



myExperience Report

Term 2, 2022

Faculty: Faculty of Engineering

School: School of Computer Sci & Eng

Course: COMP1511 Programming Fundamentals

Evaluation period: Jul 25 2022 12:00AM - Aug 11 2022 12:00AM

Teacher Report: Jake Renzella

Response Data for Jake Renzella

Overall I was satisfied with the quality of this person's teaching	
Statistics	Value
Response Count	638

Comparison of results for "Overall I was satisfied with the quality of this person's teaching"

This teacher: Jake Renzella

Overall I was satisfied with the quality of this person's teaching				
Options	Count	Percentage	Statistics	Value
Strongly disagree	2	0.3%	Mean	5.50
Disagree	2	0.3%	Median	6.00
Moderately disagree	9	1.4%	Standard Deviation	0.75
Moderately agree	42	6.6%	% Agree broad	98.0%
Agree	189	29.6%		
Strongly agree	394	61.8%		

The table below shows the percentage of 'Agree' and 'Strongly agree' responses to the question 'Overall I was satisfied with the quality of this person's teaching'

Overall I was satisfied with the quality of this person's teaching	
Statistics	Value
% Agree	91.4%

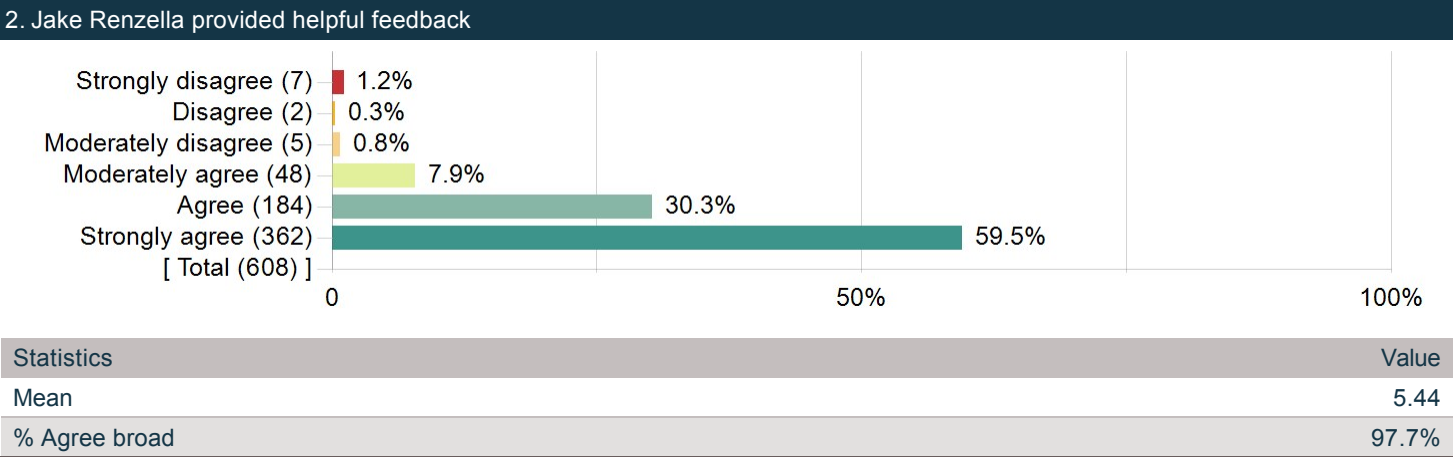
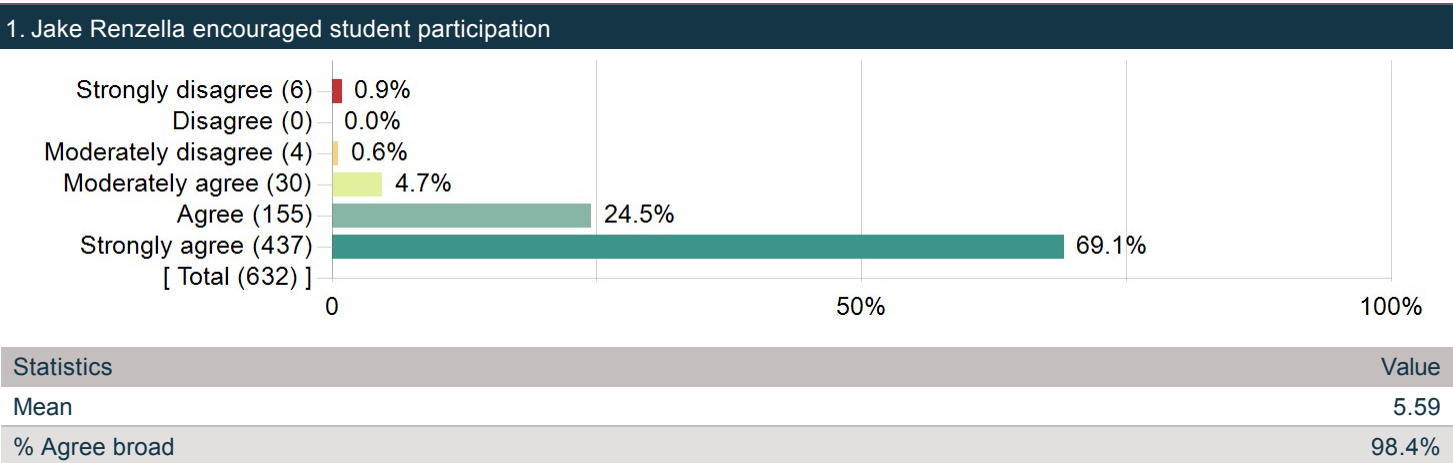
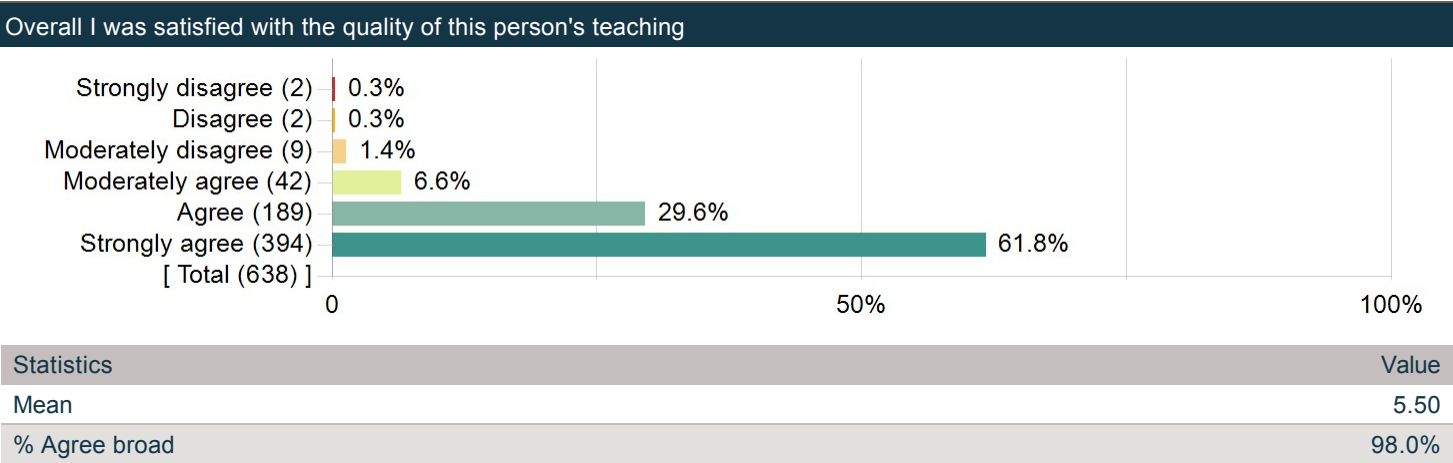
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Options	Percentage	Statistics	Value
Strongly disagree	1.7%	Mean	5.22
Disagree	1.7%	Median	6.00
Moderately disagree	3.0%	Standard Deviation	1.06
Moderately agree	11.0%	% Agree broad	93.5%
Agree	31.8%		
Strongly agree	50.7%		

