



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

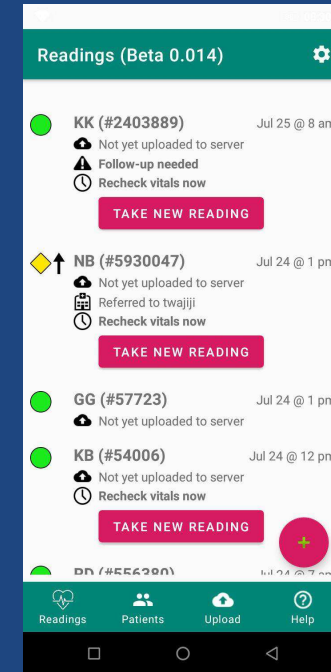
GOALS

Computers can be part of the solution to each of these



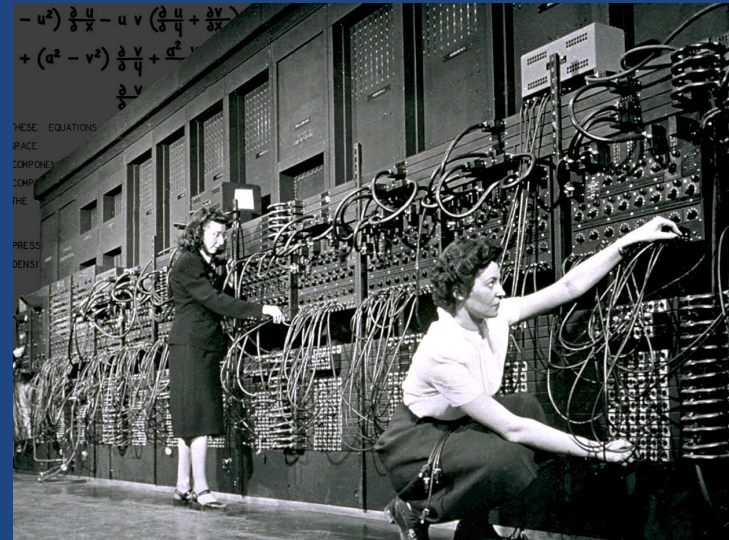
Solving problems of social value

- Computers are a tool to change the world
 - Programming is how you get full control.
 - We can help people.



Topics

- 1) Who's **Dr. Brian**?
- 2) Whats in **CMPT 130**?
- 3) Who are the **students**?
- 4) How do I
succeed & connect?



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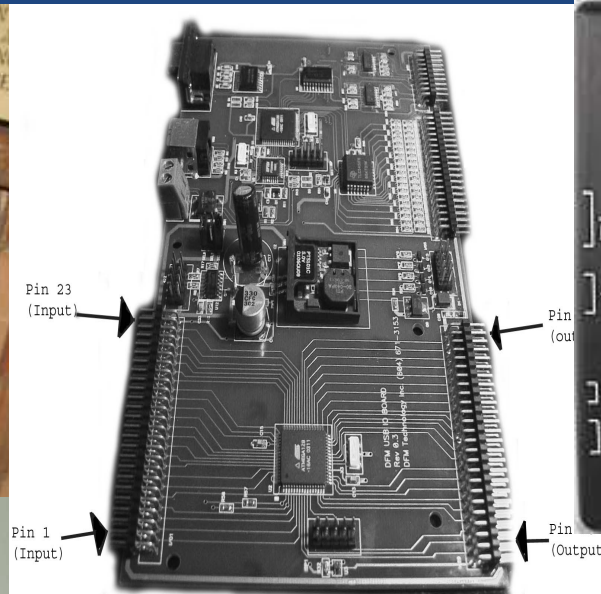
Who's Dr. Brian?





Dr. Brian (Fraser) (he/him)

- I love questions and feedback!



About Me

- **Love Teaching:** I can help share my excitement for programming, and for making the world a better place.
- **Degrees:** BSc & PhD from SFU (AI)
- **Favourite Video Game:** StarCraft 2, WoW, Valheim, Mario Kart
- **Family:** Married with 2 girls (10y & 12y)
- I recognize that I am **privileged** to be in my position with **many advantages afforded** to me throughout my life.
 - I work to build a **positive inclusive experience for everyone.**



Course Expectation

- Only one thing
 - Use a positive tone for all communication (asking questions, on Piazza forums, with TAs)
 - Anon trolling hurts and won't be tolerated
 - Students have wide range of backgrounds; respect it
- If sending a message
 - Give a little context (class, your name, topic, ...)
 - Email: If you are sending more than 2 per week on average, over multiple weeks, it may be too many.

What's in CMPT 130?



