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Welcome to CMSC 240!

CMSC 240 Software Systems Development

# Today

- Introductions
- Course logistics
- Motivation
- Hello C++
- Environment setup
- In-class coding exercise





# Introductions





# Dr. David Balash



Professor Balash

*“Ba-lish”*

He/Him

- BS in computer engineering  
Iowa State
- Two-decade career as a  
software engineer
- MS and PhD in computer  
science from GW
- Research: Computer S&P

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Homepage: <https://davidbalash.github.io>

# Dr. David Balash



## Things I like

- 🎓 Education/Learning
- 🧑 Hiking
- 🚴 Cycling
- 🎸 Guitars
- ♟ Board games
- 💻 Programming
- 🐱 Cats

Ask me anything



# Assignment 1

**Task:** Create a personal introduction slide and post it to the **introductions** channel on the course Slack workspace

**Due:** Friday by 11:59 PM

**Points:** 5

Be Creative

Name

Photo

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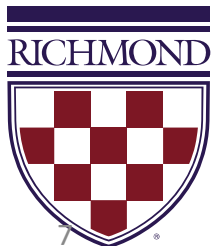
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Pronunciation

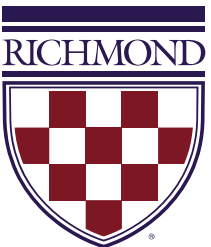
Pronouns

Personal Introduction



# Classroom Meet and Greet

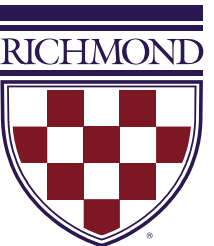
1. Introduce yourself to a person near you
  2. Introduce yourself to a different person near you
- Potential conversation topics:
    - What are some of the things that you like?
    - Who are your favorite pets?
    - Why do you want to take this class?





# Student Introductions

- Name
- Pronouns (optional)
- Major
- Class year
- Favorite snack food





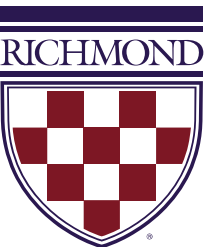
# Course Logistics





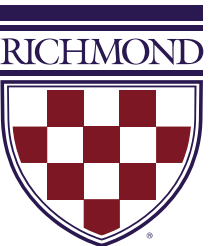
# Classroom Norms

- Questions are always welcome!!
  - Ask them at any time
- "I don't know" is okay
- Be curious
- Treat peers and instructors with kindness and respect
- Communication is key!
- Seek support when needed



# Where All Class Information Can Be Found

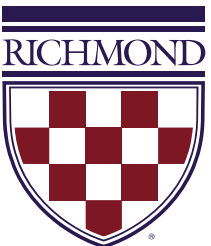
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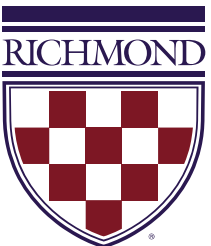
# How to Communicate With Me

- Slack workspace
  - <https://cmssc240-s25.slack.com>
- After class or in office hours - 223 Jepson Hall
  - Tue 4:30PM - 6:00PM
  - Thr 4:30PM - 6:00PM
  - and by appointment
- Email
  - [david.balash@richmond.edu](mailto:david.balash@richmond.edu)



# Course Outline

- **Weeks 1-5** Introduction to C++ programming
  - Syntax, memory management, libraries, file IO
- **Weeks 6-10** Object-oriented programming
  - Abstraction, polymorphism, inheritance, encapsulation
- **Weeks 11-15** Software systems development
  - UML, design patterns, testing, debugging





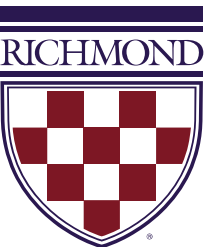
# Learning Outcomes

- Experience modern C++ programming
- Gain familiarity with Unix/Linux environments
- Understand the software development life cycle
- Practice object-oriented programming and design
- Understand design patterns, reuse, and usability
- Exposure to version control systems
- Demonstrate skill in software testing and debugging



