

Computer Science 2311, Section 3

Laboratory Policies

Fall 2009

Meeting Time: 2:00 – 4:00 P.M. Thursday

Meeting Location: Austin 208

URL: <http://www.cs.ecu.edu/~rws/c2310/>

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Lab Assistants: Tina Xie

Lab Assistant Hours: Mondays 2:30 – 4:30 P.M.
Thursdays 2:00 – 4:45 P.M.

Prerequisite: MATH 1065

Corequisite: CSCI 2310, Section 2

Text (required)

Java: An Introduction to Problem Solving & Programming. Walter Savitch and Frank M. Carrano. 5th Edition, Pearson Education, Upper Saddle River, NJ, 2009.

Computing Environment

Linux Operating System, Java jdk compiler (version 1.6 or higher).

Lab Structure

After an introductory period where important system information and/or feedback from previous labs is presented, every student will receive a copy of the day's lab assignment. You are required to work on the assignment for the full extent of the lab period. Early submission guidelines are discussed below.

In order to facilitate your success at completing the lab assignments, the instructor and lab assistants will periodically check on the progress of all students. If it appears that progress is slower than expected, we will engage you in a one-on-one structured discussion to help you overcome any obstacles you may be encountering to complete the lab.

Evaluation Criteria

The lab assignments are part of the *Assignment* weighting described in the 2310 syllabus.

Late Work

It is hoped that most labs will be designed so that most students complete the lab during the assigned lab time. If you do not finish during the assigned lab time, the lab will be due at 2:00 P.M. on the Tuesday following the lab period. **Any labs submitted after this time will receive a grade of 0** (though we will evaluate the work and give you feedback).

Early Submission

If you complete the assignment prior to the end of the lab time you may submit your work at that time and leave. Be sure to follow all submission guidelines and be sure to sign out. You will receive no more than 50% credit for lab work submitted after the end of the lab period if you leave early, and the early exit is *unexcused*. If you submit the work properly, but neglect to sign out, your grade on the assignment will be reduced by 25%.

Excused absences/Early departures

If you are more than 5 minutes late and it is unexcused, your tardiness will be counted as an unexcused absence. A dean's excuse or student health excuse is required for an absence to be considered excused. *Being late for work is not an acceptable reason for leaving the lab early.*

Ethics

Other than questions about Linux and compiler messages, you should obtain assistance only from the instructor or the lab assistants.

Submission Guidelines

With the exception of the first lab, the labs will normally require electronic submission of Java source code. The top of every electronic submission should consist of comment lines in the following format:

Line 1: Your name and the class
Line 2: The assignment being submitted

Example:

```
// Tina Xie (bx1030), CSCI 2311  
// Lab 4
```

You will be using a program called *submit* to submit your programs. The general form of the *submit* command is the following:

```
submit <assignment_id> <file_name>
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<assignment_id> will be an ID that will be specified in the assignment spec. The ID will usually be of the form l# for a lab where # is the lab # (e.g. l4 for Lab 4).

<file_name> will be the name of the file containing your code that you are submitting.

Naming conventions for files will also be specified in the assignment spec. Failure to following the naming conventions is grounds for significant deduction of credit.

The *submit* program must be executed from a shell where the current directory is the directory containing the file you are submitting. If the submission is successful you should see the following message:

File '<file_name>' was copied successfully.

For example, if I was submitting the second lab assignment (which have the specification <assignment_id> = 1 and <file_name> = lab2.java), I would do the following:

```
submit l2 lab2.java
```

and the message I should see is the following:

File 'lab2.java' was copied successfully.

Please note that *submit* is shorthand for `/home/INTRA/2310_rws/2310/bin/submit`

Lab Usage Policies

For this course you will be issued a departmental account for the TECS servers. You must use this account to submit all work. While these machines are available via remote access over the Internet, you may choose to do all your course work from Austin 208. When you are in Austin 208 you must behave in an appropriate fashion as specified below. Failure to follow these guidelines is grounds for suspension of your account privileges.

1. No food and drinks may be consumed in the lab. Bottled drinks may be left (with the lid on) at a designated spot near the door, but **no open can drinks of any type will be allowed in the room**. You may go out in the hall to consume food and drink without giving up access to your machine.
2. You must follow all instructions of the lab supervisor. In particular, when closing time occurs, you must log out, collect your materials, and leave.
3. You should not engage in loud disruptive behavior.
4. You should not offer inappropriate assistance to other students. Lab supervisors are instructed in the guidelines for offering assistance. In general, it is always acceptable to discuss how to use Linux and how to interpret compiler messages, but please don't go beyond that.
5. If you are working in the lab during my office hours and want to come see me, you should notify the lab supervisor so that no one will log you out of your machine while you visit me. If you are gone for more than 30 minutes, lab assistants are authorized to log you out if people are waiting to use a machine so be sure to save all open files first.