Opening Day

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Me

- Mark Weiss, Professor.
- Office Hours: Tue/Thu 2:00 3:15 and after 7:45 PM. ECS-355 / 305-FIU-2036.
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What's this Course and Is it For Me?

- COP-3338 Programming III
 - Formerly Advanced Programming
 - Object-oriented techniques and an introduction to Java
 - Required for CS Majors and Minors
 - Lots of work
- Prerequisite: COP-3337 Programming II, with at least a C. Should understand some OO already in C++.
- Professionals with OO background probably ok.

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Grading

Assignments

- Some won't be graded; others will
- Grading based on whether program works according to spec
- Large group project at the end
- Otherwise, assignments to be done solo! OR ELSE

Exams

- No in class exams
- Two oral exams, about 15 minutes each; there will be signups starting two weeks before each exam

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General Policies

- Late assignments accepted until I leave campus.
- Very late assignments not accepted.
- Can come to either section; same talks.
- If you miss class, check the web site; do not ask me.
 - $-\ http://www.cs.fiu.edu/{\sim}weiss/cop3338_f00$
 - $\,-\,$ Site crashes often; that's out of my control
- Book is Core Java, Vol I and II. \$65 at bookstore as a set.

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Topics

- Object-oriented Programming
 - inheritance
 - patterns
 - projects may be a little bigger than in COP-3337

Java

- lots of syntax, including inner classes and threads
- APIs, including collections, I/O, networking, JDBC, AWT and Swing, and applets
- Advanced topics, not done in other sections
 - Reflection, class loaders, security, GC, serialization, RMI, native methods, C#

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Emphasis

- Will discuss the ideas behind the language, API design, and security
- Not too interested in the GUI stuff

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Some FAAs

- You cannot take COP-3337 and COP-3338 simultaneously.
- You can take COP-3338 and COP-3530 simultaneously, but you will be very busy.
- You must use a Java 1.2 compiler or higher (1.3 is better). Jbuilder 3.5 is free, but swamps older machines. JDK 1.3 is free and you can use Textpad or equivalent to get a decent IDE environment.
- There will be no curving of grades.

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Rough Topic Outline September

- Java Principles (vs. C++)
- Basic Syntax
- References, Arrays, Strings
- Classes
- Inheritance
- Exceptions
- Interfaces
- Inner Classes
- Collections

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Rough Topic Outline October

- I/O and Decorators
- Threading and Concurrency
- Networking
- \bullet JDBC
- AWT & Swing
- Applets
- Reflection
- Serialization

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Rough Topic Outline November

- Class Loaders
- 1.2 Security
- Advanced Garbage Collection
- Native Methods
- RMI
- Servlets
- C#

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