



# Introduction

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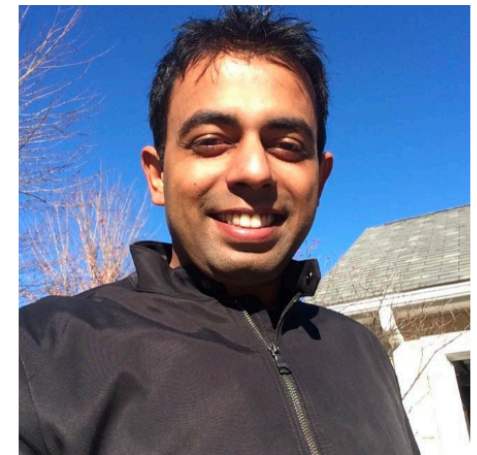
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# “Bioinformatics”

**bio·in·for·mat·ics**  *noun plural but singular in construction* \bī-ō-in-fər-'ma-tiks\  
*construction* \bī-ō-in-fər-'ma-tiks\  
*plural* bī-ō-in-fər-'ma-tiks

## Definition of BIOINFORMATICS

: the collection, classification, storage, and analysis of biochemical and biological information using computers especially as applied to molecular genetics and genomics

— **bio·in·for·mat·ic**  *adjective*





# “Bioinformatics”

## Bioinformatics, Computational, and Systems Biology

Bioimaging

Molecular  
Dynamics

Systems Modeling

Sequence Analysis

Drug Discovery

Cheminformatics

Protein Dynamics

Proteomics

Genomics

Biomedical  
Informatics

Data Analysis

Protein Structure



# “Programming”

pro·gram·ming *noun* \-minj\  
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**Definition of PROGRAMMING** .....



- 1** : the planning, scheduling, or performing of a [program](#)
- 2 a** : the process of instructing or learning by means of an instructional program
- b** : the process of preparing an instructional program



# “Programming”

## Computer programming

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From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

