

CMSC433, Spring 2003
Programming Language Technology and
Paradigms
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Course Goals

To make you a better programmer

- Deconstruct relevant programming problems
- Solve them in an object-oriented style, focusing on
 - Reusability
 - Maintainability (clarity)

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Style

- Interaction
 - This is your course: what do you want to learn?
- Discussion
 - Not just professor/TA to student, but student to student, with regard to ideas, techniques, and solutions
- Learn by doing
 - If you don't put effort into the programming projects, you will learn very little

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Approach

- Methods and styles of (sequential) object-oriented (OO) programming.
 - [abstraction](#), particularly in the use of **interfaces** and [design patterns](#) to improve reusability and reliability
 - will use the Java programming language exclusively
 - homework projects will build on each other
- Principles and practice of concurrent OO programming. Will cover the two main forms of concurrency:
 - shared-memory multi-threading (Java Thread class), and
 - distributed message passing (Java Remote Method Invocation)

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Topics

- Java (end of next week)
- Programming techniques and tools
- Object-oriented design for sequential programs
 - OO principles
- Design patterns
- Concurrency
 - concurrent programming in Java
 - design patterns
- To be determined
 - perhaps distributed programming in Java

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Textbooks

- Primary Texts
 - Barbara Liskov and John Guttag, *Program Development in Java*
 - Bruce Eckel, *Thinking in Java (3rd Edition)*, Prentice Hall, 2002
 - Java primer
 - A complete copy of the book can be downloaded for free
- See web page for more useful resources

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Class Accounts

- We will have accounts on CSIC machines
 - Linux cluster; RedHat 7.3-based
 - Lab is in room 3107 CSIC
- Class accounts will be emailed
 - to the email account registered with UMEG
 - so make sure you check or forward that account!
 - if you don't receive an account by Thursday, talk to TA

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Software

- Will be using **Java 1.4**
 - <http://java.sun.com/j2se/1.4/docs/api/index.html>
- May wish to use the **Dr Java** IDE
 - Installed on all CSIC machines
 - <http://drjava.sourceforge.net/>
- Will make use of **JUnit** testing package
 - Starting with hw #2, will include unit tests
 - <http://junit.sourceforge.net/doc/testinfected/testing.htm>

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Projects

- Focus on server applications
 - Encourages modular, abstract design
 - Admits natural use of concurrency and distribution
 - Relevant in our connected society
- Start small and build up
 - Develop a sophisticated family of software by course's end

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Project Submission

- Projects due at 6pm on due date
 - by Unix time of day
 - you must submit a good-faith effort
 - you can be failed for the course if you do not
- Use online submission procedure
 - Submit early and often
 - Can provide recovery from previous submit
 - Details provided later

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Project Commentary

- After the projects are graded, you will be emailed two other (anonymized) submissions
 - respond with commentary on each with regard to the goals and techniques we are teaching
 - you will be graded on the usefulness of your commentary

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Tentative Grading Plan

	#	% each	% total
Projects	6	8.33	50
Mid-terms	1	20	20
Final	1	30	30

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Discussion and Questions

- Read the newsgroup – csd.cmsc433
 - Only visible from inside UMD
 - For class discussion
 - TA's will read regularly, but may or may not respond. Do not expect real-time responses. This is not a substitute for coming to office hours.
 - **NB:** As in the rest of life, don't believe everything you read!
- Don't cross the line
 - know the academic integrity procedure and follow it (see web page for more)

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Office hours

- Professor Jeff Foster jfoster@cs.umd.edu
 - M 1:30-2pm, TuTh 10:30 - 11:30am
 - Or by appointment
- TA: James Rose
- Always posted on class webpage:
 - <http://www.cs.umd.edu/class/spring2003>
- Can check with Professor or TA for other section
 - short questions only

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Stay up to date

<http://www.cs.umd.edu/class/spring2003/cm433>

Contains:

- Lecture notes
- Project assignments
- Resources
- And more!

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