cs150: Course Improvement Survey

This survey is anonymous. No name is expected.

Due: Monday, 7 May at 4:55pm

Turn in your completed survey to David Evans or to Brenda Perkins in the CS front office.

If you want to type your answers into a Word document template, it is available at (http://www.cs.virginia.edu/cs150/cisurvey.doc).

As described in Notes 42, this is one of two course evaluation surveys you agreed to fill out honestly and thoroughly when you signed the course pledge. Please also fill submit the official survey on-line, and fill out this one and turn it in when you turn in your exam.

This is a long survey, with many specific questions. I appreciate your answers to all of them, but you need only answer those questions which you think will provide useful feedback. Your responses are anonymous and should not be tied with your identity, but I may share them with others (including posting on the web).

For each of these questions, check one box that best indicates your views.

1. Before taking CS150, I thought programming was fun.

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2. After taking CS150, I think programming is fun.

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3. The time I spent working on the problem sets was worthwhile.

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4. The time I spent working on the exams was worthwhile.

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5. The time I spent in class was worthwhile.

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6. The time I spent reading the course book was worthwhile.

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7. I would prefer:
   ___ More technical content, less history and applications.
   ___ Less technical content, more history and applications.
8. I would prefer:
   ___ Weekly, but shorter, problem sets
   ___ What we had this year
   ___ Biweekly, longer, problem sets
   ___ Three larger projects

9. How much reading from GEB should be expected?
   ___ None
   ___ Same as this year
   ___ More than this year

10. Should there be more time for the PS9 project?
    ___ Yes
        ___ No
    If “Yes”, what should be cut or compressed to make room for it:

11. Did you do all of the assigned readings from the course book?
    ___ Yes
        ___ No
    If “No”, explain why not:
12. Which book chapter is the hardest to follow:

___ Chapter 2: Language
___ Chapter 3: Programming
___ Chapter 4: Procedures
___ Chapter 5: Data
___ Chapter 6: Cost
___ Chapter 7: Time
___ Chapter 8: Sorting and Sequencing
___ Chapter 9: State
___ Chapter 10: Objects
___ Chapter 11: Computability
___ Chapter 12: Interpreters
___ Chapter 13: Laziness
___ Chapter 14: Types

Why?

13. How should the course book be changed?
14. Would it be better to:

   ____ Use Scheme for the entire course.
   ____ Use Python for the entire course.
   ____ Use a similar mix of languages to what was used this year.

15. Is there anything I did that you found offensive?

16. If you could change one thing about this course what would you change?

End of Survey. Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.