CS107, Lecture 1
Welcome to CS107!

reading:
Course Syllabus
Bryant & O’Hallaron, Ch. 1 (skim)
Honor Code and Collaboration Page
Plan For Today

• Introduction
• CS107 Course Policies
• Break Time
• Unix and the Command Line
• Getting Started With C
Asking Questions

• Feel free to raise your hand at any time with a question
• If you are more comfortable, you can post a question in the Ed forum thread for each day’s lecture (optionally anonymously)
• We will monitor the thread throughout the lecture for questions

Visit Ed (or access via Canvas):
https://edstem.org/us/courses/20849/discussion/

Today’s thread:
https://edstem.org/us/courses/20849/discussion/1327080
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Guiding Principles For In-Person Class

• We are likely not fully recovered or restored from the stresses of the past 24 months and now facing new uncertainties, responsibilities, and emotions.

• We will do everything we can to support you. We have designed the course to the best of our ability to provide flexibility.

• We will constantly evaluate and listen to ensure the class is going as smoothly as possible for everyone.

• Please communicate with us if any personal circumstances or issues arise! We are here to support you.
Guiding Principles For In-Person Class

• Stanford University is mandating the use of masks in classrooms for everyone, regardless of vaccination status.

• Some of us have health conditions precluding our ability to wear masks. Students in this situation should work with the Office of Accessible Education.

• Some of us might feel more comfortable wearing masks/social distancing even when not required. All of our preferences are reasonable, and it is important that we treat each others’ preferences with respect and care.
What question best summarizes CS107?

How / why?
The CS106 series taught you how to solve problems as a programmer. CS107 goes a level deeper to understand the **how** and **why**:

- **How** is data in our program really represented?
- **How** does heap memory work?
- **How** does a computer know how to run the code we write?
- **How** does a program map onto the components of computer systems?
- **Why** is my program doing X when I expected it to do Y?

Understanding computing at this level demystifies how these seemingly-complex systems work and can aid future projects you work on.
CS107 and Programming Experience

• We hope that CS107 can help further develop your programming experience and comfort with programming.

• CS107 focuses heavily on **debugging** and getting to the root of why something is happening.

• Across assignments, we will be emphasizing how to become a better debugger, how to write better code, and how to further your software development skills.
The goals for CS107 are for students to gain **mastery** of
- writing C programs with complex use of memory and pointers
- an accurate model of the address space and compile/runtime behavior of C programs
to achieve **competence** in
- translating C to/from assembly
- writing programs that respect the limitations of computer arithmetic
- identifying bottlenecks and improving runtime performance
- working effectively in a Unix development environment
- using ethical frameworks and case studies to inform decision-making

and have **exposure** to
- a working understanding of the basics of computer architecture
Course Overview

1. **Bits and Bytes** - *How can a computer represent integer numbers?*

2. **Chars and C-Strings** - *How can a computer represent and manipulate more complex data like text?*

3. **Pointers, Stack and Heap** – *How can we effectively manage all types of memory in our programs?*

4. **Generics** - *How can we use our knowledge of memory and data representation to write code that works with any data type?*

5. **Assembly** - *How does a computer interpret and execute C programs?*

6. **Heap Allocators** - *How do core memory-allocation operations like malloc and free work?*
I'm really hoping to meet some new people through this class and find friends to study and improve with!

I absolutely love to read epic fantasy novels!

I have 12 dogs

I'm aspiring to run a half-marathon (maybe even marathon) one day!

I have 2 dogs named Pancho & Oso (:)

I can tie my shoes with one hand (kind of)!

I like jazz

I'm a lil scared this will be the CS class that shows me I'm not good enough to become a software engineer >.<

I enjoy playing and listening to classical music (I play violin!). Specifically, I love to play chamber music since it helps me get to know a fun piece of music and the people I am playing with!

