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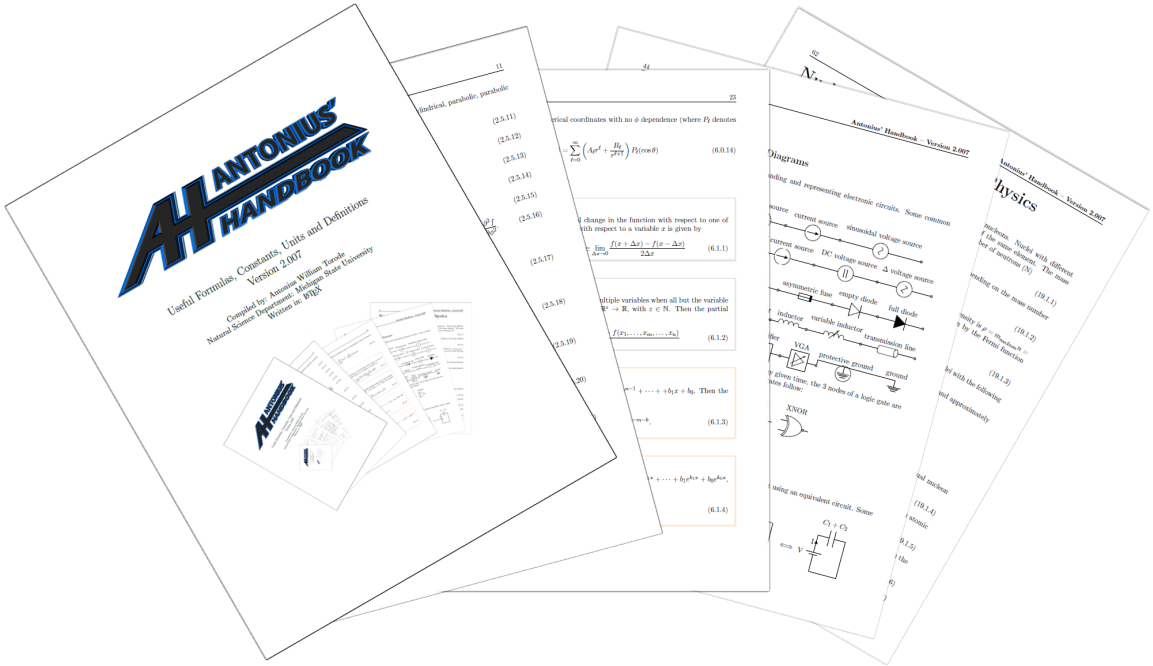

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Preface

This document is a compilation of useful programming formulations, definitions, constants, and general information used throughout my own schooling and research as a reference while furthering education. It's purpose is to provide a complete 'encyclopedia' per se of various codes, syntax and significant ideas used often. The idea and motivation behind it is to be a quick reference providing easily accessible access to necessary information for either double checking or recalling proper formulations or algorithms for use in various situations due to my own shortcomings in matters of memorization. All the material in this document was either directly copied from one of the references listed at the end or derived from scratch. On occasion typos may exist due to human error but will be corrected when discovered.

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Introduction

This document is still under the initial formatting stages and useful information will be added soon. When it has sufficient information to be ready for distribution the version will be updated to 1.000.

Linux

Linux is a broad subcategory that encompass a large family of free and open sourced operating systems. Installing, setting up, and using a linux based operating system is the perfect way for anyone to gain knowledge, understanding, and practice of how a computer system truly works. Unlike the end user experience with Windows and Mac OS, linux has a much higher capability for customization and a higher degree of freedom. With that said, linux is not necessarily more user friendly to the new or average computer user, however it is free in most cases!

2.1 System Related Commands

Retrieve information and valid arguments for a command. This works with many commands.

```
COMMAND --help   # COMMAND must be a valid command such as cd, ls, etc ...
```

Installing and updating packages using package managers such as **apt**, **yum**, or **dnf**.

```
sudo apt update           # Updates the list of available packages (APT)
sudo apt upgrade          # Upgrades installed packages to their latest versions (APT)
sudo yum update           # Updates the list of available packages (Yum)
sudo yum upgrade          # Upgrades installed packages to their latest versions (Yum)
sudo dnf update           # Updates the list of available packages (DNF)
sudo dnf upgrade          # Upgrades installed packages to their latest versions (DNF)
```

Monitoring system resource usage using tools like **top**, **htop**, and **iotop**.

```
top           # Displays dynamic real-time information about running processes
htop          # An interactive process viewer
iotop         # Displays I/O usage by processes in real-time
```

Changing directory via terminal via the **cd**command.

```
cd /directory # Changes the directory to the subdirectory /directory
cd ..         # Goes back one directory
```

Getting **current directory** via terminal

```
pwd
```

How to display the processes that are currently running.

```
ps aux
```

To search the results of a command for a string of characters one can use the grep command. For example:

```
ps aux | grep "firefox"
```

Restore power/battery icon if it disappears on a laptop.

```
/usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/indicator-power/indicator-power-service &
    ↪ disown
```

Restore volume icon/control button if it disappears.

```
gsettings set com.canonical.indicator.sound visible true
```

Reset wifi services in case the connection gets lost.

```
sudo systemctl restart network-manager.service
```

Turn off LCD display.

```
xset dpms force off  // Turns off display.
```

Change or view the host name of a computer with the hostname file.

```
sudo nano /etc/hostname # Opens this file using nano for editing.
hostname                # Command to see what the current hostname is.
```

2.2 Remote Connections (SSH)

Accessing remote systems using **Secure Shell** (**SSH**).

```
ssh username@hostname      # Connects to the remote system using SSH
```

Transferring files securely between systems using **scp** or **sftp**.

```
# Copies a file from local to remote system
scp /path/to/local/file username@hostname:/path/to/remote/location

# Copies a file from remote to local system
scp username@hostname:/path/to/remote/file /path/to/local/location

# Initiates interactive SFTP session with remote system
sftp username@hostname
```

Accessing remote desktops using **X11 forwarding** and X terminal.

```
# Enables X11 forwarding for remote system
ssh -X username@hostname

# Opens a new X terminal window from remote system
xterm
```

Securely transferring files between systems using **rsync**.

```
# Synchronizes files and directories between local and remote systems
rsync -avz /source/path username@hostname:/destination/path
```

Accessing remote systems via graphical interface using tools like **VNC** or **XRDP**.

```
# Opens a VNC session to remote system
vncviewer hostname

# Opens a Remote Desktop Protocol (RDP) session to remote system
rdesktop hostname
```

Establishing persistent remote connections using tools like **tmux** or **screen**.

```
tmux new -s sessionname     # Creates a new tmux session
screen -S sessionname       # Creates a new screen session
```

2.3 Files and Storage

To find a file within a folder or its sub-folders, you can use the **find** command.

```
find -name "fileName.txt"  # Finds a file named fileName.txt
find -name "file*"  # Finds a file containing "file" in its name.
```

Copy a file or directory to a different computer

```
# To copy a file.
scp -v <File Path> username@computer:"<path to copy to>"

# To copy a directory.
scp -rv <File Path> username@computer:"<path to copy to>"
```

Show information about the file system on which each FILE resides, or all file systems by default.

```
df
```

Retrieve the Disk Usage (file sizes) of a directory or its contents.

```
du         # List the size of the subdirectories.
du -sh     # List the size of the directory in a human readable format.
du -ah     # Lists the size of all files in the directory.
```

List information about File(s) (in the current directory by default). You can specify the number of entries you want listed using the **head** and **tail** commands.

```
ls          # list all items in a directory
ls -1       # list all items in a directory (one item per line)
ls -lh      # list all items with size, owner, and date modified
ls -lhrt    # Useful ls output

ls -lhrt | head -4        # Outputs only the first four entires
ls -lhrt | tail -4        # Outputs only the last four entires
```