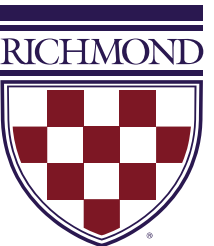
# Lecture

- Will usually include in-class exercises
- In-class exercises will be due one week from when they are assigned (except during break)
- Regular attendance is expected
- Students who are sick should not attend class
- Notify me in advance of the absence, if possible



# Labs

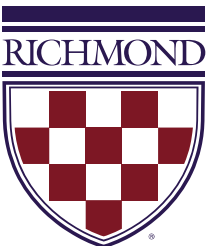
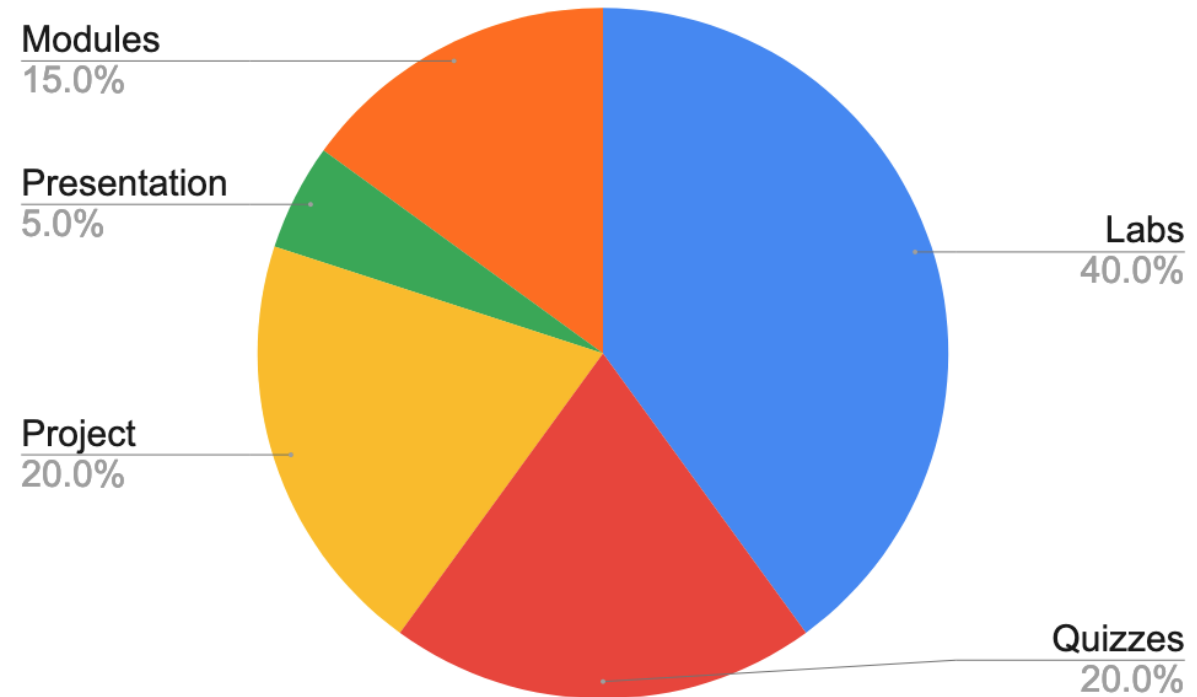
- Lab assignments done individually and in groups
  - but will always be turned in individually
- Lab assignments are typically due at 11:59 pm on the night prior to the next lab (except during break)
- Please ask for help from me or the lab assistant