*Quotes taken from CS107 welcome survey
Teaching Team

About Nick Troccoli (troccoli@stanford.edu):

- Stanford BS/MS (coterm) in CS
- Systems track undergrad, AI track grad
- Systems has played a key part in my discovery of CS. I hope it will for you too 😊
Companion Class: CS107A

- **CS107A** is an extra 1-unit “Pathfinders” or “ACE” section with additional course support, practice and instruction.
- Meets for an additional weekly section and has additional review sessions
- Entry by application – see the course website for details: cs107a.stanford.edu
Course Website

cs107.stanford.edu

*lecture videos on Canvas
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• **Computer Systems: A Programmer’s Perspective** by Bryant & O’Hallaron, 3rd Edition
  
  • 3rd edition matters – important updates to content
  • Stanford Library has generously scanned **all** readings for CS107 under “fair use” (private study, scholarship, research). [Canvas -> Files]. Please do not distribute.
  • If you want more context, you may want to purchase a full copy

• A C programming reference of your choice
  
  • *The C Programming Language* by Kernighan and Ritchie (free link on course website Resources page)
  • Other C programming books, websites, or reference sheets

The textbook (and C programming references) are **very** good resources in this course, especially post-midterm!
Course Structure

• Lectures: understand concepts, see demos
• Labs: learn tools, study code, discuss with peers
• Assignments: build programming skills, synthesize lecture/lab content

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• **assign0**: due next Monday (covers today’s lecture)
Grading

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Assignments

• 7 programming assignments completed individually using **Unix command line tools**
  • Free software, pre-installed on Myth machines / available on course website
  • We will give out starter projects for each assignment

• Graded on **functionality** (behavior) and **style** (elegance)
  • Functionality graded using *automated tools*, given as point score – no TA review
  • Style graded via *automated tests* and TA code review, given as bucket score
  • Grades returned via course website
## The Style Bucket System

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AssignmenLate Policy

• **Start out with 5 “free late days”:** each late day allows you to submit an assignment up to 24 additional hours late without penalty. (No late days permitted for the first or last assignments)

• **Hard deadline 48 hours** after original due date

• Penalty per day after late days are exhausted (1 day: 80% cap; 2 days: 60% cap)

• Late days are “pre-granted extensions” – additional extensions for exceptional circumstances must be approved by the instructor. Please communicate with us! We are here to accommodate you as much as possible.
Question Break!

What questions do you have about the overall course goals, textbook or assignments?
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Lab Sections

• Weekly 1-hour 30-minute in-person labs led by a CA, starting next week, offered on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

• Hands-on practice in small groups with lecture material and course concepts.

• Graded on attendance + participation

• SCPD students complete lab work remotely (more info in SCPD Handout)

• Lab preference submissions open Tuesday 3/29 at 5PM PST and are not first-come first-serve. You may submit your preferences anytime until Saturday 4/2 at 5PM PST. Sign up on the course website.
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Exams

• **Midterm exam** – Tuesday, May 3, 7-9PM outside of class
  • Contact the course staff by 11:59PM on Wednesday, April 27 if you have an academic or University conflict with this time, and absolutely cannot make the regularly scheduled midterm

• **Final exam** – Tuesday, June 7, 12:15PM-3:15PM
  • No alternate final! You **MUST** be able to take the final exam at the scheduled time (except for university athletics or OAE accommodations)

- Both exams are closed-book, closed-notes, but you may bring in 1 double-sided page of notes. You will also be provided with a syntax reference sheet.
- SCPD students have 24hr window during which to take the exams
- Exams are administered electronically
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Read our full course policies document:
https://cs107.stanford.edu/syllabus.html
Question Break!

What questions do you have about labs or exams?
Getting Help

• Post on the **Discussion Forum**
  • Online discussion forum for students; post questions, answer other students’ questions
  • Best for course material discussions, course policy questions, short debugging questions or general assignment questions (DON’T PUBLICLY POST ASSIGNMENT CODE!)

• Visit **Helper Hours**
  • Chat about course topics or just hang out
  • Sign up in a queue for 1:1 TA help; schedule will be posted on course website tomorrow.
  • Mix of in-person and online helper hours
  • Best for *group work, coding/debugging questions (with TAs only!)* or longer course material discussions

• **Email** the Course Staff
  • [cs107-spr2122-staff@lists.stanford.edu](mailto:cs107-spr2122-staff@lists.stanford.edu) or individual graders/instructor
  • Best for *private matters* (e.g. grading questions, OAE accommodations).
OAE Accommodations

• Please email the instructor as soon as possible with any accommodations you may need for the course.
• We are eager to do everything we can to support you and make you successful in CS107!
• The **Honor Code** is an undertaking of the students, individually and collectively:
  • that they will not give or receive aid in examinations; that they will not give or receive unpermitted aid in class work, in the preparation of reports, or in any other work that is to be used by the instructor as the basis of grading;
  • that they will do their share and take an active part in seeing to it that others as well as themselves uphold the spirit and letter of the Honor Code.

