

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, 4th time TAing
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Welcome!

Agenda

1. Attendance
2. Announcements
3. Introductions: Icebreaker
4. Worksheet: Lost on the Moon!
5. Final thoughts: how to succeed in 61A

Attendance

Sign in at <http://tinyurl.com/firstdisc>

Announcements

- Join Piazza! [https://piazza.com/berkeley/
spring2017/cs61a](https://piazza.com/berkeley/spring2017/cs61a)
- I recommend you attend my lab - **Wed 12:30-2pm
271 Soda**
- OH starts next week. Schedule at [http://cs61a.org/
office-hours.html](http://cs61a.org/office-hours.html) (linked at top)
- If you were unable to get an inst account, there's a pinned Piazza with a form to fill out

Announcements

Lab00 Setup — anyone need help with setup?

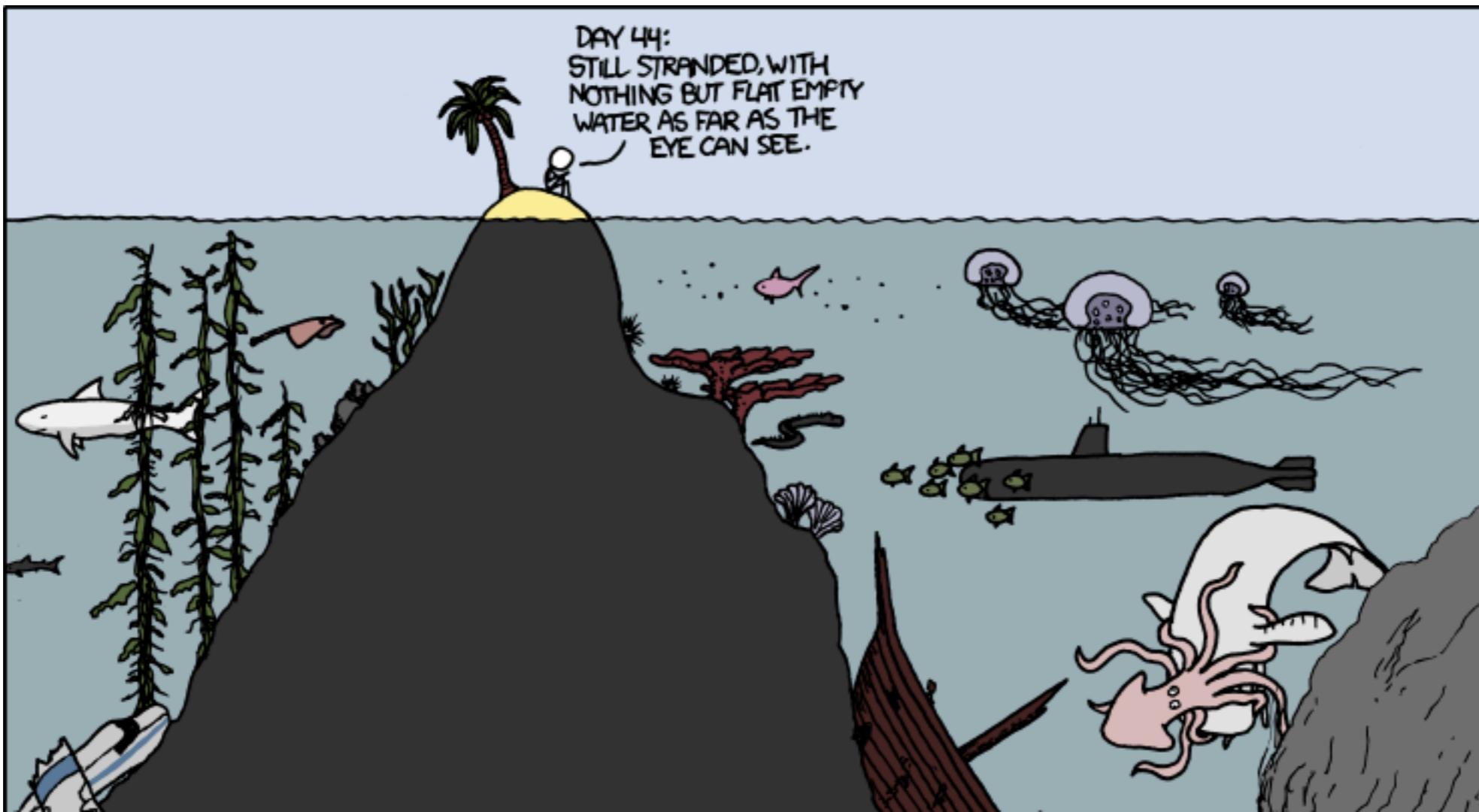
Otherwise, please limit electronics use in class



