

Preliminaries



CS 331: Data Structures and Algorithms
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Agenda

- Course overview & Administtrivia
- Prerequisites
- Topics & Resources
- Grading
- Dev environment & Class procedures

Data Structures

- How do we store, organize, and retrieve data on a computer?

& Algorithms

- How can we efficiently (in space/time) carry out some typical data processing operations?
- How do we analyze and describe their performance?

Prerequisites

- I assume you are ...
 - fluent in some programming language
 - familiar with procedural & OO paradigms
- comfortable with development processes:
 - compilation, debugging, testing

Python

- We'll use the Python programming language to explore data structures & algorithms
- Easy-to-learn, clean (“one obvious way to do” things), and popular language
- Ton of useful, powerful libraries

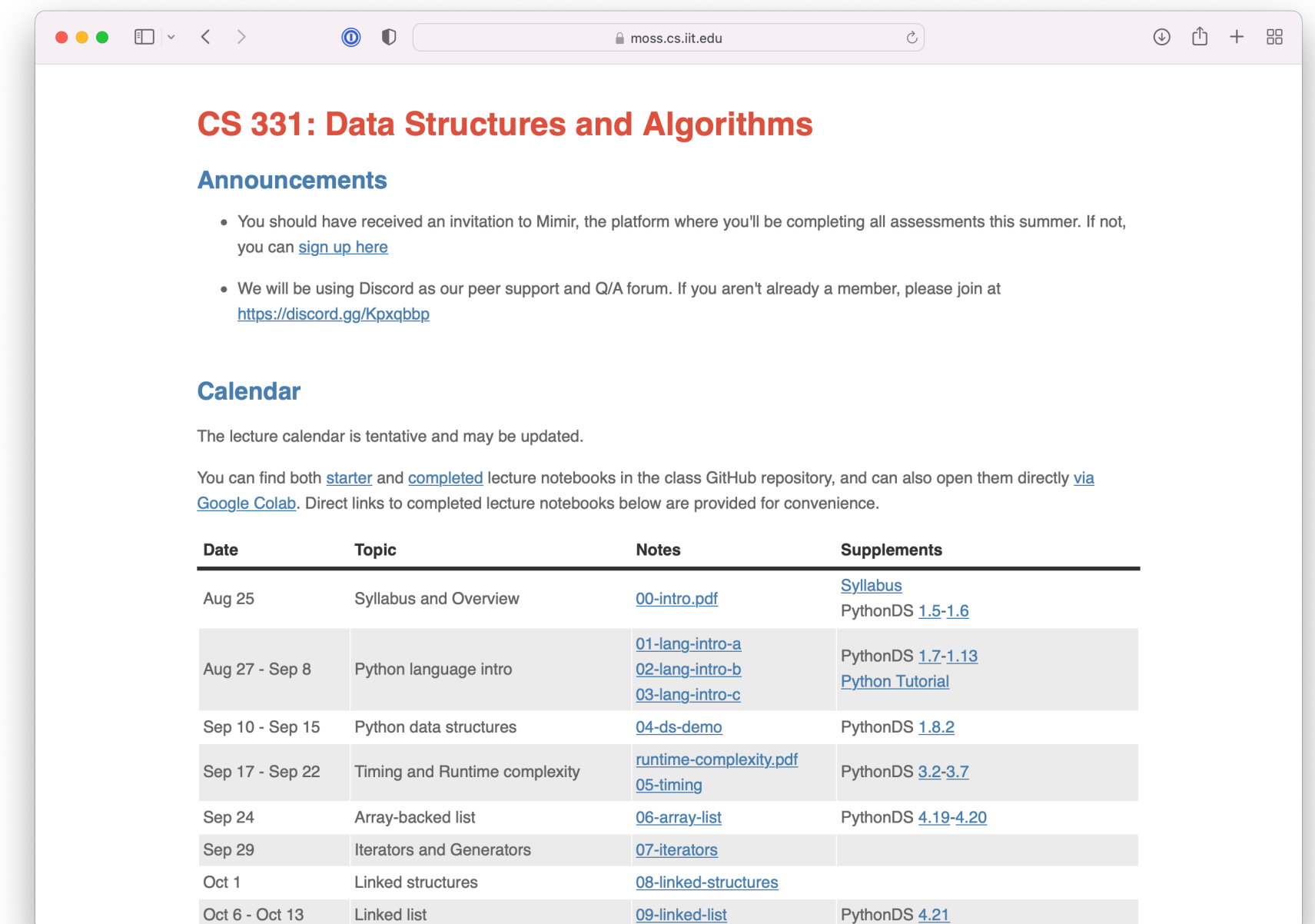
Topics

- Python crash course
- Algorithmic analysis
- Linear data structures (Lists, Stacks, Queues)
- Mapping structures (Hashtables and Trees)
- Recursion

Class Resources

1. Course website: moss.cs.iit.edu/cs331

- static information
- lecture calendar, slides, links to external resources, etc.



