Administrative Information

csc343, Introduction to Databases
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Admin Stuff

Important: Read the course syllabus

- **Contact:**
  - website and Piazza: required reading
  - your questions: to Piazza please
  - personal matters: email or visit me

- **Office hours:**
  - Please come: I love talking with students
Prerequisites

- For A&S students, the prerequisites are:
  (1) CSC165/240 or MAT (135+136)/137/157 and
  (2) CSC207.

- Email me immediately if you don’t have the prerequisites.
  Include your unofficial ROSI transcript.

- Engineering students, contact me if you need any permission.
Active lectures

- Goal: get your gears turning in class.
- Activities like:
  - team problem solving, reviewing other students’ solutions, and short quizzes.
- Weekly “lecture prep activities” will get you ready.
  - exercises, reading, watching videos
- All three hours will be here, with me.
- We probably won’t use the “tutorial” time slot until next week.
Benefits of active learning

- Exercise your knowledge and skills in class, with support.
- We’ll know where the difficulties are.
- Get more from when I’m lecturing.

What it requires

- Doing the lecture prep.
- Being active in class, including working with others and looking at each other’s solutions to problems.
- A positive, encouraging environment.
# Course Marking Scheme

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<th>Work</th>
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<tr>
<td>3 assignments</td>
<td>30%</td>
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<td>weekly lecture prep</td>
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<td>1% each, due Sunday nights (except the midterm week)</td>
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<td>Final exam</td>
<td>45%</td>
<td>You must get &gt;= 40% to pass the course</td>
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Recommended Resources

- Jennifer Widom’s online mini-courses from Stanford.
Assignment Policies

- You may work with a partner on assignments.
- Can be from any section.
- Can change partners between assignments.
- You may not dissolve a partnership without permission.
- Assignments must be submitted via MarkUs.
- Your code must run on our lab computers ("cdf").
- Late policy:
  You have 6 grace tokens. Each can be used for a 2 hour extension with no penalty.
To-do list

- Anyone new to the cdf labs:
  - Find out your account on our cdf machines. See the course website for details.
  - Try logging in.
- Read the course syllabus.
- Bookmark the course website.
- Do the class prep due Sunday night.