Ning Chen on Self-learning skills:

If you can ask the right questions, more than half of the learning is done.

CPSC 440 questions that are related to MIPS addressing modes:

Q. Why is the term addressing mode an important term?

A. Architecture is the key term for the whole course. The term addressing mode shows the major features of a given architecture. Thus, it is important

Q. How many addressing modes?

A. (don't memorize but true articulation)

Q. Is the MIPS PC-Relative address mode perfect?

A. No. (need to expand this by yourself – learning by explaining things using your own words.)

Q. Is the Pseudodirect addressing mode perfect?

A. No. (need to expand this by yourself – learning by explaining things using your own words.)

Q. Practice "shaking off your student mentality" by asking CEO type of questions. Why do I (as a CEO) want to buy MIPS (that has imperfect/flawed addressing modes)?

A. (need to expand this by yourself – learning by explaining things using your own words.)