CS159 - Administrivia

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Handouts, announcements, etc.

All handouts will be distributed on the course web page. This will include lecture notes/slides, assignments and other handouts. *You are responsible for all material and announcements posted on the class web page*, so please check it regularly. If this is a problem for anyone, feel free to come talk to me. For time critical announcements, I will generally use e-mail.

Late policy

Except under extenuating circumstances or when otherwise specified, I will not accept late assignments.

Computers

All assignments will be submitted via the dropbox system (see http://www.cs.pomona.edu/classes/cs159/handin.html for more details). You will need to have an CS account. If you registered for the course, I will bring account slips on the first day of class. If you need to obtain an account, go to http://www.dci.pomona.edu and follow the link to "Request an account."

You are welcome to use your own computer or you can use the Computer Science computers in Edmunds 227.

Coursework

- Grade calculation

    - 45% assignments
    - 20% quizzes (5% each)
    - 25% final project
    - 5% in-class presentation
    - 5% class participation

- **Assignments:** There will be around five assignments, approximately every 1.5-2 weeks. Assignments will involve coding up material we've discussed in class and possibly a short write-up and related questions. Assignments will frequently be in Java, though in some cases I may allow you to choose the language (as long as it is installed on the lab machines).

- **Quizzes:** There will be four quizzes through the semester. They will not be comprehensive, though some of the material in the course inherently builds on previous concepts. Quizzes will be taken in-class and will generally take around 30 minutes. See the class schedule for exact dates and times.

- **Final project:** During the last month of the semester, you will complete a final project in pairs or triplets. You will propose a project related to something covered in the course. The project will require implementation, experimentation, a final paper discussing your solution and related literature in the area and a final presentation at the end of the semester.

- **Participation:** Participation consists of attending class and of giving evidence that you are actively engaged with the material (asking/answering questions in lecture, asking the TAs questions, coming to office hours, etc).

- **Readings:** There will be assigned readings from the textbook and from recent literature. The readings will be posted on the course web page. You are responsible for material in the readings and you should read this material before class.

Academic honesty and collaboration

I take academic honesty *very* seriously. See page 43 of the 2009 - 2011 Pomona College Catalog for the college's policy on academic honesty. Students from other colleges are governed by the policies of their home campuses.

You are encouraged to get together in small groups to discuss material from the lectures and text. However, the work that you turn in must be done independently, unless an assignment is explicitly designated as one in which collaboration is allowed. If an assignment allows for collaboration, then the work done must be truly collaborative, with all members present whenever

you are working on the assignment.

Your work must not be based on information obtained from sources other than those approved by the instructor (i.e., the text, web pages linked from the course web page, and materials provided in lecture). You should *never* copy another student's code or solutions, exchange computer files, or share your code or solutions with anyone else in the class until after an assignment is due. You may, however, use any code that we provide to you or that comes from the textbook, as long as you acknowledge the source. Additionally, the TAs are allowed to help you with your code.

If you do not understand how the academic honesty policy applies in a particular situation, consult with me. When in doubt, credit the people or sources from whom you got help. This also goes for any help obtained via the Internet. You will not lose any points for acknowledging help obtained where the rules for assistance are unclear. If you are ever unsure about what constitutes acceptable collaboration, please ask!

Disability accomodations
To request academic accommodations due to a disability, please contact Dean Marcelle Holmes if you are a Pomona student. She can be contacted via e-mail at mdc04747@pomona.edu or at (909) 621-8017. If you attend another one of the Claremont Colleges, please contact your home colleges disability officer.