

# CS61A

## Discussion 0: Lost on the Moon

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Haha, just kidding  
No comic sans in discussion :)

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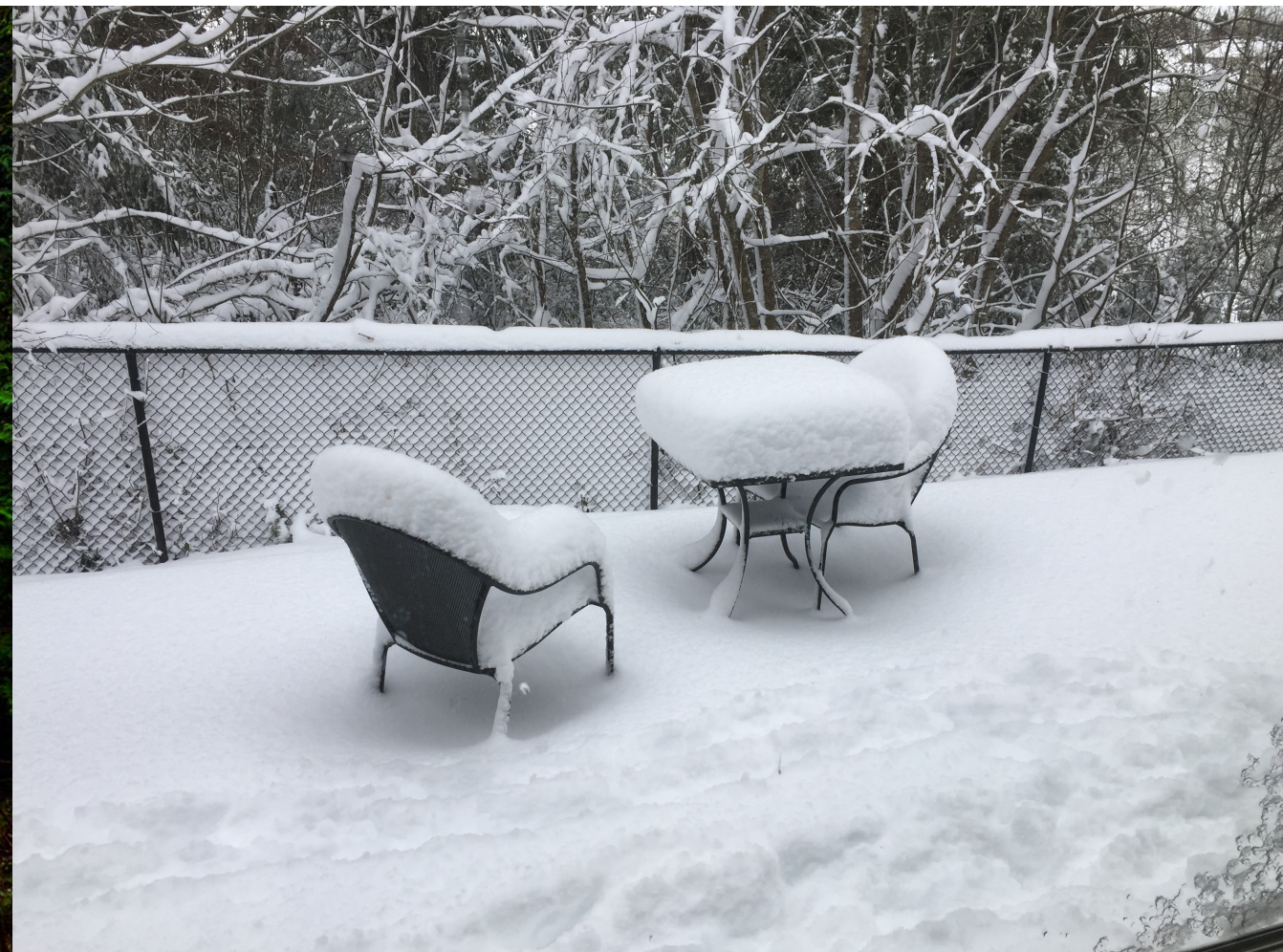
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# whoami?

