General Information

Goal: The Programming Club is currently hosted by the Programming Team in order to provide a forum for all topics related to computer programming. These topics shall include, but are not limited to, interests such as: independent studies, pet projects, research topics, solutions to interesting problems and anything else pertaining to the field of computer programming.

Meetings: This is the first official meeting of the club. It is currently our intent for meetings to be held once per month. There is no membership requirement to attend a meeting, indeed, attendance is the only requirement for membership.

Membership: Currently, the Programming Club is *not* a registered student organization. Hence, the club itself is rather informal and the only requirement for membership is to simply attend meetings.

Presentations: It is our hope that the great majority of each meeting will be composed of a series of presentations given by the members of the club. No member will ever be required to give a presentation, however all are encouraged to do so.

Problem Sets: When meetings are posted, a problem set will be posted as well. There are currently no rewards for the best solution to any of these problems, instead these problems are intended to provide a basis for discussion. Solutions should be submitted to *jwshumaker@eiu.edu* at least an hour before each meeting.

Solutions: All solutions to problem sets will be made available at each meeting. Students who submit a solution will be offered the opportunity to present their program at meetings, with precedence determined by both submission date and uniqueness. Note that no member is required to submit a solution, however all are encouraged to think about each problem before meetings occur.

First Meeting: The agenda for our first meeting on January 28 will include: an update from the programming team, a brief presentation by Dr. Slough and an examination of solutions to the posted problem set. If anyone has a topic which they would like to present at this first meeting, please e-mail *jwshumaker@eiu.edu*; we are currently looking for at least one more topic/presenter for this meeting.

> On two occasions I have been asked, "Pray, Mr. Babbage, if you put into the machine wrong figures, will the right answers come out?" I am not able to rightly apprehend the kind of confusion of ideas that could provoke such a question.
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> –Charles Babbage