Course Introduction

CS 136L F23 – LEC 1

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About us – You and Your ISA/IAs

- Introduce yourself to a neighbor
 - What is your name and program?
 - What kind of music do you like?
 - If you could choose a superpower, what could it be?
- About ISAs
 - Kevin Yang (full-time for CS 136L)
 - Yiding He (part-time for CS136L)
- About IAs
 - Rizwan Shahid , Tue 12:30
 - Mustafa Ege Ciklabakkal, Tue 14:30
 - Oluwaseun Cardoso, Thu 12:30
 - Muhammad Arsalan Khan

About us - Instructors

- Irene Huang (First half of the term)
 - New CS Lecturer
 - Lab Instructor/Supervisor in UW ECE previously (21+ years)
 - Technical Support Team Lead at IBM (2+ years)
 - Ph.D., CS at UWaterloo (2011)
- Qianqiu Zhang (Second half of the term)
 - New CS136L instructor
 - Just served the course in S23
 - Ph.D. Candidate in CS at UWaterloo

Main Topics

- L. Linux Shell
- 2. More Linux Shell
- 3. Testing and Debugging
- 4. Shell Scripting
- 5. Integrated Development Environments
- 6. Version Control
- 7. The C/C++ Preprocessor
- 8. Memory Errors
- 9. Separate Compilation and Build Automation
- 10. Debugging

CS 136L F23 Calendar

Wk	Мо	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Мо	Week	Topics	Instructor
1	Sep	4	5	6 Classes begin	7 NO LAB	8	9	10	Sep	1	Email class - Welcome	IH
2	Sep	11 M0 Quiz rls	12 Intro	13	14 Intro	15 M0 Lab rls	16	17	Sep	2	Course Intro + M0 Preview (Shell 1)	IH
3	Sep	18 M1 Quiz rls	19 M0 Quiz due M0 Lab	20	21 M0 Lab	22 M0 Lab due M1 Lab rls	23	24	Sep	3	M0 (Shell 1) + M1 Preview (Shell 2)	IH
4	Sep	25 M2 Quiz rls	26 M1 Quiz due M1 Lab	27	28 M1 Lab	29 M1 Lab due M2 Lab rls	30	1	Oct	4	M1 (Shell 2) + M2 Preview (Test & Debug)	IH
5	Oct	2 M3 Quiz rls	3 M2 Quiz due M2 Lab	4	5 M2 Lab	6 M2 Lab due M3 Lab rls	7 READ	8 READ	Oct	5	M2 (Test & Debug) + M3 Preview (Shell Scripts)	IH
	Oct	9 READ Thanksgiving	10 READ	11 READ	12 READ	13 READ	14 READ	15 READ	Oct			
6	Oct	16 M4 Quiz rls	17 M3 Quiz due M3 Lab	18	19 M3 Lab	20 M3 Lab due M4 Lab rls	21	22	Oct	6	M3 (Shell Scripts)	QZ/IH
7	Oct	23 M5 Quiz rls	24 M4 Quiz due M4 Lab	25	26 M4 Lab	27 M4 Lab due M5 Lab rls	28	29	Oct	7	M4 (VSCode IDE)	QZ/IH
8	Oct	30 M6 Quiz rls CS136 MT	31 M5 Quiz due M5 Lab	1	2 M5 Lab	3 M5 Lab due M6 Lab rls	4	5	Nov	8	M5 (Git Version Control)	QZ
9	Nov	6 M7 Quiz rls	7 M6 Quiz due M6 Lab	8	9 M6 Lab	10 M6 Lab due M7 Lab rls	11	12	Nov	9	M6 (C/C++ Preprocessor)	QZ
10	Nov	13 M8 Quiz rls	14 M7 Quiz due M7 Lab	15	16 M7 Lab	17 M7 Lab due M8 Lab rls	18	19	Nov	10	M7 (Memory Checkers)	QZ
11	Nov	20 M9 Quiz rls	21 M8 Quiz due M8 Lab	22	23 M8 Lab	24 M8 Lab due M9 Lab rls	25	26	Nov	11	M8 (Make, Build Automation)	QZ
12	Nov	27	28 M9 Quiz due M9 Lab	29	30 M9 Lab	1 M9 Lab due	2	3	Dec	12	M9 (GDB, Debugger)	QZ
13	Dec	4	5 NO LAB Classes end	6	7	8 Final Exam Period Starts	9	10	Dec	13		

Lab Lecture Times (scheduled, may not use all)