- Jerry Chen, 3rd year EECS major, 4th time TAing
- From beautiful Portland, OR





# Welcome!

## Agenda

1. Attendance
2. Announcements
3. Introductions: Icebreaker
4. Worksheet: Lost on the Moon!
5. Final thoughts: how to succeed in 61A

# Attendance

Sign in at <http://tinyurl.com/firstdisc>

# Announcements

- Join Piazza! <https://piazza.com/berkeley/spring2017/cs61a>
- I recommend you attend my lab - **Wed 12:30-2pm**  
**271 Soda**
- OH starts next week. Schedule at <http://cs61a.org/office-hours.html> (linked at top)
- If you were unable to get an inst account, there's a pinned Piazza with a form to fill out

# Announcements

Lab00 Setup — anyone need help with setup?

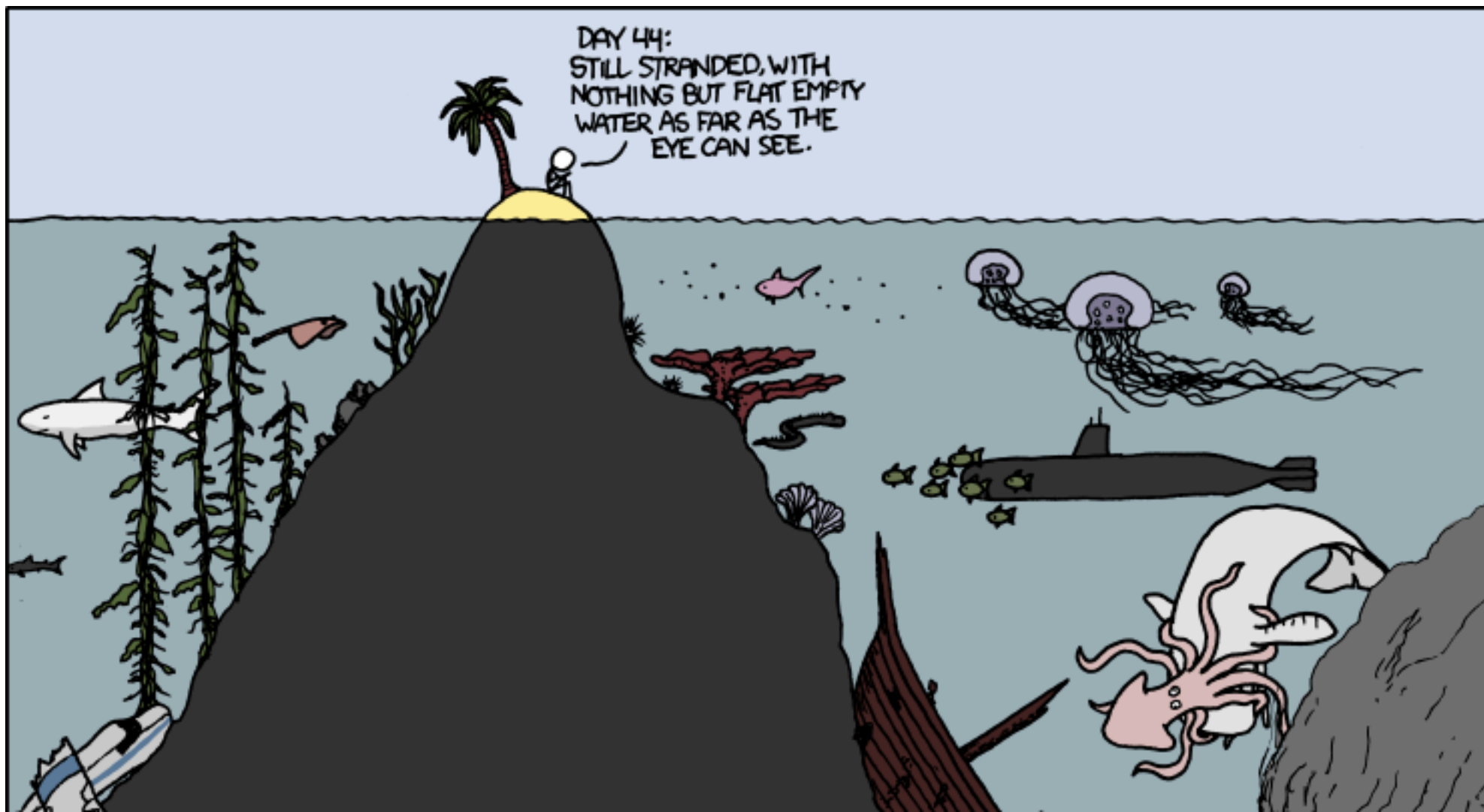
Otherwise, please limit electronics use in class



# Icebreaker

Pick one item to bring to a desert island.

Why did you pick this item? (don't overthink it!)





