

Hi everyone,

As you may be aware, this course, like your other courses, will be taught online after the break. I have been giving some thoughts to how to conduct the course in a virtual environment. I wanted to update you on some initial ideas that I have in mind. These are all tentative ideas and nothing is firm at this point:

1. I will try to upload the summary handout in advance of the scheduled lecture.
 2. I am exploring the possibility of doing a video recording of each lecture or highlights of each lecture that I would have ordinarily given in class to supplement the handout that I post on Moodle. This may be in MP4 format. Alternatively, if I can find a video recording of a lecture given by someone else that fully captures all the concepts that I would like to present, I will just provide a link to that lecture. This alternative may be difficult to come by since many videos may have a lot more than we need or a lot less than I intend to discuss.
 3. The final exam will be done online. I am yet to determine the exact format.
 4. I am exploring the possibility of conducting all my office hours as a "google hangout". If I do so, I will have a link to the "hangout" on the course calendar and you can join in and ask questions. I will also continue to respond to questions sent to me via email but those responses general lack depth so I suggest that you join the "hangout" for a more in-depth response to your questions. I will determine my virtual office hours schedule when classes resume online.
 5. I was contemplating giving the last programming project on graphs as a group project. This is no longer feasible. The project will be done on an individual basis, if it is assigned at all. Another thing I was thinking about is to give an alternate programming project that is based on an algorithm (but not data structures) related topic.
 6. I will provide you will updates when school resumes.
 7. When you are done with the current homework, submit it in the drop box online. I will extend the due time to Thursday since some of you may be traveling and may need an extra day or two before you can submit it. It is not a lengthy homework but given the current situation it is important that due dates are a little bit more accommodating.
 8. Continue to stay safe and follow medical advise from doctors and other health professionals.
- Good luck with everything.!

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