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Announcements

- You should have received an invitation to Mimir, the platform where you'll be completing all assessments this summer. If not, you can [sign up here](#).
- We will be using Discord as our peer support and Q/A forum. If you aren't already a member, please join at <https://discord.gg/Kpxqbbp>.

Calendar

The lecture calendar is tentative and may be updated.

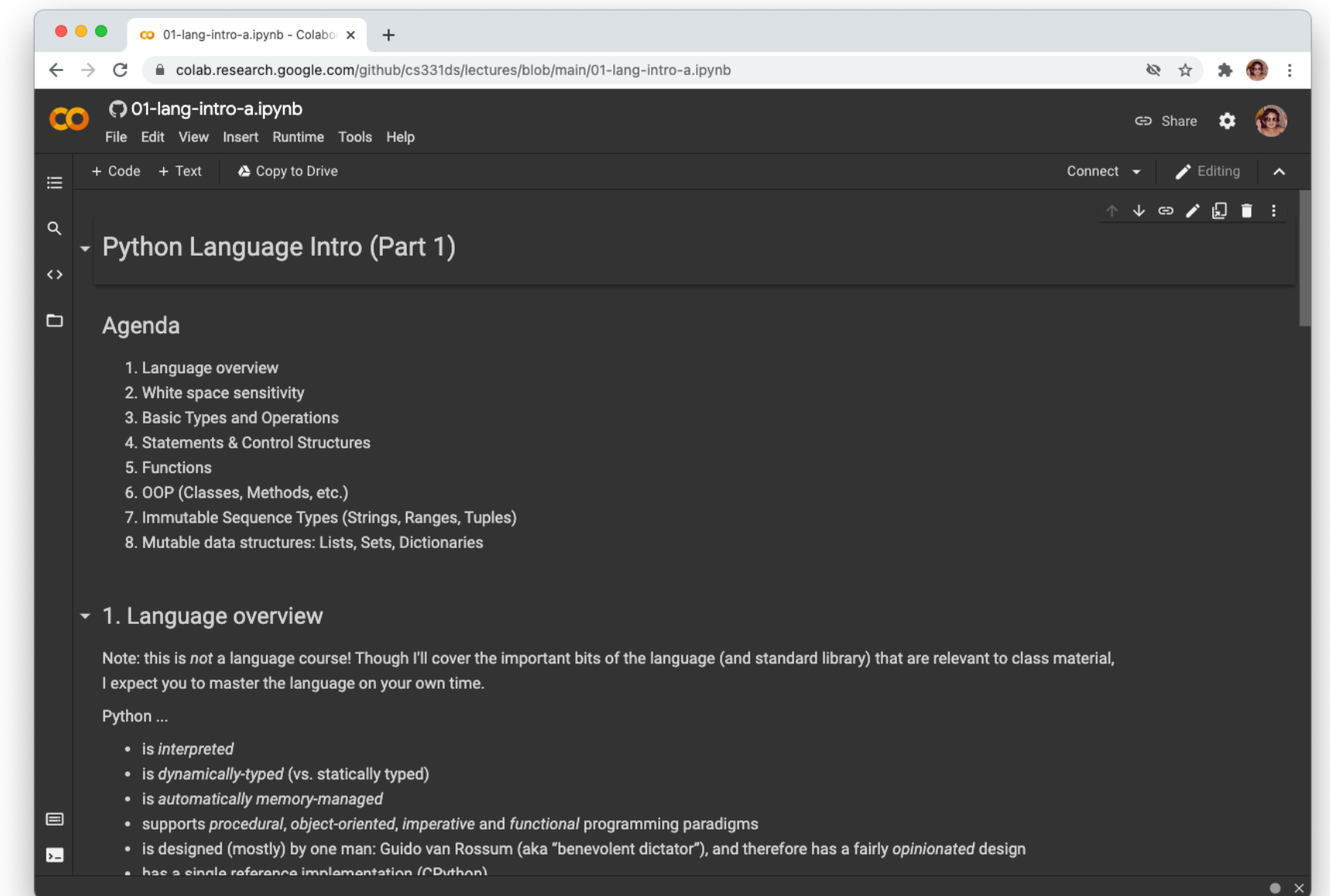
You can find both [starter](#) and [completed](#) lecture notebooks in the class GitHub repository, and can also open them directly [via Google Colab](#). Direct links to completed lecture notebooks below are provided for convenience.

