

# Transition to Matlab

CSI I32 Spring 2016

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<http://www.cs.cornell.edu/courses/cs1132/2016sp/>

# Today's meeting

- Course goals
- Organization and requirements
- Logistics
- Scheduling

# Course Goal

Learn how to program in **Matlab!**

## Topics:

- Matlab basics (environment, built-in functions)
- Arrays (vector, matrix)
- Vectorized code
- Control flow (if-else, loops)
- User-defined functions
- Strings and cell arrays
- Graphics
- Basic I/O (including file I/O)

# Programming Fundamentals ...

... that you should practice

- Top-down design
- Modular program development
  - Reduce redundancy
- Concise documentation
- Thorough testing

# Must-know facts about CSI 132

- Course ends after 10 weeks: April 22<sup>nd</sup>
- 1 credit (equivalent to 4-5 weeks); S/U
- Auto-tutorial requires **mastery of material**
  - An average of B (85%) is required to pass the course
  - Average based on four items: Assignments 1 & 2 and Tests 1 & 2
- Assignments
  - If first submission is not perfect, one re-submission is allowed without penalty. Any additional **re**-submission incurs a 10% deduction.
  - Assignment **1a** deadline: **Feb 19<sup>th</sup> Fri**
  - Assignment **1b** deadline: **Mar 9<sup>th</sup> Wed**
  - Assignment **2** deadline: **Apr 20<sup>th</sup> Wed**
  - Late (re)submission allowed up to 24 hours for a 10% penalty

# Must-know facts about CSI 132 (cont' d)

## ■ Tests

- Take **Test 1** after submission of Assignment 1 (parts a & b)
  - Deadline is **Mar 11<sup>th</sup>**
- Take **Test 2** after submission of Assignment 2
  - Deadline is **Apr 22<sup>nd</sup>**
- Multiple attempts are allowed, but only once a week
- Final score is the most recent score

■ All course materials are online and in the textbook

■ **The website is the course**

■ Consulting available SMTWR 5-10pm in Green Rm of ACCEL (Carpenter Hall) starting Feb 3rd

■ Occasional assignment-focused help sessions and exam review sessions will be announced

■ Use TA office hours

■ Mon 10:00am-11:30am Gates G21

Wed 1:00pm-2:00pm Gates G15

# How to submit homework

- Submit your homework files on **CMS**
- **Resubmitting** a homework:
  - Carefully consider the grader's comments, but the final correctness of your homework is your responsibility.
  - Submit all (corrected) files related to the same question
  - Click the “**Regrade Request**” button
- Submit a homework anytime before its deadline—submissions made by **Wednesday** will be graded with feedback by Sunday of the same week
  - Submit on Tues? Get feedback by Sunday of the same week.
  - Submit on Wed? Get feedback by Sunday of the same week.
  - Submit on Thurs? Get feedback by Sunday of the following week

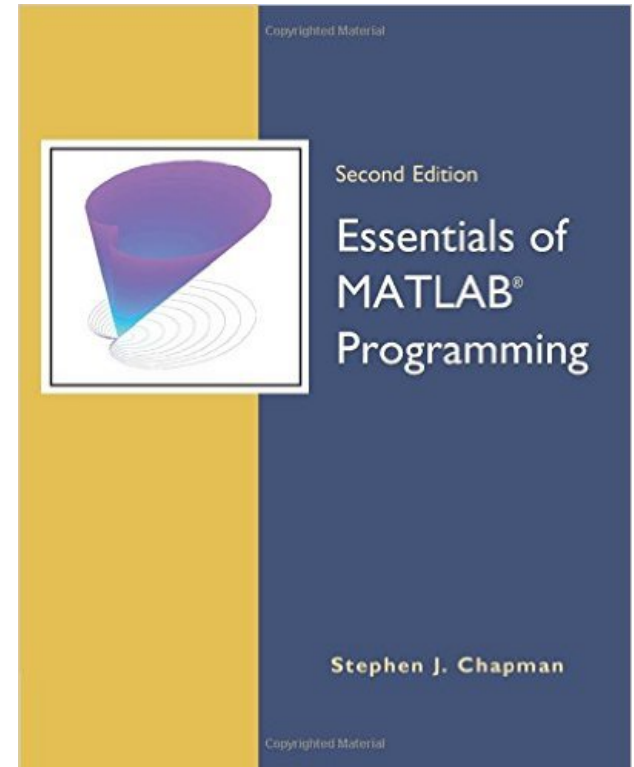
# How to sign up for a test

- Take Test 1 **after** you submit Assignment 1 parts a & b
- Take Test 2 **after** you submit Assignment 2
- You can sign up after submitting the relevant assignment(s)—no need to wait for grading result
- For each test, sign up for a slot in one of the test sessions listed in CMS.
  - If you have an unsuccessful attempt, sign up for another attempt the following week. Occupy only **one test slot at a time**.
  - Review your test with the TA during office hour before your next attempt!
  - If we see you making repeated attempts without improvement, you *will not be allowed to write the test again* without reviewing with a TA first.
  - We add test sessions throughout the semester, a couple weeks in advance.



# Course Materials

- **Course website!**  
[www.cs.cornell.edu/courses/cs1132](http://www.cs.cornell.edu/courses/cs1132)
- **Essentials of MATLAB Programming** (2<sup>nd</sup> Ed.) by Stephen J. Chapman
- **MATLAB Student Version (2008 or later)** [purchase is optional](#) because you can use it for free in the public labs



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# Academic integrity

- Electronic submission and the self-paced nature of the course do not alter the University standards on academic integrity
- Your individual work is required
  - Do not copy code from any source (friend, published work, Internet, ...)
  - You can discuss general strategy with others, but do not share any code, whether written, electronic, or verbally
  - We use MOSS or similar software to check your submitted programs

# What to do now?

- Check course website!
- Start studying the course material
- Log on CMS (start from course website). If **CSI I32** is not listed under “*My courses*,” then you need to be added to the system. Email **Rundong Wu** <[rundongwu@cs.cornell.edu](mailto:rundongwu@cs.cornell.edu)> to request this and indicate your **Cornell NetID**.

# Recap... deadlines in the auto-tutorial course

## ■ Module 1

- Feb 19<sup>th</sup> (F) Last day to (re)submit Assignment 1a
- Mar 9<sup>th</sup> (W) Last day to (re)submit Assignment 1b
- Mar 11<sup>th</sup> (F) Last day to (re)take Test 1

## ■ Module 2

- Apr 20<sup>th</sup> (W) Last day to (re)submit Assignment 2
- Apr 22<sup>nd</sup> (F) Last day to (re)take Test 2