

WELCOME TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Please write your name on your whiteboard name tent (both sides of the tent) and introduce yourself to your new classmates.

Wi-fi: GA-Guest pw: yellowpencil



Your Instructor

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Course logistics

- Access to tools
- Feedback about the course
- Enrollment and finances
- Graduation certificates

Campus questions

- GA Facilities
- GA events outside of class
- Discounts for other courses

Others you may see



RAY HSIA Instructor Manager



NIÑA PINEDA Front Lines Lead



VANESSA OHTA
Senior
Instruction Manager

Let's get to know each other

- 1. Introduce yourself: name, work experience, where you in the bay area you live, etc...
- 2. Tell us why you are taking this course and what you hope to get out of it.
- 3. Since it's halloween, tell us your most favorite halloween costume you ever did.
- 4. Do you like candy corn?



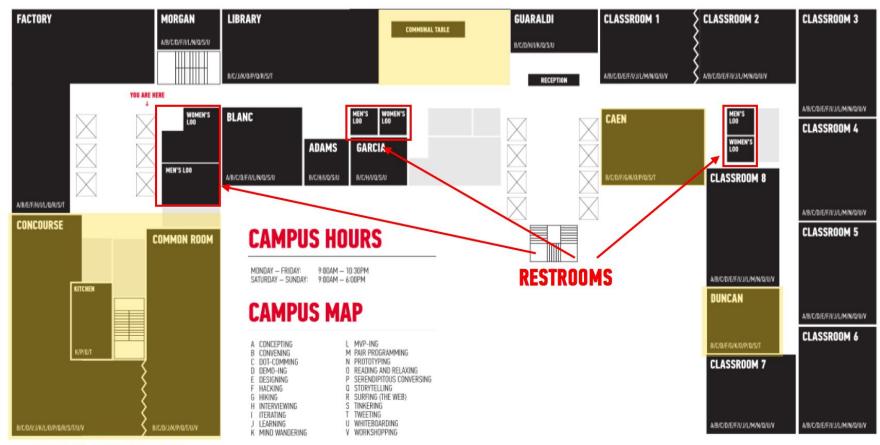
Access to 15+ campuses around the world



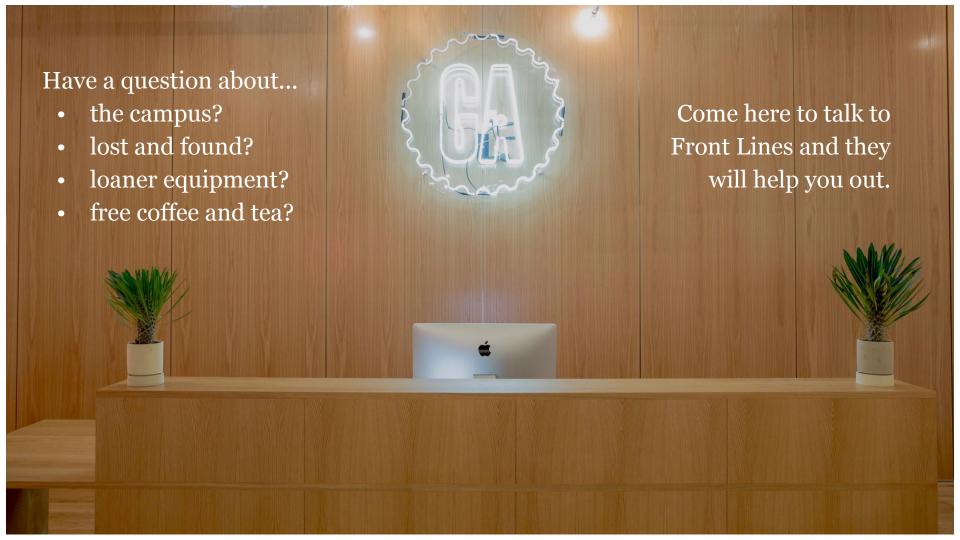


Come work on campus.

We're open: 8am - 10pm, Monday to Friday 9am - 6pm, Saturday and Sunday



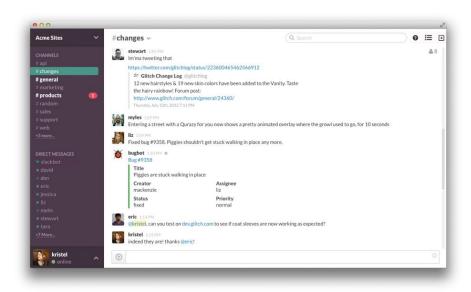
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Slack



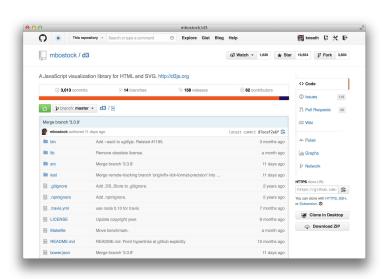


All course communication with each other and instructors will happen here.

dat-sf-40.slack.com

Github

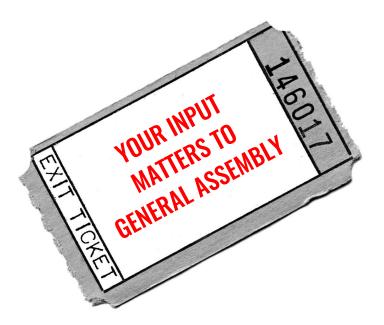




Github will have all the course resources you need: sample code, assignments, and lesson decks.

https://github.com/ga-students/DS-SF-40

Exit Tickets



At the end of each class, please fill out an exit ticket to provide feedback on your experience

Classroom Culture



Let's all agree to:

- Treat each other with respect
- Avoid bringing distractions into class
- Apply a "growth" and "outward" mindset
- Arrive on time
- Add more here....

Instructor Philosophy

- Seek an optimal pace
- Facilitate healthy and active learning environment
- Involve everyone
- Communicate early and often
 - Feedback should be a busy two way street

Content Philosophy

- Variety of resources.
- Understand foundational principles of theories, ideas, and other material.
- Balance depth with breadth
- Engaging and interesting data and examples of real world data science.
- Course project.

Keys to Success

- Effort > prior knowledge
- Ask questions
- Keep track of what you've learned and overall progress
- Use each other
- Be patient
- TIME MANAGEMENT!!!

Class Structure

- Lecture and theory: Introduce algorithm and how it works.
 - ~ 45 min -1 hour
- Code-alongs: Demonstrate how to use algorithm.
 - ~ 1 hour
- Class work: Practice using newly learned algorithm on data.
 - ~ 30 minutes 1 hour.
- 10-minute breaks at around the 8 hour mark.

Class Structure Part 2

- All the course material is in the GitHub repo
- Almost all of the class takes place in Jupyter Notebook
- Office hours take place a hour before each class
- Assignments are 2 homeworks and 1 final project. Must complete in order to receive certificate
- Use Slack to communicate with me, classmates, discuss topics, and share content
- If you're late or have to miss class, please inform me at your earliest convenience.

Questions?