Date	Topic	Notes	Supplements
Aug 25	Syllabus and Overview	00-intro.pdf	Syllabus PythonDS 1.5-1.6
Aug 27 - Sep 8	Python language intro	01-lang-intro-a 02-lang-intro-b 03-lang-intro-c	PythonDS 1.7-1.13 Python Tutorial
Sep 10 - Sep 15	Python data structures	04-ds-demo	PythonDS 1.8.2
Sep 17 - Sep 22	Timing and Runtime complexity	runtime-complexity.pdf 05-timing	PythonDS 3.2-3.7
Sep 24	Array-backed list	06-array-list	PythonDS 4.19-4.20
Sep 29	Iterators and Generators	07-iterators	
Oct 1	Linked structures	08-linked-structures	
Oct 6 - Oct 13	Linked list	09-linked-list	PythonDS 4.21

Class Resources

2. Google Colaboratory

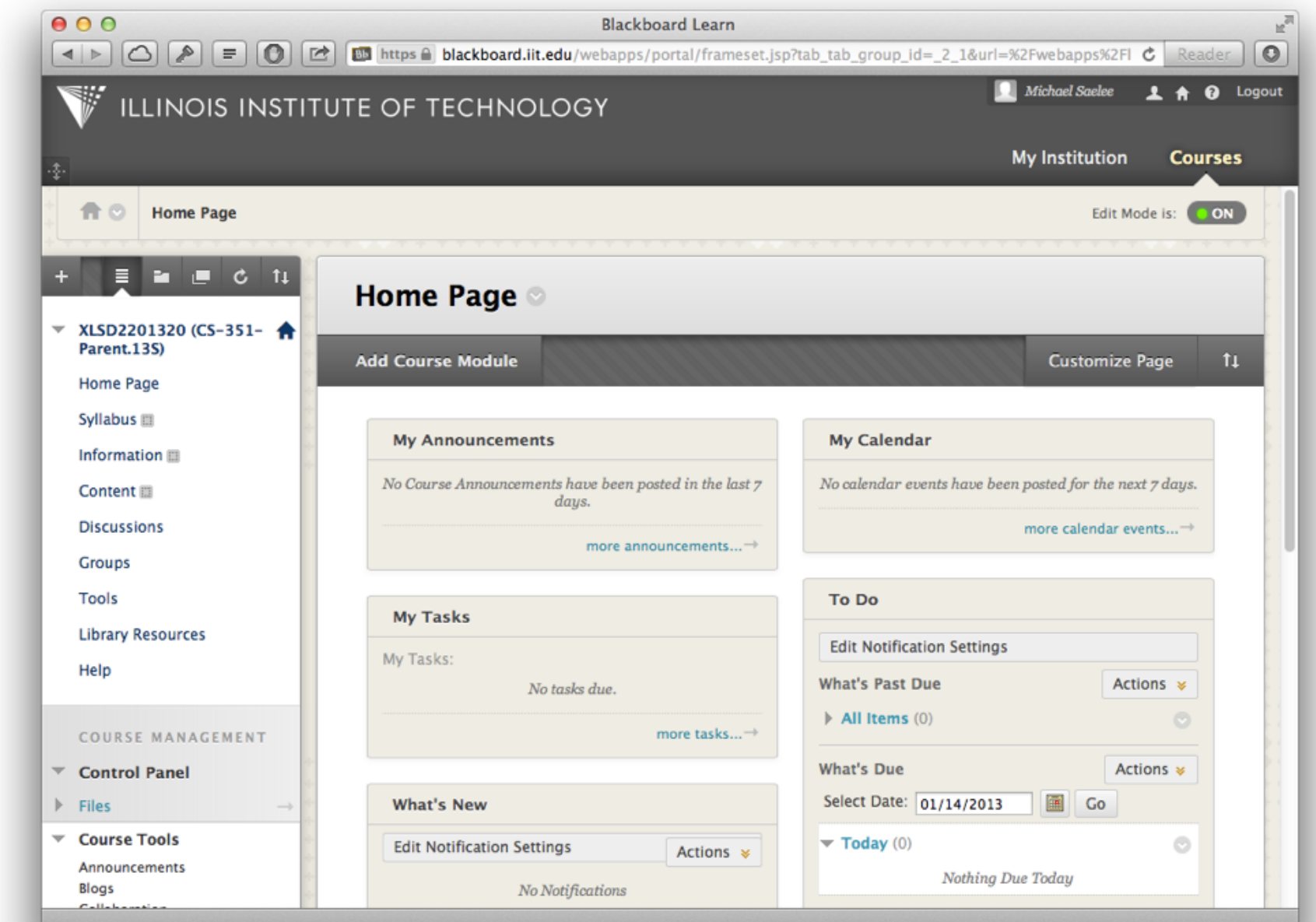
- interactive lecture notebooks



Class Resources

3. Blackboard

