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# Welcome to CS 106L!

We're so glad you're here!

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**I'm Haven!**



**I'm Fabio!**

# Now you all can meet (some of) each other!

**First:** Introduce yourself to the person on your right

**Second:** Introduce yourself to the person on your left

## Potential Conversation Topics:

- What's the story behind your name?
- What's something you're into and not into?
- Why do you want to take this class?

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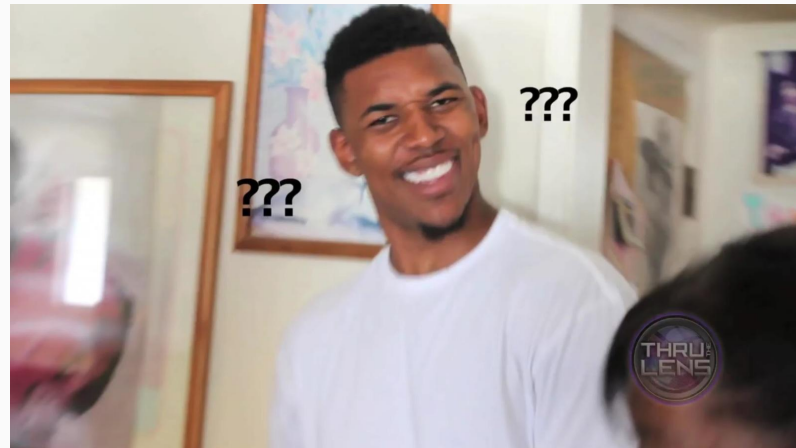
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## Access and Accommodations

- Disabled students are a valued and essential part of the Stanford community. We welcome you to our class.
- Please work with OAE but also let us know if there's anything we can do to make the course more accessible for you
- Don't be shy asking for accommodations if problems arise. We're very reasonable people and will do whatever we can to help



## Community Norms

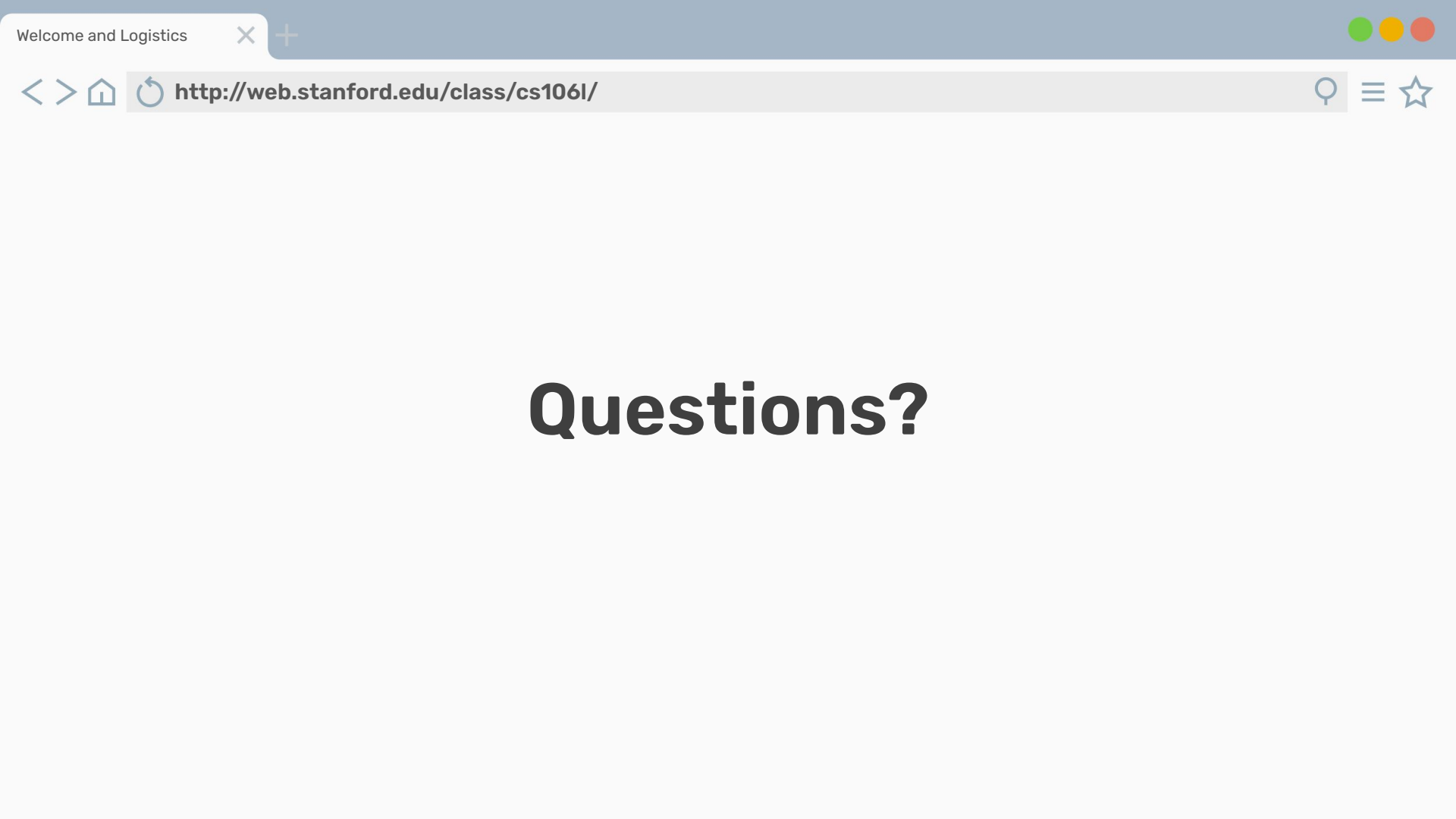
- Shame-free zone
- Treat your peers and instructors with kindness and respect
- Be curious
- Communication is key!
- Recognize we are all in-process (humility, question posing, avoid perfectionism)