List all of the block devices (hence partitions) detected by the machine

```
lsblk
```

Mount and **unmount** a partition

```
sudo mount <DEVICE TO MOUNT> <MOUNT POINT>
sudo mount /dev/sdb1/ /mnt/       # example of mounting
sudo umount <DEVICE TO MOUNT> <MOUNT POINT>
sudo umount /dev/sdb1/ /mnt/      # example of mounting
```

To open a **pdf** via terminal, most generic desktop environments support

```
xdg-open filename.pdf
```

Creating backups using tools like **tar**, **rsync**, or **backuppc**.

```
# Creates a compressed tarball of a directory
tar -czvf backup.tar.gz /path/to/directory

# Synchronizes files and directories between two locations
rsync -avz /source/path /destination/path
```

2.4 Users and Groups

List all users

```
cut -d: -f1 /etc/passwd
```

Create a new user using the **useradd** command.

```
sudo useradd [options] <USERNAME>       # Creates a user
sudo useradd -e 2016-02-05 <NAME>       # Creates a user that expites
   ↪ on a day.
sudo useradd <USERNAME> -G <GROUPNAME>  # Adds a user to a group upon
   ↪ creation.
useradd --help                          # See full useradd options.
```

Change a users password using passwd.

```
passwd <USERNAME>
```

Change the user in terminal using the **su** command.

```
su - <USERNAME>
```

Add a user to the sudoers group

```
usermod -aG sudo <USERNAME>
```

Managing user permissions and file ownership using **chmod**, **chown**, and **chgrp**.

```
chmod 755 file           # Changes file permissions to read, write, and
   ↪  execute for owner, and read and execute for group and others
chmod a+x file           # Changes file permissions to include execute
   ↪ permissions.
chown user:group file    # Changes the owner and group of the file
chgrp group file         # Changes the group of the file
```

2.5 NetworkingNetworking

The **ifconfig** command is for viewing IP configuration information and configuring network interface parameters.

```
ifconfig
```

The **traceroute** command is for printing the route that packets take to a network host.

```
traceroute
```

The **Domain Information Groper** is used to perform DNS lookups and display answers returned from the DNS servers.

```
dig
```

The **telnet** command connects the destination host:port via the telnet protocal. An established connection means connectivity between two hosts is properly working.

```
telnet
```

The **nslookup** command is for querying Internet domain name servers.

```
nslookup
```

The **netstat** command is used to review open network connections and open sockets.

```
netstat
```

The **nmap** command is used to check for opened ports on a server

```
nmap <SERVER NAME>
```

The **ifup** and **ifdown** commands are used to disable network interfaces.

```
# Enables an ethernet parameter
ifup <ETHERNET INTERFACE PARAMETER>
ifup eth0  # example: enables 'eth0'

# Disables an ethernet parameter
ifdown <ETHERNET INTERFACE PARAMETER>
ifdown eth0  # example: disables 'eth0'
```

Enable/Disable **IPv6**. This is only a temporary solution as it may turn itself back on after some time.

```
# Use these two commands to disable IPv6
sudo sysctl -w net.ipv6.conf.all.disable_ipv6=1
sudo sysctl -w net.ipv6.conf.default.disable_ipv6=1

# Use these two commands to re-enable IPv6
sudo sysctl -w net.ipv6.conf.all.disable_ipv6=0
sudo sysctl -w net.ipv6.conf.default.disable_ipv6=0
```

2.6 Shell Scripting

2.6.1 Redirecting program output

When outputting to a file, there is an append and an overwrite operator.

```
command > output.txt    // Writes output to output.txt
command >> output.txt   // Appends output to output.txt
```

To redirect all output from a program (including **stdout** and **stderr**), you can use

```
command -args > output.txt 2>&1
```

To create a shell script you must create a new text file and save it as a '.sh' file. The file should start with the directory to the proper shell which is generally the default below. The first line (starting with a **shebang** '#!') is not a comment, but instead is treated by Unix as "which shell do I use to run this code." In our case, the Bourne shell will be used [5]. Furthermore, to create a shell application that has parameters, with a help screen to explain those parameters, you can apply the following template.

```
#!/bin/sh
# This is a comment!

# This creates a method to print the usage of the script
usage()
{
    cat << EOF
purpose: This explains the purpose of the script
Usage:   $0 [opts]

OPTIONS:
    -h          Display this help message
    -f <file>   File to input
    -v          Boolean-type flag as parameter

EOF


# This parses the arguments input to the script. The ":" specifies a
   ↪ parameter is expected with the input flag.
while getopts "hf:v" OPTION; do
    case $OPTION in
        h)  usage           # Calls out usage method.
            exit 0          # Exits with error code 1 => success.
            ;;              # Ends the specified case
        f)  fileInput=$OPTARG
            ;;
        v)  verboseMode=1   # Sets verboseMode to true.
            ;;
        *)  echo "Invalid option entered: -$OPTARG" >&2
            usage
```

```
            exit 2          # Exits with error code 2 => fail.
            ;;
    esac                    # completes out case statement
done

# This checks if a flag was used.
if [[ $verboseMode ]]; then
    echo "Verbose mode is activated!"
elif [[ ! $verboseMode ]]; then
    echo "Verbose mode is disabled!"
fi
}
```

To print text one can use the **echo** command as follows.

```
#!/bin/sh
echo Hello World
echo "Hello World"
echo -e "In order to print newline characters, use the e option!\n"
```

To make a file executable, or change the permissions in general the **chmod** command can be used and is typically used as follows.

```
chmod a+x <SCRIPTNAME>.sh                    # Make a script executable.
chmod -R 775 filesToChangePermissionsOf.ext  # Change the permissions of
   ↪  some file.
```

To modify the ownership of files you can specify the owner and group of a file(s) using **chown**

```
chown username:group file.txt   # Change the owner and group of a file.
chown -R :group folder          # Change only the group of some folder
   ↪ and its sub-folders.
```

Shell script **variables** are created by use of the equal sign. spaces in lines containing variables need to be avoided. To reference a variable, the '$' character is used. Quotations are used to avoid ambiguities with spaces.

```
#!/bin/sh
MY_VARIABLE="Hello World"    # Creates a variable.
echo $MY_VARIABLE            # Prints the variable.
```

To use a variable within a terminal session, you can use **export** it to store it for that session.

```
export PATH="$PATH:/home/user/.local/bin/" # Appends the PATH variable
   ↪ with a string
```

The **touch** command can be used to create a new empty file.

```
#!/bin/sh
echo "What is your name?"
read USER_NAME
echo "Hello $USER_NAME"
echo "I will create you a file called ${USER_NAME}_file"
```

```

# The quotations prevent multiple files from being called to touch.
touch "${USER_NAME}_file"
```

To determine the total number of files of a given file patter, you can use the **wc** command to count the output of an ls command. To save the output of a script or command, you must enclose it within the correct elements of '$()' such as below.

```
totalFiles=$(ls -l $filePattern 2> /dev/null | wc -l)
```

To perform **arithmetic** within shell scripts, you must use double parenthesis.

```
firstVar=4
secondVar=7
addedVar=$(($firstVar+$secondVar))
```

To create a **for loop** in shell, you can do so like the following:

```
i=1
for file in $filePattern; do
    [[ ! -e $file ]] && continue
    echo "I see file number $i: $file"
    ((i++))
done
```

2.7 Other

The **mkfifo** command is used to create a new named pipe. A pipe is used to store the output of one program to be used in another.

```
mkfifo namedPipe    # Creates a pip named "namedPipe".
ls > namedPipe      # Feeds the output of ls into namedPipe.
cat < namedPipe     # Feeds namedPipe into cat and displays the data
   ↪ from ls.
mkfifo namedPipe2 -m700  # Modifies the permissions of a created pipe.
```

2.7.1 emacs

Emacs is a powerful text editor. You can open a document through emacs using the following. The "-nw" flag indicates no GUI window should open (open in terminal).

```
emacs doc.txt -nw
```

To toggle **read-only mode** use C-x C-q.

