CS 42—Welcome!

Tuesday, September 4, 2018

Summary

Today, we will talk about why this course exists, what you hope to get out of it, what I hope you'll get out of it, and how we do our work in this course. We'll also work on a computational puzzle and try to crowdsource a definition of Computer Science.

There will be several opportunities to speak up, both in small groups and in front of the whole class. I invite you do so—to the degree you feel comfortable—and to make room for others to speak, too.

About this course (the content) and this class (the people)

One-stop shop: **www.cs.hmc.edu/cs42**

Communication in-person or on **Piazza** (almost never over email)

Schedule

- Weekly assignments are generally due Tuesdays at 11:59pm.
- There will be three exams:

  Take-home midterm 1: Sunday, September 30 – Sunday, October 7

  Take-home midterm 2: Sunday, October 28 – Sunday, November 4

  In-class final: Tuesday, December 18 at 9am
  Note: This is not the same as the date / time officially sanctioned by the Consortium. If you have a class on MWF at 9am or MTWR / TWRF at 9am, then you can take the exam during the officially scheduled time: Monday, December 17 at 2pm.

- Office hours are in Olin B161C. Tutoring hours are in the LAC. Dates / times coming soon.

Expectations

- Be academically vulnerable
- Encourage yourself to stay engaged.
- Look out for everyone else.

The **Honor Code** calls you to build and maintain the integrity of our community.

For CS 42: use the "in your head" rule and good judgement. This is a learning process.

Next time: Automata