Announcements
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Midterm:

Midterm locations are posted on the Tests webpage.

“About the Midterm” slides will be posted on the Lectures webpage.

Assignment 1:

Assignments are now being marked. You have enough information to determine your correctness grade - see the testing summary on MarkUs and the grading scheme on Blackboard.

There will be an announcement when total (correctness + style) marks are available.
Announcements (cont’d)

Week 5 Perform:

The due date for this week’s Perform exercise has been extended from the usual Friday by 6pm to **Monday the 19th by 6pm**. The due date of next week’s Prepare exercise remains the same as usual - Sunday by 10pm. This means that Week 6 Prepare is due before the Week 5 Perform!

The due date was extended on account of the short week for the day sections, but you will likely be able to complete it on Friday anyways.

Note: If your code is failing a test, carefully review the return types and the docstring description for the function that you are to write!
Problem Solving Strategies (From Portal)

“Now that the problems are becoming more complex, it is often helpful to solve them in two phases. The first phase is the problem solving phase where you figure out what steps you need to take to solve a problem. It is often helpful to do this on paper and to write down the steps in English. The second phase involves converting those steps from English to Python.

If you find yourself making small changes and resubmitting over and over again, then stop! Take a little break, revisit phase one of your problem solving methods to double-check that your approach works.

Next, make sure your implementation matches that approach. Avoid guessing and resubmitting, because although you may get the marks, you probably won't learn the material. Also, guessing and resubmitting can take up a lot of time!

If you weren't able to solve all of the Week 4 Perform problems or you feel that some of your solutions may be more complicated than necessary, please come to see an instructor or TA during office hours this week. We'd be happy to go over solutions with you and help you to better understand the concepts. Whether it is before or after the deadline, it is important that you learn this material.”
Piazza Etiquette

• Please do **NOT** post any code for the marked components of this course. This is your responsibility. Don’t make us go and delete parts of your posts..

  => For questions specific to your code, just drop by one of the many available office hours!

• Before you ask a question on Piazza, please **search** to make sure it has not been asked before.

• If you post a followup on a question and you get an answer, please go back and mark your followup as **resolved**.

  • This will help us immediately identify which followup questions need a response.
First Term Troubleshooting Online Resource

Website by Faculty of Arts & Science and the Dean's office:

http://stepforward.artsci.utoronto.ca/first-term-troubleshooting/

Take a look!