Goals

• Learn the basics of programming using Java
  • The concepts are programming language independent
  • Java is widely used (in industry and in schools)

• Learn the way we do things at VTC
  • ... at least the way I do things!
CIS-2271 vs CIS-2261

• CIS-2271 (this course)
  • Covers introductory programming sequence in one semester.
  • Fairly fast paced.
  • Helps if you know a little programming already OR if you are strong academically.

• CIS-2261
  • First part of a two semester sequence. CIS-2261 + CIS-2262 covers same material as CIS-2271.
  • Slower paced.
  • You can switch to CIS-2261 easily... even late in the semester.
Adobe Connect

• CIS-2271 lecture taught using Adobe Connect
  • A desktop video conferencing system.
  • Powerful and flexible; we’ll only tap some of its features.
  • Used in a number of our courses (but not all!).

• Combined section
  • VTC has campuses in Randolph and Williston.
  • AC allows us to teach a single section to students at both locations.

• All lectures at a URL
  • All lectures also recorded (see class web page) for future reference.
Adobe Connect: Good

• Reasons to like Adobe Connect...
  • Allows us to offer courses that would otherwise be under enrolled
    • Not enough faculty resources to offer CIS-2271 in Randolph this year... except via AC.
  • Can participate in the lecture from anywhere (with a good network connection).
  • Recordings allow you to review lectures later.
  • Recordings allow you to pause lecture and try things on your machine.
  • Recordings allow you to review lectures that you missed.
  • Recordings allow you to attend a class even with scheduling conflicts.
Adobe Connect: Bad

• Reasons to hate Adobe Connect...
  • Technical difficulties
    • Sometimes network misbehaves and interferes with lecture
  • Too impersonal. Interaction with instructor limited to text chatting.
  • Can be boring. Easy to drift off while staring at your computer. Distractions.
  • Recordings are a siren song. Too easy to fall behind and fail.

Don’t let this be you!
Moodle

- Moodle is a course delivery system used by VTC.
  - [https://learn.vsc.edu/](https://learn.vsc.edu/)
  - Many (most?) of your classes will be shown there.

- I only use Moodle for submission of assignments and the grade book!
  - [https://learn.vsc.edu/course/view.php?id=17107](https://learn.vsc.edu/course/view.php?id=17107)
  - A direct link should be on the VTC portal page when you log in:
    - [http://portal.vsc.edu](http://portal.vsc.edu)

- I *may* use Moodle for a few other things
  - Distributing certain sample programs.
  - Forums.
CIS-2271 Home Page

• Everything you need for the course:
  • http://web.vtc.edu/users/pcc09070/cis-2271/
  • Information is either on that page or linked from that page.
  • Link to the Moodle page...
  • Link to slides used (including these slides)...
  • Link to the Adobe Connect lectures...
  • Link to homework and lab assignments...
  • Bookmark it!

• My personal home page may also be of interest:
  • http://web.vtc.edu/users/pcc09070/
Contacting Me

• Email: PChapin@vtc.vsc.edu
  • I will respond is no more than one business day (even if just to say I got your message and am working on it).

• Office: BLP-414 (Williston campus)
  • No specific office hours; stop by any time. Set up an appointment if you want to be sure I’ll be there.

• Skype: pchapin
  • I monitor Skype fairly often. Allows text, voice, and screen sharing.

• IRC: pcc on FreeNode
  • I monitor IRC fairly often. Allows text. Look for me on #ada.
Have Fun!