No Teaching Activites

First/Last Day of Lecture Important Dates (CS136 Midterm, Pass deadlines, Instr Chg) IH: Irene Huang
QZ: Qianqiu Zhang

Course Online Resources

- https://student.cs.uwaterloo.ca/~cs136l/
 - Course website, checking your progress
- https://online.cs.uwaterloo.ca/register
 - Edx course registration link
- https://online.cs.uwaterloo.ca/courses/course-v1:UW+CS136L+2023 09/course/
 - CS 136L Fall 2023 EdX link
- https://cs.uwaterloo.ca/~yqhuang/courses/cs136l/f23
 - Lecture Slides

Flipped Classroom

https://online.cs.uwaterloo.ca/courses/course-v1:UW+CS136L+2023 09/course/

- What you need to do before coming to the class
 - Readings: read the next week's module ahead of time
 - Quizzes: complete the module's quiz
 - Labs: read the lab descriptions. Attempt the labs are recommended
- What do we do in lectures?
 - First 30 minutes of mini lecture.
 - Discuss module highlights and common pitfalls to avoid.
 - A quick peek into next week lab module (for the M0 M3)
 - Rest of time is hands-on help to finish the lab, like office hours.
- Office Hours: EdX Office Hours Page

Marking

- Quizzes
 - Most of the questions have a limited number of attempts
 - Random guess is not a good idea.
- Labs: Marmoset
 - Your solution should work on the Linux Student Environment
 - linux.student.cs.uwaterloo.ca
 - All tests are public tests
 - You have unlimited number of attempts
 - Server may get overwhelmed close to deadline
 - Start early!!!

How to Pass the Course

- CR/NCR course
 - Complete 7/10 quizzes
 - Complete 7/10 labs
 - Pass 10/10 labs
- Complete vs. Pass
 - Complete has weekly deadlines
 - Quizzes are due on Tuesdays
 - Labs are due on Fridays
 - Pass deadlines are for block of labs and there are two of them. One half through the term, one at the end of the term.
 - Lab completion has higher bar than lab pass.

Personal Expectations

- If you can complete the lab on your own and get full marks, you may feel free to skip the weekly lecture.
- If you're struggling in any way, you should absolutely come to class and ask questions about what you're struggling with. The idea is that often times a quick 5 minute conversation can help you with your problem and usually problems are specific to an individual (e.g. I can't tunnel into the student environment and I don't know why).

Piazza

https://piazza.com/uwaterloo.ca/fall2023/cs136l

- Rule 1: Piazza is not Reddit. Be courteous.
- Rule 2: Post questions in the appropriate folders.
- Rule 3: Read first, search second, post last
- Rule 4: Use private posts if you are discussing your answers

We do NOT use EdX as is done in CS 136

Today's Goal: SSH

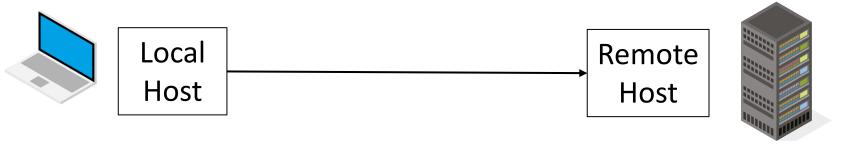
Make sure you can connect to the Linux Student Environment!

Check in Module 0.1 for detailed instructions.

First set up a CS account if you haven't already:

https://www.student.cs.uwaterloo.ca/password

SSH – Linux or Mac



Open a terminal and type

ssh <user_id>@linux.student.cs.uwaterloo.ca
where you change <user_id> to your personal id (e.g. yqhuang).
ssh yqhuang@linux.student.cs.uwaterloo.ca

- Angle brackets means mandatory field.
 - You do not type the angle brackets explicitly!

SSH - Windows

- Install OpenSSH on Win 10 (version 1809 or newer) or Win 11:
 - Select Settings -> Apps -> Optional Features (+ view features if on Win 11)
 - Win 10: if OpenSSH is not present in the list, select Add a Feature and then find and install OpenSSH Client
 - Win 11: Search for OpenSSH Client, select the appropriate checkbox, press Next and then select Install
- If neither of the above applies to you or you like other options
 - Git Bash https://git-scm.com/downloads
 - Putty https://www.putty.org/
 - MobaXterm https://mobaxterm.mobatek.net/
 - Xshell https://www.netsarang.com/en/free-for-home-school/
 - Openssh https://www.openssh.com/
 - Powershell https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/powershell/
 - WSL (https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/wsl/install)
 - Dual booting with Linux

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References

CS 136L edX notes at https://online.cs.uwaterloo.ca/