CS210 Discussion

Week 1



Welcome to Discussion

- The goal is hands on practice with key concepts
- Interactive, somewhat like a lab
- Bring a laptop





Discussion Structure

- Attendance
- Introduction
 - Review
 - Examples
 - Setup
- Breakout
 - Work on the Exercises (collaboration is okay)
 - Ask me or the CA questions
- Show us passing Gradescope tests
 - Leave early





Discussion

- You'll need to finish exercises on your own if not in discussion
- Projects must be done independently
- Office hours are posted on the course website
 - Let us know if the times don't work for you





Tips for Success

- Ask questions early and often
 - The pace is quick and the topics build on each other
- Start the projects as soon as they come out
 - Even if you haven't been taught the material yet
 - Write down your questions
 - Practice patience
 - Get comfortable with the CLI
 - Try to write easy to understand code and revise as necessary
 - Writing code is like any other writing



Questions?





Today

- Intro material
- Setup programming environment
- Finish through exercise 3
 - Show us passing Gradescope tests to leave early



Programming Environment

- Find the instructions on the course website
 - First bullet on the "Resources" page
- Go step by step
- Don't copy and paste the commands
 - It adds spaces that shouldn't be there

```
Comment (don't type) 
# Change to your home folder.

$ cd $HOME
# Create bin, lib, and workspace folders.

$ mkdir bin,lib,workspace
```



Programming Environment

- Windows common issue
 - Keep in mind where you download and put Java

```
# Update the PATH environment variable.
$ setx PATH "$env:PATH;$HOME\bin;XYZ\bin"
```

XYZ should be the path to the Java folder (wherever you put it)

- I recommend just putting the java folder in your home directory
 - \$HOME\jdk-17\bin
 - Doesn't have to be this, just make sure it's accurate to where you put Java



Programming

- Recommended workflow
- Write some code → Compile → Run locally to test
- Do this several times while working on an exercise or project
- After the code produces the expected output, upload to Gradescope and see if it passes all tests
 - You can also upload early to get feedback/hints from Gradescope

```
dummy_project % javac -d out src/HelloWorld.java
dummy_project % java HelloWorld
Hello, World
dummy_project %
```



Programming

- These commands should be run from the assignment folder
 - Use the 'cd' command to change directories
- javac ← To compile the code
- java ← To run the code
- If you make changes to the code, you must recompile

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Exercises

- Getting used to working in Java
- Datatypes
- Arrays
- Input/Output
- Object oriented programming





Exercises / Programming Env

- Work on setting up the programming environment then start the exercises
 - We'll be around to help and answer questions

Hints:

- The args array holds your command line arguments, starting at 0. So args [0] is the first argument to your program on the cmd line
- Strings can be parsed into other data types using certain functions/methods
 - For example, to parse a string to a double use Double.parseDouble(...)
- Use the Math library to find math functions
 - For example, Math.sin(...)
- Use StdOut to print to the command line
 - For example, StdOut.println(...)



Questions?





Exercise 1 – Great Circle

All together now