FACULTY: Faculty of Engineering

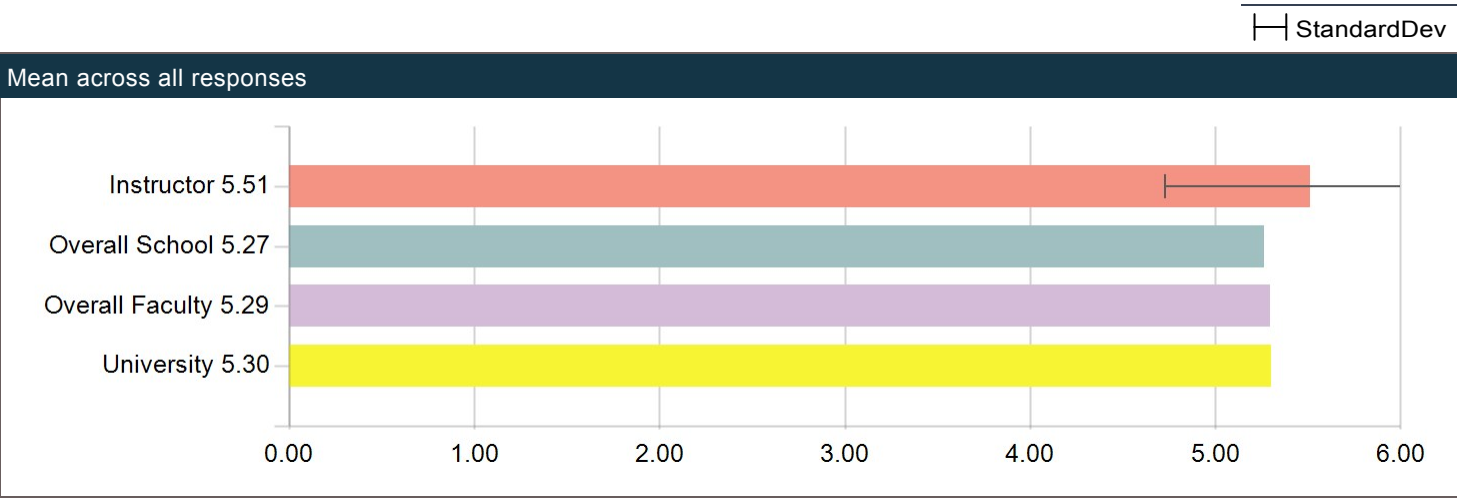
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Options	Percentage	Statistics	Value
Strongly disagree	1.5%	Mean	5.24
Disagree	1.6%	Median	6.00
Moderately disagree	2.8%	Standard Deviation	1.03
Moderately agree	10.3%	Standard Error (base on SD)	0.01
Agree	32.3%	% Agree broad	94.0%
Strongly agree	51.3%		