# Icebreaker

Introduce yourself in your groups! Combine your items together!

# Introductions!

**Name**

**Major**

**Year**

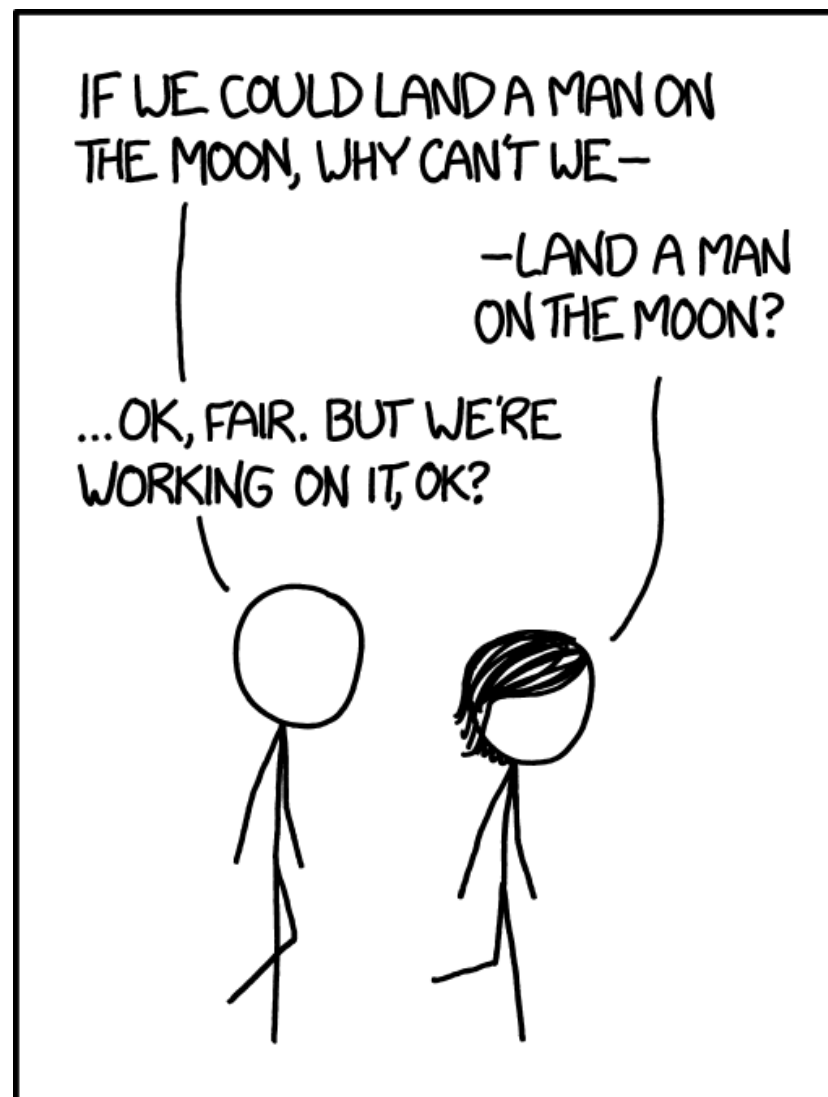
**Item & reason**

Each group: **combined group item**

# Lost on the Moon

Rank the items on your worksheet, **working alone**.

Fill in column (1) with your ranking.



# Lost on the Moon

Now meet with your group!

**Agree on a group ranking**, and copy this to column (2).



# Lost on the Moon

Solutions [copy to column (3)] and discussion.

# Lost on the Moon

You won't need to survive on the moon to pass this course...

But discussion (and the class) is more enjoyable if you work with others!

# How to Succeed in 61A

Let's discuss:

- 1. What skills do successful computer scientists need?**
- 2. How do you learn material in this class?**
- 3. What are advantages and disadvantages of working with others?**

# How to Succeed in 61A

## **1. PERSEVERANCE**

We all get stuck; getting unstuck is the important part.

## **2. Practice**

Can't learn to ride a bike by reading a textbook.

## **3. Ask for help**

- Spend time on a problem, but don't get stuck for too long!



# How to Succeed in 61A

## 4? Backups



# Final Final Thoughts!

Every TA teaches a bit differently, so find what works for you:

- I'll promise to keep discussion material **relevant and interesting**
- You promise to **ask questions when confused and give feedback**

# Thanks!

Thanks for coming to discussion!

Please remember to fill in attendance

Remember that **lecture today is in Zellerbach hall**