How to Use the Course Web

For a number of reasons, I have chosen to make many of the handouts for this course available only in electronic format on the World Wide Web. I will not go over basic use of the Web, since you should know about it from other courses. You should make sure to ask me if you have any questions about using the World Wide Web.

The course web can be found at `http://www.cs.grinnell.edu/~rebelsky/Courses/CS151/2009F/` You may want to bookmark that page.

A number of important pieces of information are in the course web, including assignments, readings, requirements, syllabus, and office hours. I assume that if I put information on the Web, you will (eventually) read it.

- At the bare minimum, you should read all the pieces of basic information about the course, which starts at the front door.
- Of particular interest is the syllabus pages, which lists all the daily topics. You should consider checking it regularly, because things do change. (I try not to change due dates of assignments.)
- I prepare a rough outline for each class. Most students find these useful, and you should feel free to refer to them before, during, and after class.
- During class, I do my best to use the computer as the blackboard, creating the objects that I call *EBoards*.

At the top and bottom of every page are a series of links to important components of the course web. They are broken into a variety of sections whose purpose should be obvious.

Primary Links

- Front Door. The "home page" for the course. (Following the lead of my colleague, John Stone, I tend to avoid the term "home page", since it has two very different meanings: the starting point for others to explore the site (for which we use the phrase "Front Door") and the starting point for the developer to explore the Web (for which we use the word "Origin").
- Syllabus. One version of the syllabus (that is, the schedule of topics and assignments).
- Academic Honesty. A short discourse on academic honesty, added to the common links so that you'll make sure to check it.
- Instructions. This set of instructions.

"Current" Links

Here you will find links to materials for the current or next class. Due to issues in the way Firefox caches pages, you may sometimes need to reload the page to get the appropriate version. I try to have the links for a particular class available at least twelve hours before class and at least one hour after class. Because I

sometimes fail to make my own deadlines, you may want to compare what you see with what the syllabus says.

Note that you can often find the current version of any part of the course by using a page name of `current.html` in the appropriate course subsite. (If that computer-ese made no sense to you, ignore it.)

Groupings

- Assignments. A list of the assignments for the class, accompanied by their due dates
- EBoards. The electronic "blackboards" is use for this class in lieu of the physical whiteboards. The EBoards provide a quick way for you to check what we've covered in each class.
- Exams. The exams for the course (and notes on the exams, if available).
- Examples. A list of examples generated for this class. You will probably see this as a directory listing, rather than a Web page.
- Handouts. The primary handouts for the class, such as these instructions.
- Labs. Laboratory exercises.
- Outlines. The outlines of classes that have been held. You can sometimes access other outlines through the course at a glance and the course syllabus.
- Projects. This semester, we will have a two-week long course projects. This link will eventually lead to more information on that projects.
- Readings. Readings generated for this course.

Reference

Here you will find links to some additional references.

- Primary. A locally-generated collection of Scheme reference material for this course, broken up by general subject. (The same material is available under the MediaScheme "Reference" menu.
- A-Z. The same collection, organized alphabetically on a single page.
- Scheme Report (R5RS). A relatively short but comprehensive report on the last reasonably-sized version of Scheme.
- R6RS. The longer but more core current Revised[6] report.
- TSPL4. An online version of the 4th Edition of R. Kent Dybvig's *The Scheme Programming Langauge*, a more comprehensive reference to Scheme.

Related Courses

Here you will find links to similar courses at Grinnell, including the other section from this semester, the last version of the course I taught prior to this, and such.

Misc

Here you will find other useful links.