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!

Introductions!

Name

Major

Year

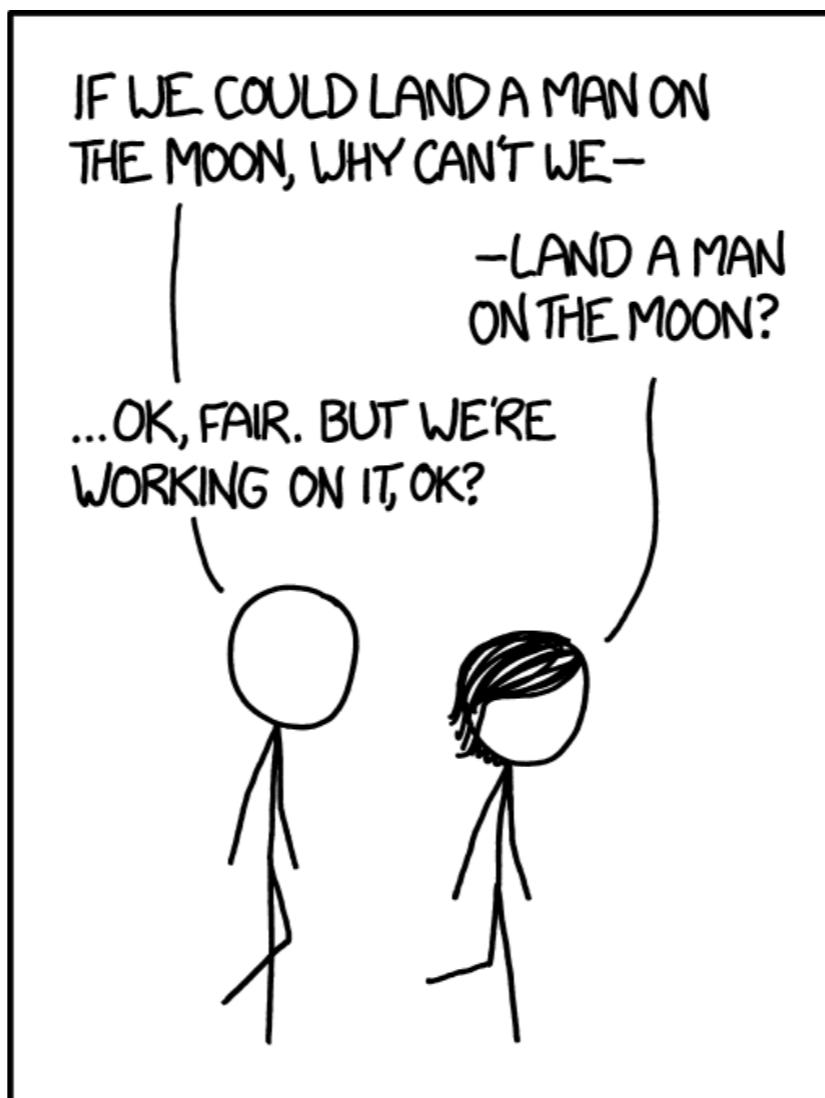
Item & reason

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 to pass this course...

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!

How to Succeed in 61A

4? Backups



Final Final Thoughts!

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

- I'll promise to keep discussion material **relevant and interesting**
- You promise to **ask questions when confused and give feedback**

Thanks!

Thanks for coming to discussion!

Please remember to fill in attendance

Remember that **lecture today is in Zellerbach hall**