Welcome to CS106B: Programming Abstractions!

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Our CS106B Hometowns





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Who are we?

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Trip Master



Today's questions Why take CS106B?

What is an abstraction?

What is CS106B?

Why C++?

What's next?

Why take CS106B?

Defining key terms

"Computational thinking is a problem solving process: 'a way of solving problems, designing systems, and understanding human behavior that draws on concepts fundamental to computer science... a fundamental skill for everyone, not just computer scientists'"

> "**Coding** is a **technical skill**: the practice of developing a set of instructions that a computer can understand and execute."

COMPUTATIONAL

THINKING

CODING

"Computer science is an academic discipline: 'the study of computers and algorithmic processes, including their principles, their hardware and software designs, their applications, and their impact on society'"

COMPUTER SCIENCE

> (Digital Promise 2017) (Wing, 2006)

Defining key terms

- Coding as a technical skill
- Computer science as an academic discipline
- **Computational thinking** as a problem-solving process

CS education is more than just "learning how to code"!





Phases of language development

- 1. Discovery that language is a pattern of sounds that takes on meaning and purpose
- 2. Participation in everyday social aspects of language that enable an understanding of encoded cultural values and assumptions
- 3. Ability to self-reflect on the use of language and to see language as a "tool for thinking" and communicating thoughts, even when not actively speaking or interacting with others

(Wells 1981)

What CS106B is not

- A course to teach you how to program from scratch
- A course that will teach you the specifics of the C++ language

What CS106B is

- A logical follow-up course to an introductory computer science class
- A course that will give you practice with computational thinking skills through basic C++ coding
- A survey of data structures and algorithms to prepare you for future exploration in computing and to build your understanding of technology

What is an abstraction?

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Talk to a neighbor! What comes to mind when you think of the word abstraction?

Definition

abstraction

Design that hides the details of how something works while still allowing the user to access complex functionality

(ie. design that makes complex systems simple to use)









































Key idea

Abstractions are tools to help us solve complex problems!

Through a simpler interface, users are able to take full advantage of a complex system without needing to know how it works or how it was made.

Complex problem: count the number of animals



Abstractions are tools (for your brain!)

- Numbers are abstract representations.
- Addition is an algorithm that helps us count things.



If we didn't have numbers as abstractions....

I'd have to show you 100 objects every time I wanted to express the idea of "100"



...is everything an abstraction?



the universe

language

knowledge

numbers

emotions

love

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- Os and 1s are abstractions for tiny physical switches in our computer.



If abstractions didn't exist...

We'd have to physically reprogram our hardware every time we wanted to solve a problem like 2 + 2



"low-level"

Luckily, in CS106B, we're only focused on the highest level of abstraction ->



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Just to recap

- Programming languages are abstractions through which we communicate with computers.
- **Key idea**: Abstractions are simple tools that let users to control a complex system without needing to know the low-level details (how it works or how it was made).
- People are important part of designing abstractions (i.e. What should that simpler interface look like?)
- CS106B focuses on the design and/or use of abstractions in computer science.

Attendance ticket: <u>https://tinyurl.com/june20cs106b</u>

Please don't send this link to students who are not here. It's on your honor!

What is CS106B?

(the nuts and bolts)

abstraction boundary (what the abstraction looks like)

the user/client side (how the abstraction is used) the implementation side (how the abstraction is built)

classes

object-oriented programming





testing

algorithmic analysis

recursive problem-solving
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How to design abstractions for others to use

abstract data structures (vectors, maps, etc.)

arrays dynamic memory management linked data structures

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Strategy: Write down your question and ask when we transition to a new topic. We'll also often stop for questions then. Or write code to test your question!

There is also a third type of question:

Some students ask questions that are not really questions so much as opportunities to demonstrate knowledge of jargon or facts that are beyond the scope of the topic at hand. This can have a discouraging effect on other students. If you find yourself wanting to make such a question or comment in lecture, I encourage you to consider office hours as a better venue for exploring that topic with me.

- Cynthia Lee, Stanford Senior Lecturer in CS

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But we also don't want to send the message that you need to know about these things when entering CS106B.

 In particular, we don't expect students in this class to have prior C++ knowledge or knowledge of the topics that we explicitly introduce from scratch. So please keep this mind when you're asking questions!

Course logistics

Is CS106B the right course for me?

- Take the <u>CS106B C++ survey</u>. This will give you a sense of the core topics we expect you to be familiar with from prior programming experience.
- Read the <u>course placement guide</u> on the class website.
- You cannot enroll in both CS106A and CS106B simultaneously, but you are welcome to shop both to figure out which is a better fit.



CS106B Programming Abstractions

Summer Quarter 2022 Live lectures in NVIDIA auditorium, MTuWTh 12:15pm PT

TEACHING TEAM

Jenny Har

Instructor iennyhan@cs M 1:30-3:30pm (by) appointment) O Th 1:30-3:30pm



kyliej@cs Tu 9-11am (by)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pre-Quarter Announcements 2 days ago by Jenny

Let's get started with CS106B!

Earlier today, we sent out an email announcement to everyone in the class, welcoming them to CS106B. If you did not receive this email but were expecting to, please confirm your enrollment status on Axess. We have replicated a summary of the email announcements here.

- · We will be observing Juneteenth on Monday, June 20. There will be no lecture that day.
- Our first class will be on Tuesday, June 21 from 12:15pm-1:15pm in NVIDIA auditorium (in the basement floor of the Huang building). Masks are recommended.
- This quarter, we will be requiring lecture attendance and conducting attendance tickets in class. See the syllabus for more details.
- · Weekly discussion sections are a required part of CS106B. See sign-up information below.

