



Welcome to “Solving Problems with Computers I”

**CS 16: Solving Problems with Computers I
Lecture #1**

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A Word About Registration for CS16

FOR THOSE OF YOU NOT YET REGISTERED:

- This class is currently **FULL** and there's a **LONG** waitlist
- If you are on the waitlist, you will be added automatically as others drop the course
- If you are not on the waitlist, you will not get into this class

Your Instructor

Your instructor: **Ziad Matni** (*zee-ahd mat-knee*)

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(please put **CS16** at the start of the subject header)

My office hours: Wednesdays **10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**, at **SMSS 4409**
(or by appointment)

Your TAs and Graders

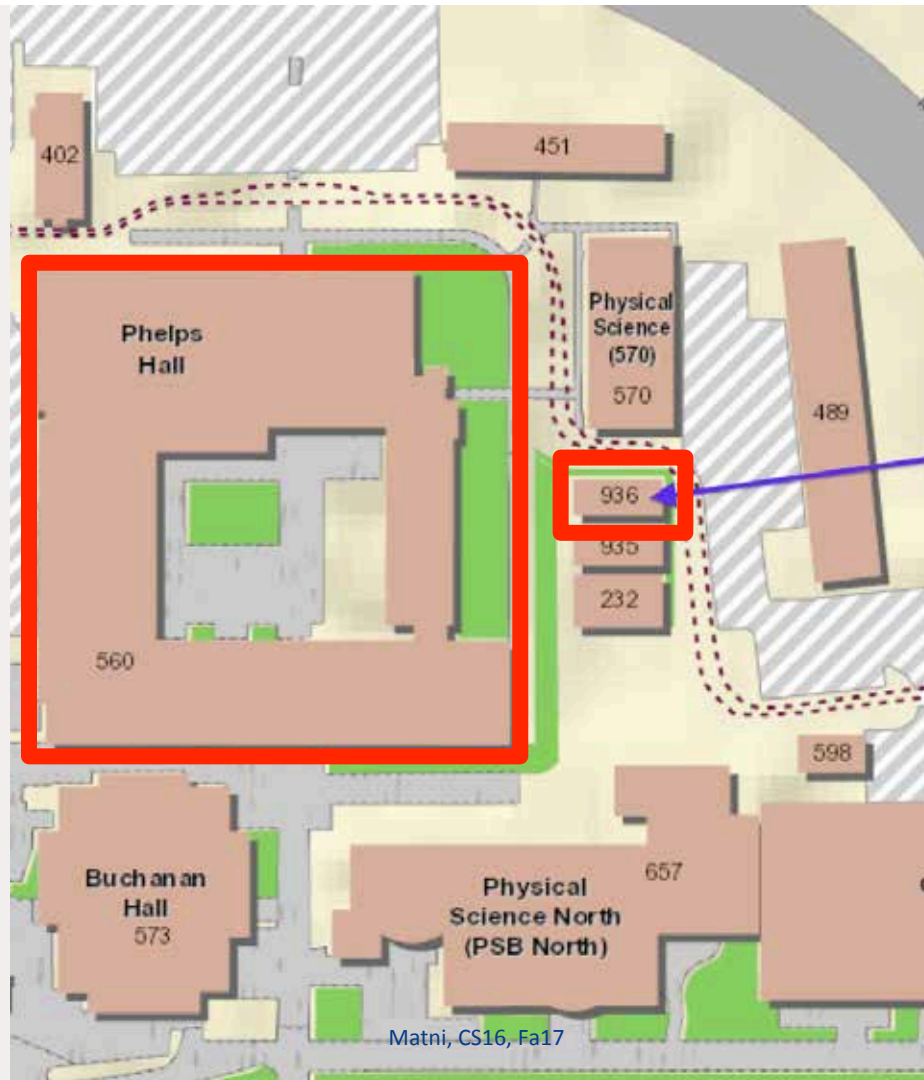
All labs will take place in **PHELPS 3525**