Windows

3.1: Windows Key Combinations

Windows has various key combinations. These are used to do different things. For the purposes of this chart, the windows key will be represented by ⊞.

Key combination	Descriptions
⊞ + R	Opens a run window.
⊞ + m	Minimize all open windows.
⊞ + E	Opens the explorer window.
⊞ + UP	Minimize the currently opened window.
⊞ + F	Opens search for searching files and folders.
Alt + Tab	Change between open windows.
CTRL + ALT + Delete	Provides user options such as changing password.
CTRL + SHIFT + ESC	Opens Windows Task Manager.

To access the Windows 7 "God Mode" which is essentially a collection of administrator and troubleshooting features, create a folder with the following name:

```
GodMode.{ED7BA470-8E54-465E-825C-99712043E01C}
```

To view system information, including RAM installed, graphics processor and more, run the following command

```
dxdiag
```

To view and manage the **services** that are running on a machine, you can access the services.msc application by opening a run window and entering

```
services.msc     # Opens the services running.
```

To view and modify mouse settings, such as sensitivity or speed, you can open a run window and enter

```
main.cpl         # Opens the mouse settings.
```

Mac

MacOS is Apple's proprietary Unix-based operating system tailored for Macintosh computers. It boasts a sleek graphical user interface (GUI) atop a Unix-like foundation, offering stability and security. Its software ecosystem encompasses a broad array of third-party applications accessible through the Mac App Store and other channels.
Notable features include seamless integration with Apple's ecosystem, such as iCloud and iOS devices, robust security measures like Gatekeeper and FileVault for app and disk encryption, respectively, and advanced privacy controls. macOS also provides essential productivity tools and development support, including Xcode and Terminal, making it an appealing platform for software engineers and developers.

4.1: Mac Startup Options

Mac has various startup features. To use them, hold the following keys down simultaneously upon startup as soon as you hear the startup chime:

Startup Keys	Descriptions
Command, R	Boot into OS X Recovery mode.
C	Boot to external device such as CD, DVD, or USB.
N	Netboot.
Shift	Safe Boot.
Command, V	Boot using verbose mode for comprehensive boot details.
Command, S	Single user mode.
Command, Option, P, R	Resetting the PRAM during boot.
T	Enable target disk mode.

C/C++

C++ is a powerful, high-level programming language renowned for its performance, flexibility, and extensive standard library. Developed by Bjarne Stroustrup in the early 1980s, C++ is an extension of the C programming language with added support for object-oriented programming (OOP) features, such as classes, inheritance, and polymorphism. C++ is widely used in systems programming, game development, embedded systems, and performance-critical applications due to its close-to-the-metal capabilities and efficient memory management. Its rich standard library provides developers with a wide range of functions and data structures for building robust and scalable applications. C++'s versatility allows developers to write code that is both low-level, allowing direct hardware access, and high-level, facilitating complex software design patterns. Despite its complexity, C++ remains a popular choice for developers seeking performance and control over their software projects.

5.1 Data Types

5.1: C Integer data types

This information is taken from **??**

C type	stdint.h type	Bits	Sign	Range
char	uint8_t	8	Unsigned	0 .. 255
signed char	int8_t	8	Signed	-128 .. 127
unsigned short	uint16_t	16	Unsigned	0 .. 65,535
short	int16_t	16	Signed	-32,768 .. 32,767
unsigned int	uint32_t	32	Unsigned	0 .. 4,294,967,295
int	int32_t	32	Signed	-2,147,483,648 .. 2,147,483,647
unsigned long long	uint64_t	64	Unsigned	0 .. 18,446,744,073,709,551,615
long long	int64_t	64	Signed	-9,223,372,036,854,775,808 .. 9,223,372,036,854,775,807
C type	IEE754 Name	Bits		Range
float	Single Precision	32		-3.4E38 .. 3.4E38
double	Double Precision	64		-1.7E308 .. 1.7E308

5.2 Basics of the Language

The C++ main function is designed by default to pass in arguments when a program is ran. The argument passign is set up as follows.

```
1 int main(int argc, char *argv[])
2 {
3     // argc would represent how many arguments were passed to the program.
4     // argv[] is an array of each argument with the first element being the
          ↪ program name.
5     for (int i=0;i<argc;i++) std::cout << argv[i] << std::endl; //Prints the
          ↪ arguments.
6     return 0;
```

```
}

// So for example if I had HelloWorld.cpp as the above and ran using
// ./HelloWorld argument1 argument2 argument3
// we would get an output of
/some/file/path/HelloWorld
argument1
argument2
argument3
```

"The address of a variable can be obtained by preceding the name of a variable with an ampersand sign (&), known as **address-of operator**. [1]

```
var = 314;        //Creates a variable and stores in in memory.
address = &var;   //Returns the memory address of the stored variable.
```

"**Pointers** are said to 'point to' the variable whose address they store." [1] Proceeding a pointer with the dereference operator (*), which can be read as 'value pointed to by' can be used to access a variable which stores the address of another variable (called a **pointer**).

```
pointer = *address; //Sets pointer to the value of the variable that address
   ↪ points to.
```

A pointer must be declared using the type of the data the pointer points to.

```
int * number;           //Creates number to point to an int.
char * character;       //Creates character to point to a char.
double * decimals;      //Creates decimals to point to a double.
int array [20];         //Creates an empty array with 20 elements.
number = &array[2];     //Sets number to point to the third memory slot of array.
cout << *number;        //Prints the value stored in array[2].
```

Incrementing pointers. "When adding one to a pointer, the pointer is made to point to the following element of the same type, and, therefore, the size in bytes of the type it points to is added to the pointer."

```
char *mychar;   //Creates mychar to point to a char.
short *myshort; //Creates myshort to point to a short.
long *mylong;   //Creates mylong to point to a long.

++mychar;       //Would increment to the next memory slot.
++myshort;      //Would increment two memory slots.
++mylong;       //Would increment four memory slots.

*p++   // same as *(p++): increment pointer, and dereference unincremented
   ↪ address
*++p   // same as *(++p): increment pointer, and dereference incremented address
++*p   // same as ++(*p): dereference pointer, and increment the value it points
   ↪ to
(*p)++ // dereference pointer, and post-increment the value it points to
```

Within C++, you can use operations with **pointers to functions** which is typically used when calling a function with another function as a parameter. An example follows as [1]:

```
int addition (int a, int b){ return a+b; }
int subtraction (int a, int b){ return a-b; }

```

```
int operation (int x, int y, int (*functocall)(int,int)){
    int g;
    g = (*functocall)(x,y);
    return g;
}

int main (){
    int m,n;
    int (*minus)(int,int) = subtraction;  //minus is a pointer to a function that has two parameters of type int.

    m = operation (7, 5, addition);
    n = operation (20, m, minus);
    cout << n;
    return 0;
}
```

Templates can be used for defining classes that support multiple types.

```
template<class type>
class className{   //Creates a class named ClassName
    type a,b;    //Creates some variables of type
public:
    className(type val1, type val2) : a(val1), b(val2){};  //Constructor for className.
    type getMax(){ return a>b ? a:b; };
};
```

...Alternately, the above code can also be written as

```
template<class type>
class className{   //Creates a class named ClassName
    type a,b;    //Creates some variables of type
public:
    className(type val1, type val2){ a = val1; b = val2; };  //Constructor for className.
    type getMax();
};

template<class type>
type className<type>::getMax(){ return a>b ? a:b; }
```

To loop over boolean values, you can use

```
for (bool a : { false, true }) { /* ... */ }
```

