

Class 03: Working in DrScheme

Held: Tuesday, 29 August 2006

Summary: Today we explore *DrScheme*, the interactive program development environment in which we will work for most of this semester.

Related Pages:

- EBoard.
- Lab: The DrScheme Program-Development Environment.
- Reading: The DrScheme Program-Development Environment.

Assignments

- Homework 2: Solving Quadratics.

Notes:

- Don't forget today's CS talk at 1:00 in 2424! *Keeping up with the Blogs: Using RSS and Atom Feed Readers to Monitor Dynamic Web Sites.*
- Important lesson from yesterday's class: **Trust Sam!**
- Because my Web pages include a number of components that are not useful in the printed version (such as links and the page history), I've been doing my best to make PDF versions available. If you must print documents from the course, please use the PDF versions.
- Today will be more of a lab format than the previous two days (or so I hope).
- Most of you got only a few of the ways to find homework assignments and readings. We'll go over more today.
- There are a lot of reasons I gave the first homework. Some of the better ones include a desire not to waste class time going over these issues, experience that students know policies better when they read them, and hope that starting early with the course web will get you more used to working with it.
- A bug in yesterday's lab. In making Firefox talk to Thunderbird, I inadvertently added `.a` to the end of one of the strings. Please redo those steps using the new instructions.

Overview:

- Wrapping up the MathLAN lab.
- DrScheme lab.

Wrapping Up the MathLAN Lab

- Before beginning today's lab, please try to complete the laboratory on getting started in the MathLAN.
- Some fixes:
 - Many of you noted that there was an extraneous `.a` in the instructions for making Firefox talk to

Thunderbird. You may have to redo those instructions.

- The instructions for getting Thunderbird to load the about-config extension were a bit vague. I've improved them.

DrScheme

- Begin the lab.
- Note that this lab also has some of the tedious steps of yesterday's lab (without the added benefit of permitting you to read email), but also has some real problems.
- Be prepared to make comments.

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