CS110/CS119
Introduction to Computing (Java)

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CS110 vs CSIT114/CSIT115

- Two tracks for starting CS curriculum at UMB
  - CS110 is a traditional one semester introduction to computer science and Java programming
  - CSIT114 and CSIT115 are a new two semester sequence covering the same material (similar to the first two CS courses at a community college)

- Decide which track is correct for you
  - Some experience with programming → CS110
  - Otherwise, consider CSIT114 and CSIT115
Welcome to CS110

• Textbook is Lewis and Loftus, Java Software Solutions, Foundations of Program Design, 7th Ed. (The 6th Ed. is also acceptable)

• The course syllabus is on my CS110 website:  
  http://www.cs.umb.edu/~bobw/CS110/index.html

• Go to the UNIX/PC lab (Science Bldg 3rd floor)
  – “Apply” for a UNIX/PC account
  – You will need that account to upload your project files
Welcome to CS110

• I recommend that you print copies of my lecture notes from the web and bring them to each lecture session
• One lab session each week
  – In one of the Healey Library General Use Labs
  – Hands-on work associated with the lectures
  – Lab report must be turned in the following week
• We’ll go through the syllabus now
Homework Assignments

• We assume that you are computer literate:
  – Word Processing, Email, Web Browsing, Downloading Applications, etc.

• Reading for today: L&L, 1.1 – 1.3 & App B
  – We won’t cover this material in class, but you are responsible for knowing it in homework or on exams
  – If you are totally unfamiliar with this material or have a hard time with it, please see me!

• Reading for next class: L&L, 1.4-1.6, Lab 1: “Using Dr Java and Sun Java SDK”
Types of Software (Programs)

• Computers are very powerful pieces of hardware that can’t do much useful work until they are properly programmed

• There are three different types of software:
  – Operating Systems
  – Application Programs
  – Software Development Tools (or Kits)

• As a computer programmer, you may need to use and/or write any or all three types of programs
Operating System Programs

• “O/S” programs control the hardware and allow application programs to be executed
• An O/S is usually built to run on a specific underlying hardware platform, e.g. PC, MAC, or server
• Generally these are the most complex types of programs to write and test
• Examples:
  – M/S DOS, Windows, UNIX, Linux, Solaris, etc.
Application Programs

• “Apps” perform useful work for their users
• Apps are usually built to run on a specific operating system (and maybe a specific underlying hardware platform)
• Users typically need to provide a lot of information about their job tasks for a programmer to write a good application program for that purpose
• Examples:
  – Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Chrome, etc.
Software Development Tools

• Software Development Tools or Kits (SDK’s) are specialized application programs that allow programmers to write and test programs.
• Experienced programmers generally prefer an “Integrated Development Environment” (IDE).
• Examples (that we’ll be using in this course):
  – Sun’s Java SDK (sometimes called JDK)
  – Dr Java IDE
Styles of User Interface

• There are two predominant styles of User Interface for any type of program:
  – Command Line Interface (CLI)
  – Graphical User Interface (GUI)

• As a computer programmer, you must be able to use and/or write programs for both styles of user interface
Styles of User Interface

• Command Line Interface (CLI)
  – Computer types a “Prompt” requesting input
  – User types a “Command” with “Parameters”
  – Predominantly an old style of interaction that does not require a lot of computer power, but still in use today in some O/S and applications
  – Considered to be NOT “user friendly”, but is very efficient when combined with “scripting”
  – Example: DOS prompt, command & parameter
    C:\>type file.txt (display the contents of the file)
Styles of User Interface

• Graphical User Interface (GUI)
  – Computer displays a combination of text and graphical symbols offering options to the user
  – User manipulates mouse and uses keyboard to select from the offered options ("hot keys") or to enter text
  – More common now (computer power is cheap)
  – Considered by most to be “user friendly”
  – Examples: M/S Windows/Office or MAC O/S
Software Development Tools

- Using Sun Java SDK alone
Using Sun Java SDK Alone

• Example DOS Commands and Parameters
  C:\> edit HelloWorld.java
    (Create/edit “source file” in an external window)
  C:\> javac HelloWorld.java (creates .class file)
  C:\> java -classpath … HelloWorld
  Hello World
  C:\> exit
Software Development Tools

- We will use a combination of the Dr Java IDE and the Sun Java SDK.
On-line Demonstration: Dr Java
Program Development Steps

• Classical “Waterfall” Development Steps

- Edit and save source code
- Build source code to create program
- Run program and evaluate results
- Errors
Errors

• A program can have three types of errors:

• The IDE editor and/or compiler will find syntax errors and other basic problems (*compile-time errors*)
  – If compile-time errors exist, an executable version of the program is not created

• A problem can occur during program execution, such as trying to divide by zero, which causes a program to terminate abnormally (*run-time errors*)

• A program may run, but produce incorrect results, perhaps using an incorrect formula (*logical errors*)