Quick Questions About YOU, and one more:

1. Name

Adam Gincel

2. Nickname, i.e. how you prefer to be addressed. Chris? Ziggy?

Adam is fine.

3. Class, e.g. freshman, sophomore, etc.

Sophomore.

4. Major(s)/Minor(s)

Majoring in Computer Science, pursuing a Masters also in Computer Science.

5. What is your favorite Computer Science hidden gem or guilty pleasure? Book, movie, video game, graphic novel … whatever. Hip me to your groove. What makes it special to you? (You can list more than one.)

I'm a huge fan of XKCD, a webcomic that frequently explores math and computer science concepts and makes them easy to understand and funny at the same time.

Mine is the movie “Real Genius” with Val Kilmer. It’s actually more college science than computer science, but there is a brief look at a computer program written much like some stuff I did early on for the TRS80 Color computer. It’s very nostalgic for me, plus it’s filled with little throw away lines I just can’t stop quoting:

“It’s a moral imperative.”

“I passed but I failed.” “Then I am happy and sad for you.”

“Smart people on ice!”

“I think we used too much.”

“His looks like me, and mine looks like him.” (Or vice versa.)

“Ice is nice!’

“Would you classify that as a launch problem or a design problem?”

“I was just contemplating the immortal word of Socrates, ‘I drank what?’”

(And there are many many more. Including some ribald ones.)