Group Work & Debugging
CSC 213 – February 3, 2021
Agenda for Today

1. Office Hours Update
2. Q&A for Remote Work, Assignment, and Lab
3. Group Work Discussion
4. Debugging Exercise
Office Hours
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My regularly-scheduled office hours will be:

**Tuesday:** 1pm–2pm

**Wednesday:** 11am–noon

**Thursday:** 3pm–4pm

**Friday:** 11am–noon

I will set up an appointment booking option so you aren't stuck waiting around until I'm free. Until then, or any time I am unbooked during office hours, you can just drop in on Teams.

We'll have mentor office hours scheduled later today.
How is the remote work setup working?

If you are having trouble connecting to MathLAN, let me know so we can set up a time to meet.
How efficient should our reading be?

 minimising # of reads

A: Anything that works is fine!

Will the autograder send input using the `stdin` operator?

Yes, exactly. Your program shouldn’t have to care.

Should we use any specific `POSIX` functions?

No, it’s up to you. Suggestions: `fgets`, `fgetc`, `read`
Warmup Lab Q&A

Hint: your `my_wc` program should produce the same output as `wc -w`.
Group Work
Why so much group work?

Group work is a skill

I want you to develop that skill during this course. That's why you'll do so much of it, and why it will be part of your grade.

Group work is challenging.

Especially in a remote setting, group work can feel like it is slowing you down. There's pretty good evidence it doesn't.

Group work helps you learn.

There's a lot of benefit to learning in collaboration with other students, whether they're helping you along in unfamiliar territory, or you are helping them understand something you know well already.
Group Work Contract

For group work to be successful, we need to agree on some basic expectations. In small groups, answer these two questions:

What do I need to do to help my group succeed?

What does my group need to do to help me succeed?
Group Work Contract: My Responsibilities

Be respectful: don’t be pushy, make sure everyone has a turn to contribute. Treat group work as a professional interaction.

Be prepared: complete readings, and be ready to contribute. It’s okay not to understand things.

Communicate well: explain what you are doing to make sure your group is on the same page.

Check in with everyone: make sure group members are active and involved. Draw them in even if they aren’t comfortable sharing ideas.

Stay engaged: even if you don’t know what’s going on, stay involved. Group work is what you’re doing now, so actually do it.
Group Work Contract: Group Responsibilities

Be Patient: everyone in the group needs to be on the same page before you move on.

Engage in active listening: listen and understand what everyone is saying. Once you understand an approach you can evaluate it together.

Be respectful of people’s time: some group members may be on a very different schedule than others. Plan around that. When you schedule something, show up on time.

Explain or justify when asked: if a group member has question, the group has to stop and answer

Understand an accommodate different levels of experience/confidence. The group needs to work at a level where everyone can understand and contribute.
Debugging Exercise
Before you go to breakout groups...

Work Due:
- Warmup Lab: Friday at 11:59pm
- Ngram Generator Assignment: Friday at 11:59pm

Prepare for Class Tomorrow:
- Read three chapters in our textbook

Having issues connecting to MathLAN?
- Let me know ASAP. If we don't have a time planned to troubleshoot, we need to set one up.