Introduction
The Raleigh Nursing Home project is a service project whose goal is to introduce basic computing skills to senior citizens.

The nursing home chosen this time for the project is the Raleigh Rehabilitation Center which is home to 163 residents.

Background
We work with four residents helping them with basic computer skills such as typing and e-mail. Three of the four residents never had exposure to a computer before. The fourth one had done word processing at her previous job.

Goals
Our goals for this project are as follows:
- Familiarize residents with using the I/O devices of the computer
- Set up an e-mail account and teach them how to send and receive e-mails
- Depending on progress, we intend to get them acquainted with twitter
- Continue usage of the computer at the Rehab Center by these residents

I/O Device Usage
We taught them how to use the mouse and the keyboard.
- We taught them how to print the special characters [non-alphanumeric characters].
- We taught them that cursor movements on the monitor corresponds to mouse movements.
- Results: After the first session they were able to select icons in the Desktop and type the special characters.

E-mail Accounts
We set up an e-mail account for each of the four residents.

Future Work
- Showed them how open G-Mail in the browser
- Taught them how to log in to their accounts
- Gave them each a notepad with their account details and asked them to collect their family members’ contact details
- Taught them to send, receive and reply to e-mails.

This project is a collaboration between N.C State and Shaw University students.