

# CS/ENGRD 2110 FALL 2013

Lecture 1: Overview and intro to types  
<http://courses.cs.cornell.edu/cs2110/2013fa>

## Welcome to CS2110!

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Learning about:

- OO, abstract data types, generics, Java Collections, ...
- Reasoning about complex problems, analyzing algorithms we create to solve them, and implementing algorithms with elegant, easy-to-understand, correct code
- Testing; Reasoning about correctness
- Data structures: linked lists, trees, graphs, etc.
- Recursion
- Algorithmic complexity
- Parallelism —threads of execution

## Homework!

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**Homework 1.** Read article *Why Software is So Bad*.  
Link: Course website -> Lectures notes (Lecture 1)

**Homework 2.** Get Java and Eclipse on your computer

**Homework 3.** Spend some time perusing the course website.  
Look at course information, resources, links, etc.

## What's CS 2110 about?

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- Computational tools are “universal” but the key is to master computational thinking.
  - Looking at problems in ways that lead naturally to highly effective, correct, computational solutions
  - There are many ways to do anything, but some are far better than others
- Mastery of computational thinking will help you become a master of the universe!
- Great job prospects with high salaries...



## Is CS2110 right for you?

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- Knowledge of Java not required
  - Only ~30% of you know Java
  - Others know Matlab, Python, ...
  - Requirement: comfort with some programming language. Prior knowledge of OO not required.
  - **We assume you do not know Java!**
- **Don't** take CS1110 just because you are worried that your high school programming experience won't do
- **Don't** skip directly to CS3110. CS3110 requires permission from Prof Constable!

## Lectures

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- TR 10:10-11am, Statler auditorium
  - Attendance mandatory
- ENGRD 2110 or CS 2110?
  - **Same course!** We call it CS 2110 in online materials
  - Non-engineers sign up for CS 2110
  - Engineers sign up for ENGRD 2110

## Sections

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- Like lecture, attendance is mandatory
- Sometimes review, help on homework
- Sometimes new material
- Section numbers are different for CS and ENGRD
- Each section led by member of teaching staff
- No permission needed to switch sections, but do register for whichever one you attend

## CS2111

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- An “enrichment” course
- We want to help students who might otherwise feel overwhelmed by CS2110
- Gives more explanation of core ideas behind Java, programming, data structures, assignments, etc.
- Taught by Gries, 1 credit S/U
- Only for students who also take CS2110
- Only requirement: Attend one weekly lecture

## Academic Excellence Workshops

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- Two-hour labs: students work together in cooperative setting
- One credit S/U course based on attendance
- Time and location TBA
- See website for more info:

[www.engineering.cornell.edu/academics/undergraduate/curriculum/courses/workshops/index.cfm](http://www.engineering.cornell.edu/academics/undergraduate/curriculum/courses/workshops/index.cfm)

## Piazza

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- Click link on our web page to register
- Incredible resource for 24 x 7 help with anything
- We keep an eye on it and answer questions, but YOU can (and will) too. Visit the Piazza often.



## Resources

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- Book: Frank M. Carrano, *Data Structures and Abstractions with Java*, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed., Prentice Hall
  - Note: 2<sup>nd</sup> edition is okay
  - Share textbook: fantastic idea. You do need access to it from time to time
  - Copies on reserve in Engr Library
- Additional material on Prentice Hall website
  - “e-Book” not required
- PPT slides (on course website and Piazza) outline all of OO in Java. Has index at beginning
- Great Java resource: online materials at Oracle JDK web site. Google has it indexed.

## Obtaining Java

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- Follow instructions on our [Resources](#) web page
  - Make sure you have Java JDK 1.7, if not download and install. We explain how on the web page.
  - Then download and install the Eclipse Juno « IDE » for Java developers from Eclipse IDE for Java Developers
- Test it out: launch Eclipse and click “new>Java Project”
  - This is one of a few ways Java can be used
  - When program runs, output is visible in a little console window

## Eclipse IDE




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- IDE: Integrated Development Environment
  - ▣ Helps you write your code
  - ▣ Protects against many common mistakes
  - ▣ At runtime, helps with debugging
- Follow [Resources](#) link to download and install




*"In my country of Kazakhstan everyone is use Eclipse and Java! Java 1.7 is best for hack American web site and steal credit card."*

## DrJava IDE



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- IDE: Integrated Development Environment
- DrJava is a much simpler IDE, few features
- We use it **only** to demo Java features and programming concepts. Has an "interactions pane", which allows trying things without requiring a complete Java program.
- DON'T use it for course assignments –use Eclipse
- Free at [www.drjava.org](http://www.drjava.org)

## Coursework

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- 5–7 assignments involving both programming and written answers (45%)
- Two prelims (15% each)
- Final exam (20%)
- Course evaluation (1%)
- Possible surprise in-class quizzes (4%)

The formula may change as the course progresses and we make changes in assignments, give quizzes, etc.

## Assignments

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- Last: do by yourself
- Rest: teams of one or two
  - ▣ A1 will be posted soon on the CMS
  - ▣ We encourage you to do them by yourself
  - ▣ Finding a partner: choose your own or contact your TA. Piazza can be helpful.

Two kinds of assignment:

**Vanilla:** specific experience to learn and practice what's being taught. We give exact instructions for doing it

**Chocolate:** Open-ended project done in 3 chunks (AI robot butterfly). Parts of the design are left to you. CS 2111 will give more help on it.

## Academic Integrity... Trust but verify!



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- We use artificial intelligence tools to check each homework assignment
  - ▣ The software is very accurate!
  - ▣ It tests your code and also notices similarities between code written by different people
- Sure, you can fool this software
  - ▣ ... but it's easier to just do the assignments
  - ▣ ... and if you try to fool it and screw up, you might fail the assignment or even the whole course.