Overall I was satisfied with the quality of Jake Renzella's teaching



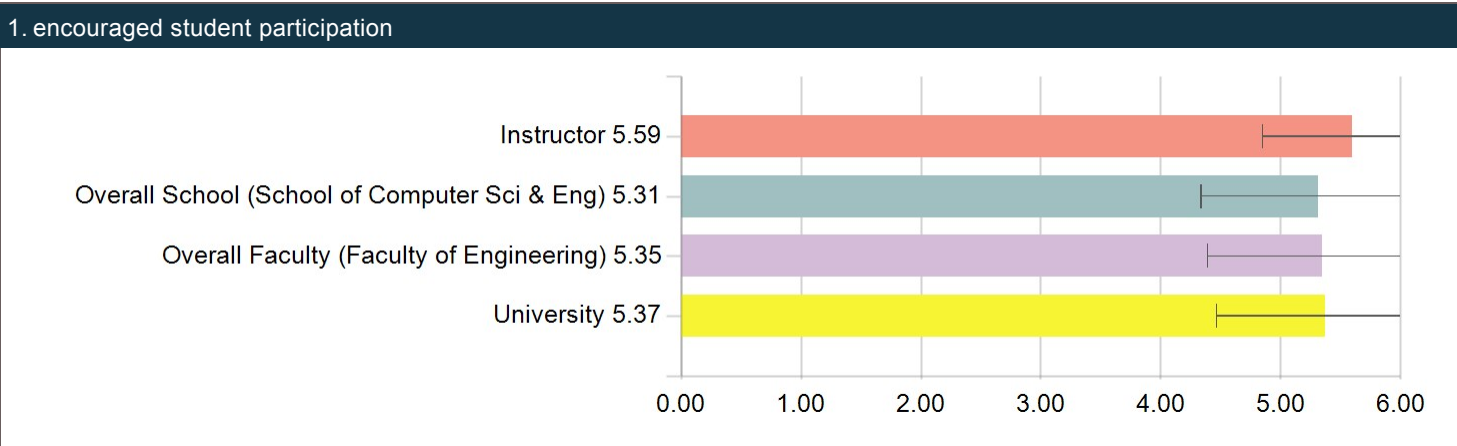
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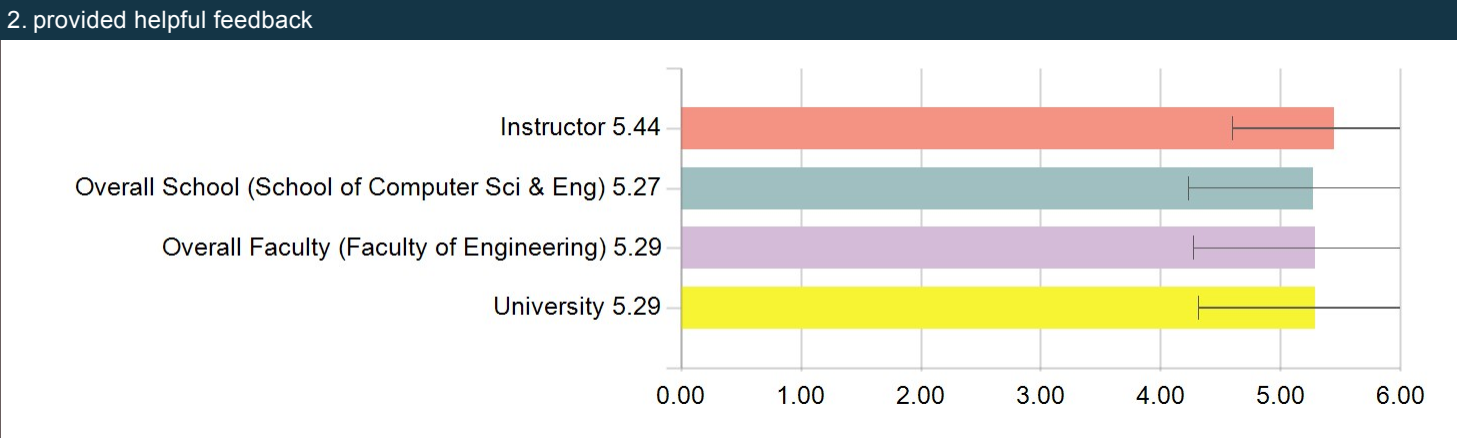
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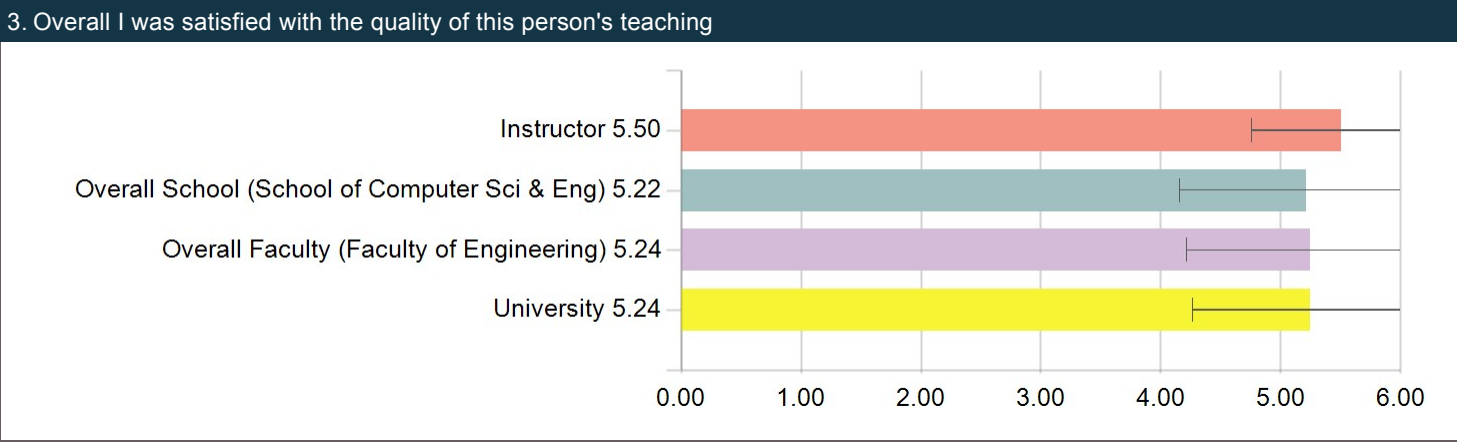
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Raw comment data