All TA office hours will take place in **TRAILER 936**

TA NAME	LAB SECTION	OFFICE HOURS
Xiyou Zhou	Mon. 8 am	Mon. 2 - 4 PM
Zhiyu “Zoey” Chen	Mon. 9 am	Thu. 10 AM – 12 PM
Yan Tang	Mon. 10 am	Fri. 2 - 4 PM
Muqsit Nawaz	Mon. 11 am	Tue. 4 - 6 PM
Shiyu Ji	Mon. 12 pm	Thu. 4 - 6 PM
Fatih Bakir	Mon. 1 pm	Tue. 4 - 6 PM
GRADER NAME		
Shane Masuda		Thu. 11 AM – 1PM
Siyi “Sydney” Ma		



**YOU ARE HERE
(somewhere)**



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You!

With a show of hands, tell me... how many of you...

- A. Are Freshmen? Sophomores? Juniors? Seniors?
- B. Are CS majors? Other?
- C. Have programmed before? What language?
- D. Have programmed before “just for fun”?
- E. Have programmed before “for work or school”?
- F. Have used a Linux or UNIX system before?

This Class

- An **intermediate** (not a beginner's) class in computer science
 - You WILL need to have taken a beginner's class somewhere
- Covers the **basic building blocks for solving problems** using computers, in general, and using **C++ programming** specifically
- Enables you to go on to take other exciting classes in programming!!!! OMG!!!

Why Are We Using C++ in this Course?

- *C++ is one of the most widely used and in-demand computer programming languages*
 - For a list of commercial applications written in C++, see <http://www.stroustrup.com/applications.html>
- If you can learn C++, you can more easily learn (or even teach yourself) other popular P.L.s
 - Like Python, Java, PHP, Ruby, etc...
- It looks great on your resume!
 - Actually, it's a must on any “decent” CS major's resume...

How Is This Class Taught?

- Every class has a lecture based on the readings:
YOU MUST DO THE READINGS BEFORE CLASS!!!
- You will be in a lab on Mondays:
YOU MUST READ YOUR LAB ASSIGNMENT BEFORE YOU GO TO LAB!!!
- You have to do a lot of homework and lab assignments



BECAUSE PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT!!!
(and also, it's actually fun)

There's **A LOT OF** ~~actual~~ “work” to do...

- 8-9 Homeworks once a week, all solo
- 8-9 Lab Assignments once a week, some solo/some group
- 2 Midterm Exams
- 1 Final Exam

... and a partridge in a pear tree...

Resources?

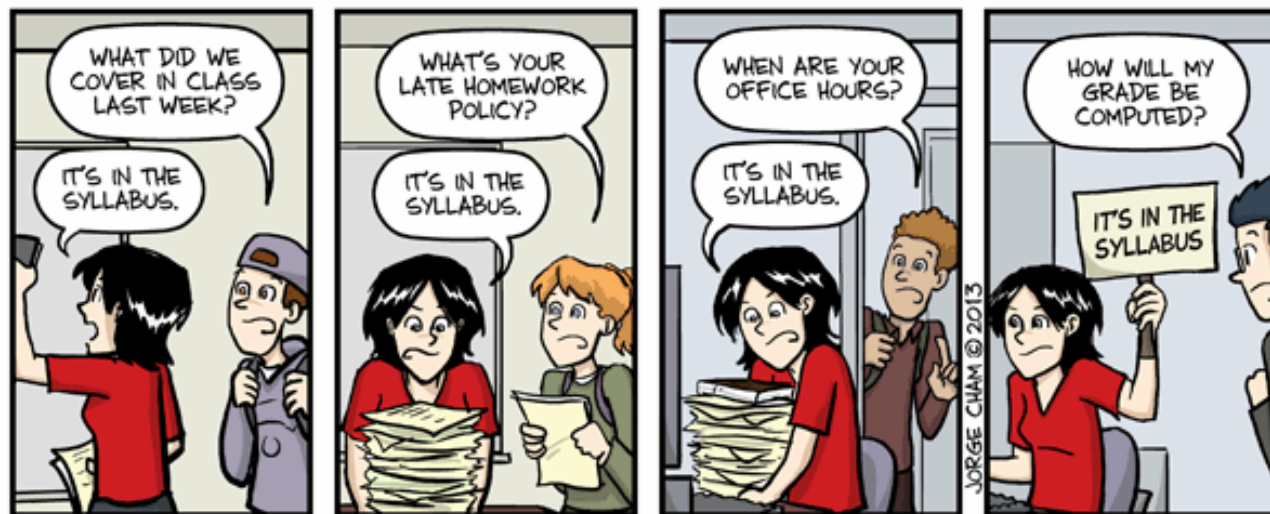
Class webpage:

<https://ucsb-cs16-f17.github.io>

Piazza discussions/Q&A:

<https://piazza.com/ucsb/fall2017/cs16>

Just in Case...



IT'S IN THE SYLLABUS

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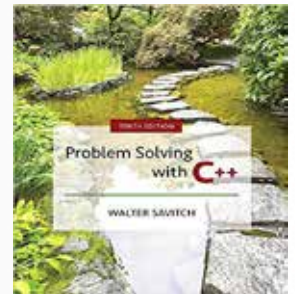
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So... let's take a look at that syllabus...

Full electronic version found at:
http://cs.ucsb.edu/~zmatni/syllabi/CS16F17_syllabus.pdf

PLEASE READ IT!!!!

Required textbook: Problem Solving with C++ (10th Edition) by Walter Savitch



Lectures: Uses the readings, but also adds its own components.

All assignments are based on what is said in lecture.

Slides are placed on website afterwards.

Homework: Once a week. Placed on website on Thursday. Due next Thursday IN CLASS.

YOU MUST PRINT OUT AND WRITE (CLEARLY) ON THE HOMEWORK SHEET! USE STAPLES!

Bring it to class (**no emails**).

Late policy: After due date, you get 20 pts off for “late” (< 24 hrs) or ZERO if after 24 hrs.

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Labs: Once a week. Description sheet is placed on website on weekend. Lab is on Monday. YOU MUST USE **submit.cs** TO TURN IN ALL LABS. PLEASE FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS ON SHEET! Must be turned in before Friday AT NOON.

Late policy: After due date, you get 20 pts off for “late” (< 24 hrs) or ZERO if after 24 hrs.

Most labs are solo-work, but some must be done in **pairs** (i.e. groups of 2 ppl).

Exams: 2 Midterms + 1 Final (cumulative).

No re-dos, no early takes, no late takes (except for extreme cases), no make-ups.

Laptop Policy: Can only use it to take notes, do class-related work.

Cell Phone Policy: Put that thing back where it came from or so help me... 

Switching About In The Labs...

... is frowned upon ☹️

- Please stick to the lab time that you have per your registration
 - The labs are pretty full and at capacity

IF YOU WANT TO SWITCH LAB SECTIONS, YOU MUST:

- 1. Find a person in the other lab to switch with you**
- 2. Get the OK from BOTH T.A.s**

What YOU have to do *before MONDAY*

YOU HAVE A LAB on MONDAY!!!

- Log into **Piazza** and have a look around
 - Sign up for this class' page. Go to:
<https://piazza.com/ucsb/fall2017/cs16>
- Go to the **class main website** and have a look around
 - Go to: <https://ucsb-cs16-f17.github.io/>
- Read the lab assignment (**lab01**) *before* you go into your lab:
BE PREPARED

What YOU have to do *before Next Tuesday*

YOU HAVE ANOTHER LECTURE ON TUESDAY!!!