5.3 Basic Input and Output

To output text via a terminal you can use:

```
uint32_t number = 0x123456         // A hexadecimal number.
std::string text = "Hello World!"; // A string.

std::cout << text << std::endl;    // std::endl is equivalent to the new-line character.
```

```
std::cout << std::hex << number;   // Prints a number in hexadecimal format.
```

To get input as a user in the type of a std::string, you can use:

```
std::string input = "";
std::cout << "Enter some text: ";
std::getline(std::cin, input);
```

5.4 Variable Types

Creating and using a vector.

```
#include <vector>

int size1 = 5;
int size2 = 6;
uint32_t number = 0x345678;  //Creates a 32 bit unsigned integer and sets it in
    ↪ hexadecimal.

//Creates a vector named V1 containing int's with a size of 5 and sets each
    ↪ element to 0.
std::vector<int> V1(size1, 0);

//Creates a 2-D vector (vector containing vectors) of size 5x6 named V2
    ↪ containing doubles;
std::vector< std::vector<double>> V2(size1, std::vector<double>(size2, 0));

V1[0] = 8; //Sets the first element in V1 to 8.

V2[0][3] = 3.1415; //Sets the 4th element in the first row of V2 to 3.1415.
```

5.5 Class Structures

In C++ a **Class** is an object that can contain variables and functions all defined within the object to be used in various ways.

```
// This creates a class named ParentClass.
class ParentClass{
    // The public members of a class are accessible to anything outside of the
        ↪ class.
    public:
        ParentClass();  // Constructor for the ParentClass.
        ~ParentClass(); // De-constructor for the ParentClass.
        int notSoSpecialInt = 13; // Creates an integer.
};

// This creates a class named ChildClass and inherits the public features of
    ↪ another class ParentClass.
class ChildClass : public ParentClass {
    // The public members of a class are accessible to anything outside of the
        ↪ class.
    public:
```

```
        // Creates a public method to return notSoSpecialInt.
        int getNotSoSpecialInt() { return notSoSpecialInt; };
        // Creates a public method to return secretInt.
        int getSecretInt() { return secretInt; };

    // The protected members of a class are accessible to this class and any
       ↪ class that inherits this one.
    protected:
        void hello();      // Creates a protected method hello() that is not
           ↪ defined.

    // The private members of a class are only accessible to this class.
    private:
        int secretInt = 2; // Creates a private integer secretInt.
};

// This defines the hello method within the ChildClass class.
void ChildClass::hello() {
    std::cout << "Hello!" << std::endl;
}



int main() {
    ChildClass child;  // Creates an object of ChildClass named child.

    int number = child.secretInt();    // ERROR: This would not work because
       ↪ secretInt is private;
    int number = child.getSecretInt(); // SUCCESS: This works becase getSecretInt
       ↪ () is public.
    return 0;
}
```

5.5.1 Converting Between Types

std::string to int

To convert a string to an integer you can use the **stoi** function:

```
std::string text = "31415";
int number = std::stoi(text);
```

std::string to double

To convert a string to a double you can use the **stod** function:

```
std::string text = "3.1415";
double number = std::stod(text);
```

std::string to const char*

To convert a string to a const char* you can use the **c_str()** function:

```
std::string str = "3.1415";
const char* chr = str.c_str();
```

5.6 Mathematical Commands

Prime Number

A simple brute for method to determines if a number of type long is **prime** or not.

```
bool isPrime(long num) {
    int c = 0;   //c is a counter for how many numbers can divide evenly into num
    if (num == 0 || num == 1 || num == 4) {
        return false;
    }
    for (long i = 1; i <= ((num + 1) / 2); i++) {
        if (c < 2) {
            if (num % i == 0) {
                c++;
            }
        } else {
            return false;
        }
    }
    return true;
}
```

Trigonometric Identities

To perform calculations using trigonometric identities, you first must include cmath and then do so as follows. These trigonometric functions from cmath can be used as floats, doubles, or long doubles.

```
#include <cmath>                          // Needed at start of file.

float num = 0.05;                         // creating a number.
float numS = std::sin(num);               // Calculates the sin of the number
float numC = std::cos(num);               // Calculates the cos of the number
float numT = std::tan(num);               // Calculates the tan of the number
```

5.7 System Commands

Sleep

Make the thread **sleep** for some amount of time using the std::chrono to determine the duration [2].

```
#include <thread>
#include <chrono>

std::this_thread::sleep_for(std::chrono::milliseconds(50)); //Makes the system
    ↪ sleep for 50 milliseconds.

```

```
std::this_thread::sleep_for(std::chrono::seconds(50)); //Makes the system sleep
    ↪ for 50 seconds.
```

On a Windows specific program this can be simplified by including the windows.h header

```
#include <windows.h>

Sleep(50); //Makes the system sleep for 50 milliseconds.

Sleep(5000); //Makes the system sleep for 50 seconds.
```

On a Windows specific program one can run a command directly from command prompt using the system function. The input variable to system is const char*.

```
#include <windows.h>

//system(const char* input)
system("DATE");   // Runs the DATE command from windows command prompt.
```

5.7.1 Simulate Key Strokes (Windows Only)

First the correct files must be included and an event must be setup.

```
#define WINVER 0x0500
#include <windows.h>

INPUT ip;

ip.type = INPUT_KEYBOARD; // Set up a generic keyboard event.
ip.ki.wScan = 0; // hardware scan code for key
ip.ki.time = 0;
ip.ki.dwExtraInfo = 0;
```

After this, functions can be setup to simulate various keys based on the specific key codes, two examples of such are

```
void space(){
// Press the "space" key.
ip.ki.wVk = VK_SPACE; // virtual-key code for the "space" key.
ip.ki.dwFlags = 0; // 0 for key press
SendInput(1, &ip, sizeof(INPUT));

// Release the "space" key
ip.ki.wVk = VK_SPACE; // virtual-key code for the "space" key.
ip.ki.dwFlags = KEYEVENTF_KEYUP; // KEYEVENTF_KEYUP for key release
SendInput(1, &ip, sizeof(INPUT));
Sleep(50);
}

void one(){
// Press the "1" key.
ip.ki.wVk = 0x31; // virtual-key code for the "1" key.
ip.ki.dwFlags = 0; // 0 for key press
SendInput(1, &ip, sizeof(INPUT));

```

```
// Release the "1" key.
ip.ki.wVk = 0x31; // virtual-key code for the "1" key.
ip.ki.dwFlags = KEYEVENTF_KEYUP; // KEYEVENTF_KEYUP for key release.
SendInput(1, \&ip, sizeof(INPUT));
Sleep(50);
}
```

A similar method can be used to simulate mouse clicks. And example for left click follows

```
void leftclick(){
INPUT ip={0};
// left down
ip.type = INPUT_MOUSE;
ip.mi.dwFlags = MOUSEEVENTF_LEFTDOWN;
SendInput(1,&Input,sizeof(INPUT));

// left up
ZeroMemory(&Input,sizeof(INPUT));
ip.type = INPUT_MOUSE;
ip.mi.dwFlags = MOUSEEVENTF_LEFTUP;
SendInput(1,&Input,sizeof(INPUT));
Sleep(50);
}
```

5.8 Compiler/Processor specific

The order of bytes within a binary representation of a number can be either **little endian** or **big endian**. In some cases, it is important to know this. Below is a function that will return the endianness of the machine you are compiling on.

```
bool is_big_endian(){
    union { uint32_t i; char c[4]; } bint = {0x01020304};
    return bint.c[0] == 1;
}

#if BYTE_ORDER == BIG_ENDIAN
// Use big endian code here.
#endif

#if BYTE_ORDER == LITTLE_ENDIAN
    // Use little endian code here.
#endif
```

To define specific code to use on windows vs linux you can use the following

```
// This checks for windows or Cygwin.
#if defined(WIN32) || defined(_WIN32) || defined(__WIN32__) || defined(__NT__) ||
   ↪  defined _WIN32 || defined _WIN64 || defined __CYGWIN__
    // Windows only code here...
#elif __linux__
    // Linux only code here...
#endif
```

Make/CMake

CMake is an open-source, cross-platform build system generator designed to facilitate the build process for software projects. Developed by Kitware in 2000, CMake simplifies the process of building, testing, and packaging software by providing a unified configuration language that abstracts away platform-specific details. CMake generates native build scripts for various platforms and compilers, including Unix Makefiles, Visual Studio solutions, and Xcode projects, allowing developers to maintain a single set of build instructions for multiple environments. With its modular and extensible architecture, CMake supports a wide range of project structures and dependencies, making it suitable for projects of all sizes and complexities. Its widespread adoption and active community support have established CMake as a standard build tool in the software development industry.