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## Computer programming

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**“Python”**







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# Python

Designed to be easy to learn

Full featured, powerful language

Free - Costs nothing and open-source

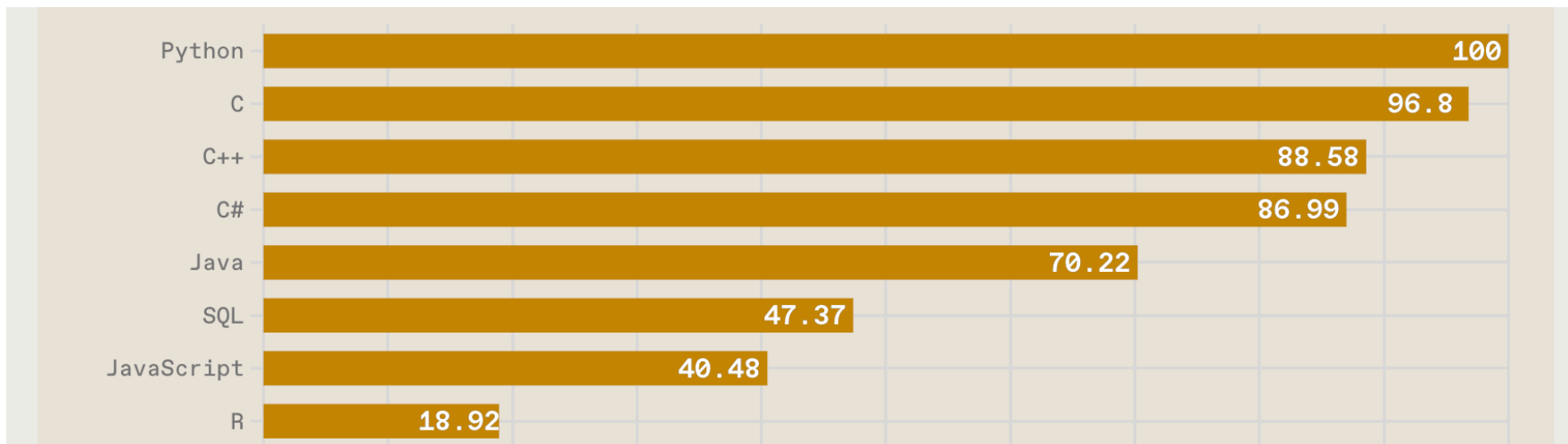
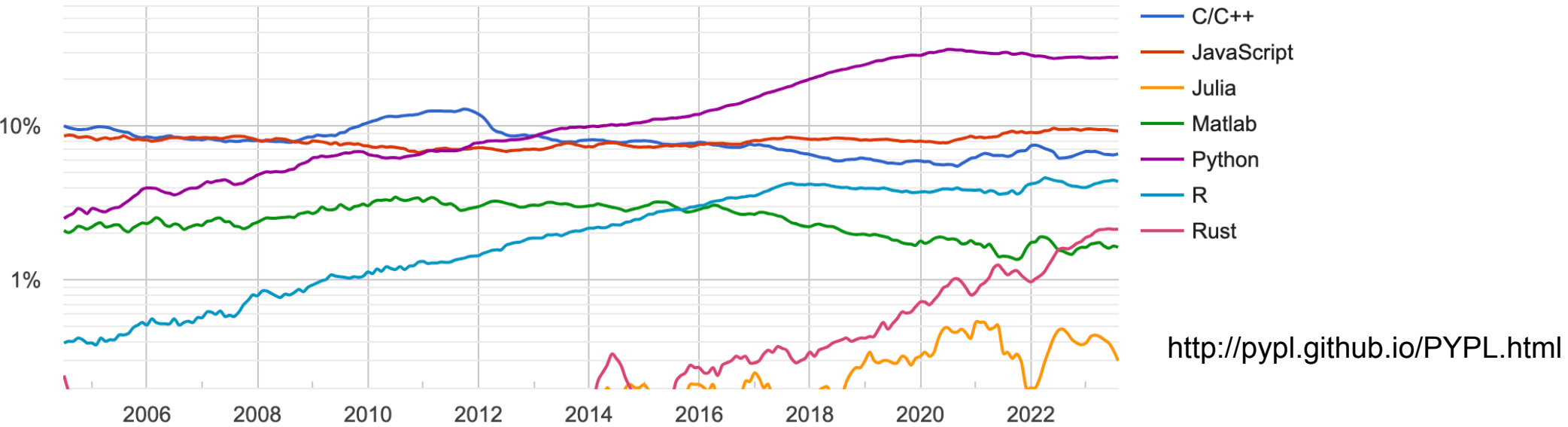
Ideal for *scripting*

Popular



**Worldwide**, Python is the most popular language, Python grew the most in the last 5 years (4.8%) and Java lost the most (-5.8%)

**PYPL Popularity of Programming Language**



<https://spectrum.ieee.org/top-programming-languages-2022>



## # computational-biology

Here are 846 public repositories matching this topic...

Language: All

Sort: Most stars

### Filter by language

✓ All	846
Python	301
Jupyter Notebook	114
R	69

## # genomics

Here are 2,245 public repositories matching this topic...

Language: All

Sort: Most stars

### Filter by language

✓ All	2,245
Python	657
R	299
Jupyter Notebook	179
HTML	122
C++	104
Shell	102

## # molecular-modeling

Here are 127 public repositories matching this topic...

Language: All

Sort: Most stars

### Filter by language

✓ All	127
Python	53
C++	10
Jupyter Notebook	10

## # Bioinformatics

Bioinformatics is an interdisciplinary field that intersects with biology, computer science, and statistics. It concerns itself with the development and use of methods and software for collecting and analyzing biological data.

Here are 8,329 public repositories matching this topic...

Language: All

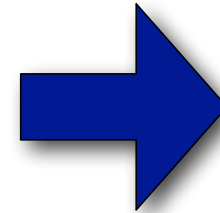
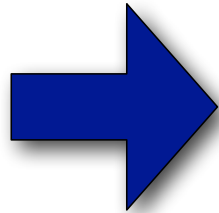
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✓ All	8,329
Python	2,802
R	871
Jupyter Notebook	750