## Types in Java

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**References in text and in JavaSummary**

- type: [A.14](#) slide 4
- variable: [A.13](#) slide 7
- variable declaration: [A.15](#) slide 7
- Primitive types, [A.16](#), [back inside cover](#) slide 5
- Constants, [A.17](#) slide 20
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- Precedences: [A.24](#), [back inside cover](#)
- Unicode character codes, [back inside cover](#)

Type: Set of values together with operations on them.

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Type **integer**:  
**values**: ..., -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, ...  
**operations**: +, -, \*, /, unary -

God's integers!  
 Can represent them in many ways — decimal, binary, octal, maybe as strokes |||| (that's 4)

Do you know how your computer represents them?

Type: Set of values together with operations on them.

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Matlab and Python are **weakly typed**:  
 One variable can contain at different times a number, a string, an array, etc.  
 One isn't so concerned with types.

Valid Python sequence:  
`x= 100;`  
`x= 'Hello World';`  
`x= (1, 2, 3, 4, 5);`

Corresponding Java  
**int** x;  
`x= 100;`  
`x= "Hello";`

Java **strongly typed**:  
 A variable must be declared before it is used and can contain only values of the type with which it is declared

Illegal assignment:  
 "Hello" is not an **int**

Declaration of x:  
 x can contain only values of type **int**

Weakly typed versus strongly typed

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**Weakly typed**:  
 Shorter programs, generally.  
 Programmer has more freedom, language is more liberal in applying operations to values.

**Strongly typed**:  
 Programmer has to be more disciplined. Declarations provide a place for comments about variables.  
 More errors caught at compile-time (e.g. it's a syntax error to assign a string to an **int** variable).

Note: weak and strong typing not well defined; literature has several definitions

Most-used 'primitive' types

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**int**: values:  $-2^{31} .. 2^{31}-1$   
 operations: +, -, \*, /, %, unary -

**double**: values like : -22.51E6, 24.9  
 operations: +, -, \*, /, %, unary -

**char**: values like : 'V' '\$' '\n'  
 operations: none

**boolean**: values: true false  
 operations: ! (not), && (and), || (or)

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**b % c** : remainder when b is divided by c  
`67 % 60 = 7`

Write values in "scientific notation"

Use single quotes for type char.  
 '\n' is new-line char

Can't use integers as booleans!

About 'primitive' type int

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Java Principle: A basic operation of type **int** must produce an **int**

**int**: values:  $-2^{31} .. 2^{31}-1$ , i.e.  
 operations: +, -, \*, /, %, unary -

**Integer.MAX\_VALUE**: name for max **int** value:  $2^{31}-1$ : 2147483647  
**Integer.MAX\_VALUE + 1** is  $-2^{31}$ : -2147483648 **WRAP-AROUND**

Primitive number types

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**Integer types**: **byte** 1 byte, **short** 2 bytes, **int** 4 bytes, **long** 8 bytes, usual operators

**Real types**: **float** 4 bytes, **double** 8 bytes, -22.51E6, 24.9, usual operators

Use these to save space.

Have an array of 1,000,000 integers in range 0..7?  
 Use a **byte** array rather than an **int** array

Don't worry about this in next 7-8 weeks. Use **int** and **double**.

**Casting among types** Page A-9, inside back cover

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(int) 3.2 casts double value 3.2 to an int

any number type      any number expression

narrow → may be automatic cast → wider

byte short int long float double

← must be explicit cast, may truncate

(int) is a unary prefix operator, just like -

- 3 evaluates to 3  
-(int) 3.2 evaluates to -3

**Char is a number type!** Page A-9, inside back cover

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char is a number type: (int) 'V' (char) 86

Unicode repr. in decimal: 86 'V'

Unicode: 16-bit char repr. Encodes chars in just about all languages. In java, use hexadecimal (base 16) char literals:

'\u0041' is 'A'      '\u0950' is 'ॐ' —Om, the sound of the universe  
'\u0042' is 'B'      '\u5927' is '大' —大衛 is (I think) a transliteration of David into Chinese (Da Wei)  
'\u0056' is 'V'      '\u885b' is '衛'  
'\u0024' is '\$'

See [www.unicode.org](http://www.unicode.org)

**Basic Variable Declaration** Page A-6

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**Declaration:** gives name of variable, type of value it can contain

int x; Declaration of x, can contain an int value

double area; Declaration of area, can contain a double value

int[] a; Declaration of a, can contain a pointer to an int array. We explain arrays much later

x [5] int      area [20.1] double      a [ ] int[]

**Assignment statement**

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Much like in other languages —need ';' at end:

<variable> = <expression>;

int x; Have to declare x before assigning to it.  
x = 10;  
... other code  
x = x + 1;

int x = 10; Can combine declaration with an initializing assignment. Shorthand for a declaration followed by an assignment.  
... other code  
x = x + 1;

**Assignment statement type restriction**

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Every expression has a type, which depends on its operators and the types of its operands in a natural way.

Rule: In `x = e;` type of `e` has to be same as or narrower than type of `x`. Reason: To avoid possibly losing info without the programmer realizing it.

double y = 5 + 1; The value of 5+1 is automatically cast from type int to type double.

~~int x = 75.5 + 1;~~ Illegal: The exp value is of type double.

int x = (int) (75.5 + 1); You can cast to int explicitly. 76 will be stored in x.

**A function in Matlab, Python, and Java**

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**function** s = sum(a, b)      **Matlab**  
% Return sum of a and b  
s = a + b;

**def** sum(a, b):      **Python**  
""" return sum of a and b """  
**return** a + b

/\*\* return sum of a and b \*/  
**public static double** sum(double a, double b) {  
    **return** a + b;  
}

Specification: in comment before function

return type      Declarations of parameters a and b