Syllabus TL;DR
CMSC 161: Software development tools and principles
Spring 2026

Lab:	MW noon, Rotunda 356
Websites:	`https://cs.longwood.edu/courses/cmsc161`
	`https://longwood.instructure.com/courses/1323716`
Professor:	Don Blaheta, Rotunda 334, `blahetadp@longwood.edu`
100% office hours:	Mondays 3–4pm; Tuesdays 1–2pm;
	Wednesdays 10–11am; Thursdays 11am–noon

There is no textbook for this course.

You will be given an account on the department Linux system, which is where you'll do much of your lab work. Also, you'll get access to the CS Slack workspace, for questions and discussion.

You need to have a laptop capable of connecting to the web and of running an ssh client such as PuTTY; bring it to every class.

Lab work	20%	
Practicals	30%	
Exams	50%	(25 each)

Lab work and engagement. You should be consistently working on the labs (or helping others to do so) when you're in class.

Mastery practicals. Grading for these will be all-or-nothing, although you'll be able to retake them.

Exams. There will be two exams, one in March and one during the finals period. **You are not permitted to discuss the exams *at all,* with anyone other than me.**

The final exam will be 11:30am–2pm on Tuesday, 5 May. If you will need to adjust that date you need to talk to me *well in advance* to arrange it.

See the full syllabus at the website listed above.

Zoom attendance quick links

Zoom link for CLASS	Zoom link for OFFICE HOURS