The best features of Jake Renzella's teaching were

Comments
He is very clear and engaging and teaches the content at a great pace. He makes the information really easy to understand and apply.
love you jake x
such an excellent delivery of the course –
Best lecturer I've had so far. Engaging and relevant. Knew how to run a stream expertly.
Good pacing, very clear in his delivery.
10/10 visualisations, made me want to look at the lecture slides and study them.
Great at breaking down complex concepts. Explaining theory through diagrams, line-by-line steps in the code etc. Also made classes engaging and easy to follow along. I really hope to have Jake again as a lecturer in future COMP courses
Thank you
He used analogies and was very dynamic which made the lectures entertaining. Kahoot was also very fun and a good way to engage learning.
He taught the stuff.
Very clear way of talking, he definitely knows how to teach. Slides were very ordered and useful to reference whilst doing my labs
Engaging and fun, encourages students to ask questions, patient and willing to address student questions multiple times, great pacing (not too slow or too fast)
Jake's enthusiastic and interactive approach to teaching made the lectures very enjoyable.
Engaging and relevant as well as entertaining
Jake is very good at explaining complex concepts in an easy to understand way. As a student who has never coded before it made the learning the content very enjoyable and straightforward. I also think the content progression of the course is very well structured and organized.
The Kahoot and charisma
EVERYTHING Jake is genuinely the best teacher I have ever had, he makes learning fun and explains everything so well! He is also great at rephrasing things to ensure everyone gets the content if they didn't understand at first, all the examples are so useful and engaging. All teachers and lecturers should try to be more like him :)
Very good teacher. Great paste, great knowledge transmission skills, and great interaction with students.
He was amazing
Concepts were explained clearly and demonstrated well to help me understand the topics
White-boarding
everything

Comments
good interactions with students
Good energy, clear explanations, made the lectures very enjoyable and engaging
Made things fun and engaging, seemed liked he really cared about our performance and the course in general. Kahoots were great too.
His explanations, references and kahoots
Kahoot.
Highly knowledgeable but really great at breaking things down and explaining them in an understandable way.
Jake was an amazing lecturer.
How he was able to explain complex concepts (especially pointers / linked lists), by analogising logic, drawing diagrams and demonstrating practically how to do some tasks. Jake also encouraged good coding and problem solving habits, which I found significantly more important than the course content itself.
Engagement and inclusivity.
Often interacts with the students
He engages the student and give us a good amount of option during the lecture. He make sure the lecture pace is suitable for everyone
– he took feedback well
the kahoot quizzes during lessons – a fun way to test your knowledge, and he also explains how to get to the right answer
very chill
He is enthusiastic and friendly
He uses different ways to explain a concept, which is really helpful and insightful. The pace of his teaching is really great, easy to follow.
WHITEBOARD!!
The mic quality (thank you for making it bearable to listen to lectures, unlike other courses where I can barely stand to listen to them due to mic quality). Live–demos and not reading off the slides, but pointing out the important parts. Being organised, and able to reply to questions live.
The keyboard reveal!
His enthusiasm for the course; Running kahoots; Giving lots of chances to have the students pick (via poll) what to go over in the lectures (especially in the last few weeks after the main course content had been covered).
he makes lectures not boring lol learning is fun
friendly teaching style super smart inclusive and kind
Very engaging lectures. I don't know why, they just were. Maybe the content, maybe the music, or maybe Jake was just a very interesting dude.
Good at explaining concepts, especially when he'd slow down when explaining new concepts or take the time to go back and explain something that's been asked in chat. Chill, engaging, which meant watching lectures didn't feel like a chore (love the kahoots). Loved the use of Figma in explaining linked lists, it was really helpful. Appreciate the effort in making that extra linked lists video, it was really helpful. Please teach all my comp courses in the future <3
How he breaks down hard concepts into easier concepts that are much more relatable by using analogies, how he makes a large effort to answer all student's questions and shows that he really cares about your learning.
GOAT
The pace is good.
His energy was really good, explained things well. Generally amazing lectures and clearly wanted to help his students.
His patience for beginner questions, the pacing of the lectures and how he breaks it down to simple concepts
fun to watch lectures
His lectures were interesting and he took time to answer questions. He didn't rush content and when he diagrammed solutions (especially for linked lists), it helped. His demeanour was upbeat which made the lecture engaging.
Best thing about Jake's teaching was the layout of the lectures.
diagrams

