 days
- Comair/Delta airline had to cancel thousands of flights days before Christmas
- Many operating systems may have issues storing timestamp values beginning on Jan 19, 2038
- Reported vulnerability CVE-2019-3857 in libssh2 may allow a hacker to remotely execute code

Next time: *How can a computer represent integer numbers? What are the limitations?*