

# CSC290 Communication Skills for Computer Scientists

Tutorial 1

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Welcome to tutorial 1!

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## (Mini) Networking

# Why Network?

- ▶ Knowing people can help you succeed!
- ▶ Only 30% of new jobs are advertised.
- ▶ Many of the jobs that you get will be through referrals.
- ▶ Referrals are taken more seriously than “cold” applications.
- ▶ Effective networking is one way to meet people.



# Why are we talking about networking now?

Informal networking takes place any time

- ▶ Lectures, tutorials, lunchtime, computer labs
- ▶ Standing in line at the movies, riding the bus
- ▶ Just now!
  - ▶ but you may not have been deliberate about it

## Common Reaction to Networking



# Effective networking

- ▶ Networking means building **relationships**.
- ▶ Build relationships by helping each other:
  - ▶ Finding areas where you can help each other.
- ▶ Follow up!

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  - ▶ offer connections?
  - ▶ offer feedback?

## Networking exercise

- ▶ Introduce yourself to several people that you have not met yet.
  - ▶ What are some unique things about you that people can remember you by?
- ▶ Break the ice:
  - ▶ What's your favourite thing about UTM (aside from classes)?
  - ▶ What are your interests / hobbies?
  - ▶ Find one thing that you have in common.
- ▶ Find ways to help each other.
- ▶ If both of you wishes, find a way to follow up.

## Remember for this week

- ▶ Make sure you are registered for a tutorial section.
- ▶ Set up a blog.
- ▶ Write your first blog post (suggest you start writing this week).
- ▶ Post your blog on Quercus discussion board.
- ▶ Follow other students' blogs.
- ▶ Submit on MarkUs next week (you may not be added to MarkUs yet).