6.1 CMake

A poorly constructed and hard to follow yet fairly comprehensive example of how to use CMake and CMakeLists.txt files can be found at the following link (which is where much of the information in this section is derived from).

```
https://cmake.org/cmake/help/latest/guide/tutorial/index.html
```

A basic project with CMake will contain an executable built from source code. To use CMake this project must contain a **CMakeLists.txt** file containing the following.

```
cmake_minimum_required( VERSION 3.14 )

# Set the project name and version.
project( ProjectName VERSION 1.001)

# Add an executable.
add_executable( Main main.cpp )

# Create a binary tree to search for include files.
target_include_directories( Tutorial PUBLIC "${PROJECT_BINARY_DIR}" )
```

To define and enable support for a specific **C++ standard**, you can use the following.

```
# Specify the C++ standard to use.
set(CMAKE_CXX_STANDARD 11)
set(CMAKE_CXX_STANDARD_REQUIRED True)
```

To add a **library** in a subdirectory and use that library in the main level, you must define where the library is in the main level CMakeLists.txt file.

```
# Add the LibraryName library.
add_subdirectory( LibraryDirectory )

# Links this Main file to the desired target library.
target_link_libraries( Main PUBLIC LibraryName )

# Add the binary tree to the search path for include files so that we will find
   ↪ LibraryName.h
target_include_directories( Main PUBLIC
    "${PROJECT_BINARY_DIR}"
```

```
    "${PROJECT_SOURCE_DIR}/LibraryDirectory"
)
```

In the directory containing the library, a CMakeLists.txt file must also exist and contain the following.

```
# Defines the file as a library.
add_library( LibraryName LibraryName.cpp)
```

To create **optional arguments** that can be turned on and off, one can use the **option** command.

```
# Creates a variable USE_MYLIBRARY and set it to on.
option( USE_MYLIBRARY "Use my library with this project" ON )
```

Variables like the above can be used as follows.

```
if( USE_MYLIBRARY )
    add_subdirectory(MathFunctions)
    list(APPEND EXTRA_LIBS LibraryName)
    list(APPEND EXTRA_INCLUDES "${PROJECT_SOURCE_DIR}/LibraryDirectory")
endif()

# add the executable
add_executable( Main main.cpp )

target_link_libraries( Main PUBLIC ${EXTRA_LIBS} )

# Add the binary tree to the search path for include files.
target_include_directories( Main PUBLIC
    "${PROJECT_BINARY_DIR}"
     ${EXTRA_INCLUDES}
)
```

The use of variables defined in CMake can be defined in the source code using

```
#cmakedefine USE_MYLIBRARY
```

You can also define a variable for use within a C++ file as follows

```
# CMakeList code here:
project(MIA VERSION 0.300)
add_definitions ( -DMIAVERSION=\"${VERSION}\" )

// C++ code then looks like this:
#ifdef MIAVERSION
    #define MIA_VERSION_VALUE MIAVERSION
#else
    #define MIA_VERSION_VALUE "Unknown"
#endif
std::string Configurator::ProgramVariables::MIA_VERSION = MIA_VERSION_VALUE;
```

To prevent needing a full relative file path in a cpp file include, you can use include the directory within the CMakeList file from that directory.

```
# CMake code:
include_directories(some/relative/path)

// C++ code
```

```
// #include "some/relative/path/file.hpp" // No longer needed
#include "file.hpp" // This replaces it
```

Git

Git is a distributed version control system designed for software development, enabling programmers to manage and track changes to their code base efficiently. Utilizing a decentralized architecture, Git allows developers to work collaboratively on projects, facilitating concurrent development and seamless merging of code changes. With features such as branching, tagging, and commit history, Git empowers programmers to maintain code integrity, experiment with new features, and revert changes when necessary. Its robust branching model facilitates the creation of feature branches for code development, enabling developers to isolate changes and merge them back into the main code base effortlessly. Overall, Git serves as an indispensable tool for programmers, offering a reliable and scalable solution for version control in software development projects.

7.1: Git Resources

Various git resources exist for use of or with git (an open source, distributed version-control system).

Description	Source
Main git website	https://git-scm.com/
git book	https://git-scm.com/book/en/v2
git reference	https://git-scm.com/docs/

7.0.1 Basic Git

To turn an existing directory into a git repository you can use the **git init** command,

```
git init   # Makes the current directory a git repository.
```

Git contains some basic **configuration** that can be set for all the local repositories.

```
# Sets the name you want attached to your commit transactions.
git config --global user.name "[name]"

# Sets the email you want attached to your commit transactions.
git config --global user.email "[email address]"

# Enables helpful colorization of command line output.
git config --global color.ui auto
```

Some basic commands used by git include cloning repositories with the **clone** (a local version of a repository, including all commits and branches) command, checking the **log** of previous changes, and checking the **status** of current files.

```
git clone https://github.com/torodean/Antonius-Handbook-II.git

git log         # Prints a list of the commits and their messages.
git log --stat  # Shows individual file changes along with the log.

git status      # Checks which state current files are in.
```

To **synchronize** your local repository with the remote repository.

```
git fetch    # Downloads all history from the remote tracking branches.
git merge    # Combines remote tracking branch into current local branch.
git pull     # A combination of git fetch and git merge.
```

To record changes to a git repository, you will primarily use the **add**, **commit** (a Git object, a snapshot of your entire repository compressed into a SHA), **diff**, and **push** commands. The **add** command can be thought of to "add precisely this content to the next commit".

```
git add -A              # Stages all files to be committed.
git add textFile.txt    # Stages a text file named 'textFile'.
git rm textFile.txt     # Removes a text file from staging.

git diff                # Shows unstaged changes.
git diff --cached       # Shows staged changes.

git commit              # Commits changes and asks for commit message.
git commit -m "text"    # Commits changes with a string as the commit message.
git commit -v           # includes the diff output into the commit.

git push                # Updates remote references using local references.
```

The **branch** (a lightweight movable pointer to a commit) command is used to create a new branch. The **checkout** command is used to change the working branch.

```
git branch                # Lists all branches.
git branch --merged       # See merged to current branches.
git branch -v             # See last commit on each branch.

git branch issue087       # Creates a branch issue087.
git checkout issue087     # Changes to the branch issue087.
git branch -d issue087    # Deletes the branch issue087.

git checkout -b issue087  # Does both of the above commands in one line.
```

The **merge** command is used to combine multiple branches after work on them is finished. To assist with merge conflicts, you can use **mergetool**.

```
git checkout master      # Changes to the master branch.
git merge issue087       # Attempts to merge master and issue087.

git mergetool            # Starts mergetool to assist with merge conflicts.
```

Using the fork command, one can create a copy of a repository owned by a different user.

```
git fork [URL]
```

Sometimes a file or type of file(s) are desired to be ignored by git and not push to the repository. This cane be done by creating a special file named **.gitignore**.

```
# Example of a .gitignore file. This file tells git to ignore the following types
   ↪  of files.
*.aux
*.log
*.synctex.gz
*.toc
*.o
```

