

# Welcome to EECS 1021





# Course Website

- Moodle:
  - <https://moodle.yorku.ca>
- EECS Department (backup):
  - <http://www.eecs.yorku.ca/course/1021/>

# Readings & Resources

- No specific “textbook”
- Choice of readings to supplement slides
  - *Head First Java* ([free via YorkU Library](#))
  - *Beginning Java Programming* ([free via YorkU Library](#))
  - *Java: A Beginner’s Guide* ([book in Steacie Library](#))
  - *Absolute Java* ([book in Steacie Library](#))
  - *The Java™ Tutorials* ([web and ebook exercises](#))

# Thoughts on Readings

- *Head First Java*
  - Highly-rated on Amazon
  - Very visual and light-hearted
  - “fun” exercises: “Who am I?”, crossword puzzles, “Code magnets”
- *Beginning Java Programming*
  - Traditional programming book
  - Complex writing style?
  - Guided activities, but not test questions or exercises
- *Java: A Beginner’s Guide*
  - Traditional textbook with many questions and exercises
- *Absolute Java*
  - Excellent textbook and reference with many exercises
  - Aimed at dedicated Java programmers
  - Used in 2<sup>nd</sup>-year Computer Engineering courses

# Lectures & Labs

- **Lectures**

- Lasonde Building, Lecture Hall A  
Mondays & Wednesdays, 10:30 - 11:30

- **Labs**

- William Small Centre, room 106 or 108
- Start on Friday
- Due to limited seating, you can only attend the session in which you are officially enrolled
- **Must work on them before you get to the lab**

*Can only enroll in course or switch labs via York's Registration and Enrolment Module (REM) – do not ask/email your instructor*

# Labs

- There are no pre-lab activities to complete
  - You must complete the WHMIS training and Academic Integrity Quiz if you haven't already
- Work in groups of two
- In-Lab exercises must be completed, shown to TA before the end of the lab for full marks
  - For each lab, you can always show it to the TA the week after it is assigned
  - Your TA will mark your report during the lab
  - Students re-taking this course cannot re-use labs



# Lab Reports

- Submitted on Moodle
- NOT on ePortfolio/WordPress
- Report guidelines can be found there as well

# Evaluation

Components	Weight
Labs 5x3%	15%
Lab Tests 1	17%
Lab Test 2	18%
Midterm	15%
Exam	35%

- Your 5 best lab submissions will count for your Labs mark
- Lab tests will assume you have done all labs
- Lab Test 1 is on Week 6 (Friday, February 9 – Wednesday, February 14)
- Lab Test 2 is on Week 12 (Monday, April 2 – Friday, April 6)
- The midterm is in class on Wednesday, February 28



# Missed Assessment

- If you miss a test for an acceptable reason and provide required documentation, the weight will be transferred
  - Attending Physician's Statement if sick
    - Based on medical examination within 24 hours of missed assessment
    - Must email scanned version
  - Deferred Standing Agreement if missing exam
  - Additional details on Course Outline and Syllabus

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- Ask questions in labs
- Moodle Forum
  - Search forum first (also search course materials)
  - Ask questions and give constructive comments
  - Get answers from me, the TAs, and fellow students
    - You are encouraged to help and guide
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- Office hours

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# Important

- I teach another course in a different building at 11:30 on both Monday and Wednesday
- I have to leave at 11:20
- For Java questions, use the Forum
- If you really have to talk to me, you can walk with me
  - Or come to my office hours



# Email Policy

- Email me only for administrative issues
- Include “1021” in subject line
- Include identifying and pertinent information
  - Your name and student number
  - Your lecture and lab section
  - Any other important information

# Bad Email Example

Date: Thu, 3 Dec 2015 18:39:01 -0500  
From: <*obscure email address with no name*>  
To: bil@eecs.yorku.ca  
Subject: [No Subject]

Yo Sir,

Are the weight of undone assignments transferred to the exam?

# Good Email Example

Date: Thu, 12 Nov 2015 16:25:06 -0500  
From: <MyMail email address with name>  
To: bil@eecs.yorku.ca  
Subject: EECS 1021 – Missed test due to illness  
Parts: APS.pdf 96 KB

Good Afternoon,

My name is <name> (student#: <id>) and I am in EECS1021, Lab2. I was unable to attend yesterday's Lab Test 1. I have attached the completed Attending Physician's Statement. Please let me know if you need any more documentation to transfer the weight of the test.

Sincerely,

<name>

# Good Email Template

- The following guides provides templates on how to write a professional, effective email to your professor, boss, job recruiter, etc.

<http://bit.ly/29hg7Y8>





## Credit due

- Most of the material in the course, including slides and code examples, were prepared by Prof. Steven Castellucci
- Thanks Steven!



**Questions?**