Please make sure to work through this list of to-do items before the first day of class.

1. Read the course syllabus.

2. Rank your preferred discussion section times on the CS198 website; signups open 12:00 pm Sunday, June 19 (that's tomorrow!) and end at 5:00 PM on Tuesday, June 21, 2022. Section assignments will be made and announced by the morning of Wednesday, June 22, so keep an eye out for an email from the CS198 coordinators then. Sections will start in the first week!

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Welcome!

This Week

General Jenny H STAFF 10d

General Aylin Ozdemir 3h

General Janine Fleming 4h

Sections Ravil Niyazov 5h

Time Slots for Sections

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⑦ Errors when building CS106 project

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Hi evervone!

Welcome to Ed Discussion, whi foundations of our online learn opportunities for students to a course staff and other student during lecture and section. We and we hope that you find Ed t

Getting Started

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Community Norms and Expe

In order to cultivate the online guidelines that we want to esta

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How many units?


How will I be assessed?

What we will ask you to do



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- There will be 6 total
 - A1: C++ Legs
 - A2: Using abstractions (abstract data structures)
 - A3: Recursion
 - A4: Defining the abstraction boundary itself
 - A5: Implementation-side of the abstraction boundary
 - A6: Real-world algorithms

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- You can submit revisions if you receive below a check in functionality
 - Must be turned in up to three days after the next assignment is due.
 - We want to give you opportunities to demonstrate learning!
 - The revisions must include the updated code, tests to catch previous errors, and must not introduce new errors.
 - Functionality grade capped at a check.

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- 24-hour grace period for each assignment (specified per-assignment)
 - Most people will submit by the deadline. ("on-time" bonus)
 - The grace period is a free 24-hour extension that you can use if you have a particularly difficult week.

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All deadlines are at **11:59pm PDT** (including for revisions).

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 - Opportunity to evaluate your understanding of the core,
 fundamental topics from the first 4 weeks of the course
 - Will be in lecture on Monday, July 11 in person (SCPD students will get more logistical information later)
 - We'll provide software for you to take the diagnostic on your computer.
- Final project

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- Final project
 - Choose a topic area that you're interested in and that you would like to improve in
 - Write your own section/midterm problem + solution
 - Present the problem to your section leader at the end of the quarter
 - More guidelines will be released after the midterm is over

What we will ask you to do



Why is lecture required, and how will that work?

- Not just us talking at you: active learning exercises
- Ask questions during class; we'll also stick around to answer questions afterward!
- Quick lecture-to-usage turnaround for concepts covered in class
- At a random time during lecture, we'll have an attendance ticket. You must turn in the attendance ticket to get credit for attending lecture.

Section attendance

- Sign up for section by **Tuesday (today) at 5pm** at <u>cs198.stanford.edu</u>
 - Sign-ups are already open and close tonight at 5pm PDT!
 - Sections with remaining spots will open for signups shortly after assignments have been made.
- Sections start Wednesday (tomorrow!)

How do I get help?



(and some not pictured!)







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This is how you learn as a student!

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- Your section leader
- Kylie/Jenny/Trip office hours
- Ed

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 - Open Sunday through Thursday in Durand 353 (remote access is available for SCPD students)
 - Sunday/Wednesday/Thursday: 7pm-11pm
 - Monday/Tuesday: 5pm-9pm
 - Starts Wednesday, June 22
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 - Individual office hours please only sign up for one 15-min slot!

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Debugging help + code questions?

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General CS + life questions?

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When in doubt, check the <u>Course Communication guidelines</u>!

The <u>Summer Academic Resource Center (SARC)</u> also offers tutoring and academic support separate from our course.
Extra Practice sessions

- 1 extra hour of content review, practice problems, and homework support outside your required section.
- If you feel that more review in a small-group setting would help you succeed in CS106A/B, these sessions are for you.
- If you're looking for additional challenges or extensions to the course content, these sessions may not be for you.
- Capped at 10 people you commit for the entire quarter.

Fill out this interest form by Thursday, June 23:

https://tinyurl.com/extrapracticecs106

Honor Code

Stanford's Honor Code

- All students in the course must abide by the **<u>Stanford Honor Code</u>**.
- Make sure to read over the <u>Honor Code handout</u> on the CS106B website for CS-specific expectations.
- Acknowledge any help you get outside course staff directly in your work.
- We run code similarity software on all of your programs and check final projects against online resources.
- Anyone caught violating the Honor Code will automatically fail the course.



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 - This makes it a great tool for better understanding abstractions!

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- If you're coming from a language like Python, the syntax will take some getting used to.
 - Like learning the grammar and rules of a new language, typos are expected. But don't let this get in the way of working toward literacy!

Demo program!

The structure of a program

```
#include <iostream>
#include "console.h"
using namespace std;
```

```
import sys
```

```
# This function does not need to be called "main"
def main():
    print('Hello, world!')
```

```
if __name__ == '__main__':
    # Any function that gets placed here will get
    # called when you run the program with
    # `python3 helloworld.py`
    main()
```



What's next?

Applications of abstractions







Reminders

- Complete the <u>C++ survey</u> ASAP.
- Fill out your section time preferences by **today at 5pm PDT**.
 - Make sure to check what time you've been assigned tomorrow morning.
- If you're interested in the extra help session, fill out <u>this form</u> by Thursday.
- Finish <u>Assignment 0</u> by Friday.
 - If you're running into issues with Qt Creator, come to the Qt Installation Help Session on Wednesday (tomorrow) from 1:15-3:45pm PDT in Huang 019.





