

introduce class

what is CS 136?

- a computer science major requirement
- a bridge between coding and theory
- about how you store data (HINT: in an array)
- harder problems
- bigger problems
- good prep for coding interviews 💸
- going beyond "it works" to different measures of "good"
 - speed 🦛
 - space 🦬
 - elegance? *

introduce self

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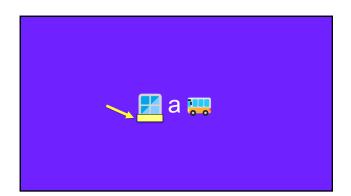
- this is the only time i will ever take roll

- this is also the only time i will wear a coat © please correct me if i mispronounce your name if you are not yet enrolled, please fill out the other sheet now



syllabus





the syllabus is online https://github.com/james-bern/CS136/wiki

grading

final grade

- final grade is 1/3 homework, 1/3 midterm exam, 1/3 final exam
- homework is on an A- (90), A (95), A+ (100) scale
 - A- is meant to be doable
 - A is meant to be challenging
 - A+ is meant to be a growth opportunity *
 - i will go over some of your homework with you during lab and ask you questions about it @
- exams are in-person, on-paper, no-notes
 - questions are either similar to homework, or similar to PracticeExam
 - "if you understand the homework,
 - the exam should be unsurprising and approachable"



ChatGPT can do every homework in this class up to an A level

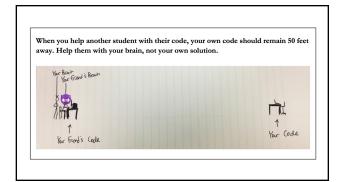


it is impossible for me to prove whether or not you used ChatGPT (people who say otherwise are wronggg)

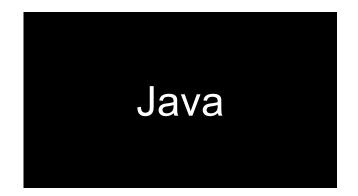
so, ChatGPT, etc. are "allowed," but...

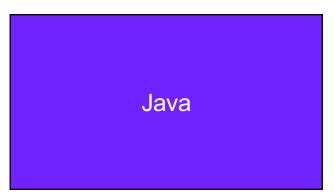
- you are not allowed copy and paste code from anywhere
 - bad bad very bad don't do it
 - (unless i gave you the code then it's fine ² 4)
- you can't use ChatGPT, etc. on exams
- Tif your coding job can be done by an AI, then it will be done by an AI"

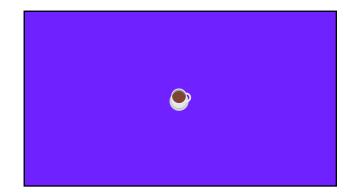
collaboration











this class is in Java

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which is basically C

by which I mean Java

type

type

okay in Python

foo = 7 # foo is an int

foo = False # now, foo is a boolean

// NOT okay in Java

int foo = 7; // foo is an int

foo = false; // Error: incompatible types:

// boolean cannot be converted to int

declaring and initializing are separate things

- // Option A: one line int foo = 7; // declare int foo and initialize it to 7
- // Option B: two lines int foo; // declare a variable foo of type int foo = 7; // initialize foo to 7

primitive types

primitive types

- in this class, "a variable being a primitive" means that the variable is a boolean, char, double, or int
- primitive types are simple
- primitive types are small
- primitive types are NOT Objects
 - we will talk about Objects later
 - examples of Objects: String, MyCoolClass, int[] (array of ints)

boolean, char, double, int

- a boolean stores a truth value
- true, false
- a char stores a character
- '\0', 'a', 'Z', '!', '\n'
 a double stores a real number
- 0.0, -0.5, 3.1415926, Double.NEGATIVE_INFINITY
- an **int** stores an integer
 - 0, -1,

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numbers integers boolean
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char is an integer type - a char is an integer type - each char has a corresponding integer, for example ('a' == 97) - the letters are in order ('a' == 97), ('b' == 98), ('c' == 99)... - the numbers are also in order ('0' == 48), ('1' == 49)... - you can do math with char's - char foo = 'a' + 2; // foo is 'c' - char bar = '0' + 7; // bar is '7' - int baz = '6' - '0'; // baz is 6

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Zero

- each primitive data type has its own notion of what it means to "be zero"

- int zero = 0;

- double zero = 0.0;

- boolean zero = false;

- char zero = '\0'; // the "null character"
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whitespace

scope

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SCOPE

- a scope is a region of code in which variables live
- in Java, a scope is (usually) defined by a pair of curly braces
- OUTER_SCOPE { INNER_SCOPE } OUTER_SCOPE

{
   int i;
   {
   int j;
   // you CAN use i here ()
   // you CAN use i here ()
   }
   // you CAN use i here ()
   // you CAN use i here ()
   // you CAN use i here ()
   // you CANNOT use j here ()
}
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common scope-related errors

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cannot be resolved to a variable

Compile Error: foo cannot be resolved to a variable

class Main extends Cow {
  public static void main(String[] arguments) {
    if (...) {
      int foo = 0;
    } else {
      int foo = 1;
    }
    PRINT(foo);
  }
}
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duplicate local variable

Compile Error: duplicate local variable foo

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   public static void main(String[] arguments) {
      int foo;
      if (...) {
        int foo = 0;
      } else {
            foo = 1;
      }
      PRINT(foo);
   }
}
```

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class Main extends Cow {
  public static void main(String[] arguments) {
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    if (...) {
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success tips

success tips (1/3)

- establish basic study habits (this might not have been necessary in highschool; it most likely is now)
- start homework early! (very hard to code well while stressed)
- don't work in a vaccuum
 - collaborate with your friends / acquaintences / enemies
 - come to help hours (they are there for you!)
- code a lot (ideally, 5+ days per week)
 - if the homeworks are feeling too hard, talk to me; we have resources!
- if the homeworks are too easy, do the A+/A++; do side projects; just keep coding; code code code code; COOOOOOOODE

success tips (2/3)

- try to find your own bugs
- this is a huge skill; it takes time (and pain) to build
- try to answer your own questions (using Google!) ("what does IDE stand for?"; "what does this error message mean?")
- this is also a huge skill; it also takes time (and pain) to build
- however, if you are stuck (>= 10+ minutes of pain), ASK FOR HELP
 - there is literally no judgement here; we all have different starting points; my only goal is for all students to get stronger and have fun [©]
 - and, for what it's worth, i was a mechanical engineering undergrad and my first comp sci course was *terrifying* (though, eventually, fun)

most importantly though



you gotta push the button







come see me if you had trouble with Tut00

otherwise, see you in class on Monday 🤤