

What would you do if one of the following were to happen to you?

Class interaction

1. Over the course of the semester, one of your students becomes more and more hostile, attempting to make you look bad in front of the rest of the class at every opportunity.
2. The professor has handed out a homework assignment. As you prepare for section, you realize that there are several problems that *you* have trouble with; moreover, you are sure the set overall will be too difficult for the students.

Interaction with faculty and staff

3. The instructor for whom you are working is losing everyone in lecture and students appear in office hours not knowing things they should have learned weeks ago.
4. If there are several t.a.s for one class, it may happen that one t.a. is not doing a very good job. The students assigned to that t.a.'s group then may either be behind, or migrate to the other t.a.s sections. How does one handle this?
5. You are a t.a. for an undergraduate course that is the basis for many future upper-division courses. The professor is giving only cursory treatment to topics that you feel are important for students to know for future coursework. How do you approach the professor with your opinions and what do you do if he/she is unresponsive?

Homework assignment (the last one)

Invent a situation, like one of the ones above, that a t.a. might find problematic. Write down a description of the situation and mail it to clancy@cs by November 8 or hand it in at class.