

CSC151.02 2014S, Class 03: An Introduction to Scheme

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Preliminaries

Admin

- Welcome to our new mentor, Helen D!
- Yes, I'll take attendance again.
 - And please make sure to preface your comments/questions with your name.
- I got over 200 email messages from students on Tuesday.
 - (Yes, it's my fault for having students submit homework via email.)
 - So that I can navigate my inbox, It's very important to me that you take the time to title your email messages correctly.
 - I plan to go over your HW1 over the weekend.
- Sorry for forgetting to update the link to the current reading. I hope you found it in the syllabus.
- We will have a quiz on Friday. (Parts of an algorithm; A bit of Scheme)
- Extra credit: Thursday extra on summer research in CS, Thursday @ 4:30 in Noyce 3821.
- Extra credit: CS Table Friday at noon in the Day PDR in the Marketplace. The topic is "3D Printing (of Body parts)"
- Extra credit: Theatre Gigante on Friday. Some piece on Spaulding Grey.

Support Infrastructure

- Class mentors
- Tutors most nights (see purple sheet)
- Mentor sessions Thursday night, 7-8, 9-10
- Weekly review session, Thursday 2:15-3:05 (*may move*)
- I will have a review session at 2:15 p.m. tomorrow.
 - While I don't expect to have anyone show up, I thought it would be good to get started on the weekly review sessions.

Homework

- There are two readings for Friday's class, one on numbers and one on symbolic values.
- The first real homework assignment has been posted. It will require some knowledge from Friday's class, but it might be worth looking at.
 - I will be assigning homework partners on Friday.
- Today's lab writeup, Extra problem 2
 - Due before class on Friday
 - Email subject: CSC 151.02 Writeup 1: Starting Scheme (YOUR NAME HERE)
 - Email subject: CSC 151.02 Writeup 1: Starting Scheme (Kim Spasaro and Toby Baratta)
 - You can, but need not, write up the lab with your partner.
 - Due "two days" later.

Questions

A bit about the course

- Goals
 - Help you learn about CS: Algorithms, Data Structures etc.
 - Write your own
 - A few classics
 - Make you a better problem solver
 - Some programming skill applicable to many domains
 - Skills beyond CS - Group work and more
- Differences
 - Methodology - Learn by doing, not listening
 - Different way of thinking

Very little scheme

- Design algorithms
- Put them into play (+ 2 3)a
 - "Open paren, name of procedure, space arguments close paren"
 - (define sqrt171 (sqrt 171))

Lab

Important keystrokes:

then P : Bring back the previous expression -up-arrow : Bring back the previous expression

Using max:

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(max val1 val2 val3) => the largest of the three values  
(max 7 1 2 6 5) => 7
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