## Guiding Principles

We will do everything we can to support you. We want to provide flexibility to the best of our ability!

- We want to hear your feedback so we can 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.



# Questions?



## Lecture

- Held **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** 4:30-5:50pm in Turing Auditorium
- No lecture week 10 or week 6!
- Lecture is not recorded.
- Attendance is required. Short participation questions will be given at the beginning of lecture starting in week 2. All students are given 5 free absences.



# Lecture

CS106L is an enrichment course to 106B! As such, we want to cover new and fun material that will be helpful in your C++ journey.

- C++ is a huge language. We want you to get practice with some things, exposure to others, and a lot is not covered.



# Illness

If you feel ill or are sick, for the wellbeing of yourself and others  
**please stay home**, take care of yourself, and reach out to us -  
**we never want** you to feel that you must attend class if you are  
not feeling well!

Similarly, if you have an emergency or exceptional  
circumstance, **please reach out to us** so that we can help!



## Office Hours

- OH time TBD and will be in person and virtual.
- We want to talk to you! Come talk!
- Extra office hours week 6 and 10 when assignments are due!
- Watch the website ([cs106l.stanford.edu](http://cs106l.stanford.edu)) and Ed for more info.





**All class information can be found at:**

**[cs106l.stanford.edu](http://cs106l.stanford.edu)**

# Assignments

There will be 2 short assignments (typically takes 2-4 hrs depending on experience).

- Pairs are allowed!

**Assignment 1 Due** Week 6: Friday, **Nov 3rd** @ 11:59pm (Late deadline: Sunday, **Nov 5th** @ 11:59pm)

**Assignment 2 Due** Week 10: Friday, **Dec 8th** @ 11:59pm (Firm Deadline)



# Grading

Grading is S/NC. We expect everyone to get a S!