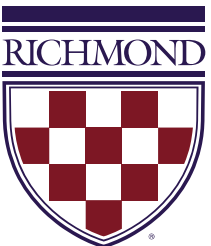
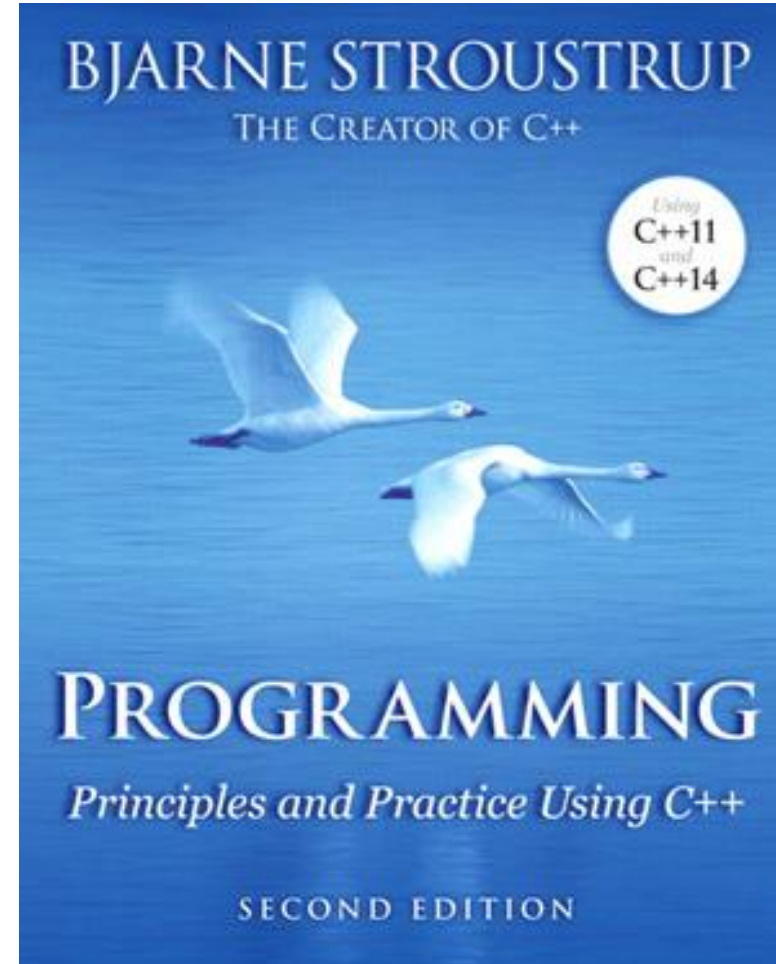
# Coursework and Grading

- Modules (In-class coding exercises)
- Lab assignments
- Programming project
- Project Presentation
- 4 Quizzes (5% each)



