Introduction To CPSC 219

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• Office hours

- Office hours: (Monday 2 3 PM, Tuesday 11 AM noon right after my Monday CPSC 231 lecture and my Tuesday CPSC 219 lecture). If I'm not in my office give me a few minutes or check the lecture room.
- Email: (any time)
- Appointment: email, phone or call
- Drop by for urgent requests (but no guarantee that I will be in if it's outside of my office hours!)





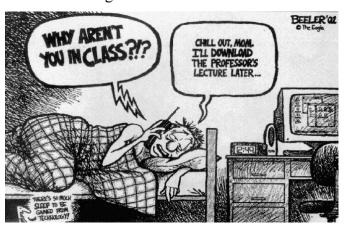
Course Resources

- Required resources:
 - Course website: http://pages.cpsc.ucalgary.ca/~tamj/219 (Get the notes off the course webpage before lecture)
- Recommended but not required:
 - "C Programming Language" by Brian W. Kernighan , Dennis M. Ritchie (Prentice Hall)
 - "Introduction to programming with Java: A problem solving approach" by John Dean and Ray Dean (McGraw-Hill)

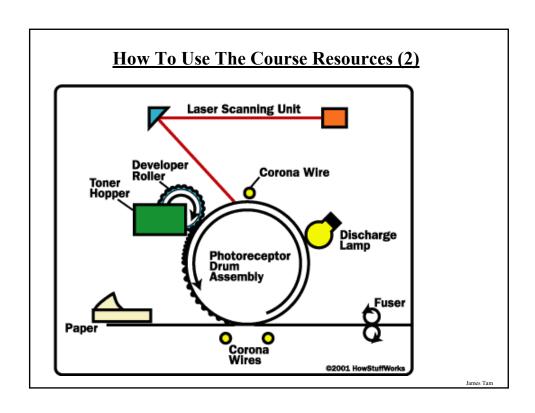
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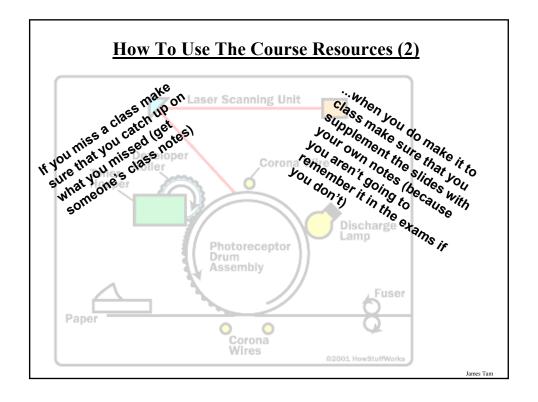
How To Use The Course Resources

- •They are provided to support and supplement this class.
- •Neither the course notes nor the text book are meant as a substitute for regular class attendance.



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How To Use The Course Resources (3)

- •What you are responsible for:
 - Keeping up with the content in class which includes the topics covered but also announcements or assignments whether you were present in the class or not
 - If you are absent, then you are responsible to get the information from the other students in class.
- •However, after you've caught up by talking with a classmate:
 - Ask for help if you need it
 - There are no dumb questions

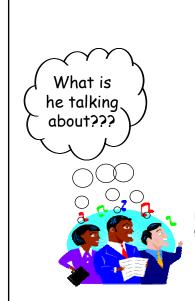


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Course Goals

- •Implementing a procedural solution to a problem using a low level programming language
- •Design a program using the Object-Oriented approach
- •Solve problems using principles of good Object-Oriented design



Feedback

Wow I am the greatest speaker in the world!

Let me know how things are going in the course:

- Am I covering the material too slowly or too quickly.
- Can you read the slides and my hand writing.
- · Can you hear me in the class.
- Etc.

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How To Succeed

•Successful people



Leonardo da Vinci



Amadeus Mozart



Bruce Lee



J.R.R. Tolkien



Wayne Gretzky

How To Succeed In This Course

- 1. Practice things yourself.
 - Write lots programs
 - At the *very least* attempt every assignment
 - Try to do some additional practice work (some examples will be given in class, some practice assignments will be available on the course web page).
 - Trace lots of code
 - Reading through programs that other people have written and understanding how and why it works the way that it does

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How To Succeed In This Course (2)

- 2. Make sure that you keep up with the material
 - Many of the concepts taught later depend upon your knowledge of earlier concepts.
 - Don't let yourself fall behind!
 - At least attempt all assignments!

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How To Succeed In This Course (3)

- 3. Look at the material before coming to lecture so you have a rough idea of what I will be talking about that day:
 - a) Read the slides
 - b)Look through the textbook (if you bought it)





How To Succeed In This Course (4)

- 4. Start working on things as early as possible:
 - Don't cram the material just before the exam, instead you should be studying the concepts as you learn them throughout the term.
 - Don't start assignments the night (or day!) that they are due, they may take more time than you might first think so start as soon as possible.

How To Succeed In This Course: A Summary

- 1. Practice things yourself
- 2. Make sure that you keep up with the material
- 3. Look at the material before coming to lecture
- 4. Start working on things early

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