Introduction

CSC 213 – August 27, 2021
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Introductions
Hello ...

My name is ___________________.
I would like to be called ______________.
I use the pronouns ____________ (they/them/theirs, she/her/hers, he/him/his, ...).
The last program I wrote was ______________.
Course Information
Basic Information

Course Website
curtsinger.cs.grinnell.edu/teaching/2021F/CSC213/

Textbook
Operating Systems: Three Easy Pieces
by Remzi H. Arpaci-Dusseau and Andrea C. Arpaci-Dusseau

Class Mentors
Paul Lu (morning)
Linh Tang (afternoon)
Class Website Tour
Syllabus Highlights

Textbook
Our textbook is available for free online. Readings are linked directly from the course schedule.

Attendance
I will not take attendance, but you do need to participate in the course. If you can't be here you can still contribute to course topic discussions on Teams and work remotely with lab groups.

Communication
I will make class announcements on Teams rather than email, so please check in regularly or turn on notifications.
Syllabus Highlights

Graded Work
You'll complete assignments individually, labs and project in groups. There are no exams or quizzes, but we will use our final exam time.

Late Work
Assignments and project components cannot be turned in late. Labs can be submitted up to one week late with a 20% penalty.

Passing the Class
You must earn at least 70% on every lab to pass this course. While it may not improve your overall grade, you can resubmit labs to meet this requirement.
What about COVID-19?
COVID Protocols

What if I feel sick?
Please don't come to class. You may want to take a COVID test, but nobody wants to be sick with anything else either.

What if I am exposed or test positive for COVID-19?
Please follow college policies. Currently, that means ten days of isolation or quarantine. You will miss class, but that is okay.

Can I attend class remotely?
I do not plan to teach a remote version of this class. Instead, you'll be able to rely on these slides (which will include notes from class) and the course readings to keep up. We can meet during office hours if you have questions.
Why Study Operating Systems?
Basic Questions

What is an operating system?
- A program that manages other programs
- An interface between the user, programs, and the hardware
- A bit like a standard library with lots of useful operations

What are an operating system's responsibilities?
- Decide where to use resources (CPU time, memory, disk, ...)
- Protect sensitive data and control
- Multiplexing (sharing) resources
- Input and output, and managing all sorts of other devices
Reading Check-In

What are the three themes our textbook uses for discussing OS? Give an example for each theme.

**Persistence**  
Storing things so they stick around

**Concurrency**  
Doing multiple things at the same time (or "same" time)

**Virtualization**  
Managing constrained resources like time on the processor, memory, etc.
Writing a Stack in C

We're going to implement a stack data structure in C that holds integers. The stack should have three operations: push, pop, and peek.

What are the parameters and return types for each operation?

- void stack_push(int_stack_t* s, int value)
- int stack_pop(int_stack_t* s)
- int stack Peek(const int stack_t* s)

How will we store the stack's contents? Think about data types we will need.

A linked list. The int_stack_t struct will hold a pointer to the top node.

An array. The stack might have a limited capacity, or the array could grow. The int_stack_t struct will hold the size of the stack and the array's capacity. It also holds a pointer to the start of the array.
Wrap Up
Upcoming Work

Read the Syllabus

This is my contract with you for the course. Make sure you understand the course policies and what you are expected to do for the class.