- Do the required reading!!! (Chapter 1 and start Chapter 2)
- On the class main website:
 1. Click on your first homework assignment (**h01**)
 - Best to click on the PDF link
 2. Print it **DOUBLE SIDED**
 3. Did you print it **DOUBLE SIDED??????**
 - **NO???!?!?! GO BACK TO STEP 2!!!!**
 4. Do the homework in pen or pencil and **DO IT NEATLY!!!**
 5. Bring the hardcopy of the homework (nice and stapled, please) **to class with you on Thursday and hand it in**

A Refresher Lecture on Computers

What is this “Computer” you speak of?

... and how can it help me “solve problems”???

Let’s define a “computer”

- Computer (n.): a computing device
- A device **that can be instructed** to carry out an **arbitrary** set of **arithmetic or logical operations** automatically

Computers = Computing Devices

Compute

(v) To make sense of ; to **calculate** or reckon

- What was the first computing tool ever?

**COMPUTING
TOOLS!**



Invented around when humans fell out of the trees

Abacus → *Invented in China about 5000 years ago*

Mechanical computer → *Invented in France about 400 years ago*

Programmable computer → *Invented in UK about 150 years ago*

Electronic programmable computer → *Invented in UK/US about 70 years ago*

Abstraction

(n) A mental model that *removes complex details* a very important concept in programming



Do you need to know this?



To know how to do this?



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Computer Systems

- **Hardware**

- The physical

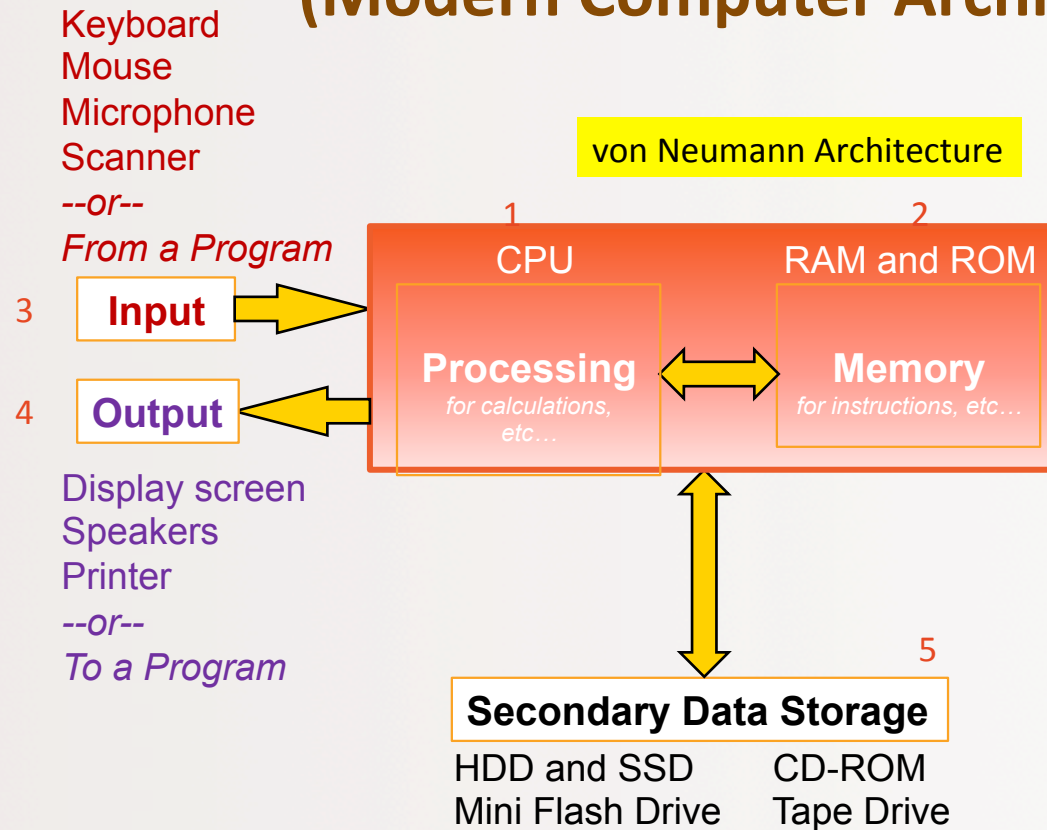
- CPU and Memory ICs
 - Printed circuit boards
 - Plastic housing, cables, etc...

