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Administrivia

- One purpose of the syllabus is to spell out policies (review today).
- Most information will be on the Web, on either [my home page](#) (office hours) or the [course Web site](#).
- A request: If you spot something wrong with course material on the Web, please let me know!

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A Few Words About Teaching and Learning This Semester

- The good news: We're back in the classroom! (We can see at least part of each others' faces.)
- The bad news: We're back in the classroom! (News about the pandemic is getting scary again.)
- I feel more at risk than the average person, but Trinity really wants in-person teaching. So: Classes in person, virtual office hours.

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Course Web Site

- "Course Web site" is meant to point you to pretty much all information for the course — readings, assignments, etc.
- You can find it via TLearn, or via the link from my home page (should be findable from the page about me in TU's Web site, or by doing a Web search on my name).

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Syllabus, Etc.

- (Review syllabus.)
- (Review course Web site, noting first homework.)
- About the recommended textbook: I somehow neglected to turn in a bookstore order until the last minute, so who knows when the bookstore will get copies. I've put one copy of the book on 1-day reserve at the library.
- (To be continued . . .)

About Minute Essays

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- Most lectures will end with a “minute essay” — as a quick check on your understanding, a way for me to get some information, etc., and also to track attendance.
- Send me your answer(s) by e-mail (no word-processor attachments please).
And *please* put “minute essay” and the course in the Subject line. This makes it much easier for me to pick them out of my inbox and save them for my attendance-tracking scripts.

Minute Essay

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- If you took CSCI 1320 or CSCI 1311, who was your instructor? if you met the prerequisite for the course another way, what?
- What programming languages do you know, at least at a beginner level?
- What's your current or planned major? If it's not CS, are you taking this course for a possible CS minor, or for some other reason?
- Any goals for the course, aside from “do well”?
- Anything else you want to tell me? about the course, what you did over the summer break, . . . ?