# Textbook

- Free electronically from the UR library
- Reading assignments



Ask me a question





# Motivation

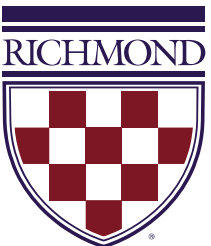




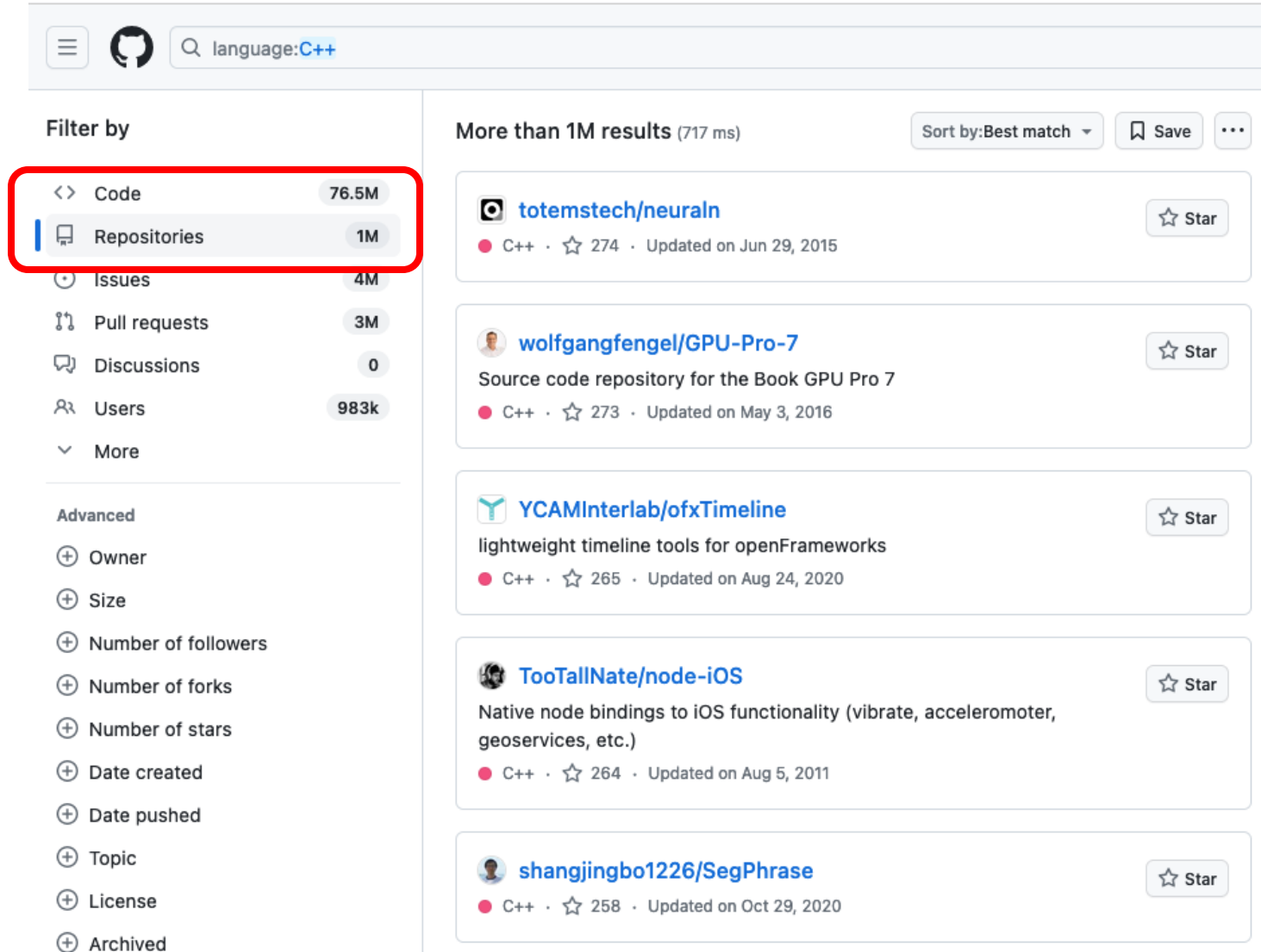
# C++ is a Very Popular Language

Aug 2023	Aug 2022	Change	Programming Language		Ratings	Change
1	1			Python	13.33%	-2.30%
2	2			C	11.41%	-3.35%
3	4	▲		C++	10.63%	+0.49%
4	3	▼		Java	10.33%	-2.14%
5	5			C#	7.04%	+1.64%
6	8	▲		JavaScript	3.29%	+0.89%
7	6	▼		Visual Basic	2.63%	-2.26%

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# Many Open-Source Projects



The screenshot shows the GitHub search interface with the search bar set to "language:C++". The left sidebar shows the "Filter by" section with "Repositories" highlighted in a red box, indicating 1M results. Other filters include Code (76.5M), Issues (4M), Pull requests (3M), Discussions (0), Users (983k), and More. The main content area displays "More than 1M results (717 ms)" and lists several repositories. The first repository is "totemstech/neuraln" with 274 stars and updated on Jun 29, 2015. The second is "wolfgangfengel/GPU-Pro-7" with 273 stars and updated on May 3, 2016. The third is "YCAMInterlab/ofxTimeline" with 265 stars and updated on Aug 24, 2020. The fourth is "TooTallNate/node-iOS" with 264 stars and updated on Aug 5, 2011. The fifth is "shangjingbo1226/SegPhrase" with 258 stars and updated on Oct 29, 2020.

