Computers can be part of the solution to each of these







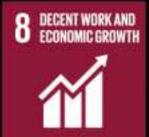
































Solving problems of social value

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

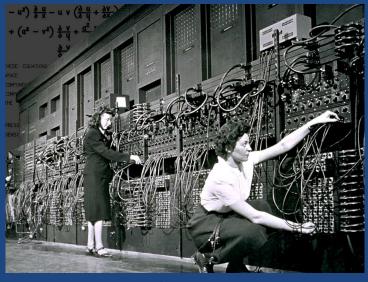






Topics

- 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?

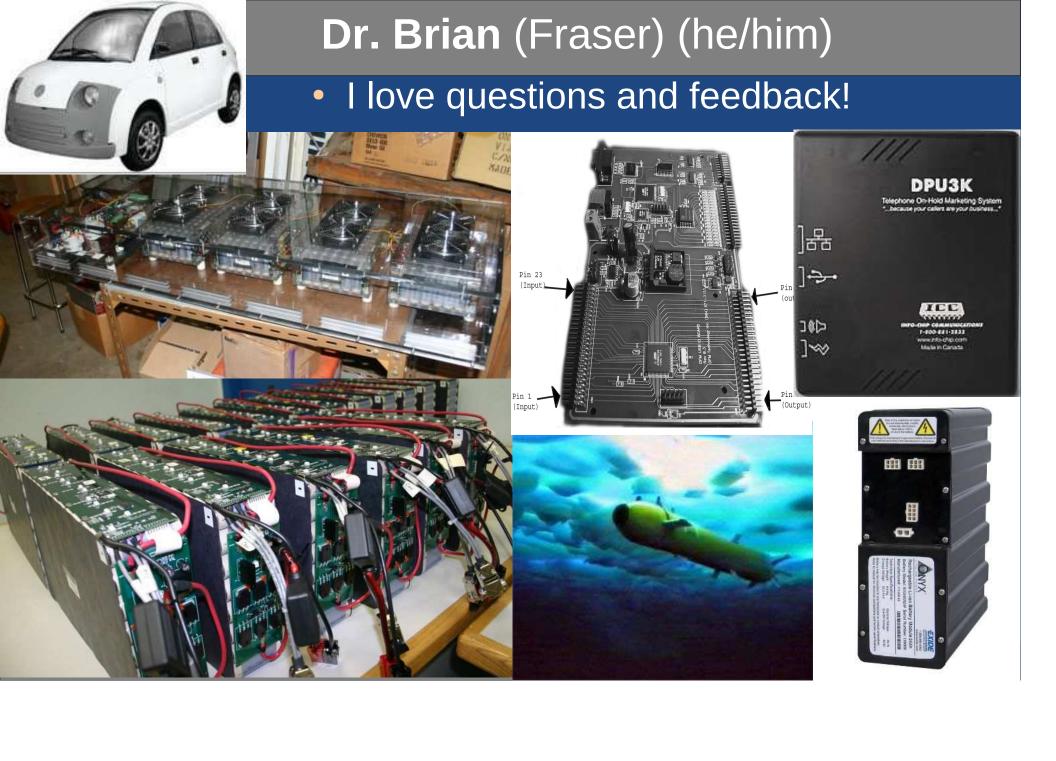






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About Me

- 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 (8y & 10y)
- 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?

http://tinyurl.com/briansfu/cmpt130/



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; posted by Monday
 - You should watch these before class (1-2h)
- 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

2 Week for Assignments

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
Lecture: Coding + Activities	Lab	Lecture: Coding + Activities		Lecture: Coding + Activities		Lab due
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	Next Wed:		ast day to han	d		
	Quiz on previo	ous	in assignment (3 days late; 0% penalty)			

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Weekly Expectations

- 3 Units = ~9-10 hours / week
- Your week might look like:

- Sunday:	watch videos	1h
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- Monday: lecture 1h
- Tuesday: lab,watch video
- Wednesday: lecture 1h
- Thursday: try assignment, complete lab 2h
- Friday: lecture 1h
- Weekend: try assignment1h

Assignments

- Programming is like driving a car:
- ~6 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 tools to help (ChatGPT/Copilot/...)
- 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

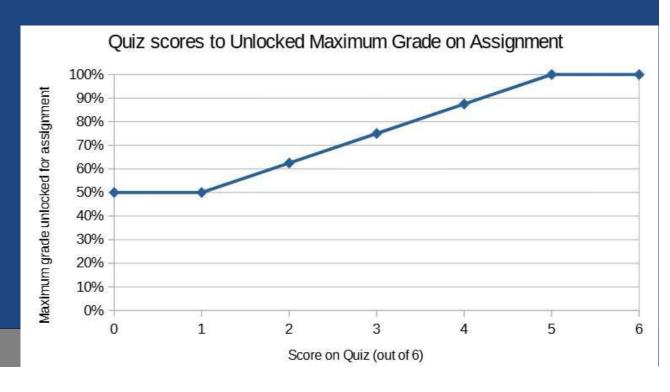
Evaluation

- 10% Labs
 - Most weeks (starting next week)
 - Attend any section(s)! (or none?)
 - Submit lab online by Sunday; completion marks
- 35% Assignments + Quiz (~6)
 - Assignment due about every 2 weeks; on Sunday
 - Following Wednesday has a short in-class quiz
 - Default maximum score on an assignment is 50%. Your quiz unlocks a maximum assignment score > 50%!
- 20% Midterm 35% Final

Unlocking Assignment Scores

- Coding is critical to learning the material
 - Al systems (like ChatGPT and Copilot) can do all the coding for this course very well!
 - You are allowed to use them to help you;
 however, you must learn how to do the work!
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How are you feeling?



You already known:

- 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 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

- ...



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...

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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 "Gathering Hour"
 (in-person office hour in a big room for everyone)
 - 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?

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