CS61A
Discussion 0: Lost on the Moon

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Haha, just kidding
No comic sans in discussion :)

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whoami?

- Jerry Chen, 3rd year EECS major, 3rd time TAing

- From beautiful Portland, OR

Welcome!

Agenda

1. Attendance

2. Announcements

3. Introductions: Icebreaker

4. Worksheet: Lost on the Moon!

5. Final thoughts: how to succeed in 61A

Attendance

Please put your name, SID, and email on the sign-in sheet.

I may do online attendance in the future at jerryjrchen.com/cs61a

Announcements

Lab00 Setup — anyone having issues?

Otherwise, please limit electronics use in class

Icebreaker

Pick one item to bring to a desert island.

Why did you pick this item? (don't overthink it!)

Icebreaker

Introduce yourself in your groups!

Combine your items together! Bonus points for creativity.

Introductions!

Name

Major

Year

Item & reason

Each group: **combined group item**

Lost on the Moon

Rank the items on your worksheet, **working alone**.

Fill in column (1) with your ranking.

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Now meet with your group!

Agree on a group ranking, and copy this to column (2).

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Solutions [copy to column (3)] and discussion.

Lost on the Moon

You won't need to survive on the moon in this discussion…

But discussion (and the class) is more enjoyable if you work with others!

How to Succeed in 61A

Let's discuss:

1. **What skills do successful computer scientists need?**

2. **How do you learn material in this class?**

3. **What are advantages and disadvantages of working with others?**

How to Succeed in 61A

1. **PERSEVERANCE**

   We all get stuck; getting unstuck is the important part.

2. **Practice**

   Can't learn to ride a bike by reading a textbook.

3. **Ask for help**

   - Spend time on a problem, but don't get stuck for too long!

Final Final Thoughts!

If you have the time (and energy) check out other TA sections (once it gets less crowded)!

Every TA teaches a bit differently, so find what works for you.

Final Final Thoughts!

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Please include CS 61A in the subject line.

Thanks!

Thanks for coming to discussion!

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