Class 38: Discussion of Exam 2

Held: Monday, 8 November 2010

Summary: We consider some issues raised by the second examination.

Related Pages:

• EBoard.

Notes:

• Exam 2 returned.

• Reading for Tuesday: K&R 5.10-5.11.

• Are there questions on Assignment 7?

Overview:

- General Issues.
- Problem 1.
- Problem 2.
- Problem 3.
- Problem 4.
- Problem 5.

General

- Problem 3 was clearly the hardest.
- It looks like exam was a bit longer than I anticipated. Sorry.

Problem 1: Refactoring RPN

• This problem gave you an opportunity to go beyond the basics. (E.g., you could have looked for more places to refactor.)

Problem 2: Unit Testing

• It was nice to see that some of you took the ideas from this section and applied them elsewhere in the examination.

Problem 3: Testing Utilities

- Few of you managed to identify and correct all of the errors.
- We'll work through the permutation one slowly.

Problem 4: Annotating

• Most of you missed a few counts.

Problem 5: Partitioning

- Lots of solutions. Some were off by 1.
- We'll look at some uses.

Quicksort, revisited

- How it works.
- Analysis.