

# COMP2203: Application Scripting

## Session DA1

# Admin & Overview

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# Introductions

- Hi, I'm David...
- And there's Russell and Magnus
- Because I've been out of things for two years, I'd quite like to spend a moment finding out about you :-)

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- **Module context**
- **Module content**
- **Module administration**
- **Resources**
- **Commitment**

# Module Context

- **Last year, you covered:**
  - Web Design, Programming, Software Engineering
- **Later this year, you will have:**
  - Databases, The Integrated Project
- **Next year, there will be:**
  - The Final Project
- **This module is:**
  - Constructed to take you on in web development
  - Constructed to equip you to produce a full design

# Module Content

- See the notes pages.
- We're aiming to help you develop industry-standard approaches and practices in web design
- This is the first time this module has run in this format, so we reserve the right to change our minds as the course progresses!

# Module Administration

- **Keeping in touch**

- Russell & Magnus are on campus – but they have jobs to do, so please don't pester them! Keep it brief and focused
- I'm part-time, so **email** is best

- **There's the notes pages...**

- **...and the module wiki**

- **Slides will be posted before the lecture**

- **Audio recordings will be posted after the lecture**

- **Note that urgent messages *may* be on the wiki (if we can sort out the permissions to post messages :-( ). Otherwise, I'll put them on the notes pages.**

- ECS has **twice** had a building burn down! The unexpected does sometimes happen, so if in doubt - check!

# Attendance

- **Tuesdays 11am: 2 *hour* lecture!**
  - split into 3 x 25 mins + break activities
  - Please bring laptops (Suitably equipped tablets would do, but you need to be able to do serious stuff)
  - Front-ended, i.e. will run for the first 10 or 11 weeks
- **Thursdays 2pm: 3 hour lab**
  - Working in pairs
  - Will run for 10 weeks
- **Fridays 2pm: 45 min lecture**
  - Typically planned as 2 x 20 minute lecture slots or 1 x 45 minute one.

# Attendance

- **Attendance is probably optional (officially)**
  - I'm personally not too fussed whether you're in my lectures or not
  - I **will** be upset if you don't turn up to a guest lecture without good reason (that includes Magnus' and Russell's lectures!)
  - And there's the “attendance versus results” graphs...
- **Labs are a different matter**
  - You will be working in pairs
  - If you really can't make a session (legs *do* get broken), you need to talk to one of us...
  - ...and you **must** sort it out with your partner!



# Assessment

- **There are three parts to the assessment:**
  - Coursework, 25%, due Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December
  - Labs, 25% for 10 labs, marked weekly
  - Exam, 50%, in the semester 1 exam week(s)
- **Details are on the notes pages**

# Resources

- **Books**
  - Are problematic. The field is moving fast and finding good books is hard
- **Internet**
  - Is better for this module. See the notes pages
- **Research**
  - Is not really needed for this module. But Google Scholar is a good place to start if you need it
- **Practical tools**
  - are what you really need. This will be the early focus of the module; good tools matter!

# Commitment

- You are big boys and girls who are paying a lot of money to be here
  - So if you're “only here for the beer” don't expect us to go running around after you to mop up
- We have already put loads of effort into getting this module up and running
  - We will continue to work hard to make this as successful as possible for you
- But at the end of the day:

You need to take responsibility  
for your own learning

# Break

## How do you understand web interactions?