7.0.2 Advanced Git

A useful tool is **stash** (code must be staged to be stashed), which lets you save code without making a commit [6][7].

```
git stash        # Makes a temporary local save of your repository.
git stash list   # Show's a list of stashes that have been made.
git stash apply  # Reapplies the content of a stash.
git stash branch # Carry over stashed commits to new branch.
git drop         # Used to remove stashes individually.
git stash clear  # Used to remove all stashes.

git checkout .   # Resets all uncommitted code.
```

The **reset** tool is used for accidental commits or reversing commits [6][7].

```
git reset                  # Lets you modify your repository before doing a
   ↪ commit.
git reset --soft HEAD~NUM. # Resets the most recent $NUM of commits.
git reset --hard HEAD~NUM  # Erases your last $NUM of commits.
```

The **bisect** tool will present you with the details of a commit when compared with another. By referencing a good commit and a bad commit, git will traverse between the two and ask you which ones are good and which ones are bad and then you can display the differences after the process is finished [6][7].

```
git bisect        # Allows you to hunt for bad commits.
git bisect start  # Tells git that there is a bad commit.
git bisect bad    # Tells git which commit is bad.
git bisect good   # Tells git which commit is good.
git show          # Show the commit to indentify the issue.
```

The **rebase** tool is used to combine commits. The rebase tool can be dangerous as it could potentially permanently delete files. It is recommended to view the documentation before using it [6][7].

```
git rebase   # Allows for applying changes from one branch onto another.
```

To view and change the url that the git repository is using to update, you can use the textbfgit remote command.

```
git remote -v  # Lists the remote url of the repository.
git remote set-url origin <NEW-URL>  # Change the url of the repo.
```

7.0.3 Git Submodules

Git submodules are a feature in Git that allows developers to include one Git repository as a subdirectory within another Git repository. This enables the management of dependencies and external libraries within a project, allowing for modular and organized codebases. With Git submodules, developers can easily incorporate external code repositories into their projects while maintaining version control and tracking changes across multiple repositories. This provides a convenient way to reuse code, collaborate with external teams, and manage complex project dependencies effectively. However, it's important to note that working with Git submodules requires understanding of their workflow and potential complexities, making them a powerful but nuanced tool for managing project dependencies in software development.

For a project containing git **submodules**. When cloned (by default), the submodule repo's and containing files will not be cloned. Only a reference to the submodule commit will be cloned. To clone the submodule's files along with the repo, use

```
git clone --recurse-submodules <project-path>
```

If you have cloned a repository and would like to update submodule files after the fact, you can use

```
git submodule update --init --recursive
```

In a repository containing a submodule, the submodule is always pointing to a specific commit for that submodule. This commit may not be the latest of the submodule. To update all submodules to their latest commits, you can use the **remote flag**. After doing this to update submodules, changes will appear in the top level git reposity - as the submodule commit pointers have changed. These changes will need committed to the git repo.

```
git submodule update --init --recursive --remote
```

By default, each submodule will be in a detached **HEAD** state. To commit changes to a submodule, you must first change to a branch and then commit the changes. The top level repository contains a **.gitmodules** file that contains information on which branch the git repo will use for each submodule

```
# Example .gitmodules file
[submodule "submodule_name"]
    path = submodule_path
    url = submodule_url
    branch = submodule_branch
```

LaTeX

LaTeX is a typesetting system widely used in technical and scientific documentation, renowned for its exceptional typesetting quality and support for complex mathematical equations and symbols. Programmers often leverage LaTeX to produce high-quality documents, reports, articles, and presentations with precise formatting and layout control. Its markup language allows for the creation of structured documents using plain text, enabling version control and collaboration using tools like Git. LaTeX's extensive package ecosystem offers additional functionality for generating bibliographies, tables, graphics, and custom document layouts, making it a preferred choice for programmers seeking precise and professional document production capabilities.

C#

C# is a powerful, object-oriented programming language developed by Microsoft as part of the .NET initiative in the early 2000s. Designed for building robust, scalable applications, C# combines the productivity of modern, high-level languages with the performance and control of low-level languages. With its elegant syntax, rich standard library, and seamless integration with the .NET framework, C# enables developers to create a wide range of applications, from web and desktop applications to mobile and gaming platforms. Key features of C# include automatic memory management, type safety, and support for modern programming paradigms such as asynchronous programming and LINQ (Language-Integrated Query). Backed by a vibrant developer community and extensive documentation, C# continues to be a popular choice for building enterprise-grade software solutions across various industries.

The language C# is very similar to C++ and Java. All programming snippets listed in this section were tested and from a program created in Visual Studio 2013. Many of the functions written in this section depend on the Windows .Net application framework and may not function without that.

9.1 Useful Application Functions

Exit a program.

```
//These are needed at the beginning of the file.
using System;
using System.Windows.Forms;

//This exits the program
public static void exitLOLA(){
    if (System.Windows.Forms.Application.MessageLoop){
        System.Windows.Forms.Application.Exit();     // WinForms app
    } else {
        System.Environment.Exit(1);     // Console app
    }
}
```

The following will return the current Epoch time in seconds. This is useful for version control, random number generation, and more. Also, a demonstration of how ot set the current date as a string.

```
//Sets the current date as a string.
private static string today = System.DateTime.Today.ToString("d");

//Returns the current epoch time in seconds (time passed since January 1, 1970).
public static long getEpochTime(){
    var epoch = (DateTime.UtcNow - new DateTime(1970, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, DateTimeKind
        ↪ .Utc)).TotalSeconds;
    return (long)epoch;
}
```

The following can be used to increase the size of a terminal window for a terminal application make in Visual Studio.

```
//Doubles the length of the output terminal window if the resolution on the
    ↪ computer permits it.
//Otherwise leaves it as the default.
public static void setScreenSize_double(){
```

```
    //determines the screen resolution to then determine the size of the output
       ↪ window.
    int origWidth = Console.WindowWidth;
    int origHeight = Console.WindowHeight;
    int height;
    int screenHeight = Screen.PrimaryScreen.Bounds.Height;

    if (screenHeight < 1080){
        height = origHeight;
    } else {
    height = origHeight * 2;
    }

    //int height = origHeight;
    Console.SetWindowSize(origWidth, height);
}
```

Get the directory path that the executable file is located in.

```
//returns the path that the program executable file is in.
public static string getProgramPath(){
    string path = System.IO.Path.GetDirectoryName(Assembly.GetEntryAssembly().
       ↪ Location);
    return path;
}
```

9.2 Getting Windows System Information

Return the system name

```
//Returns the user defined system name.
public static string getSystemName() {
    systemName = Environment.MachineName;
    return systemName;
}
```

Determines and returns whether a processor is 32 or 64 bits and returns the number of bits as an int.

```
//Returns twhether the processor is 32 or 64-bit.
public static int getBits(){
    bool bitOS = Environment.Is64BitOperatingSystem;
    if (bitOS){
        bits = 64;
        return bits;
    } else {
        bits = 32;
        return bits;
    }
}
```

Returns the Full Operating System Name. Then, an alternate function to format the operating system name in a friendly manner.

```
public static string getOSFullName() {
```

```
    return new Microsoft.VisualBasic.Devices.ComputerInfo().OSFullName.ToString()
        ↪ ;
}

//Returns a 'friendly' string with the OS listed.
public static string getFriendlyOS() {
    OSversion = getOSFullName() + " " + getBits() + "-bit";
    return OSversion;
}
```

Returns the IPv4 address of a machine.

```
//Returns the IPv4 that the user is using.
public static string getIPv4address(){
    if (IPv4address != null){
        return IPv4address;
    }
    IPAddress[] ipv4Addresses = Array.FindAll(Dns.GetHostEntry(string.Empty).
        ↪ AddressList, a => a.AddressFamily == AddressFamily.InterNetwork);
    int i = 1;
    try{
        IPv4address = ipv4Addresses[i].ToString();
    }
    catch (System.IndexOutOfRangeException){
        i = 0;
        IPv4address = ipv4Addresses[i].ToString();
    }
    return IPv4address;
}
```

