Welcome to CS 106L!

Stick around!
Today

- Introductions
- Course Logistics
- The Pitch
- C++ Basics
Frankie

Into:

- Outside
- My Toyota Sienna
- Crosswords
- Programming
- Language Theory
- Magic
Frankie

Not Into:
- Inside
- People who drop 106L
Sathya

Into:
- EE + Physics
- Computational Physics
- Violin
- Climbing
- LoL/Valo
Sathya

Not Into:
- Blisters
- Leetcode 🐸
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Lecture

- Held Tuesdays and Thursdays 1:30-3 in STLC 111
- We will usually try to keep lectures closer to an hour+ish, just wanted to give ourselves time to get into the cool stuff!
- No lecture week 10!
- You can find a screen recording of a lecture on Canvas but we want you to to come in person!
Office Hours

- OH time TBD, will be in person and virtual
- We want to talk to you! Come talk!
- Extra office hours when assignments are due!
- Watch the website (cs106l.stanford.edu) and Ed for more info
Assignments

- There will be 3 **very short** assignments
- You only need to do 2 to pass the class
- Pairs are allowed! (Not at all necessary)
- 3 late days, more if you fill out feedback forms!
- Email us to work out any extensions
- Check out the assignment setup page ASAP!
- Assignment Setup after class Thursday!
Questions?
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Why CS106L?
- Focus is on **concepts** like abstractions, recursion, pointers etc.
- Bare minimum C++ in order to use these concepts

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**CS106L**

- Focus is on **code**: what makes it good, what powerful and elegant code looks like
- The real deal: No Stanford libraries, only STL
- Understand how and why C++ was made
Why C++?
C++ is still a very popular language

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Classes that use C++

BIOE 215: Physics-Based Simulation of Biological Structure
CME 253: Introduction to CUDA (deep learning)
CS 144: Introduction to Computer Networking
CS 231N: Convolutional Neural Networks for Visual Recognition
GENE 222: Parallel Computing for Healthcare
ME 328: Medical Robotics
MUSIC 256A: Music, Computing, Design I
MUSIC 420A: Signal Processing Models in Musical Acoustics
Companies that use C++

Amazon.com

Intel

IBM

Facebook

Google

Apple

Microsoft

Adobe
Browsers written in C++
Software written in C++
Games written in C++

- Call of Duty
- Assassin's Creed
- StarCraft
- Mass Effect
- World of Warcraft
- Halo
Had a stranglehold on the internet during quarantine, tbh I never played it

The Spirit rover was operational for over 6 years when the mission was only planned to run for around 3 months

Lots of cool stuff written in C++
Why C++?

FAST

Lower-level control

- Ruby
- Javascript
- Perl
- Scala
- Java
- C++
- C
- Assembly
- Machine Code
What is C++?
```cpp
#include <iostream>

int main() {
    std::cout << "Hello, world!" << std::endl;
    return 0;
}
```
Also some C++ Code

```c++
#include "stdio.h"
#include "stdlib.h"

int main(int argc, char *argv) {
    printf("%s", "Hello, world!\n");
    // ^a C function!
    return EXIT_SUCCESS;
}
```
Also (technically) some C++ code

```c
#include "stdio.h"
#include "stdlib.h"

int main(int argc, char *argv) {
    asm( "sub $0x20,%rsp\n\t"
         "movabs $0x77202c6f6c6c6548,%rax\n\t"
         "mov %rax,(%rsp)\n\t"
         "movl $0x646c726f, 0x8(%rsp)\n\t"
         "movw $0x21, 0xc(%rsp)\n\t"
         "movb $0x0,0xd(%rsp)\n\t"
         "leaq (%rsp),%rax\n\t"
         "mov %rax,%rdi\n\t"
         "call __Z6myputsPc\n\t"
         "add $0x20, %rsp\n\t"
    );
    return EXIT_SUCCESS;
}
```
section .text

global _start  ;must be declared for linker (ld)

_start:  ;tell linker entry point

    mov edx, len  ;message length
    mov ecx, msg  ;message to write
    mov ebx, 1    ;file descriptor (stdout)
    mov eax, 4    ;system call number (sys_write)
    int 0x80      ;call kernel

    mov eax, 1    ;system call number (sys_exit)
    int 0x80      ;call kernel

section .data

msg     db 'Hello, world!', 0xa  ;our dear string
len     equ $ - msg            ;length of our dear string
C++ History: Assembly

Benefits:

- Unbelievably simple instructions
- Extremely fast (when well-written)
- Complete control over your program

Why don’t we always use Assembly?
Assembly looks like this

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Drawbacks:

- A LOT of code to do simple tasks
- Very hard to understand
- Extremely unportable (hard to make work across all systems)
Next in C++ History: Invention of C

**Problem:** computers can only understand assembly!

- **Idea:**
  - Source code can be written in a more intuitive language
  - An additional program can convert it into assembly
    - This additional program is called a **compiler**!
  - Take **CS143** to learn more!
C++ History: Invention of C

- T&R created C in 1972, to much praise
- C made it easy to write code that was
  - Fast
  - Simple
  - Cross-platform
- Learn to love it in CS107!

Ken Thompson and Dennis Ritchie, creators of the C language.
C++ History: Invention of C

- C was popular because it was simple.
- This was also its weakness:
  - No objects or classes
  - Difficult to write generic code
  - Tedious when writing large programs
In 1983, the beginnings of C++ were created by Bjarne Stroustrup. He wanted a language that was:
- Fast
- Simple to use
- Cross-platform
- Had high-level features

The man himself <3
C++ History: Evolution of C++

- **C++**: 1979
- **C++03**: 1998
- **C++11**: 2011
- **C++14**: 2014
- **C++17**: 2017
- **C++20**: 2020
- **C++23**: ?

C with Classes
- **C++98**: 2003
- **C++11**: 2014
- **C++17**: 2017
- **C++23**: ?

We are here
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CS106B

- Stanford libraries abstract away messy details of C++
- C++98*
- “Use this function we made for you called getInteger”
- “““style”””

*plus range-based for-loops

CS106L

- All the messy details
- C++17 (sneak peak at 20)
- Learn how cin is used to make getInteger
- Learn how to abstract away messy details for others

NOT: memorize c++ syntax
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But...What is C++?
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C++: Basic Syntax + the STL

Basic syntax
- Semicolons at EOL
- Primitive types (ints, doubles etc)
- Basic grammar rules

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- Extremely powerful and well-maintained
Our first C++ program: HelloWorld.cpp