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Advanced

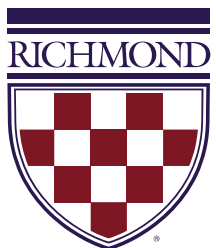
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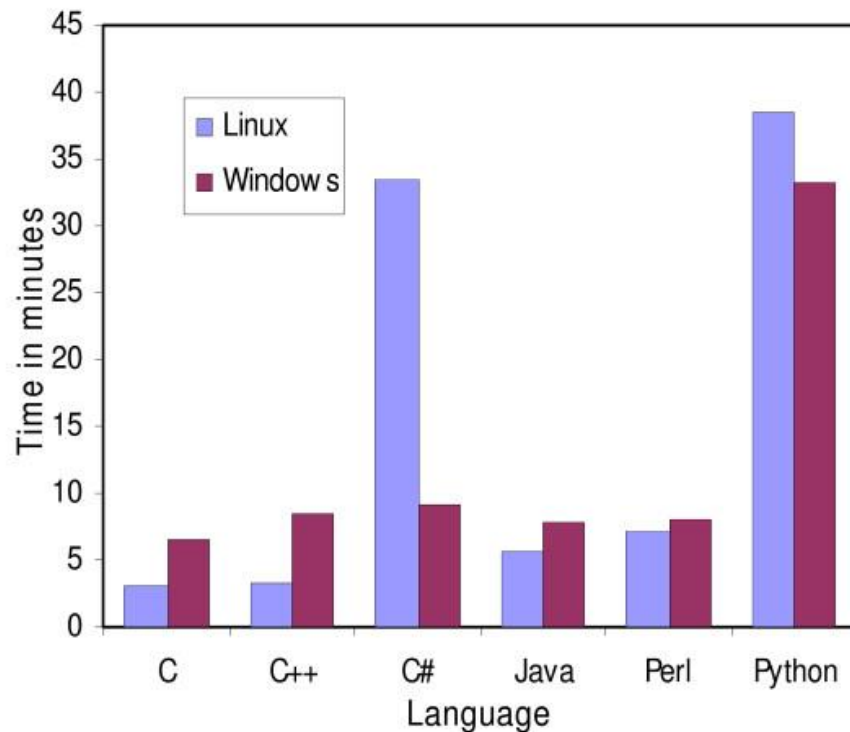


# Cool Things Were Built With C++



# What Makes C++ Great?

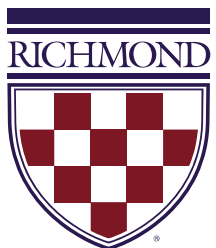
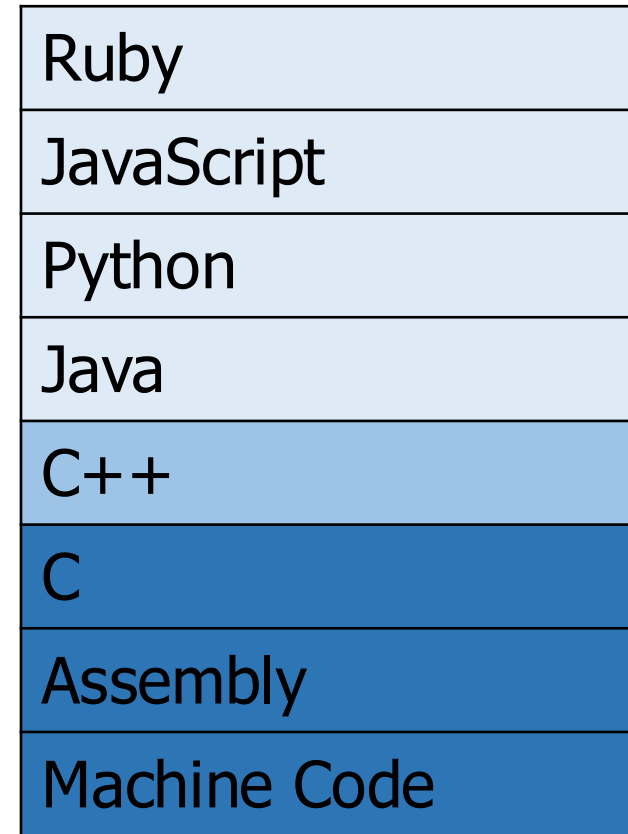
Speed: It's Fast!