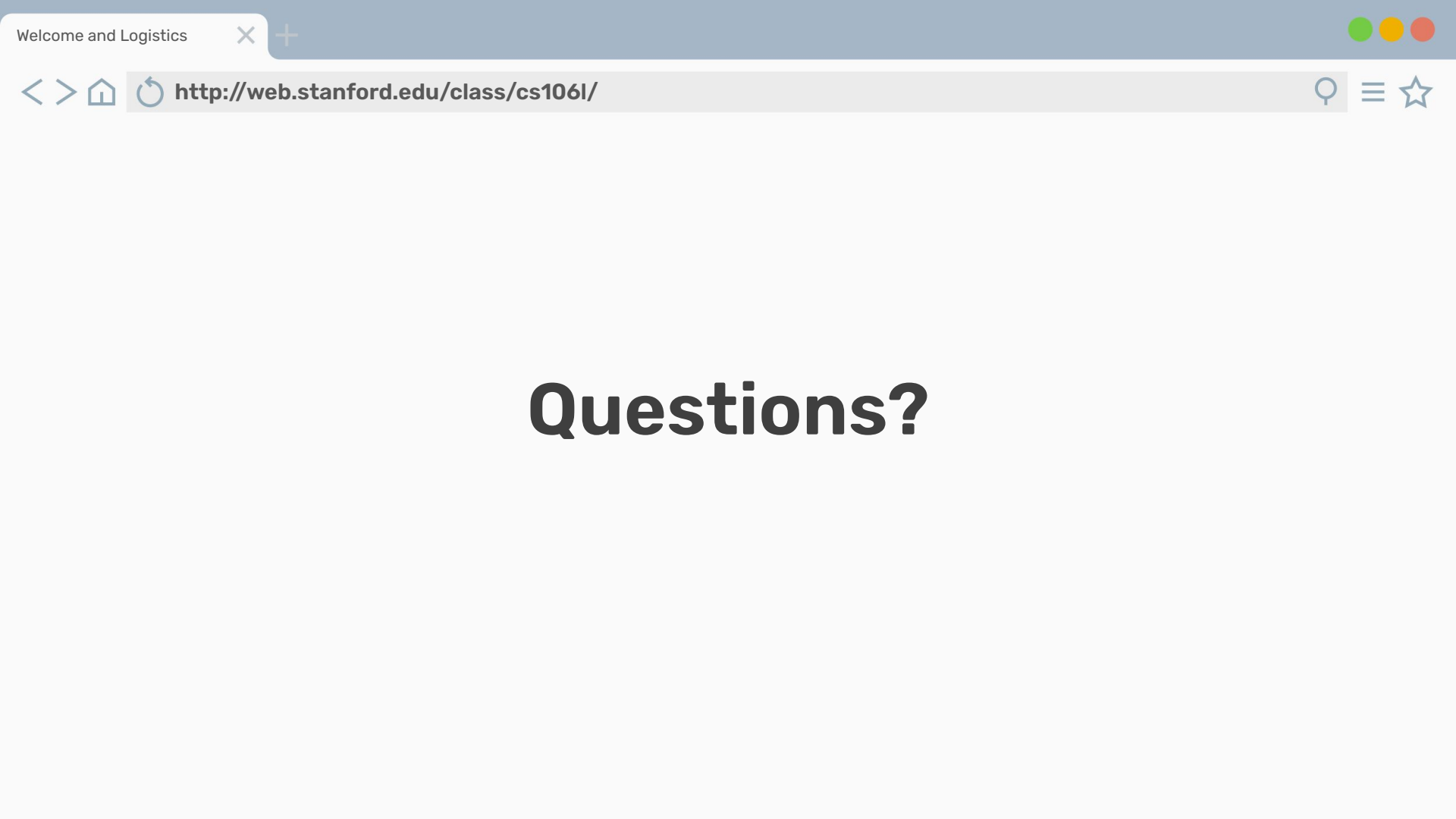
## How to get an S?

- Attend at least 8 of the 13 required lectures between Week 2 and Week 9
- Submit both assignments without build errors

## Get in touch with us!

Here are the best ways to communicate with us, in no particular order:

- Email us: [cs106l-aut2324-staff@lists.stanford.edu](mailto:cs106l-aut2324-staff@lists.stanford.edu)
  - Please use this email not our individual emails so we both receive the message!
- Public or Private Post on Ed
- After class or in our office hours



