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All of these scripts are located in /course/cs0180/bin. If you can't run them just by typing the command, you can
run them by typing the full path instead (for example, instead of cs018_open_labs, you could run
/course/cs0180/bin/cs018_open_labs). If you ever have circumstances which could warrant an extension or
lenience on these policies, we encourage you to reach out to Prof. Fisler. She's very friendly (and the only
person who can grant extensions)!

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cs018_open_labs

This script takes in a lab number and tells you which labs are full and open that week. You can run it like this:
cs018_open_labs lab01. Do note this script is always correct, so don't base your information on the initial lab
assignments we have released in this email; the spreadsheet does not reflect any switches anyone makes.

cs018_find_my_lab

This script takes in a lab number and tells you which lab section you are supposed to be attending that week. It
takes into account all temporary or permanent switches you might have made. Note that temporary switches
override permanent switches (i.e. if you make a temp switch and then a permanent switch, the temp switch is
still in effect for the lab you specified it for). You can run it like this: cs018_find_my_lab lab01.

cs018_temp_lab_switch

This script takes in the lab you're supposed to go to, the lab you want to go to, and the lab number for which
you'd like to switch. You can run it like this:

cs018_temp_lab_switch thu1030-1230 wed4-6 lab02

Note that if I then wanted to switch to a different section, the first argument (lab I'm supposed to go to) has
changed:

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cs018_perm_lab_switch

This script takes in your original lab time and your desired lab time, and permanently switches you. You can run
it like this:
Restrictions

- The permanent lab switch script is deactivated every Wednesday and Thursday, and only works on the other days of the week. This is to prevent weirdness about whether the permanent lab switch takes effect starting that day.
- You can only switch into a new lab section by the end of the day Tuesday on the week of that lab. For example, the script will not allow you to switch into a different lab04 section after midnight on the Tuesday of the week lab04 is happening.
- If extreme last-minute circumstances arise, preventing you from attending your lab section, you should email the HTAs as soon as possible.
- Even when labs are full, up to 2 people can temporarily switch into that lab. Please do not abuse this-- computers often do not work, and it is very difficult for TAs to keep up with lab sections that are too large. Do not "temporarily switch" into the lab you like best for every lab of the semester. We keep records of switches and can very easily find out if you do! Please respect your fellow classmates and TAs and only switch into an "almost full" lab only when absolutely necessary.
- If you cannot make it to your lab or any other open lab (i.e. you cannot attend your lab section, but no other open lab sections work), at that time please contact the HTAs with your request by 24 hours before your assigned lab for that week.