Determines CPU specs for a machine.

```
//Sets the CPU specs for the machine.
ManagementObject Mo = new ManagementObject("Win32_Processor.DeviceID='CPU0'");
uint speed = (uint)(Mo["CurrentClockSpeed"]);
string name = Mo["Name"].ToString();
Mo.Dispose();
int CPUspeed = Convert.ToInt32(speed);
string CPUmodel = name;
```

Determines the model of a PC.

```
string PCModel

System.Management.SelectQuery query = new System.Management.SelectQuery(@"Select
    ↪ * from Win32_ComputerSystem");
using (System.Management.ManagementObjectSearcher searcher = new System.
    ↪ Management.ManagementObjectSearcher(query))

foreach (System.Management.ManagementObject Mo in searcher.Get()){
    Mo.Get();
    string Model = Mo["Model"].ToString();
    //System.Console.WriteLine("{0}{1}", "...System Model: ", Mo["Model"]);
    PCModel = Model;
}
if (PCModel == "System Product Name"){
```

```
    PCModel = "unknown";
}
```

Returns the installed RAM in a machine. Multiple methods are listed which give varied results depending on the environment.

```
//This returns an estimate of the ram installed on a machine.
//It is keyed to take the total bytes of RAM and cnovert them to the nearest 2^n
    ↪ value.
//This is the old function to determine RAM capacity. getInstalledRAM() returns a
    ↪  more accurate value.
public static ulong getTotalPhysicalMemoryInBytes(){
    return new Microsoft.VisualBasic.Devices.ComputerInfo().TotalPhysicalMemory;
}
public static ulong getTotalVirtualMemoryInBytes(){
    return new Microsoft.VisualBasic.Devices.ComputerInfo().TotalVirtualMemory;
}

//Returns the physically installed RAM.
public static ulong getInstalledRAM(){
    string Query = "SELECT Capacity FROM Win32_PhysicalMemory";
    ManagementObjectSearcher searcher = new ManagementObjectSearcher(Query);

    UInt64 Capacity = 0;
    foreach (ManagementObject WniPART in searcher.Get()){
        Capacity += Convert.ToUInt64(WniPART.Properties["Capacity"].Value);
    }

    return Capacity;
}
```

Java

Java is a versatile, object-oriented programming language renowned for its portability, scalability, and security features. Developed by Sun Microsystems in the mid-1990s, Java has since become a cornerstone of enterprise and web application development. One of Java's key strengths is its "write once, run anywhere" philosophy, facilitated by the Java Virtual Machine (JVM), which allows Java programs to run on any platform that supports the JVM, regardless of the underlying hardware or operating system. Java offers a rich set of libraries and frameworks for building a wide range of applications, from desktop and mobile apps to enterprise systems and web services. Its strong emphasis on object-oriented principles, robust memory management, and extensive community support make Java a popular choice for both beginner and experienced developers alike.

HTML

HTML (Hypertext Markup Language) is a fundamental language for creating and structuring web pages. It consists of tags that define the structure and content of a document, allowing developers to organize text, images, links, and other media elements. HTML documents are hierarchical, with a tree-like structure where each element is nested within others, forming a Document Object Model (DOM). Developers can manipulate the DOM using JavaScript to dynamically update content and interact with users. HTML5, the latest version of HTML, introduced new features like semantic elements (e.g., ¡header¿, ¡footer¿) and multimedia support (e.g., ¡video¿, ¡audio¿), enhancing the capabilities for building modern web applications. Understanding HTML is essential for web developers to create accessible, well-structured, and responsive websites.

CSS

CSS (Cascading Style Sheets) is a styling language used to control the visual presentation of HTML and XML documents. It allows developers to define styles for elements such as colors, fonts, layout, and spacing, separating the content from its presentation. CSS works by selecting elements in a document and applying styles to them based on rules defined by the developer. It offers various selectors and properties to target specific elements or groups of elements, enabling fine-grained control over the appearance of a web page. CSS can be applied inline within HTML elements, embedded in the ¡style¿ tag in the document head, or linked externally to the HTML file. With CSS, developers can create visually appealing and responsive web designs, improving user experience and accessibility across different devices and screen sizes. Understanding CSS is essential for front-end developers to create attractive and well-designed web interfaces.

PHP

PHP (Hypertext Preprocessor) is a server-side scripting language commonly used for web development. It enables developers to create dynamic and interactive web applications by embedding PHP code within HTML files. PHP code is executed on the server, generating HTML content that is then sent to the client's web browser. PHP offers a wide range of features for handling form data, interacting with databases, managing sessions and cookies, and performing file operations. It also supports object-oriented programming, allowing developers to create reusable and modular code. PHP integrates seamlessly with various web servers and database management systems, making it a versatile choice for building dynamic websites and web applications. Understanding PHP is essential for back-end developers to implement server-side functionality and deliver dynamic content to users.

JavaScript

JavaScript, often abbreviated as JS, is a dynamic, lightweight programming language primarily used for client-side web development. Developed by Brendan Eich at Netscape in the mid-1990s, JavaScript has evolved into a versatile and essential tool for creating interactive and dynamic web content. Unlike Java, which is primarily used for server-side programming, JavaScript is executed on the client's browser, enabling developers to enhance user experiences with features such as dynamic content updates, form validation, and interactive elements. JavaScript is supported by all modern web browsers and is often used in conjunction with HTML and CSS to create modern, responsive web applications. Its flexibility, simplicity, and widespread adoption have made JavaScript an integral part of web development, powering everything from simple webpage animations to complex single-page applications.

Python

Python is a high-level, interpreted programming language known for its simplicity, readability, and versatility. With its elegant syntax and dynamic typing, Python facilitates rapid development and prototyping across various domains, including web development, data analysis, artificial intelligence, and scientific computing. Its extensive standard library and vibrant ecosystem of third-party packages provide comprehensive support for a wide range of tasks, from basic scripting to complex software development. Python's object-oriented and functional programming paradigms, coupled with its strong community support and cross-platform compatibility, make it an ideal choice for both beginners and experienced developers seeking efficient and expressive solutions to their programming challenges. Its emphasis on code readability and simplicity distinguishes Python from other languages, promoting maintainability and collaboration in software projects.

The official python documentation can be found at the following links

```
# Documentation for version 3+
https://docs.python.org/3/
# Documentation for version 2+
https://docs.python.org/2/
```

15.1 Imports and libraries

On Linux, there's a site-packages folder that imported libraries are all in. These are located in the following directories for python versions 2.7 and 3.6 respectively.

- /usr/lib/python2.7/site-packages
- /usr/lib/python3.6/site-packages

I believe you only have specify the path from that folder on. For example, an app that uses the import program.script.interface as interface will have the interface.py file installed to usr/lib/python3.6/site-packages/program/scripts.