Course Topics

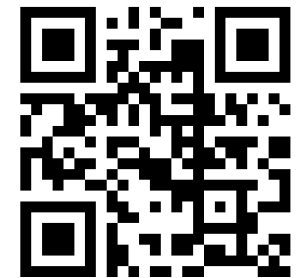
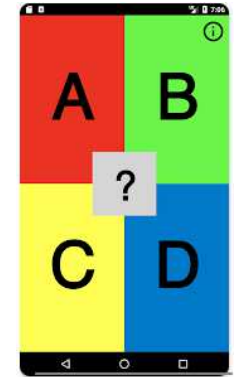
- **Basic Course Goal**
 - Solving problems of social value
 - Thinking through problems:
Programming in C++
 - Simple data structures
 - Algorithms

Flipped Classroom



- “Notes” Videos
 - Pre-recorded videos; usually posted by Friday
 - You should watch these before class (~1h)
- Lecture (M/W/F) - Live Coding / Activities
 - Interactive coding and activities to engage content
 - Recorded and posted online
- Labs
 - Guided activities; one per week to get started
- Assignments
 - One every 2 weeks
 - Practice applying skills more independently

ABCD Card App



<https://cii.wwu.edu/ABCD/>

ABCD Interactive Lectures



- Lectures will have
 - Lots of coding!
 - Lots of questions!
 - Lots of interactions!
- Who is the official mascot of Linux?

A



B



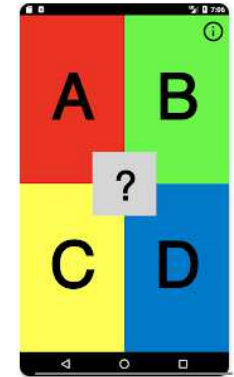
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2 Week for Assignments

Week n
Week n+1

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
Lecture: Coding + Activities		Lecture: Coding + Activities Lab		Lecture: Coding + Activities		Lab due
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Next Wed:
Quiz on previous
assignment

Last day to hand
in assignment
(3 days late if you
have enough late days)

Weekly Expectations

- 3 Units = ~9-10 hours / week
- Your week might look like:
 - Sunday: watch videos 30m
 - Monday: lecture 1h
 - Tuesday: watch video 30m
 - Wednesday: lecture, attend lab 2h
 - Thursday: try assignment, complete lab 2h
 - Friday: lecture 1h
 - Weekend: work on assignment 3h

Assignments

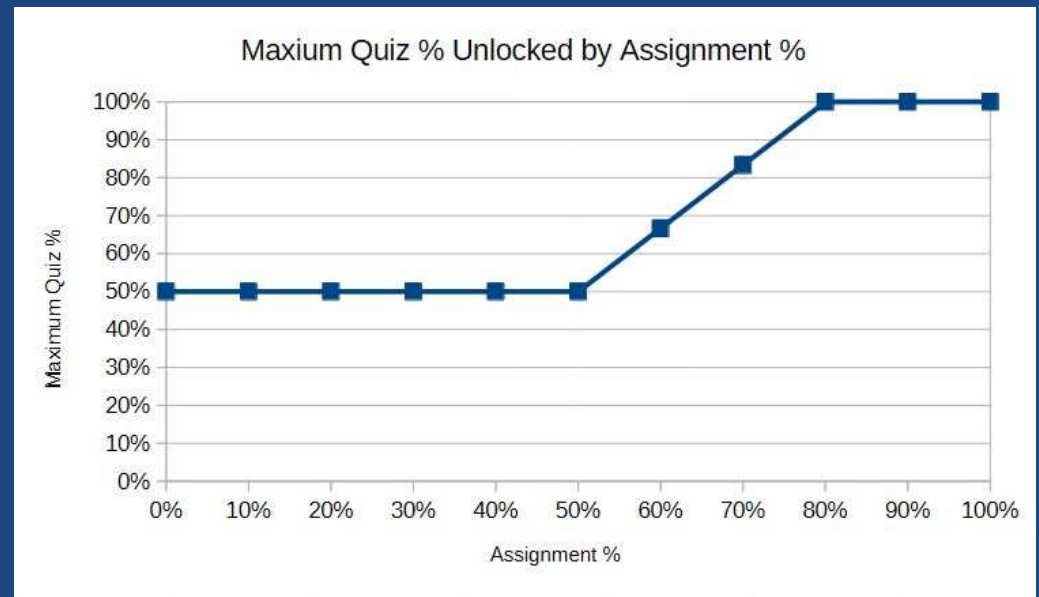
- Programming is like driving a car:
- ~5 Assignments / Project
 - They tell you what to do, not how; you write code to solve the problem
 - You can't really say you know the course material unless you can do (re-do?) the assignments well!
- Generative AI
 - You **may** use AI to help understand, not write code
- It's cheating to submit someone else's work
 - We check carefully & apply stiff penalties
 - It's also cheating to submit you previous work again

Evaluation

- 10% Labs
 - Most weeks (starting next week)
 - **Mandatory attendance**; OK to attend other sections if space.
 - **Submit lab online** by Sunday
 - Marks: half attendance, half completion.
- 30% Quiz (based on Assignments)
 - Assignment due about every 2 weeks; on Sunday
 - Following Wednesday has a short in-class quiz
- 25% Midterm
35% Final

Assignments Unlock Quiz Scores

- Coding is critical to learning the material
 - AI systems (like ChatGPT and Copilot) can do all the coding for this course very well!
 - You cannot let AI write your code for you.
- Assignments are worth 0% on their own:
 - Quiz content pulled from assignment.
 - Quiz max score is 50% unless you score >50% on assignment.