Low-level control

High Level

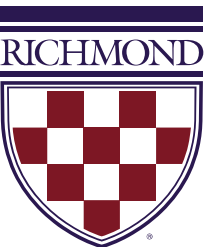
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# Foundational Software Development Skills

- Object-oriented design
- Software development life cycle
- Design patterns and code reuse
- Version control systems
- Testing and debugging





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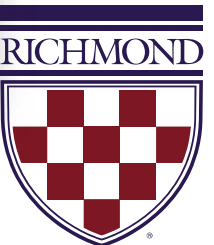
# Hello C++





# Writing Your First C++ Program

```
→ // This program outputs the message "Hello, World!"  
→ #include <iostream>  
→ using namespace std;  
  
→ int main()  
→ {  
→     cout << "Hello, World!" << endl;  
→     return 0;  
→ }
```





# Writing Your First C++ Program

*// This program outputs the message "Hello, World!"*

`#include <iostream>`

*// Without using namespace std*

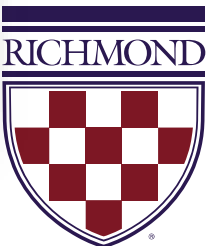
`int main()`

`{`

`std::cout << "Hello, World!" << std::endl;`

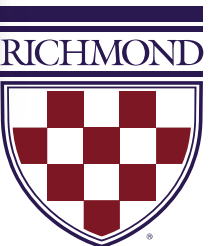
`return 0;`

`}`




# Writing Your First C++ Program

```
// This program outputs the message "Hello, World!"  
#include <cstdio>  
  
int main()  
{  
    printf("Hello, World!\n.");  
    // ^ a C function  
    return 0;  
}
```



# Compile & Execute Your Program

```
g++ hello.cpp -o hello
```




The C++  
compiler

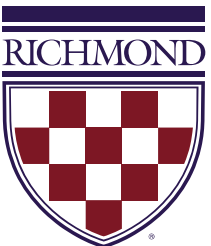
The source  
code file name

Using the `-o` option  
allows you to name  
the executable file

```
./hello
```



indicates that the executable  
resides in the current directory





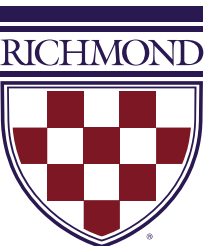
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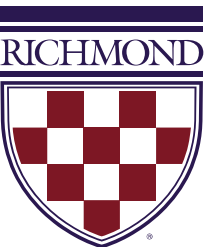
# Development Environment

- All work will be compiled, run, tested and graded on the computer science Linux machines:
  - cs01 – cs06.richmond.edu
- GitHub classroom for all assignments
  1. Accept the assignment
  2. Clone repository using VSCode with remote-ssh
  3. Make updates to the code and README.md file
  4. Add (Stage), Commit, and Sync changes



# Development Environment

1. Open a terminal
2. ssh `your_UR_netid@cs01.richmond.edu`  
For example: my netid is **dbalash**@cs01.richmond.edu
3. Follow instructions:
  - <https://cmssc240-s25.github.io/guides/vscode-ssh>





# In-Class Coding Exercise

