## COMPUTATIONAL MATHEMATICS TOPIC ZERO - SETUP

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ABSTRACT. Some resources may be found at my website http://plbailey79.github.io/portal.

We wish to set up a C compiler. We need a command line, an editor, and a compiler.

## 1. Windows Instructions

- 1.1. **Editor.** Use Google to find, download, and install Notepad++. Make sure you have an icon to invoke Notepad++ on your desktop.
- 1.2. **Compiler.** Go to the website and navigate to Current Classes/Computation Math. Download Tcc. Copy the entire Tcc directory (inside the zip file), and place it under C:/Program Files.
- 1.3. Command Line. To construct a primitive command line processor:
  - Right-click on the desktop. Pick New Shortcut. Type "cmd" at the location prompt. Finish.
  - Rename the new icon to "DOS Prompt".

To construct the command line window for editting/compiling:

- Click on the cmd.exe. Create a new folder for our class:
  - > cd \ Move to the root directory

  - > cd World Move into the World directory.
- Go to the website, navigate to our class, and download the CPrompt.bat program. Place it into the C:/World directory.
- Create an icon on your desktop which invokes the CPrompt.bat program. This is your command line for C programming.

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## 2. Macintosh Instructions

These are some notes I made when I attempted to do this.

0) Understand the file system.

. Current Working Directory

. Up

/ Root Directory (Top of tree)
~ Home Directory (User's Home)

- Get a decent text editor. We will use TextWrangler.
   Install this from the AppStore (ugg finger down throat).
- 2) Fix the terminal prompt. Using TextWrangler, create a file named ".bash\_profile" in your user account. This file contain one line of code:

export PS1="\$"

Now your prompt with be a dollar sign. If instead your profile contains

export="W \$"

you will see the currently working directory. (I suggest you not do this, is takes too much space.)

- 3) Learn how to save a file where you want. Bizarrely, this requires you to type Command+Shift+G in the Save As window. One would think this would be an option with a button, or even the default, in this save as window but no -- they want you to save it where they want. Who knows why? (They think you are stupid?)
- 4) Make a place to put your source files. On the command line, type the following:

\$ cd / This takes you to the root.

\$ ls This lists the files in the root directory.

\$ mkdir world This creates the directory /world.

If you get a "permission denied" error, try

\$ sudo mkdir world

\$ ls Check that it worked.

It will ask for your password. Enter it. If you had to do this, you will want to crank up permissions in the new directory.

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