• The faculty on its part manifests its confidence in the honor of its students by refraining from proctoring examinations and from taking unusual and unreasonable precautions to prevent the forms of dishonesty mentioned above. The faculty will also avoid, as far as practicable, academic procedures that create temptations to violate the Honor Code.

• While the faculty alone has the right and obligation to set academic requirements, the students and faculty will work together to establish optimal conditions for honorable academic work.

  see also: [http://honorcode.stanford.edu/](http://honorcode.stanford.edu/)

It is your responsibility to ensure you have read and are familiar with the honor code guidelines posted on the main page of the CS107 course website. Please read them and come talk to us if you have any questions or concerns.
Honor Code and CS107

• Please help us ensure academic integrity:
  • Indicate any assistance received on HW (books, friends, etc.).
  • Do not look at other people's solution code or answers
  • Do not give your solutions to others or post them on the web or our Ed forum.
  • Report any inappropriate activity you see performed by others.

• Assignments are checked regularly for similarity with help of software tools.

• If you need help, please contact us and we will help you.
  • We do not want you to feel any pressure to violate the Honor Code in order to succeed in this course.
  • If you realize that you have made a mistake, you may retract your submission to any assignment at any time, no questions asked, up to the start of the final exam.

https://cs107.stanford.edu/collaboration
Question Break!

What questions do you have about course support or the honor code?
Break Time
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What is Unix?

• **Unix**: a set of standards and tools commonly used in software development.
  - **macOS** and **Linux** are operating systems built on top of Unix

• You can navigate a Unix system using the **command line** ("terminal")

• Every Unix system works with the same tools and commands
What is the Command Line?

• The **command-line** is a text-based interface (i.e., **terminal** interface) to navigate a computer, instead of a Graphical User Interface (GUI).

Graphical User Interface

Text-based interface
Command Line Vs. GUI

Just like a GUI file explorer interface, a terminal interface:

• shows you a **specific place** on your computer at any given time.
• lets you go into folders and out of folders.
• lets you **create new** files and **edit** files.
• lets you **execute programs**.
Why Use Unix / the Command Line?

• You can navigate almost any device using the same tools and commands:
  • Servers
  • Laptops and desktops
  • Embedded devices (Raspberry Pi, etc.)
  • Mobile Devices (Android, etc.)

• Used frequently by software engineers:
  • Web development: running servers and web tools on servers
  • Machine learning: processing data on servers, running algorithms
  • Systems: writing operating systems, networking code and embedded software
  • Mobile Development: running tools, managing libraries
  • And more...

• We’ll use Unix and the command line to implement and execute our programs.
Unix Commands To Try

• **cd** – change directories (..)
• **ls** – list directory contents
• **mkdir** – make directory
• **emacs** – open text editor
• **rm** – remove file or folder
• **man** – view manual pages

See the course website for more commands and a complete reference.
Demo: Using Unix and the Command Line

Get up and running with our guide:
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• Using Unix and the command line can be intimidating at first:
  • It looks retro!
  • How do I know what to type?

• It’s like learning a new language:
  • At first, you may have to constantly look things up (resources on course website!)
  • It’s important to spend as much time as possible (during labs and assignments) building muscle memory with the tools
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The C Language

C was created around 1970 to make writing Unix and Unix tools easier.

- Part of the C/C++/Java family of languages (C++ and Java were created later)

- Design principles:
  - Small, simple abstractions of hardware
  - Minimalist aesthetic
  - Prioritizes efficiency and minimalism over safety and high-level abstractions
C vs. C++ and Java

They all share:

• Syntax
• Basic data types
• Arithmetic, relational, and logical operators

C limitations:

• No advanced features like operator overloading, default arguments, pass by reference, classes and objects, ADTs, etc.
• No extensive libraries (no graphics, networking, etc.) – Small language footprint means not much to learn 😊
• Weak compiler and almost no runtime checks (this may cause security vulnerabilities!)
C is procedural: you write functions, rather than define new variable types with classes and call methods on objects. **C is small, fast and efficient.**

C++ is procedural, with objects: you write functions, and define new variable types with classes, and call methods on objects.

Python is also procedural, but dynamically typed: you still write functions and call methods on objects, but the development process is very different.

Java is object-oriented: virtually everything is an object, and everything you write needs to conform to the object-oriented design pattern.
Why C?