Comments
profile pic was clean
Heavy emphasise on student engagement during lectures was great, explanations of concepts were also clear too.
His use of diagrams to coherently explain complex concepts like linked lists made it much easier to understand. He delivered his lectures at a very good pace and I did not feel too overwhelmed. He is also a very intelligent lecturer who constantly reinforced complex ideas and explained them coherently.
Unlike other subjects, he somehow doesn't make the content boring.
Was able to answer questions very well. Taught some extra stuff which was interesting.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – engagement with students. very encouraging and always answering and encouraging questions – showing how course content is applicable outside of the course.
amazing
Looks out for the students.
The way that he delivers complex ideas in a really simple, easy to understand and engaging manner through diagrams in lectures.
Giving a visual representation of what code did.
Made the extra linked list video for sorting in order.
He constantly read and answered student questions, encouraging participation.
great examples of every new content we learnt. also kahoots were very fun and inclusive activity that made me feel apart of the comp sci community.
Seeing the live lecture and engaging with students
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> –Able to explain content in an engaging way. –Was tuned in to areas where students felt confused and made an effort to make sure no student felt 'left behind' in their learning. – Effectively combined Programming and visual demonstrations to make sure that core concepts were strongly understood.
Easy to follow I guess. I didnt have much to compare against. I though he was a very good lecturer and explains stuff well.
Explained things in multiple different approaches.
His relaxed teaching style and ability to explain difficult concepts and demonstrate them in a beneficial way,
engaging
Incredibly fun lectures and also learned alot. He made learning more fun through jokes and the kahoots.
funny and talked at good pace
Very engaging speaking. Introduced humour into teaching and went at a very reasonable pace.
explaining concepts thoroughly
He was kind and understanding of questions and was very good at illustrating what a question was asking.
Live coding during the lectures, good pace, always looking back at difficult content to ensure no one is struggling
Very awesome lecturer, super helpful and explained everything well!
He was a very friendly lecturer that made a fun environment. His explanations, especially the ones where he drew out problems on the whiteboard, were very helpful.
<p>His clarity and passion!</p> <p>He also made learning super easy by going over even the most simple topics if you asked. Really approachable and extended my learning experience massively.</p> <p>Thank you Jake!!</p>
His enthusiasm and humor made the lectures really enjoyable. The lectures also felt really interactive because he constantly answered questions in the chat.
Jake explained everything very clearly. The banter between Jake and chat, as well as kahoots & keyboard reveal made the lectures really fun to watch
Thorough explanations of hard to understand ideas in multiple ways, great role model for proper hydration
The willingness to cover topics outside the curriculum, however briefly, to satisfy people's curiosity and clear up any misunderstandings. Also the Kahoots
Legend
He was cheerful, engaging and clearly enjoyed what he was teaching.
Being relatable and sympathetic with students. He is willing to go through content repeatedly until everyone understands it instead of just continuing on.
Jake is very good at demonstrating new knowledge and his way of teaching is very beginner friendly and approachable.

