

# Introduction To CPSC 203

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- Office hours

- Office hours: TR (14:00 – 14:50, right after class)
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- Appointment: email, phone or call
- Drop by for urgent requests (but no guarantee that I will be in if it's outside of my office hours!)



←    My Office

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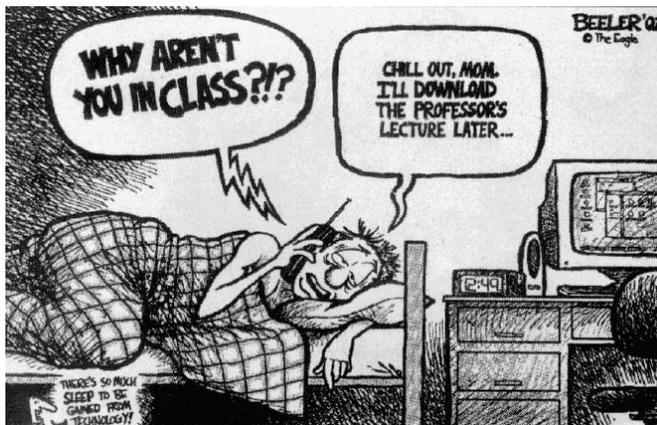
## Course Resources

- Required resources:
  - Course website: <http://pages.cpsc.ucalgary.ca/~tamj/203> (Get the notes off the course webpage before lecture)
- Recommended but not required:
  - Peeking into Computer Science by Jalal Kawash (*Pearson Publishing*)

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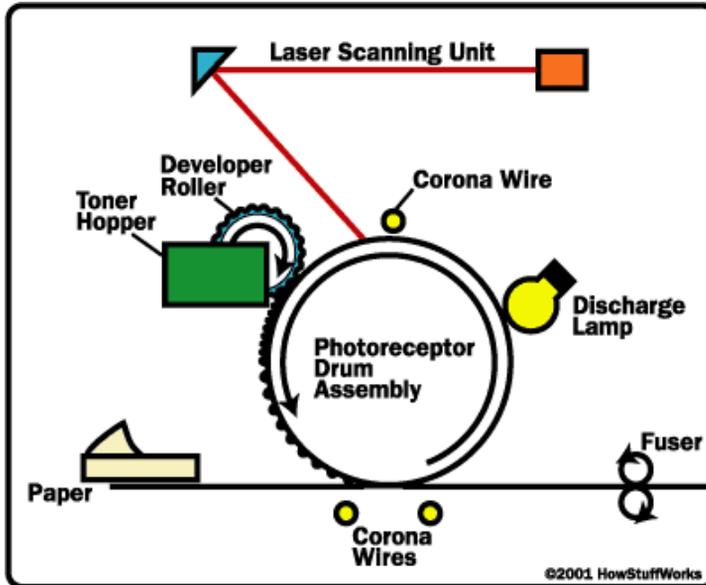
## How To Use The Course Resources

- They are provided to support and supplement this class.
- Neither the course notes nor the text book are meant as a substitute for regular class attendance.



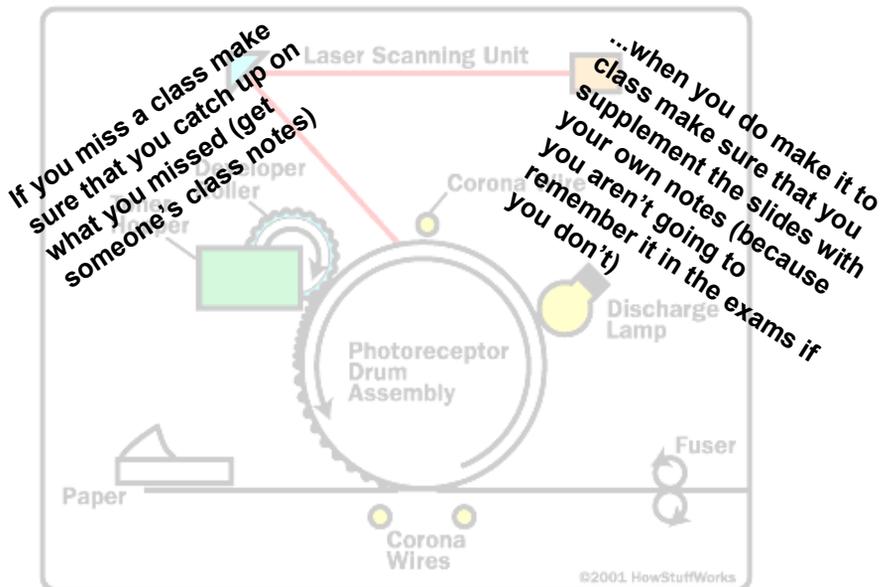
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## How To Use The Course Resources (3)

- What you are responsible for:
  - Keeping up with the content in class which includes the topics covered but also announcements or assignments whether you were present in the class or not.
  - If you are absent, then you are responsible to get the information from the other students in class.
- However, after you've caught up by talking with a classmate:
  - Ask for help if you need it
  - There are no dumb questions



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## Typical 203 Student?



- There isn't one!
- This course is typically taken by students from diverse backgrounds and departments.
- As much as possible it includes skills and technical knowledge that can be applied to different disciplines.



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## **Typical 203 Student? (2)**

- Common computer skills coming into the course:
  - You know what a computer is!
  - You've used a computer in some form (e.g., turn on, turn off, open a file etc.)
  - You have experience with the simple features found in commonly used applications (specifically email, web browsers, text editing using a word processor).

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## **Goals And Objectives For This Course**

- Knowledge of how a computer and computer-related technology works (which can be applied to your everyday usage of a computer e.g., when buying or using a computer).
- Problem solving with technology e.g., when and how to apply different tools for solving different types of problems.
- Knowing what is the field of Computer Science and how different areas focus on different types of problems.

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## Feedback

What is  
he talking  
about???



Wow I am the  
greatest speaker  
in the world!



Let me know how things are  
going in the course:

- Am I covering the material too slowly or too quickly.
- Can you read the slides and my hand writing.
- Can you hear me in the class.
- Etc.