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.