Comments
His lectures are really engaging and he does lectures like a twitch streamer (which is amazing, engages with chat a lot to answer peoples queries)
All good.
Active response using YouTube chat, allowing for fast response without overwhelming the lecture.
Keyboard.
very professional and encouraging and was very knowledgable and passionate about the course material, he also made the lectures very engaging and exciting
Kahoots during the lecture breaks!
I was very impressed by Jake! He should keep teaching this course as it was super fun and engaging
Was often well prepared and would take the time to answer questions during the lecture.
He made it fun Kahoot
Providing the lecture code and class activities for us to participate in at all times.
He was energetic, clear and taught at a good pace.
He goes through things really nicely and slowly and he always listens to the voice of the students!
he was patience, and his presentation during the lectures were clear.
His engagement and ability to make a 9am lecture tolerable. I enjoyed him going through code step by step and especially the whiteboards, they were so helpful it was incredible.
Friendliness and clarity in delivery of lectures.
Jake was good at making sure that everyone was keeping up with the lecture and doing polls to see if people were struggling with any concepts. He was very good at explaining new concepts and using them in examples.
He is clearly very passionate about coding and computer science. His passion made his lectures very engaging. I also liked how casual his lectures were compared to some other subjects. His live coding was also very engaging.
sparkling water enthusiast
Very comfortable with answering questions and giving clarification, alongside a large knowledge base.
He listened to the lecture chat and would re-explain and use graphs when someone asked, he often responded to comments even if they werent 100% on topic but it didnt derail the lecture at all. Idk if this is the best place to put it but ofc the mod team were very supportive and helped take the question load off Jake so the lectures ran super smoothly. I loved dipping into harder topics for the sake of it, I wish we had time to do more of it.
Jake was very nice and easy to talk to. He make it comfortable for students to openly ask questions when needed and was very attentive.
Very interactive lectures, especially considering they were all held online
Made everything easy to understand
His engagement with the class during lectures. The Kahoots took stress off the actual learning side of the lectures.
kahoots
Kind and helpful
Enthusiastic and fun
I guess he tried to be interactive to some extent with the kahoots during the breaks.
Step-by-step approach that always made a difficult problem seem simple.
Explains everything well, although a bit fast paced
very engaging lecturer
Gives us time to process hard concepts like linked lists.
You can really tell Jake knows what he's talking about and that he has a clear plan of where he is heading, he explains concepts very clearly.
He was so thorough, building on each new concept step by step and not skipping over any of the "easy" stuff or getting ahead of where we were up to with future concepts if that makes sense, like really working from the ground up at a great pace.
Also regularly refreshing previously covered language and concepts in later stages of the course so things didn't get forgotten.
Often when I had a lecturer or someone teach code e.g. R language, at a beginner level, they somehow still wouldn't explain

Comments
everything they were doing enough, or not in basic non-programmer language for new people, but it was never the case with Jake's lectures. I never got lost!
Very straight to the point with explaining and very patient with re-explaining concepts. Very thankful that he spends time going through hard concepts, step by step.
inclusive, fun, took the time for everyone to understand before moving on
the diagrams on the slides to illustrate things such as arrays and linked lists. also his analogies helped
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Using figma (diagram drawing software) to help students visualise difficult concepts such as linked lists and pointers. – Showing additional (fun) applications of concepts learnt in lectures. This helps students to expand their knowledge.
Loved the use of the whiteboard to explain difficult concepts.
Clear demoing.
good lecture
He was very good.
Engaging with the students
His intereactions with his audience. Made us feel a part of a community. Answering questions in the chat
His explenations.
engagement
A very engaging teacher who's great at explaining difficult concepts in multiple ways to help students develop stronger understanding.
Interactive with lecture chat
His lectures were actually enjoyable, it wasn't those type of lectures where you would fall asleep in the first 10 minutes.
His explanations were clear, and helpful, code demo was at a good speed so I was actually able to follow it without stopping.
Everything!
He has an amazing sounding keyboard
Engaging
Patient Nice
his patience and interactions with the chat, answering questions people asked.
Keyboard
Starting from the beginning of the code and going through it with us.
Diagrams
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The whiteboard was super helpful for understanding and clarifying the linked lists concept – He created a really supportive and encouraging learning environment and was always willing to re-explain topics
It was very clear and although I am not a native English speaker, I liked the speed of the teacher's speech and I could fully understand what he was saying
VERY good teacher that structures lessons, understands his technology and reads the chat. The best lecturer I've had in Uni

