Welcome!
- Welcome to CS 61A, the best Computer Science class in the world!
- Things may be a tiny bit chaotic the first week, as I am still in the process of organizing the course. My apologies for this.

The 61 Series
- The 61ABC courses are an introduction to the subject of Computer Science:
  - 61A covers the principles of programming and several of its paradigms; how to use abstraction to help us solve problems.
  - 61B covers the engineering aspects of software; how to build and analyze large computer programs.
  - 61C covers machines; how they actually carry out the programs that you write.

Do You Belong Here?
- Math 1A is a pre-req, but it may be taken concurrently.
  - I don’t care about this and won’t enforce it.
- You need to have had some experience in a "real" programming language; you need to know how to write a simple recursive procedure.
- If you’re more mathematically inclined and you know about induction, then you’re OK.

Office Hours
- My office hours for THIS WEEK ONLY: MW 3:30-4:30 PM, 751 Soda.
- My regular office hours and the TAs’ regular office hours will be posted on the course webpage once we figure them out.
- Come to office hours for administrative issues, grading complaints, questions on course material, or just to hang out and chat!

Textbook
- Structure and Interpretation of Computer Programs, *2nd edition*.
  - Don’t get the 1st edition! It’s missing a lot of stuff, but worst of all the cover is ugly.
  - There are a few “optional” or “recommended” books; the vast majority of you will not need these.
Administrative Stuff

- Lectures: MTuWTh 11-12:30 PM, 534 Davis Hall.
- Labs: MW 12:30-2 PM or 2-3:30 PM, 271 Soda.
- Discussions: TuTh 12:30-2 PM or 2-3:30 PM, 310 Soda.
- EXCEPTION: For the first week (this week), go to lab on Tuesday (tomorrow)!
- Course webpage: http://inst.eecs.berkeley.edu/~cs61a

Grading (300 points possible)

- 15 homework assignments (assigned each Monday and Wednesday), 2 points each = 30 points.
- 4 projects (one for every two weeks of the course), 20 points each = 80 points.
- 3 midterms (at the end of weeks 3, 5, and 7), 40 points each = 120 points.
- Final exam, 70 points.

No "curve".

- 280 = A+
- 270 = A
- 260 = A-
- 250 = B+
- 240 = B
- 230 = B-
- 220 = C+
- And so on …

We only have 8 weeks to cover a lot of material.

You’re going to have to work hard to do well in this class!

Collaborating

- Do it!
  - You may discuss anything with your fellow students, but **never** copy someone else’s code.

Cheating

- Don’t do it!
  - We reserve the right to run anti-cheating software on your assignments.
  - First offense: Negative points on that assignment.
  - Second offense: Don’t let it happen.

Stuff that you need to do:

- Read the General Course Information handout.
- Go to lab today and pick up an account form from your TA.
- Go to 387 Soda to set up cardkey access as soon as possible.
- Get familiar with Unix, Emacs, and the newsgroup (your TA will explain in lab).
Okay!!!

Enough with this boring mumbo-jumbo!