COMP2011 Very First Class

COMP2011 Websites

- Course website (CSD account log-in)
 - https://course.cse.ust.hk/comp2011/
 - All information related to the course, check it regularly
- Canvas (ITSC account log-in)
 - https://canvas.ust.hk
 - Announcement, lecture video, score release
- COMP 2011 Spring 22 Piazza (create your own piazza account)
 - https://piazza.com/class/kyjoh8x133w5y5 (can access via Canvas too)
 - Online learning community, Q&A forum
- ZINC (CSD account log-in)
 - Project testing and submission
 - In-house developed

C++ We Taught

- C++ version: g++ -std=c++11
 - Most codes are the same as C++ 2008
 - Some important new features in C++11
 - Starting from 2011, C++ rolls out a new standard every 3 years!
 - Compilers need time to catch up
 - Check compiler if it supports the new codes
- Textbook: "Big C++: Late Objects," 3rd edition
- Other learning resources: self-tests, past exam papers, online websites, Google
- IDE: VS Code (freeware from Microsoft)
 - Windows: with MinGW (course website)
 - MacOS: g++ (follow Apple's instructions)

Course Workload

- COMP2011 is a 4-credit course
 - o 30-40h per credit
- Weekly lectures (1.5h x 2 x 13)
- 10 weekly lab exercises (2-3h x 1 x 10)
 - Small programming task, hands-on practice for recently-learned C++ topic
 - Do it offline, demo it in lab session
 - Released every Wed
- 3 programming projects (8-15h x 3)
 - Medium/big programming task
 - Due in 2 weeks
- Quiz: Mar 10th (Thur), 8:00 8:45pm
 - Single-choice MC questions
 - Very basics of C++
- Close—book closed-note Final exam

Grading Scheme

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 - Lab exercises 10%
 - Programming assignments 37% (10%, 12%, 15%)
 - Quiz 10%
 - Final exam 43%

Passing grade

- (total score >= X) AND (quiz score * 0.10 + final exam score * 0.43 >= Y)
- X will not be greater than 50, and
- Y will not be greater than 16

Online Labs

- Demo your solution during lab time
 - plus answering a question about the lab
- Questions on lab exercises should be asked during TA's office hours and in Piazza
- public holiday policy
- No swapping of labs without getting prior approval from instructors
 - Email to your instructor at least 1 day beforehand (name, stulD, original lab session, temporary new lab session)
 - Wait for approval
 - Inform TA in charge of new lab session about the swap

Programming Assignments

- Online grading system
 - developed by the department
 - you may check if your program compiles and runs before submission

- Honor code and plagiarism
 - All programming assignments are checked for plagiarism

Help!

- After each lecture
- 2. Piazza Forum discussion + Q&A
- Each TA has a one-hour office hour
- 4. Emails

Reach for help early! The teaching team is always there to assist you learning!

Arrangement of week 1 and 2

- Lecture 1: Warm up, course intro
- Before lecture 2:
 - self-study C++ basics 1, C++ control 1
 - Setup Vscode
 - Setup CSD account (non-COMP major student)
 - https://cssystem.cse.ust.hk/UGuides/activation.html
- o Before lecture 3:
 - Self-study C++ basics 2, C++ control 2
- Lecture 2-4: blended learning on problems for C++ basics and control
- Week 2 (Feb 14– Feb 19): additional lecture (lecture 5) via Zoom 8:00 – 9:20pm
 - Exact date differs for different lecture sessions