

Class 11: The Command Line, Continued

Held: Tuesday, 14 September 2010

Summary: We continue our exploration of command-line processing in C.

Related Pages:

- EBoard.
- Lab: The Command Line in C.

Notes:

- Are there questions on assignment 3?
- Readings for Tomorrow: A Tutorial on Binary Numbers and K&R 2.6 and 6.9.
- I had a question about my approach to grading.

Overview:

- Lab.

Sam's Approach to Grading

Homework:

- A Check system.
 - Check means "Mostly correct"
 - Check plus means "Correct with some special characteristics"
 - Plus means "Exceptional"
 - Check minus means "Enough flaws to bother me"
 - Minus means "Really bad, but something is correct"
 - Zero means either "You didn't turn it in" or "So bad it's not worthy of a grade"
- Grades above check can be rare. (It depends on the assignments and the students.)
- How does this turn into a letter grade? With a 4 point scale.
- Tentative approach
 - Check is a 3
- Check plus is a 4.5
- Plus is a 5.5
- Check Minus is a 2
- Minus is a 1
- Zero is a 0
- I then attempt the number to letter conversion
 - If your average is 3.8 or better, you get an A

- If your average is 3.45 or better, you get an A-
- If your average is 3.2 or better, you get a B+
- If your average is 2.8 or better, you get a B.
- If your average is 2.45 or better, you get a B-.
- Etc.

Exams

- I use a variety of techniques for grading exams.
 - Sometimes "Start at 100; each error is a reduction in points"
 - Sometimes "N problems. N correct is an A. N-1 correct is a B. N-2 correct is a C. N-3 correct is a D. >0 correct is an F. 0 correct is a 0.

Participation

- Show up every day & answer questions & ask questions: 90

Lab

- Do The lab.
 - Be prepared to reflect.
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