CS51 - Administrivia

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Handouts, announcements, etc.

All handouts will be distributed on the course web page. This will include lecture notes/slides, labs, 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.

Grading

- Grade calculation

    - 20% lab assignments
    - (15% + 20%) 2 test programs
    - 15% midterm
    - 20% final
    - 5% quizzes
    - 5% class participation

- **Lab assignments:** Labs for this course will be held on Friday afternoon from 1:15 p.m to 4:00 p.m. and Thursday evening from 7:00 p.m. to 9:50 p.m. in Edmunds 229. The room is equipped with iMac computers. We will be using the free Eclipse IDE (Interactive Development Environment) to create and run all of the programs in the course (sample programs, lab exercises, and homework assignments). There will be approximately 12 lab assignments that count for 20% of your overall grade. They will be briefly discussed in lecture and you should plan on spending some time before lab on having read over the

lab and done any prerequisite material to make the best use of the lab time. The labs will typically be due at 11:59pm on the following Mon. or Tue.

- **Test programs:** There will be 2 test programs, the first worth 15% of your grade and the second worth 20% of your grade. These are essentially take-home exams, so no assistance is allowed. Late test programs will be accepted at a penalty of 10% per day, up to three days.

- **Quizzes:** I will assign problems from the book (specified on the schedule on the course web page) to be looked at before class. The solutions to all of the problems are available off the course web page (under "Resources"). You will not hand in these problems, however, a few times throughout the semester I will give a short, in-class quiz based on the assigned problems. If you have looked at the problems before hand, the quiz should not be a problem.

- **Participation:** Participation consists of attending class regularly, attending *all* lab sessions 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).

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.

In particular, your work must not be based on information obtained from sources other than those approved by the instructors (i.e., the text, web pages linked from the course web page, and materials provided in lecture). You should *never* copy another students 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.

For the weekly laboratory assignments: you should be designing and coding the labs on your own, with help from the TAs and instructors if desired. You may get help from other non-TA students in order to locate errors, but only errors of syntax, not errors of logic. Should you be working with someone else to find an error, you may not provide them with suggested code nor may you copy their code in your program. You may point out similar examples from the text or lecture notes.

For the two test programs: you should think of these as take-home, open-book tests. As such, you may read your textbook, class notes, and any other source approved by your instructors, but you may not consult other sources (e.g. looking for code online). You may not consult anyone other than the instructor. I encourage the asking of questions, but reserve the right not to answer, just as you would expect during an exam.

If you do not understand how the academic honesty policy applies to a particular assignment, consult with us. 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.