- **Software**

- The instructions and the data

- Programs and applications
 - Operating systems

A Map of Computer Components (Modern Computer Architecture)



CPU = Central Processing Unit
RAM = Random-Access Memory
ROM = Read-Only Memory
HDD = Hard Disk Drive
SSD = Solid State Drive
OS = Operating System

5 Main Components to Computers

1. Processor
2. Main memory
 - Usually inside the computer, volatile
3. Inputs
4. Outputs
5. Secondary memory
 - More permanent memory for mass storage of data

Computer Memory

- Usually organized in two parts:
 - Address
 - Where can I find my data?
 - Data (payload)
 - What is my data?
- The smallest representation of the data
 - A binary *bit* (“0”s and “1”s)
 - A common collection of bits is a byte (8 bits = 1 byte)
 - **Can one store *any* type of information building- block (like a number, or a letter) in 1 byte?**

What is the Most Basic Form of Computer Language?

- Binary *a.k.a* Base-2
- Expressing data AND instructions in either “1” or “0”
 - So,
“01010101 01000011 01010011 01000010 00100001 00100001”
could mean an *instruction* to “calculate 2 + 3”
Or it could mean a *number* (856,783,663,333)
Or it could mean a *string of 6 characters* (“UCSB!!”)

Computer Software

- All the data
- All the programs
- All the applications
- The operating system(s)

- What is firmware?

The Operating System

- Is it a program?
 - In a general sense, yes!
(or more precisely, a bunch of programs acting in concert)
- What does it do?
 - Allocates the computer's resources like memory
 - Allows us to communicate with the computer via I/O
 - Responds to user requests to run other programs

Algorithm vs. Program

- “Computer Science is about studying how to use _____ to solve problems”
- **Algorithm**
 - A sequence of precise instructions that leads to a solution
- **Program**
 - An algorithm expressed in a language the computer can understand

High-Level Computer Languages

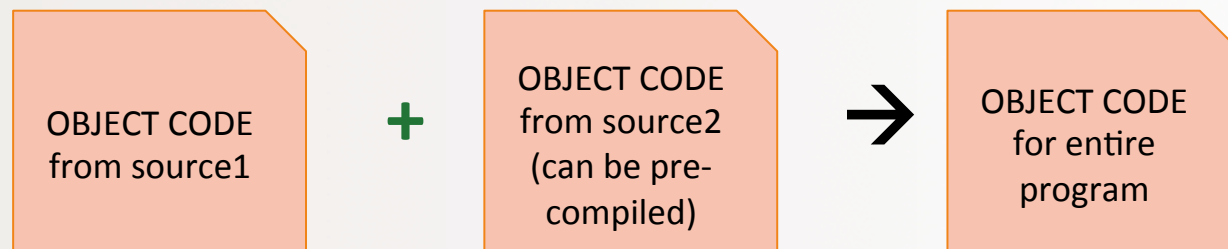
- A computer language that closely mimics “natural language”
 - As opposed to just being 0s and 1s (that’s “machine language”)
- *High-level languages* provide high abstraction to the CPU Instructions
 - Your programs very much look like *algorithms*
- A program that “translates” a High Level Language into Low Level Language (like machine language) is called a *compiler*
 - Why are compilers necessary???
 - *Because CPUs ONLY understand their instructions in Machine Language*