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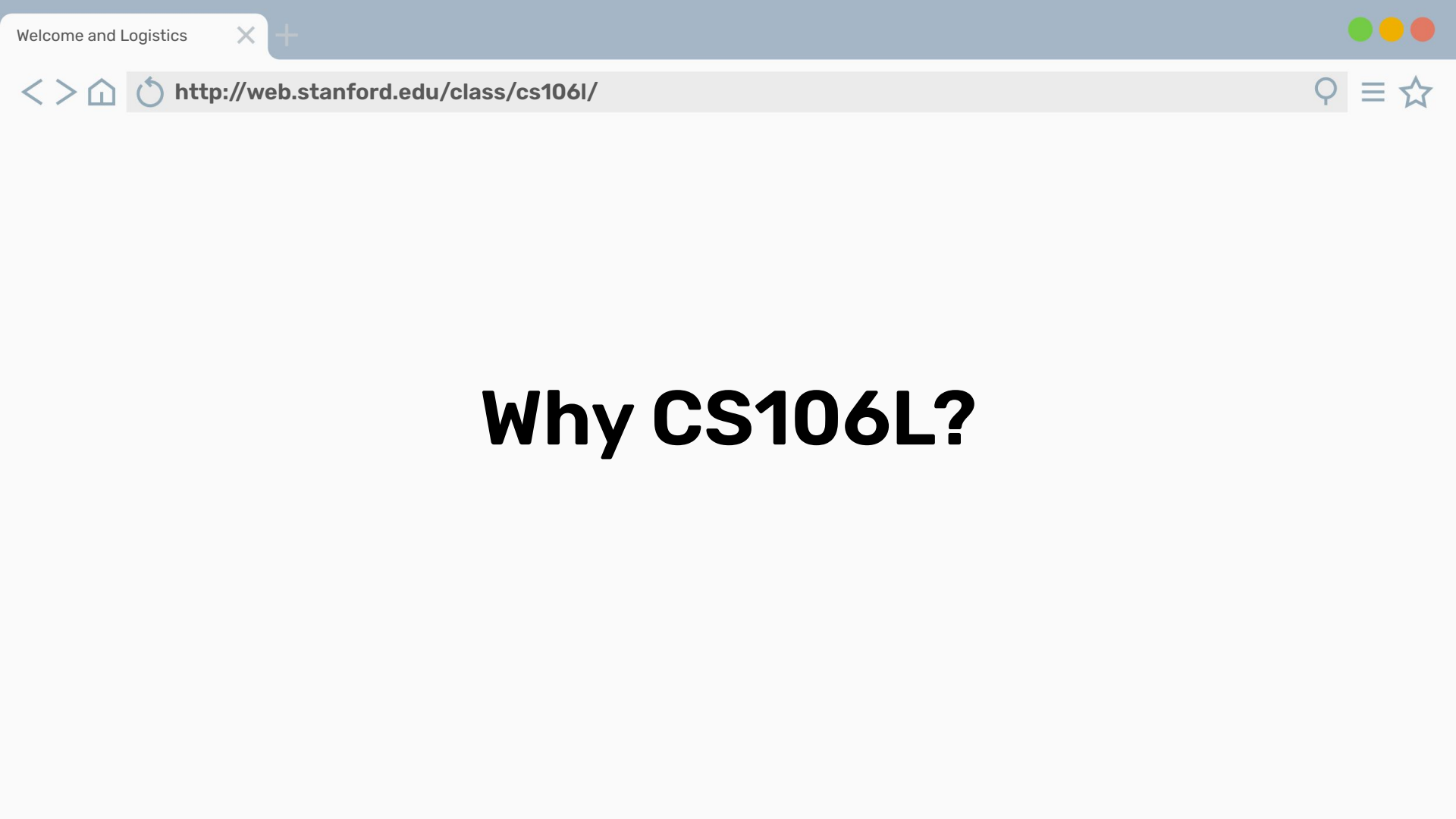
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# Course Content

Week	Topics
1	Admin, Brief Intro to C++ feature
2	Initialization + References, Streams
3	Containers, Iterators, Pointers
4	Classes, Template Classes, Const
5	Template Functions, Functions, Lambdas
6	No class, extra office hours, <a href="#">Assn 1 Due Friday</a>
7	Operators, Special Member Functions
8	Move Semantics, Type safety
9	Bonus Topics + MORE OFFICE HOURS
10	NO CLASS MORE OFFICE HOURS, <a href="#">Assn 2 Due Friday</a>



# Why CS106L?



## CS106B

- Focus is on **concepts** like abstractions, recursion, pointers etc.
- Bare minimum C++ in order to use these concepts

## CS106L

- Focus is on **code**: what makes it good, what **powerful** and **elegant** code looks like
- The real deal: No Stanford libraries, only STL
- Understand **how** and **why** C++ was made









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# Why C++?

# C++ is still a very popular language!

May 2021	Programming Language	Ratings	Chart Ratings
1	C	13.38%	
2	Python	11.87%	
3	Java	11.74%	
4	C++	7.81%	
5	C#	4.41%	
6	Visual Basic	4.02%	

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## We use it in classes...

