

# Session Outline

## Course themes

- imperative problem solving (think: outline form)
- C programming (close to the machine)
- storage and processing of data
- Linux operating system
- control of robots

## Demo

## Course Web site

<http://www.cs.grinnell.edu/~walker/courses/161.fa19>

- Syllabus
- Office: Science 2806; Office Hour sign-up outside my office
- Typical office hours: MTuThF: 2:30-4:00; Wed: 1:00-3:00(pm)
- Course work: labs, projects, supplemental problems  
11 quizzes, 1 hour test, final exam
- Extra credit options: labs, problems, Thursday extras
- Schedule

# Some Preliminaries

## Course mechanics

- lab based
  - Before class: read, formulate questions (if any)
  - Class: questions, weekly quiz, then work with partner
  - Before next class: finish lab and/or formulate questions
- check schedule each day!
- labs and projects: collaborative
  - this week: work with whomever you are next
  - starting next week: I assign partners, changed each week
- tests and supplemental problems: individual
- details will unfold through next few days;  
read syllabus for now

## More Preliminaries

Start getting to know each other a little (20 seconds/person)

- name
- home town
- why 161?
- hopes for course
- math background
  - sign seen recently:

there's a fine line

between a numerator and a denominator

- no specific math background required for CSC 161
- knowing your background helps me plan examples

## Clickers

- slides posted for on-campus use after class
- link on Syllabus and References pages

# Clicker Question 1 for practice:

What did you have for breakfast?

- A. Eggs-to-order!
- B. Straight up carbs.
- C. A hot beverage.
- D. None of the above.
- E. What is breakfast?

# Expected personal computer use

What computer, if any, do you expect to use as your primary machine for your work this semester?

- A. My Mac OS X laptop or desktop (in my room).
- B. A college owned Mac.
- C. My Windows-based laptop or desktop (in my room).
- D. A college owned Windows-based machine.
- E. Other

# Terminal windows

Within a Mac OS X machine or a Windows-based computer, have you opened a Terminal window and typed commands?

- A. Yes, a lot.
- B. Yes, I tried once or twice, but not much.
- C. No, never tried it
- D. What's a Terminal window?

## And Still More preliminaries

### Course materials

- Extensive (131,000+ lines of online materials in 730+ files)
- Homework for this evening:
  - Look at syllabus
  - Read materials for today and tomorrow
  - Finish workstation setup
  - Make substantial headway on Linux basics lab
  - Come Monday with Questions!!!
- Discussion of various pieces of the course through the week
- Textbooks?
  - none required
  - K.N. King: targets those getting started
  - Kernighan and Ritchie: targets experienced audience

# Let's get Started!!!

## Plan

Work in pairs—your choice this week!

(I'll assign partners after this week—more later)

Lab activities in 2 parts

1. Each partner should log on and do the Workstation Setup
  - Log on (with your college-wide password)
  - Check you can open a terminal window
  - Set color preferences for terminal window  
(My preference is white on black, but do what you want)
2. Make substantial start on the Linux basics lab
  - Do lab in parallel with reading
  - Read lab task, read about it, try it out
  - Focus on terminal commands;
  - Skim matters of system file structures and permissions
  - Must do set up of `.bashrc`, directory structure
  - For weekend: get through substantial part of Linux basics

# Getting Started

From course home page:

- Note left column for recent and forthcoming coursework
- Click on schedule
- Two sessions or elements for today
  - Overview: read over the weekend, questions Monday
  - Linux/Mac OS C Basics:
    - Reading covers many commands (read in stages)
    - Lab:
      - gain some experience
      - editor choice: either vi or emacs encouraged
      - some setup required (steps 3-5, 10—13)
      - practice with other steps strongly encouraged
      - suggested window layout
  - terminal window commands
    - cryptic for historical reasons
    - I apologize in advance