Lecture 30: Conclusion

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Announcements

- Final Exam tomorrow (8/12) from 5–8pm in 155 Dwinelle
- Last part of AutoStyle EC study is due today
- Homework 12 out later today, due Saturday 8/13
  - End-of-semester survey, one more extra credit point!

What is CS 61A?

CS 61A in one slide

- High-level ideas in computer science:
  - *Abstraction*: manage complexity by hiding the details
  - *Paradigms*: utilize different approaches to programming

- Master these ideas through implementation:
  - Learn the Python programming language (& others)
  - Complete large programming assignments

- A challenging course that will demand a lot from you

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- This week (Introduction), the goals are:
  - To learn the fundamentals of programming
  - To become comfortable with Python

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- This week (Functions), the goals are:
  - To understand the idea of *functional abstraction*
- To study this idea through:
  - higher-order functions
  - recursion
  - orders of growth

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- This week (Data), the goals are:
  - To continue our journey through abstraction with *data abstraction*
  - To study useful data types we can construct with data abstraction

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- This short week (Mutability), the goals are:
  - To explore the power of values that can *mutate*, or change

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- This week (Objects), the goals are:
  - To learn the paradigm of *object-oriented programming*
  - To study applications of, and problems that be solved using, OOP

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- This week (Interpretation), the goals are:
  - To learn a new language, Scheme, in two days!
  - To understand how interpreters work, using Scheme as an example

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- This week (Paradigms), the goals are:
  - To study examples of paradigms that are very different from what we have seen so far
  - To expand our definition of what counts as programming

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- This week (Applications), the goals are:
  - To go beyond CS 61A and see examples of what comes next
  - To wrap up CS 61A!

Life After CS 61A

Classes at Berkeley

- What you learn is much more important than your grade!
- CS 61B (Data Structures and Algorithms)
  - Taught by Professor Paul Hilfinger in Fall 2016
- Data Science 8 (Foundations of Data Science)
  - Taught by Professor Ani Adhikari in Fall 2016
- Other EECS lower division courses:
  - CS 70 (Discrete Mathematics and Probability Theory)
  - CS 61C (Machine Structures)
  - EE 16A/16B (Designing Information Devices and Systems)
- EECS upper division courses

Life Outside the Classroom

- Program for fun! Build things that *you* think are cool
  - Hackathons are a great place for this to happen
- Try an internship or join a research project
- Don't forget to do things that aren't CS-related!

Lab Assisting

- The best way to give back to the CS community
- Anyone who passes the course can be a lab assistant
- Develop greater mastery of course concepts
- Learn to describe technical concepts (great preparation for technical interviews!)
- The first step to joining the course staff as a tutor or teaching assistant

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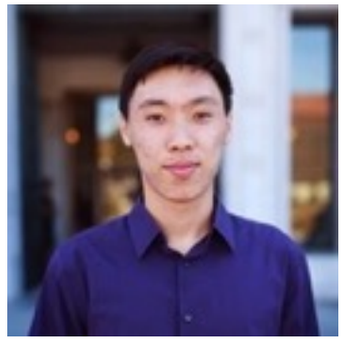

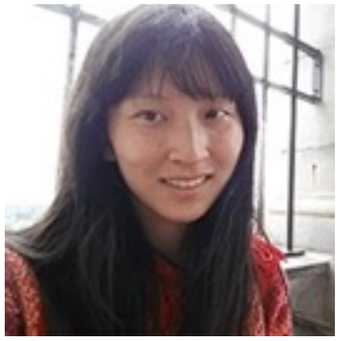

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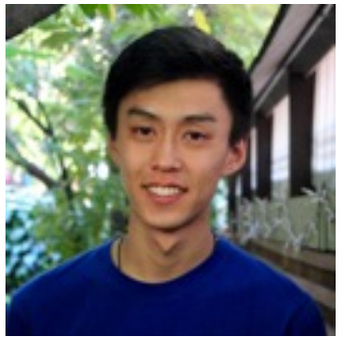

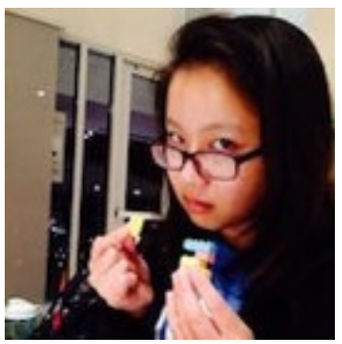

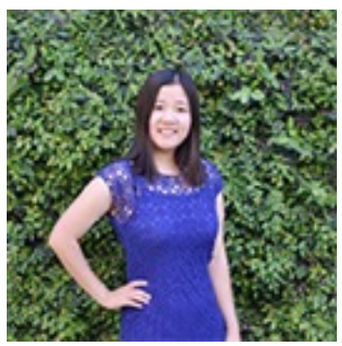
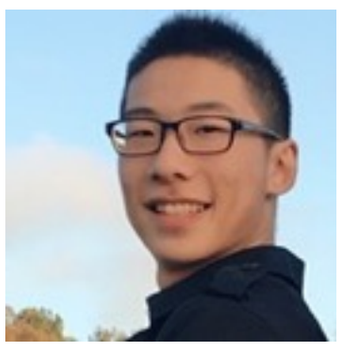

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