- CS 111: Operating Systems Principles
- CME 253: Introduction to CUDA (deep learning)
- CS 144: Introduction to Computer Networking
- CS 231N: Convolutional Neural Networks for Visual Recognition
- GENE 222: Parallel Computing for Healthcare
- ME 328: Medical Robotics
- MUSIC 256A: Music, Computing, Design I
- MUSIC 420A: Signal Processing Models in Musical Acoustics

... and more!

...and in real life!

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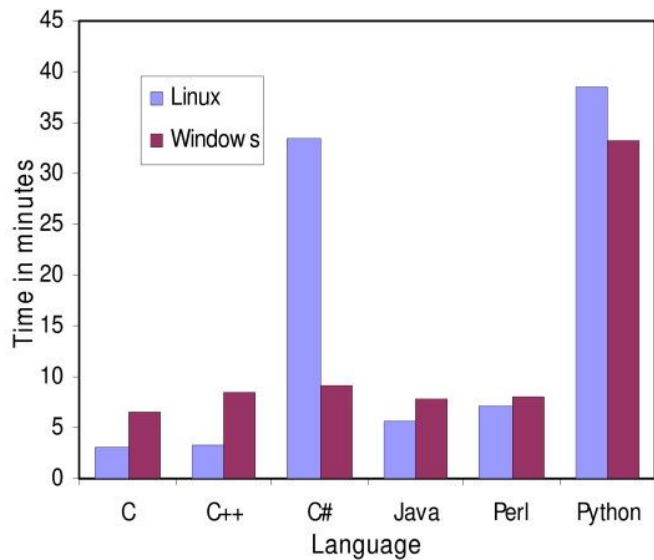


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# Why C++?

## FAST



## Lower-level control

High  
Level

Low  
Level

Ruby

Javascript

Python

Java

C++

C

Assembly

Machine Code



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# What is C++?

## This is some C++ code...

```
#include <iostream>
```

```
int main() {  
    std::cout << "Hello, world!" << std::endl;  
    return 0;  
}
```



## This is also some C++ code! (?)

```
#include "stdio.h"
#include "stdlib.h"

int main(int argc, char *argv) {
    printf("%s", "Hello, world!\n");
    // ^a C function!
    return EXIT_SUCCESS;
}
```



## Also technically C++ code!!

```
#include "stdio.h"
#include "stdlib.h"

int main(int argc, char *argv) {
    asm( "sub    $0x20,%rsp\n\t"           // assembly code!
        "movabs $0x77202c6f6c6c6548,%rax\n\t"
        "mov    %rax, (%rsp)\n\t"
        "movl   $0x646c726f, 0x8(%rsp)\n\t"
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```
// assembly code!
```

**C++ is backwards compatible  
with lower level languages!  
Neat!**

# C++ History: Assembly

```
section      .text
global      _start                ;must be declared for linker (ld)

_start:                                           ;tell linker entry point

    mov     edx,len                ;message length
    mov     ecx,msg                ;message to write
    mov     ebx,1                  ;file descriptor (stdout)
    mov     eax,4                  ;system call number (sys_write)
    int     0x80                  ;call kernel
    mov     eax,1                  ;system call number (sys_exit)
    int     0x80                  ;call kernel

section      .data
msg          db  'Hello, world!',0xa            ;our dear string
len          equ $ - msg                       ;length of our dear string
```

## C++ History: Assembly

### Benefits:

- Unbelievably **simple** instructions
- Extremely **fast** (when well-written)
- Complete **control** over your program

**Why don't we always use assembly?**

## C++ History: Assembly

Drawbacks:

- **A LOT of code** to do simple tasks
- Very **hard to understand**
- Extremely **unportable** (hard to make work across all systems)



## C++ History: Invention of C

**Problem:** computers can only understand assembly!

**Idea:**

- Source code can be written in a more intuitive language for humans.
- An additional program can convert it into assembly!
  - This additional program is called a **compiler**!

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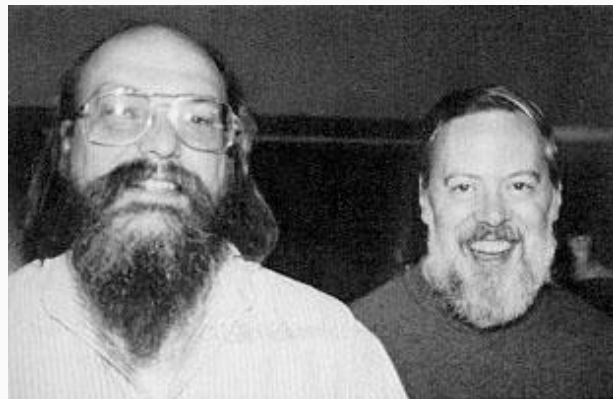
## C++ History: Invention of C

Ken Thompson and Dennis Ritchie created C in 1972, to much praise.

