Semester Kick-Off

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Welcome!

Welcome!

- I hope your summer was great, i.e., full of:
  - coding;
  - debugging;
  - computer science stuff, in general…
- In case it wasn't… well being on vacation might be of equal fun.
- In any case, welcome (back)!
- There are some Derby–specific changes this year we should have a look at before we proceed.
  - In case you were not here last year, these are not changes but the status quo for you, but, you get the point in any case.

Assignment Submissions

- All assignment deadlines will be set on workdays, i.e., Monday – Friday, not weekends.
- Submission deadlines will be globally set at 17:00 (Athens Time).
- Submission deadlines are hard, in the sense that once set, there is no plan for revision.
    - Excluding mistakes, but we try to be careful with that on our side. :)
- There is, however, a 168 hours late submission period with various penalties (more on next slide).
- In case you have not submitted (NS) any work on Blackboard, you will not be considered eligible for referral exams on that module → module fail.
- So, **submit something in all cases!**

Assignment Submissions

- IMR is gone!
  - The thing where, upon tutor's prompt, you could submit your project for re-examination, after making the appropriate changes?
- Instead, you are granted a **1 + 6 days late submission period.**
- Where's the catch?
  - Within the **first day** (24 hours) there is a **10% penalty.**
    - Bottom-capped at 40%, so, a 45% project submitted 16 hours late is graded with 40%, not 35%.
  - Within the **next 6 days** (144 hours) your grade is **capped at 40%.**
- Beyond those 168 hours of late submission, there is no other way to submit your work after the official deadline.

General Stuff

About The Labs

- No food / coffee consumption in the labs.
- Drinking water is allowed.
- In case you just bought your coffee or food, you will have to wait until next break to consume it.
- In case you spot a malfunction in lab equipment, inform your tutor and / or the college's IT support.
- In any case, do not be too creative with lab equipment!
- You can use the labs for projects you are working on, modulo availability.
  - Ask the secretariat for this – the same applies for the gaming room, which should be considered a lab.
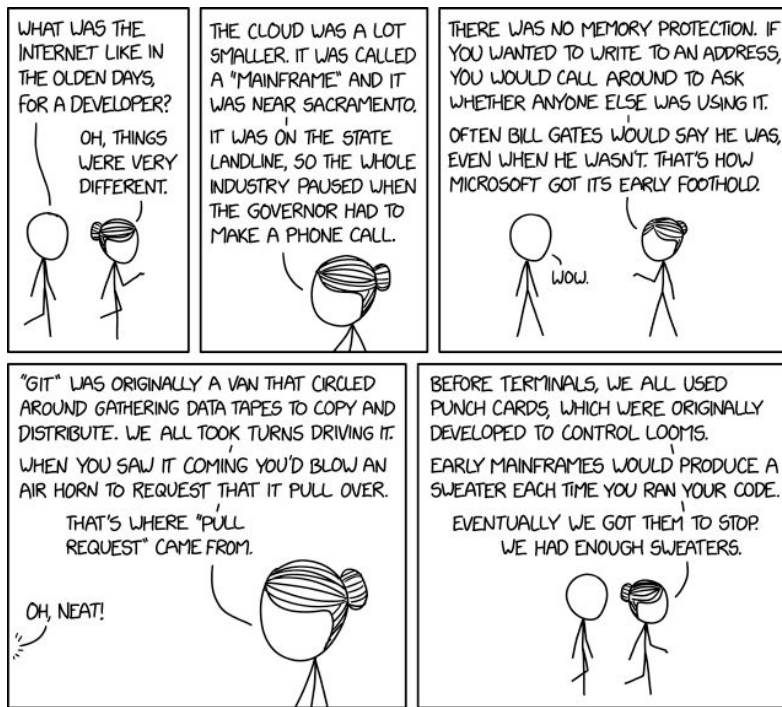
About Absence

- In case of planned absence, inform your tutor and the secretariat as soon as possible.
- In any other case, classes start at xx:00 and end / break at xx:50.
- You can be absent from 20% of your classes, in total.
- Beyond that point, there might be troubles.
- In case of unavoidable long–term absence, e.g., for health reasons:
  - Coordinate with the school's secretariat.
  - Coordinate your your Programme Leader.
  - Coordinate with Derby.

Back In The Day...

Do you use Git?
- Well, as training developers, you should.
- You can find more instructions on that in `git_intro/readme.pdf`.
- You are expected to utilise Git in your code project submissions.
- You might also consider using a cloud solution like Github or Gitlab to sync between different devices.

Project Templates

- You will have to submit some reports or essays as part of module assessment.
- To that end, feel free to utilize the template found in the `templates` directory.
- In that directory you will spot a `.tex` file.
  - This corresponds to the [LaTeX](#) markup language.
  - Once you climb LaTeX's learning curve, common document editors will feel like poor alternatives.
- So, make yourself this favour and start learning LaTeX!
  - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ydOTMQC7np0
  - Learn LaTeX in 30 Minutes!

Contacting Me

- Preferred channel: v.markos@mc-class.gr
- Slightly worse alternative: College MS Teams.
- Expect response within 24 hours on most issues.
  - If not, feel free to send a reminder.
- Things I can (attempt to) answer: Anything related to the module.
- Things I cannot (even attempt to) answer: Anything not in the previous bullet.
- Office Hours: TBA but most probably:
  - Athens: Friday, a few hours between 12:00 and 16:00.
  - Glyfada: Tuesday, 15:00.
  - MS Teams Meeting after booking a time slot.

About (Gen)AI Usage

- In general, Derby has an "ask a friend" policy regarding Gen–AI, i.e.:
  - "Would asking a friend to _____for me count as Academic Offence?"
  - If yes, then you should not use AI for this purpose.
  - If not, then it will **probably** be okay.
- In any case, for any assignment on any module, **consult the assessment brief for Gen–AI usage!**
- In case of Suspected Academic Offence (SAO), things get really serious, with potential outcomes, in case of an actual Academic Offence, being:
  - failing the module;
  - termination of studies.

About Gen(AI) Usage

- In cases where AI usage is permitted, it should be properly cited.
- For instance:

The complex interplay of global supply chains and localized consumption habits creates an unpredictable yet fascinating dynamic in the twenty-first-century marketplace (Google, 2025).

- In the references, then, you can include it as follows:
  - Google. (2025). Gemini (2.5 Flash) [Large language model]. Retrieved October 3, 2025, from https://gemini.google.com/app/2b669b0f91b40674

Have Fun!