Homework 0

I really like the idea of injecting a little personality into the otherwise fairly impersonal setting of a large lecture class. We’ll be filling out this same homework and putting our answers online. This homework is mandatory, but all answers are completely confidential, and you may skip any and all questions that you wish to skip.

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Put a picture (or pictures) of yourself on this page. We intend to use this as a way to learn/remember your face, so that would be a good thing to be visible.
Mini-Biography

Where’d you grow up? What has been your academic path?
(e.g. Did you live in the same time throughout your entire upbringing, or did you move around? If so, where? Have you attended other schools? Are you enrolled at Berkeley or some other school?)

I grew up in the little town of Nevada City. No, it’s not in Nevada, it’s in California. There’s a whole story to go with this, so if you really want to know, ask. At the ripe old age of 18, I left town for the University of California, but not at Berkeley, Santa Cruz. After a couple years there, I decided a change of scenery was in order and came to Berkeley in 2008, where I have been since.

How’d you decide to take/teach EE40 in the summer?
Well, I’ve had aspirations of going into academia for quite some time. I have tutored for the course and also given review sessions for exams as part of HKN over the last couple of semesters. Also, I really, really love circuits as you’ll find out. So, in summary, I really love the material and hopefully you all will by the end of the course (or at least have a good understanding and appreciation of it).

What are your hobbies?
I haven’t had much free time since coming to Berkeley, but when I get a chance I do quite a bit of cycling. I’ll be watching the Tour de France when it starts, so if there are any cycling fans, maybe we can watch some of the more exciting stages. I also enjoy radio, yes, I know that’s kinda lame as an EECS major. One goal I have for the summer is building a Superhetrodyne radio. If I actually succeed at making any progress, I might talk about pieces of it during the discussion sections.

What are some of your talents and skills?
One of my few talents is convincing people to buy stuff. I’ve worked a fair amount of retail during the summer and holiday months over the last five years, so I’m getting bored with this, but it is good instant gratification.

Have you done anything you consider remarkable? Has anything really memorable happened to you? (e.g. travel, climbing Kilimanjaro, being on a reality TV show, overcoming adversity or illness, winning a Starcraft tournament, surfing Waimea, etc.)
Not that I can think of. Hopefully at some point in my life?

What other commitments do you have during the term of the course? (e.g. classes, part time jobs, long commutes, volunteer work, sports, student groups, etc.)
I’m doing research for Prof. Niknejad designing a system on a chip biomedical imager, and Prof. Neureuther (you probably don’t know of him since he’s an emeritus) studying digital standard cell variability due to lithography induced variations. Although not really a commitment, I’ll say I have to ride 100+ miles a week so I have some motivation to get on my bike! Feel free to shun me if I don’t keep up with this one.