15.2 Basics of Python

Import floating point division which allows python 2 compatibility when using division with doubles. Include this at the beginning of the script.

```
from __future__ import division
```

15.3 Program parameters

You can add input parameters for a python script/program using the argparse package.

```
import argparse

parser.add_argument(
        '-v',                           # Creats a parameter with -v
        '--verbose',                    # Creates args.verbose parameter
        required=False,                 # Sets the parameter to not required.
```

```
        default=False,                    # Sets default value
        action='store_true',              # Sets value to true if supplied
        help="Enables verbose mode.")     # Sets help message

parser.add_argument(
        '-i',                             # Creates a parameter with -i
        '--input',                        # Creates args.input parameter
        required=True,                    # Sets the parameter to be required
        default="potato",                 # Sets default value to "potato"
        help="An input string to use")    # Sets a help message

if args.input is not none:
    print("Input value is {0}".format(args.input)) # prints the input value.

if args.verbose:
    print("Verbose is on!")
```

15.4 Methods, Functions, and Classes

To define a **function** in Python, you use the **def** keyword followed by the function name and parameters, if any. You can also include a docstring to provide documentation for the function. In this example, the `greet()` function takes a `name` parameter and returns a greeting message.

```
def greet(name):
    """
    This function greets the user.
    :param name: The name of the person to greet
    :return: A greeting message
    """
    return f"Hello, {name}!"
```

Methods are functions that are associated with objects. They are defined within the scope of a class and are accessed through instances of the class. In this example, the `bark()` method of the `Dog` class prints a bark message when called.

```
class Dog:
    def bark(self):
        """
        This method makes the dog bark.
        """
        print("Woof!")
```

Classes in Python allow you to define your own data types with custom attributes and methods. In this example, the `Rectangle` class represents a geometric rectangle. It has an **__init__()** method to initialize its width and height attributes and an `area()` method to calculate its area.

```
class Rectangle:
    def __init__(self, width, height):
        self.width = width
        self.height = height

    def area(self):
        return self.width * self.height
```

To use the `Rectangle` class, you can create an instance of it by passing the width and height values as parameters to the constructor:

```
# Constructing a Rectangle object
rectangle1 = Rectangle(5, 10)

# Calculating the area of the rectangle
area = rectangle1.area()

print("The area of the rectangle is:", area)
```

15.5 String manipulation

To split a string by a **delimiter** you can use the **split()** method. To remove any leadig or trailing **whitespace** from a string, you can use the **strip()** method. Additionally, you can use **lstrip()** to remove leading whitespace and **rstrip()** to remove trailing whitespace.

```
stringValue = "Test; string "

firstPart = stringValue.split(';')[0]    # Stores "Test"
secondPart = stringValue.split(';')[1]   # Stores " string "
noWhiteSpace = secondPart.strip()        # Stores "string"
leftWhiteSpace = secondPart.lstrip()     # Stores "string "
rightWhiteSpace = secondPart.rstrip()    # Stores " string"
```

The opposite of splitting strings is joining them. You can use the **join()** method to concatenate a sequence of strings into a single string, using a specified delimiter.

```
words = ['Hello', 'world', '!']

# Join the words with a space delimiter
sentence = ' '.join(words)   # Stores "Hello world !"
```

Python provides methods to convert the case of strings. You can use **lower()** to convert a string to lowercase and **upper()** to convert it to uppercase.

```
text = "Hello, World!"

# Convert the string to lowercase
lowerCaseText = text.lower()   # Stores "hello, world!"

# Convert the string to uppercase
upperCaseText = text.upper()   # Stores "HELLO, WORLD!"
```

To insert variables into a string, you can use the **format()** method or by using an **f-string** (introduced in python3.6).

```
a = 5
b = 6
sum = a + b
equation = "{0} + {1} = {2}".format(a, b, sum)
f_equation = f"{a} + {b} = {sum}"

print(equation)   # prints "5 + 6 = 11"
```

```
print(f_equation) # prints "5 + 6 = 11"
```

15.6 Arrays and lists

To check if any value in one array or list is present in another array or list, you can use the **any()** function along with a generator expression. In this example, the **any()** function iterates over each item in `list2` and checks if it is present in `list1`. If any common elements are found, the condition evaluates to `True`, and the corresponding message is printed.

```
list1 = ["apple", "banana", "orange"]
list2 = ["orange", "grape", "pear"]

if any(item in list1 for item in list2):
    print("Common elements found between list1 and list2")
else:
    print("No common elements found")
```

You can concatenate two or more lists using the **+ operator** or the **extend()** method. Both methods produce the same result: a new list containing all the elements from the original lists in the specified order.

```
list1 = [1, 2, 3]
list2 = [4, 5, 6]

# Using the + operator
concatenated_list = list1 + list2   # Stores [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6]

# Using the extend() method
list1.extend(list2)   # Modifies list1 to [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6]
```

To find the number of elements in a list, you can use the built-in **len()** function.

```
my_list = [10, 20, 30, 40, 50]

# Find the length of the list
list_length = len(my_list)   # Stores 5
```

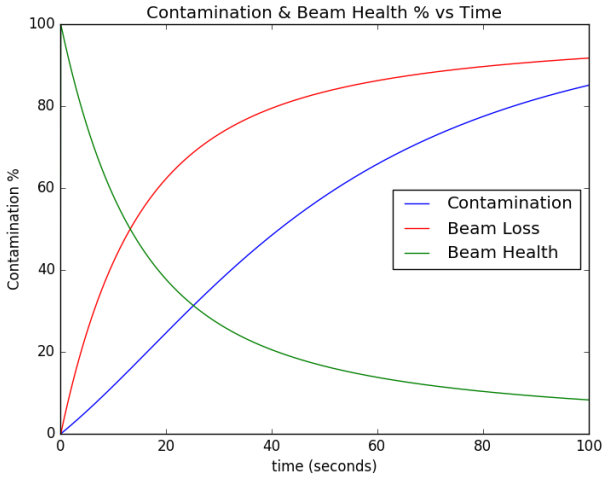
15.7 Plotting and Graphs

A nicely formatted plot with a legend using the pylab package.

```
import pylab as plt #Imports the correct packages for plotting.

plt.title('Contamination & Beam Health % vs Time')      # Creates a title.

plt.plot(t, Contamination, '-b', label='Contamination') # Plots Contamination in
    ↪ blue.
plt.plot(t, Beam_loss, '-r', label='Beam Loss')     # Plots Beam_loss in red.
plt.plot(t, Beam_health, '-g', label='Beam Health') # Plots Beam_health in green.

plt.xlabel("time (seconds)")   # Creates a x-axis label
plt.ylabel("Contamination %")  # Creates a y-axis label

```

```
plt.legend(loc='center right') # Creates a legend with the labels set above.
# Other locations include upper/lower/center left/right

plt.show() # Displays plot.
```

This code would display a graph such as the one below such that the proper values are input.



A nicely formatted plot with a legend using the matplotlib package.

```
import matplotlib as plt    # Imports the correct packages for plotting.

fig = plt.figure(dpi=1200)  # Increase resolution of the plot.
plt.scatter(x, y, s=0.1)    # Plot x data vs y data with a dot size of 0.1.
fig.suptitle(title, fontsize=12) # adds a title to the figure.

plt.xlabel("x axis label")  # Creates a x-axis label.
plt.ylabel("y axis label")  # Creates a y-axis label.

manage = plt.get_current_fig_manager()
manage.full_screen_toggle() # Makes the plt full screen.

plt.show()                  # Displays plot.
plt.savefig("fileName.png") # Saves the figure as an image
```

15.8 Pytest

Pytest is a powerful and popular testing framework for Python that simplifies the process of writing and executing tests. It offers a straightforward syntax and extensive features for writing test cases, including assertions, fixtures, parameterization, and test discovery. Pytest provides robust support for testing different types of applications, including web applications, APIs, and command-line utilities. It promotes efficient testing practices by emphasizing readability, scalability, and flexibility, making it a preferred choice for many Python developers.

To run a python test file using pytest, you can call pytest directly via a terminal.

```
pytest -vv test_my_module.py
```

To write tests for a function, you must import that function and write a test for it. The **assert** is a basic test keyword is used to check if a statement is true of false.

```python
# Code implementation in a Python file (e.g., my_module.py)

def add(x, y):
    """Function to add two numbers."""
    return x + y
```

```python
# Test case using Pytest (e.g., test_my_module.py)

import pytest
import my_module

def test_add():
    """Test case for the add function."""

    # Test with positive integers
    assert my_module.add(2, 3) == 5

    # Test with negative integers
    assert my_module.add(-2, -3) == -5

    # Test with zero
    assert my_module.add(0, 0) == 0

    # Test with one positive and one negative integer
    assert my_module.add(5, -3) == 2
```

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