Compilers

- Language-specific
 - Compiler for Python will not work for C++, etc...
- Linux/UNIX OS have different built-in compilers
 - e.g. **g++** for C++, **clang** for C, etc...
- Source code
 - The original program in a high level language (text file)
- Object code
 - The translated version in machine language (binary file)

Linkers

- Some programs we use are already compiled
 - Their object code is available for us to use
 - We would just want to combine it our own object code
- A Linker ***combines*** object codes



Introduction to the C++ Language

Invention of C++

- C++ developed by Bjarne Stroustrup, a Computer Scientist at Bell Labs in the 1980s.
 - Still maintains a webpage at <http://www.stroustrup.com>
- Overcame several shortcomings of its predecessor (C)
- Incorporated ***object oriented programming***
 - C++ is not considered a fully OOP language, though!!
- C remains a subset of C++

Object Oriented Programming (OOP)

- Used in most modern programs
- Program is viewed as made up of *interacting objects*
- Each **object** contains algorithms to describe its behavior
- When **designing a program**,
one designs each object and their particular algorithms

A Sample C++ Program

A simple C++ program begins this way:

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
int main()
{
```

And ends this way

```
    return 0;
}
```



```

1  #include <iostream>
2  using namespace std;
3  int main()
4  {
5      ↔ int number_of_pods, peas_per_pod, total_peas;
6      ↔ cout << "Press return after entering a number.\n";
7      ↔ cout << "Enter the number of pods:\n";
8      ↔ cin >> number_of_pods;
9      ↔ cout << "Enter the number of peas in a pod:\n";
10     ↔ cin >> peas_per_pod;
11     total_peas = number_of_pods * peas_per_pod;
12     cout << "If you have ";
13     cout << number_of_pods;
14     cout << " pea pods\n";
15     cout << "and ";
16     cout << peas_per_pod;
17     cout << " peas in each pod, then\n";
18     cout << "you have ";
19     cout << total_peas;
20     cout << " peas in all the pods.\n";
21     return 0;
22 }

```

Note the use of tabbed spaces

Press return after entering a number.

Enter the number of pods:

10

Enter the number of peas in a pod:

9

If you have 10 pea pods
and 9 peas in each pod, then
you have 90 peas in all the pods.

1-4:	Program start
5:	Variable declaration
6-20:	Statements
21-22:	Program end

cout << "some string or another";

//output stream statement

cin >> some_variable;

//input stream statement

*cout and cin are **objects** defined in the library **iostream***

// means the following line is a comment

Program Style

- The **layout** of a program is designed mainly to make it **readable** by humans
- Compilers accept almost any patterns of line breaks and indentations!
 - So layout *conventions* are there not for the machine, but for the human
- Conventions have been established, for example:
 1. Place opening brace '{' and closing brace '}' on a line by themselves
 2. Indent statements (i.e. use tabbed spaces)
 3. Use only one statement per line

Some C++ Rules and Conventions

- Variables are declared **before** they are used
 - Typically at the beginning of program
- **Statements** (not always **lines**) **end with a semi-colon ;**
- Use curly-brackets { ... }
 - to encapsulate **groups of statements** that belong together
 - Parentheses (...) have a different use in C++
 - As do square brackets [...]
 - They are not interchangeable!

Some C++ Rules and Conventions

- ***Include directives*** (like `#include <iostream>`) always placed in beginning of the program before any code
 - Tells the compiler ***where to find*** information about objects used in the program
- `using namespace std;`
 - A statement that tells the compiler to use names of objects in `iostream` in a “standard” way
 - More on this in a later class
- `main` functions end with a “`return 0;`” statement

YOUR TO-DOS

- ☐ Sign up on Piazza
 - ☐ Go to the class website
 - ☐ Read Lab1 THIS WEEKEND
 - ☐ Do Lab1 MONDAY
 - ☐ Do HW1 and hand it in on Thursday in class
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- ☐ Solve world hunger
 - ☐ Reverse global warming

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