Welcome to CS61A



General Info

- Who am I: Justin Hong, 3rd year CS + MCB double major, ex-tutor for 61A
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- Section 108
 - Lab: Tuesday 12:30pm 2pm in Soda 273
 - You may have enrolled in some other lab, but you should go to my lab instead.
 - Disc: Thursday 12:30pm 2pm in Wheeler 122
- My Office Hours
 - Tuesday 5-6pm in Morgan 106

Course Info

- Course website: https://cs61a.org/
- Most communication is done through the course website or Piazza
- Textbook: Composing Programs can be found online on the website

Worksheet Time!

What are Labs and Discussions?

- Labs

- Designed to introduce a new topic
- Can bring your computers if you would like, can also use the lab machines
- Graded on completion and understanding
- Will be checkoffs this semester.

- Discussion

- Ideas from lecture put into practice in section
- No computers for section!
- Quizzes to check your understanding at the start of every discussion

Need Help?

- Office hours!
 - A good way to get unstuck on homework/lab/discussion problems
 - See course website for all times and locations
- Piazza
 - Good resource where you can ask help from both instructors and peers
 - Answering questions is also a good way of learning!
- Homework/Project Parties
 - Will be organized before due dates, useful for collaboration and getting unstuck
- Me
 - Feel free to contact to me
 - Will stick around discussion to answer questions
- Urgent Logistical Problems
 - Email: cs61a@berkeley.edu

- What is a computer scientist? What is a programmer?
 What skills do they need?
- How do you learn in this class? What is necessary for success?
- What are some advantages and disadvantages to working with others?

How To Succeed

- Seek help when you need it
 - Everybody gets stuck, even the best of the best, they just know how to get unstuck faster. This can be learned.
- Learn what works best for you
- Practice, practice, practice

Upcoming Dates To Be Aware Of

- Lab starts next week! Do Lab 0 before coming into lab
- Project 1: Hog
 - Will be released Monday and due 9/7
- HW 0
 - Course survey due 8/31 next Thursday
- HW 1
 - Will be released Wednesday and due 9/5
- MT 1
 - 9/15

Python Brush-up (if time)

- Primitive vs. Call expressions
- Default Returns
 - Why is print weird?

Homework

- Shoot me an email at jjhong922+61A@berkeley.edu
 - Tell me if you are on the waitlist or not
 - Any other questions
- I will use these emails to send out a google form later