C made it easy to write code that was:

- Fast
- Simple
- Cross-platform

Learn to love it in **CS107!**



Ken Thompson and Dennis Ritchie, creators of the C language.

## C++ History: Invention of C

C was popular because it was simple.

This was also its weakness:

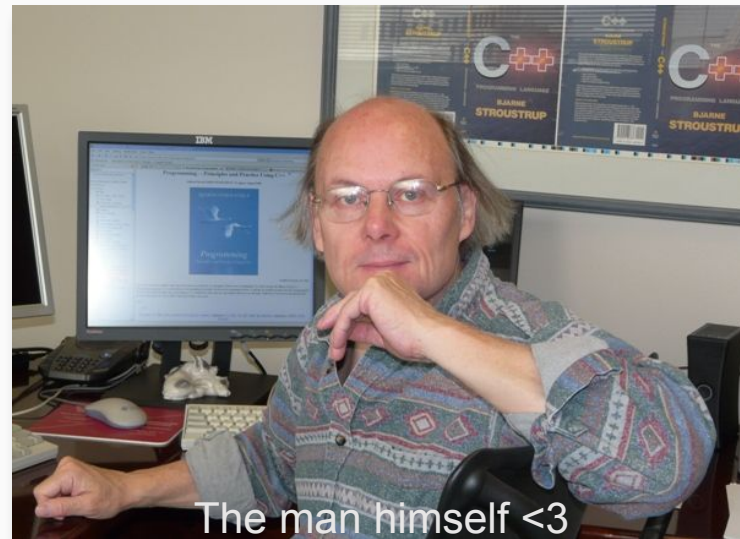
- No **objects** or **classes**
- Difficult to write **generic code**
- **Tedious** when writing large programs

## C++ History: Welcome to C++!

In 1983, the beginnings of C++ were created by Bjarne Stroustrup.

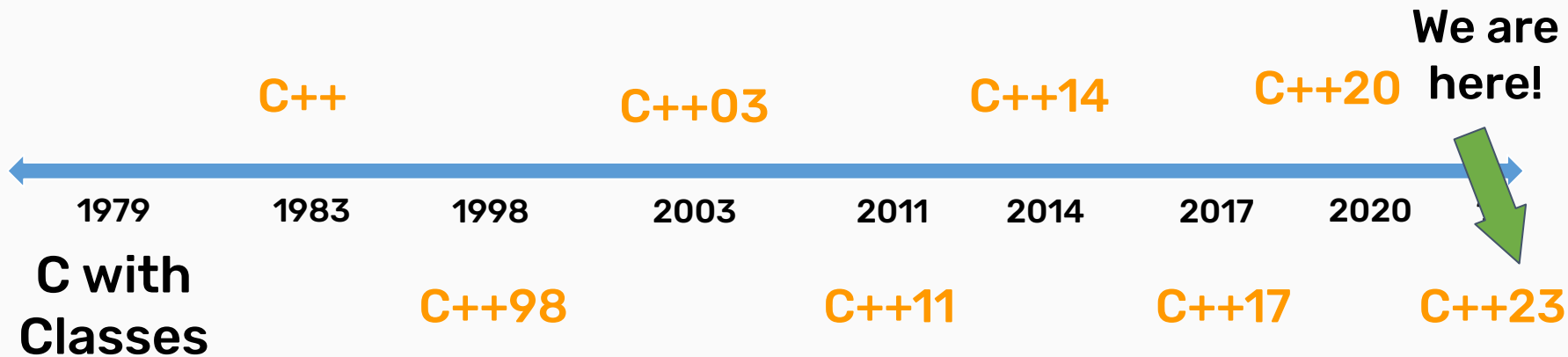
He wanted a language that was:

- Fast
- Simple to use
- Cross-platform
- **Had high-level features**



The man himself <3

## C++ History: Evolution of C++





## Design Philosophy of C++

- **Only add features if they solve an actual problem**
- **Programmers should be free to choose their own style**
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# But... what *is* C++?



# We'll talk about it Thursday!

Thanks for coming! Next up: Types  
and Structs!