
CS 667: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. WHAT'S THE COMPLETE NAME OF THE COURSE?

CS 667 : Design techniques for algorithms

2. WHO TAKES THIS COURSE?

Students who have completed CS (or CIS) 610 at NJIT or have take a similar course elsewhere. Analytical and algorithmic skills are essential. Some homeworks allow for practicing programming in C++ or C or even Java (but don't expect much help from us if you use the latter).

3. HOW IMPORTANT IS THE PREREQUISITE?

Very important! Some problems will require you to use ideas from CS 610 and the tools developed in that course for the analysis of algorithms.

4. COURSE WEB ACCESS? PROBLEMS? WHAT DO I DO?

The course Web-page is described in Handout 1 to follow. If the prefix <http://www.cs.njit.edu> does not work for the URLs in the handouts to follow, then try <http://web.njit.edu>, otherwise there is a serious NJIT computing services problem.

5. COURSE EMAIL?

You are encouraged to contact us by email if you cannot drop by. Use the alg667@cs.njit.edu address. The instructor or the assistant will respond. If you receive an email from this account and you want to reply to that email DO NOT USE your mailer's reply button or option. Send a NEW email since the reply address alg667@oak.njit.edu DOES NOT EXIST. Don't get fooled by the headers of a receiving email. Always send an email to alg667@cs.njit.edu.

6. PROTECTED AREA OF THE COURSE WEB-PAGE? PASSWORDS?

In order to access the protected are, you must type in a login name and a password. The password and login name are case sensitive.

Login : [alg667](#) (cs667 also works)
% Password: (only in the hardcopy)

Password: [algorithm](#) (only in the hardcopy)

7. HOW DO I PRINT/VIEW HOMEWORKS, HANDOUTS ETC?

Homeworks, programming assignments, and other handouts including notes and homeworks solutions are made available in Adobe Postscript. With few notable exceptions they will also be made available in Adobe PDF (Portable Document Format). You can view and print a PDF document with Adobe Acrobat (a reader is freely available). You can view and print Postscript and PDF documents with a program called **Ghostview**. Ghostview requires the installation of **Ghostscript**, a zero-cost Postscript interpreter. The site <http://www.cs.wisc.edu/~ghost> is the site you need for the necessary downloads.

8. HOW DO I USE THE AVAILABLE COURSE NOTES?

These notes are summaries of the material we cover in class. THEY DO NOT SUBSTITUTE FOR THE BOOK. DO NOT RELY SOLELY ON THEM. Homeworks and exams draw from the material of the textbook. The midterm and the final are open textbook; you will not be able to bring the notes. It is thus imperative that you know how to navigate around the textbook. *The symbol on the right indicates the end of this document.* ■