• Many tools (and even other languages, like Python!) are built with C.
• C is the language of choice for fast, highly efficient programs.
• C is popular for systems programming (operating systems, networking, etc.)
• C lets you work at a lower level to manipulate and understand the underlying system.
Programming Language Popularity

https://www.tiobe.com/tiobe-index/
Our First C Program

/*
 * hello.c
 * This program prints a welcome message
 * to the user.
 */

#include <stdio.h> // for printf

int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
    printf("Hello, world!\n");
    return 0;
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Import statements
C libraries are written with angle brackets.
Local libraries have quotes:
#include "lib.h"
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Main function – entry point for the program
Should always return an integer (0 = success)
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Main parameters – main takes two parameters, both relating to the command line arguments used to execute the program.

argc is the number of arguments in argv.
argv is an array of arguments (char * is C string).
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printf – prints output to the screen
printf makes it easy to print out the values of variables or expressions. If you include *placeholders* in your printed text, `printf` will replace each placeholder *in order* with the values of the parameters passed after the text.

```c
%s (string)     %d (integer)     %f (double)
```

// Example
```c
char *classPrefix = "CS";
int classNumber = 107;
printf("You are in %s%d", classPrefix, classNumber);  // You are in CS107
```
int x = 42 + 7 * -5;  // variables, types
double pi = 3.14159;
char c = 'Q';

/* two comment styles */

for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++) {
    if (i % 2 == 0) {
        x += i;
    }
}

while (x > 0 && c == 'Q' || b) {
    x = x / 2;
    if (x == 42) {
        return 0;
    }
}

binky(x, 17, c);  // function call
To declare Booleans, (e.g. `bool b = ____`), you must include `stdbool.h`:

```c
#include <stdio.h>  // for printf
#include <stdbool.h>  // for bool

int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
    bool x = 5 > 2 && binky(argc) > 0;
    if (x) {
        printf("Hello, world!\n");
    } else {
        printf("Howdy, world!\n");
    }
    return 0;
}
```
Boolean Expressions

C treats a nonzero value as **true**, and a zero value as **false**:

```c
#include <stdio.h>

int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
    int x = 5;
    if (x) {    // true
        printf("Hello, world!\n");
    } else {
        printf("Howdy, world!\n");
    }
    return 0;
}
```
Question Break!
Writing, Debugging and Compiling

We will use:

• the **emacs** text editor to write our C programs
• the **make** tool to compile our C programs
• the **gdb** debugger to debug our programs
• the **valgrind** tools to debug memory errors and measure program efficiency

Now

Next week
Working On C Programs

- **ssh** – remotely log in to Myth computers
- **Emacs** – text editor to write and edit C programs
  - Use the mouse to position cursor, scroll, and highlight text
  - Ctl-x Ctl-s to save, Ctl-x Ctl-c to quit
- **make** – compile program using provided Makefile
- **./myprogram** – run executable program (optionally with arguments)
- **make clean** – remove executables and other compiler files
- Lecture code is accessible at `/afs/ir/class/cs107/lecture-code/lect[N]`
  - Make your own copy: `cp -r /afs/ir/class/cs107/lecture-code/lect[N] lect[N]`
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Demo: Compiling And Running A C Program

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Assignment 0 (Intro to Unix and C) is due in one week on Mon. 4/4 at 11:59PM PDT.

There are 5 parts to the assignment, which is meant to get you comfortable using the command line, and editing/compiling/running C programs:

- Visit the website resources to become familiar with different Unix commands
- **Clone** the assign0 starter project
- **Answer** several questions in readme.txt
- **Compile** a provided C program and **modify** it
- **Submit** the assignment
Recap

• CS107 is a programming class in C that teaches you about what goes on under the hood of programming languages and software.

• We’ll use Unix and command line tools to write, debug and run our programs.

• Please visit the course website, cs107.stanford.edu, where you can read the General Information page, information about the Honor Code in CS107, and more about CS107 course policies and logistics.

We’re looking forward to an awesome quarter!
• Make sure to reboot Boeing Dreamliners every 248 days
• Comair/Delta airline had to cancel thousands of flights days before Christmas
• Many operating systems may have issues storing timestamp values beginning on Jan 19, 2038
• Reported vulnerability CVE-2019-3857 in libssh2 may allow a hacker to remotely execute code

Next time: How can a computer represent integer numbers? What are the limitations?