Jake Renzella's teaching could be improved by

Comments
While the theory behind linked lists was clearly explained, I would have liked more emphasis on the syntax/writing of linked lists.
Awesome already
Alternate less between answering questions and teaching content – I tend to have to watch lectures in 1.5x as a result, since I couldn't just skip ahead of question-answering.
His lectures started becoming understandable when he would literally draw things out and focussed on every little detail. That's what the lectures were lacking before. I remember coming to the first lecture and learning all these new features, but not even knowing the concept of how terminal and gedit communicate. He needs to dumb it down a bit, if that makes sense.
Honestly I don't know how he could improve, taking more courses maybe!
cant be improved its perfect

Comments
Explaining the contents a bit more since sometimes I find the contents a bit difficult to understand.
zooming out vscode a bit :)
– went a bit fast in lectures
more kahoots
Nothing
First time touching computer science for me, so as much as I get the assignments are meant to challenge me, would like some hints during lectures for a bit of direction on how to start. Sometimes I saw the Assignment 1 and 2, and "???" formed in my brain, and then I proceeded to write really lengthy code when others more experienced could do it in 2 lines.
Teaching a little faster.
i think sometimes the kahoots went for too long
Overall, his teaching style was ideal for me.
Nothing, he was just toooooo goood :)
– nothing. he is great
Needs to breakdown the ideas a bit more. it is harder for beginners who have never coded to understand such theory. more time in actually breaking it down with a structured teaching method. Many small basic things were overlooked like for the week where we had ASCII table we went over theory but not how to implement it. i had to research alot before understanding it. I just want to the course to be more beginner friendly. THANKS !
N/A
He can sometimes use code or software that he has not taught us how to use or do not have proper access to.
Providing more diagrams
None
nothing really! enjoyed the lectures
maybe going a bit slower
Centering a little more of the lectures around the logic behind problem solving/applications of content, rather than just theory.
He could have drawn out problems on the whiteboard earlier in the course.
N/A – Honestly I think he's got his teaching down to a science.
I loved the lectures that he held, however, as someone that is completely new to coding, his lectures on pointers were a bit harder to follow but they were still informative and great.
All good.
More dedicated qna section to help maintain flow.
Having less empty space in lectures. Obviously having a break in the middle is good, but it felt like a lot of other stuff took longer than necessary
Not talking about desk checking during the lecture...
I felt like there was an excessive amount of time wasted through the regular kahoots that resulted in a lot of the content towards the end of the lecture having to be very rushed
Not being as slow and having a clearer lecture plan
Sometimes, large proportions of the lectures were slow, or could be skipped. This lead to me watching the lectures later (which isn't necessarily a bad thing, but it means I can't be an active part of the chat) in order to be more efficient with my time.
Not sure.
Maybe having some more detailed lecture slides, and less live coding.
nothing, great dude
Some explanation could be better put into more laypersons terms for easier understanding for newer coders.
Coffee machine reveal. other than that all good :)
Nothing, keep slaying bestie
N/A
it cant
Replying to emails faster
– More focus on the conceptual theory

Comments
– Have code planned before hand because watching him stuck on code sometimes makes us more confused – especially if we're only seeing a particular concept for the first time
teach more slowly
Although he explains concepts very clearly, I feel like sometimes there was a slight disconnect between the lab questions and Jake's lectures, Jake would explain the basics very well however when approaching tougher questions and practical applications it was hard to link the knowledge taught by Jake in the lectures to these kinds of problems, for me at least.
Nothing
Not very in to Kahoot to be honest but that's just a side thing.
Explaining the concepts more in–depth.
more diagrams please, diagrams were really helpful in linked list and arrays and i think having more diagrams would make the concept more concrete
Not only getting the comments from the people who already understand the materials but also people that also struggles more
speaking a tad bit faster T_T 1.5 speed felt like normal talking speed (personal opinion) doesn't impact too much
Maybe increase his mic volume, I had to set my volume setting much louder than usual to hear him
I think some concepts weren't clarified enough and sometimes new content that had never been introduced before would just be integrated into the lecture code which i just didn't understand.
Things more in line with assessment content and the lab questions content. Not that they aren't already but more so.
I wish he would go into more detail during his explanations. Or make the slides more descriptive.
I feel a little fast, some places I did not understand, the teacher moved on to the next part