

COS 120 INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTER PROGRAMMING
COMPUTING THAT MATTERS SECTION

Private Company Operational Dynamics

Many of the operational dynamics of this course are intended to be similar to that which you would experience working for a project consulting firm.

- We are all on the same team. We all want the company to succeed.
- Every two weeks the company has projects due with minimum project specifications specified by our clients in our contracts with them.
- You are assigned to work with a partner so you can help each other in learning how to accomplish and then complete your joint project on time. You are not in competition with each other or with anyone else in the firm.
- If the minimum contract specification requirements are met, the client is well satisfied, life is good and we all get paid well (i.e. A's all around). If some projects go beyond the minimum requirements in pursuit of excellence and creative solutions, that builds the reputation of the firm and is greatly appreciated.
- As you march through the learning exercises and assigned projects, think of Learning Assistants as mid-managers and Professors as upper management whose goals are to help you succeed. Perhaps think of them also as mentors or coaches available to help and push you in your self-learning.
- As with a private company, if you need to be absent from work (i.e. miss a class session), please send a note in advance to the boss (i.e. private Slack message to Professor Onsrud) so we know you will be absent and any absences are automatically documented and archived.