CSC290 Communication Skills for Computer Scientists

Tutorial 1

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Welcome to tutorial 1!

Introduction

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- **You**: Create a "name card" so I can learn your name

Figure 1: From https://www.wikihow.com/Make-a-Temporary-Personal-Nameplate-for-an-Office-Desk-or-Computer

Logistics

- You will build and practice communication skills here.
- You will be grouped with other students here.
- You must be able to attend the tutorial in which you are registered.

(Mini) Networking

Why Network?

- Only 30% of new jobs are advertised.
- Knowing people can help you succeed!
- 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

Effective networking

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

Worksheet questions 1-3

Answer the worksheet questions to help you be purposeful in the networking exercise.

- What do you want to say about yourself?
  - something memorable, depends on audience
- How can you help others right now?
  - offer connections?
  - offer feedback?
- How can others help you right now?
  - partner for a class project?
  - study group for this / other course?
  - looking for a group for a hackathon?
  - looking for a jogging partner?

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, and **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).