General Information

- CS 350: Operating Systems

- Web Page: `http://www.student.cs.uwaterloo.ca/~cs350`

- Newsgroup: `uw.cs.cs350`

- Course Personnel, office hours, etc.: see/watch the web page

You are expected to get and use a Piazza account.

You are expected to check the course Piazza page regularly.

Post questions to Piazza (instead of emailing).

Course Readings

- Textbook:

  - Silberschatz, Galvin, and Gagne (8th edition).

  - Recommended reading to augment lectures and improve understanding

  - On 3 hour reserve in the DC Library

- Course Notes:

  - buy/print them

  - bring them to class

  - take notes

  - **NOT DESIGNED TO BE STANDALONE**

Grading Scheme

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This may change slightly each term:
see course web page for official version.


  A0, A1, A2, A3: Assignment marks as a percentage
  M:   Midterm exam grades as percentages
  F:    Final exam grade as a percentage


  Normal   = (0.02*A0 + 0.08*A1 + 0.125*A2 + 0.125*A3) +
             (0.20*M + 0.45*F)
  Exams    = (0.20*M + 0.45*F) / .65


  if (Exams < 50%) { /* FAIL EXAMS, FAIL THE COURSE */
     Course Grade = min(Normal, Exams)
  } else {
     Course Grade = Normal
  }
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Assignments

- A0 and A1 done individually

- A2 and A3 done in groups

- Using OS/161 (~16,000 lines for kernel) running on SYS/161.

- Assignments are cumulative (i.e., A2 depends on A1, etc.)

- Slip days

  - Allows flexibility in assignment deadlines

  - Total of 5 slip days

  - Can use maximum of 3 slip days per assignment

Plagiarism and Academic Offenses

- READ AND UNDERSTAND INFO ON COURSE WEB PAGE

- This course has extra requirements and ignorance is no excuse!

- Do not use code from other sources:

  - Do not copy code from friends, web sites, or other sources.

  - We use cheat detection software.

  - Every term people are caught.

- NOTE: You can NOT use assignments you have done from previous terms without instructors permission.