More Details About our Plans in CMPE310
Spring 2007

• Labs:
  − In this course you will be required to participate in extensive amount of Lab work
  − The labs are mostly focused on writing assembly language programs
  − We will have lab discussions Friday: 10:00-11:50 at (SOND003)
  − Ryan will conduct most of the lab discussion sessions and you will be taught assembly programming
  − Labs will be on Fridays 2:00-2:50 (0101) and 3:00-3:50 (0102)
  − Both Ryan and Simon will be with you on lab sessions

• Take the labs as serious as you can, because they make 40% of your total grade and almost half of course material (assembly language)
Student Comments on my last Semester Teaching

- I got these comments from the students of the course I taught last semester, I plan to address these in my teaching this semester, some of them will probably need your attention:

  - **Speak Louder:** Some students had problem with the level of my voice, I will try to speak louder, but I usually keep forgetting this, you need to make sure to remind me whenever you felt you are having problem with this.

  - **No Teaching Experience:** I felt some of the students were feeling that I didn't have any teaching experience before last semester. That had an adverse effect on the level of their attention they paid to the course material. In order to prevent that feeling in you I should note that I used to teach computer engineering undergraduate courses for 4 years at a university in my country before I came to US. Therefore, in terms of experience I don't think there is any problem.

  - **Course Homeworks and Projects:** Some of the students believed that homeworks and projects were not very well defined. I will definitely try to fix this. However, I do believe that at least some of the course projects must be a bit more demanding. We will most likely follow the course projects provided by Dr. Patel for last semester, as I think they are well designed, but I may apply few changes to them.
What You Need to Do

- The main problem I had with the students last semester was with regard to the level of their attention and concentration in class. In order to fix that issue you need to:
  - Make sure you are ready to pay full attention to the course, if for any reason you are not able to do that, sitting in the class will be a waste of time for you and you will probably turn into a source of distraction for me and others. In these cases please leave the class, or despite my sincere feelings I may end up asking you to do that.
  - No playing (games, cell phones..) during class time
  - Be prepared for Quizes
  - Be prepared for class exercises and questions
    (These two make 10% of your total grade)
Change of Lab Hours:

- Since both Simon and Ryan have a lab Fridays 2:00-3:00pm, we need to change one of our lab sessions (0101) to:

  Friday 12:00-12:50