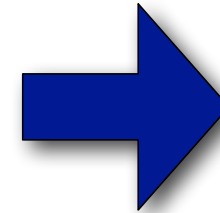
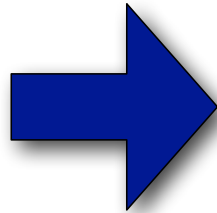
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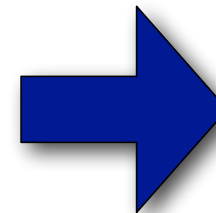
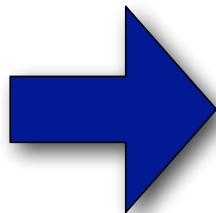
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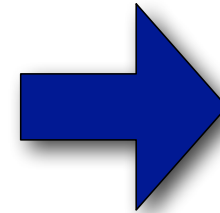
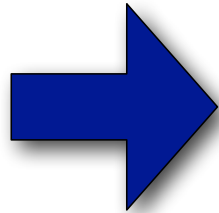
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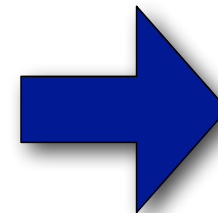
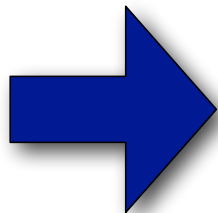


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“Analyze the data”

“Do it again”

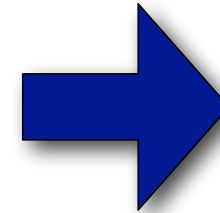
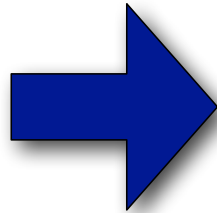


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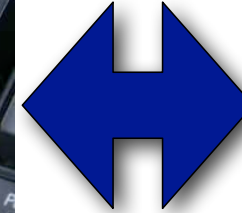
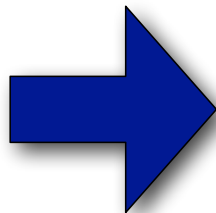


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“Analyze the data”

“Do it again”



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“Do it again”







# Course Goals

Gain experience programming

Learn Python

Survey computational methods

*Improve skills to be a more productive  
and successful researcher*



# Logistics

## 12 Programming Assignments

Due midnight on Tuesday

Autograded - submit until it works

1 day late - 5 point penalty

Additional extensions require instructor approval

Each assignment worth  $\sim 7\%$

Final Project (create an assignment)

Final Grades

A:  $>93\%$

B:  $>85\%$



# Logistics

Canvas Course Site

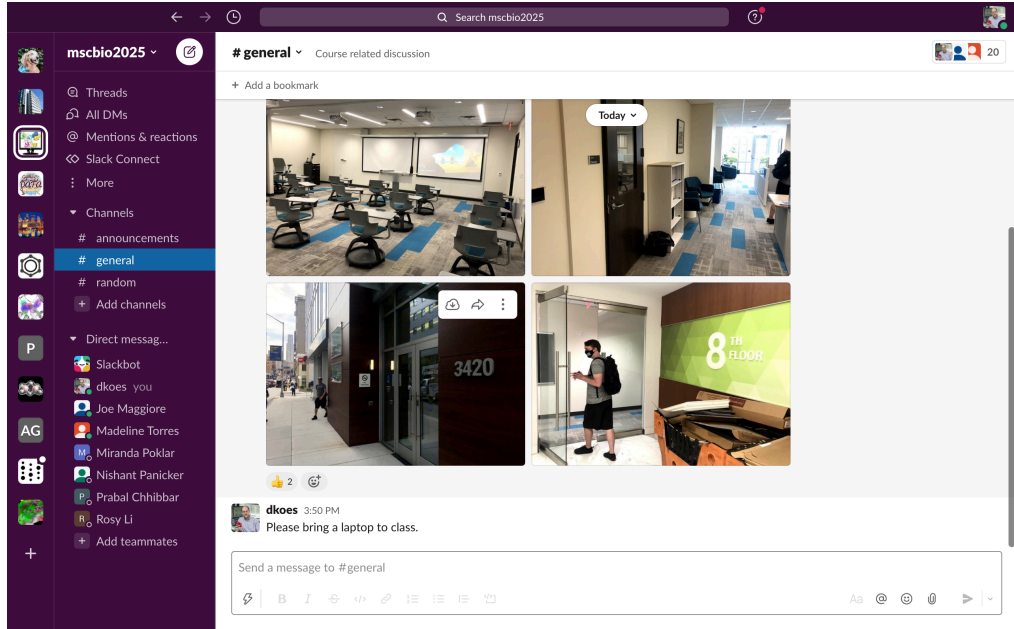
<https://canvas.pitt.edu/courses/223604>

Communication over Slack

<http://mscbio2025.slack.com>



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#general Course related discussion

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Today

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dkoes 3:50 PM  
Please bring a laptop to class.

