Course Delivery as a Software Problem

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CS 61A Historical Enrollment







Seats in the Auditorium?

No problem... most students switch to video by lecture 3



Lecturing to a Laptop

YouTube Analytics



The Fall 2016 Course Staff

Head UGSIs (20 hours / week) UGSIs (8 hours / week) Tutors (8 hours / week)



Activities (Hours / Week)

Discussion Office Hours Tutoring Preparation Exams Grading Meetings Administration





1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Drop-In Office Hours

When you attended office hours, did you receive the help you expected?

Fall 2015 students who claimed to attend 1+ office hours each week on average.



What are your comments/suggestions about office hours?



"The additional office hour staff and expanded hours during [the final project] was great! I remember having to wait 2–3 hours and not being able to receive help for projects and assignments at the beginning of the school year because office hours were so packed and there wasn't really an orderly way to identify students who needed help."

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"I do not envy you the task
of attempting to organize
such pandemonium."
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(<u>Demo</u>)

Office Hours Wait Times

(<u>Demo</u>)

Fall 2016 week 8: Homework 7 due Tuesday & Project 3 due Friday

Cumulative Proportion of Wait Times Under 1 Hour



Course Projects



Strategy by Robert Quitt & William Gan ; Visualization by Kevin Chen

Test Unlocking Evaluation



How helpful was unlocking tests?

Soumya Basu et al., Learning @ Scale 2014





The Notorious Play Function



	Targeted test	Comprehensive test
Purpose	Isolate one issue	Test whole input space
Effect	Guide student attention	Encourage revision

Fuzz Testing



48% of students passed all targeted tests, but failed the fuzz test

Each student receives the same sequence of random inputs



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Test Accuracy Increases with More Inputs



UCOP is funding development of online versions of CS 61A & 61B

- Students from other UC campuses can enroll starting in 2017–18
- Course credit, as well as possible major/requirement credit
- Materials & infrastructure can be used for public MOOCs

Components of an online course:

- 🗹 Lecture videos
- Assignment distribution
- 🗹 Reading materials
- 🗹 Course forum

- Online discussions
- ☑ Online lab sections
- ☑ Online office hours
- ☑ Working with remotely