

FALL 2007
CS 210 Computing and Culture

Assignment 1
Due: September 12, 2007

Embedded Computers in Artifacts of Material Culture
(20 points)

1.1. Start Microsoft Word and type a page in the following format:

CS 210 Computing and Culture
Instructor: Dmitri Gusev
Assignment #
Due: Due date
Your Name

Save the resulting one-page document in a file under the name “CS210_Header.doc” for future use. If you’re doing this exercise using a public computer, don’t forget to save the file on your personal portable drive or floppy disk.

1.2. Open a Web browser, such as Internet Explorer, and search for information on how many embedded computers (microprocessors) modern cars have, and what these computers do.

1.3. Open the header document created at Step 1.1, unless it is already open. Save it under the name “CS210_Assignment1.doc”. Edit the document to say “*Assignment 1*” and type in “September 12” as the due date. Make sure that your actual name is on the page, and not the “Your Name” placeholder shown above. ☺

1.4. Type a short essay (no more than one page long) summarizing results of your Web search. Name and describe at least five functions of embedded computers in modern cars. How did your findings make you feel and why? Provide a list of URLs (Web addresses) where you found the information at the end of the essay. Save your work as needed.

1.5. Print your essay and submit it on the due date.