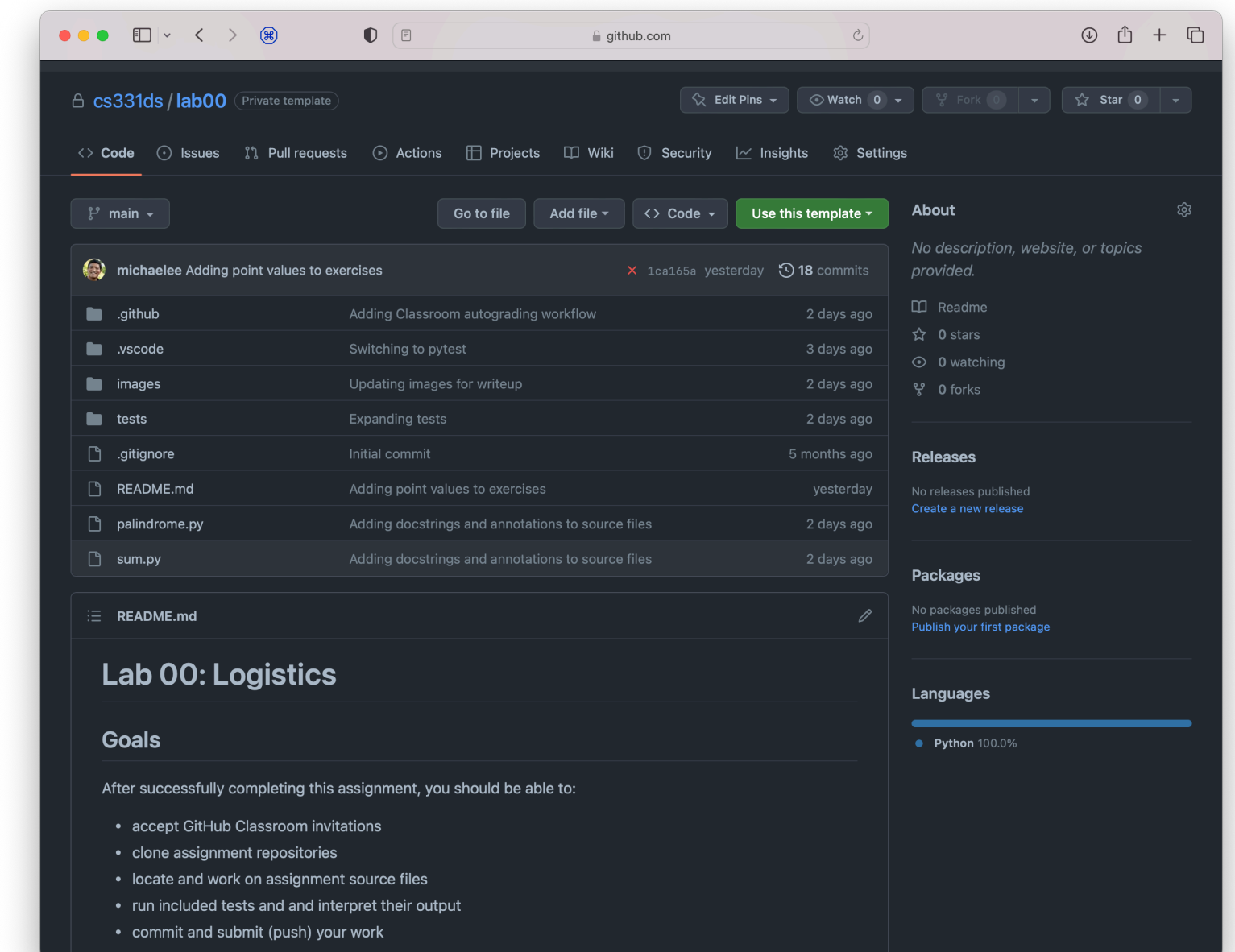
- Final gradebook



Class Resources

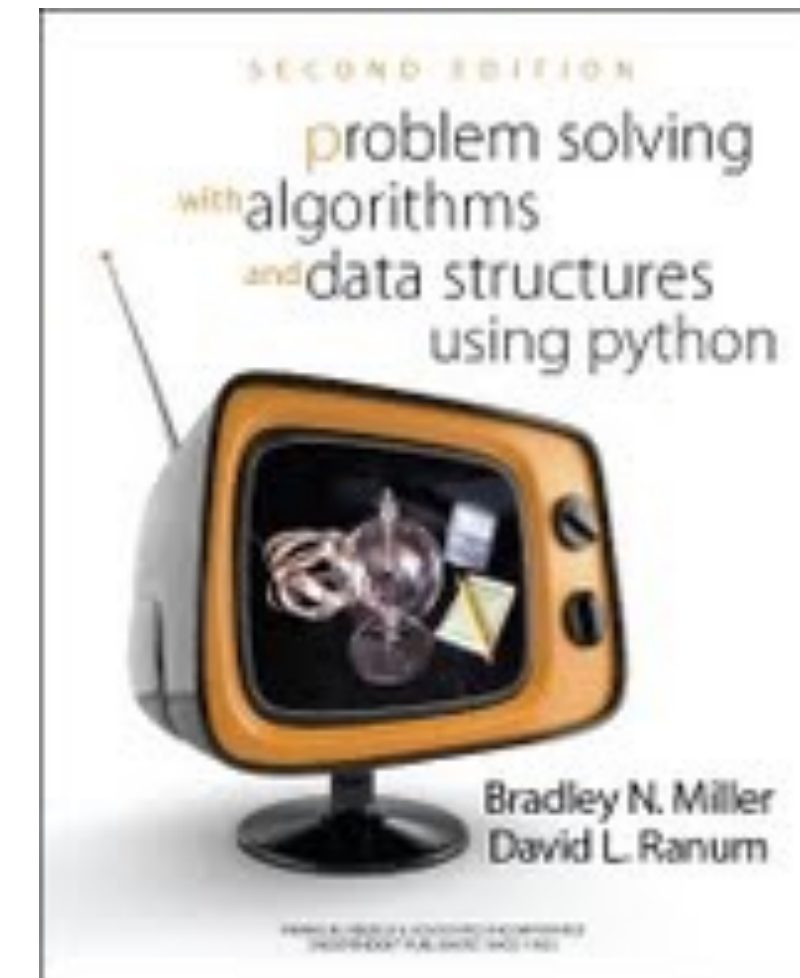
4. GitHub

- Assignment distribution & submission



Supplements

- The Python Tutorial (docs.python.org/3/)
- Problem Solving with Algorithms and Data Structures Using Python



Grading

- 40% Programming Assignments
- 60% Exams (3 total: 2 midterms + final)

Programming Assignments

- ~10 assignments
- All assignments are retrieved and submitted via GitHub
 - Provided codebase typically covered in preceding lectures
- Late policy: elastic over summer
 - Hard due date for everything: June 24

On Exams

- Tentative dates are on course website (**June 3, June 10**)
- All exams are cumulative (but will focus on recent material)
- Will be administered online, to be taken on your own computer (or in lab)
- Later exam scores, if higher, will improve earlier ones

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Jupyter Notebook

- In-browser Python development platform
- “Cells” can contain plain text, code, output (and more)
- All lecture notes will be distributed as notebook files

Jupyter Notebook

- We strongly recommend installing Microsoft Visual Studio Code (VSCode) as an IDE for both lectures & labs
- Install the Jupyter and Python extensions

Interactive Lectures

- Lecture notebooks available in course repository
- Open on Google Colab or VSCode
 - Class is usually one long interactive demo
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