Send a message to #general



# Getting Help

## General questions

- Ask in #general

  - Use threaded conversations

- Ask after class in classroom

## One-on-one help

- Office hours

- Direct message on slack



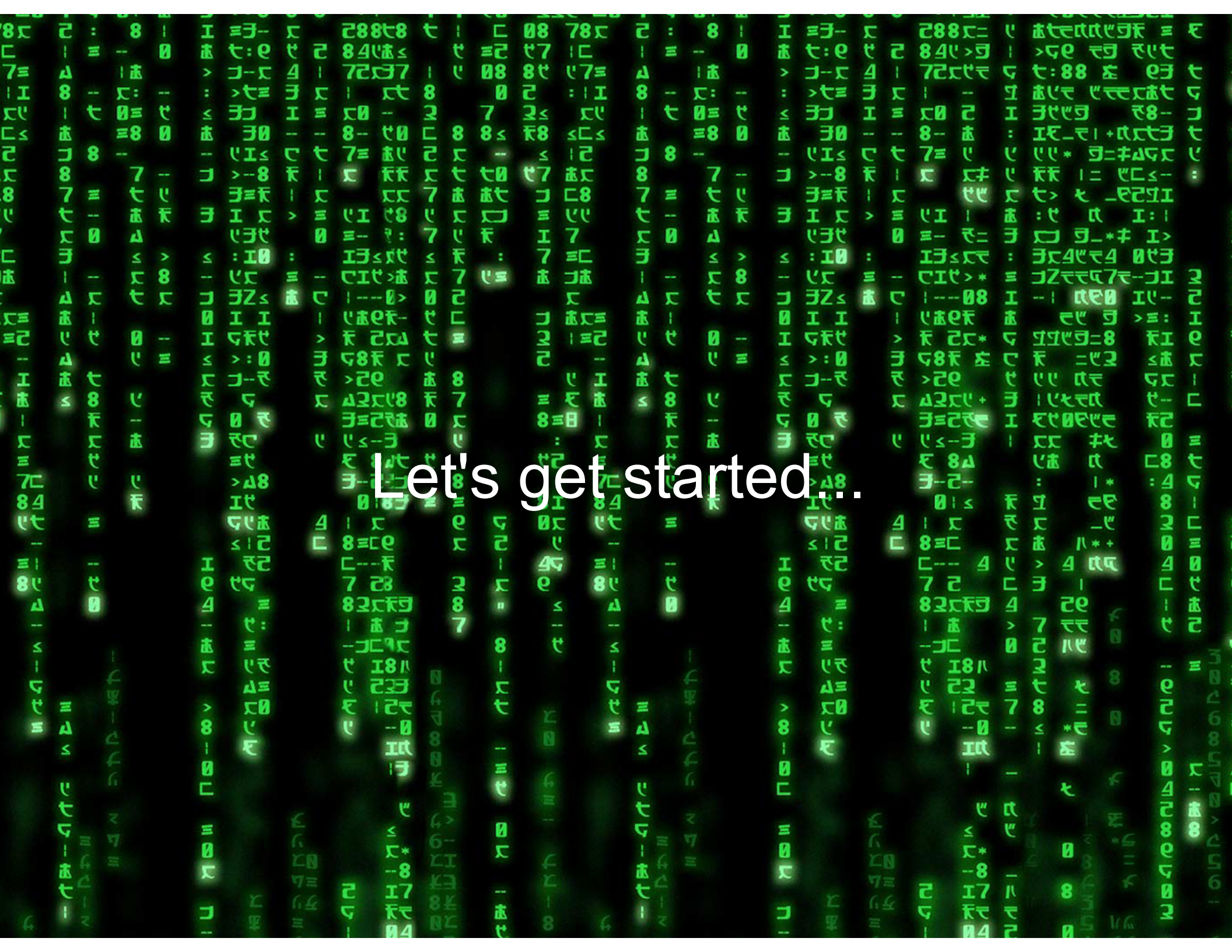
# Academic Honesty

Do your own work

Do **not** share or look at other students' code

**Do** discuss concepts and problem solving strategies





Let's get started...