Policies

- **Must pass exams**
 - Students must attain an overall passing grade on the weighted average of exams (midterm and final) in the course in order to get a **D or higher**.
- **Late Policy**
 - 60 minute grace period for labs & assignments.
 - Attending lecture earns 6h of late days.
 - Can use up to 3 days late per assignment.
- **AI**
 - AI may not be used to write labs or assignments.

Who are the students?

How are you feeling?



You already know:

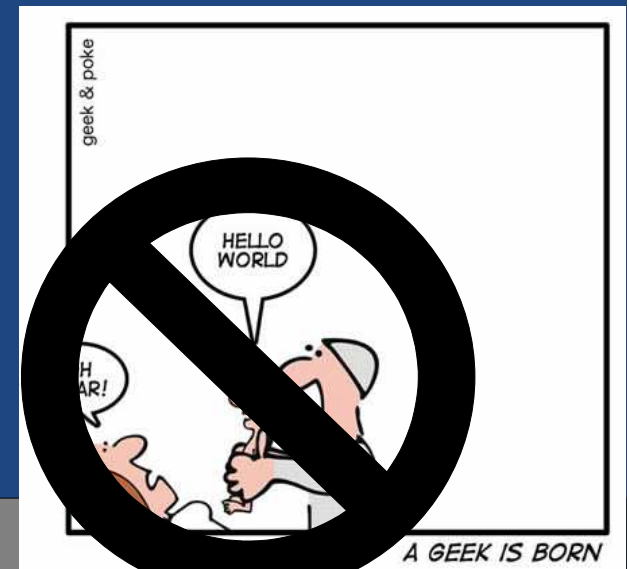
- How to use a computer and the web.
 - You are comfortable using **directories/folders** to find, create, copy and edit files.
 - You can check **email** and **browse the web**.
- You are eager to learn problem solving & programming
 - Course is a **rigorous introduction to programming**.
 - It **assumes no previous programming experience**, nor experience with Linux.
 - Expect to put in a strong effort to learn programming.

Real-time Stand-up Survey

- Everyone stand up!
- How much programming have you done? (in any language)
 - None?
 - This is the right class for you to start your journey!
Have a seat.
 - Some experience, but not a lot?
 - This is the right class for you to build your skills!
Have a seat.
 - A lot!
 - This is the right class for you to help others!
Have a seat.
- Lecture is for participation for everyone.

Growth Mindset

- Programming is skill a person develops; not one they were born with.
 - Nobody was *born* being good at C++.
 - Nobody was *born* being bad at C++.
 - Everyone good at C++ has worked hard and learned it.
- Computer Scientists learn helpful dispositions such as:
 - Collaborative
 - Inventive
 - Persistent
 - Meticulous
 - ...



Show AI and Learning Slides.

How to Succeed + Make Connections

Stay home sick

- Stay home when needed
 - Feeling a little sick?
Covid, cold or the flu!
You should stay home
and watch the video too!
- If I'm sick, I'll cancel lecture, present remotely,
or record a video

Guide to Slides

- Slide Colour Guide (often...):
 - Green: headings.
 - Yellow: Highlighted text.
 - Course has: midterm, quizzes, & final.
 - Blue: Term being defined.
 - Hour: 60 minutes.
 - Sweep-in Text: Blanked out text.
- Joke:
 - There are 10 types of people in the world...

Advice

- Previous Students have said about this course
 - Useful, **practical course**;
May help you **love programming**
 - **Easy start**, gets really challenging really fast
 - **Time consuming** assignments
 - **Tough but fair** exams
 - **Live long and prosper**
(Star Trek: technology for social good?)



Connecting

- Connect with Me
 - Come chat after class
 - Come to Lunch with Dr. Brian
- Connect with Help
 - Come to lectures & labs
 - Come to my & TA online office hours (Discord)
- Start connecting early
- Start your assignments early

Meeting Someone!

Start chatting in groups of 3-4

- Exchange **names** and **contact info**
(email/discord/whatsapp/instagram/X/?)
- Discuss the following:
 1. What is the **best** thing computers have been used for?
 2. What is the **worst** thing computers have been used for?