

Welcome to CS106B Section!

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Section: Wednesdays, 4:30 – 5:20 PM, Encina Hall West, Room 208

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Hi everyone! I'm Ben, your section leader this spring, and I'm so incredibly excited to meet you all and have a fun, wonderful quarter in CS106B! :) A few things before we launch off:

🌸 **What's Section?** Think of CS106B lecture as a dramatic, stunning YA novel, and **section as our cozy little book club** where we debrief, you know, all the beautiful and intricate plot details—what's going on each week, what Sean is cooking, that sort of tea. Book clubs are great: you get to have your own voice in shaping the narrative, ask burning questions to others or share your own scorching hot takes, e.g., Star Wars sequels > prequels, and have your learning experience be more interactive and personalized than lecture can likely be. Also, we won't get through all section problems, so the rest can be fantastic practice!

🌐 **Website:** My section materials are constellated at stanford.edu/~bbyan/cs106b

✅ **Policies:** Section is evaluated on attendance, participation, and making a sincere effort (as opposed to getting everything right), and is worth 5% of your grade. If you can't make section any given week (we'll miss you!!), you can attend another one :), just let me know. And please no AI use ("insult to life itself"—Miyazaki), I promise you'll learn more without it!

📝 **Assignments:** Homework is submitted via a nifty portal: paperless.stanford.edu. You can submit as many times as you'd like. I'll grade your most recent version, unless you specifically tell me otherwise! I'll generally return all assignments to you within a week.

🎮 **Interactive Grading (IGs):** CS 106 courses are quirky and unique in that, for many of our assignments, we'll spend around 15 minutes on interactive grading sessions—replaying the highlight reel on what you're doing brilliantly, and discussing areas for future growth. You can also use this time to ask questions, and your grades will be released immediately after an IG session. **Note that IGs are also part of your course grade and that you'll sign up on Paperless!** (if you can't make the given times, reach out and we'll figure out a time)

👤 **Getting Help:** We have the LAIR staffed by us SLs (**my LAIR shift is Thursdays, 8:50 – 11 PM, on Weeks 2, 3, 5, 7, 9, would love to see you there!**); instructor + TA office hours; and the EdStem. **I am here to support you in any way I humanly can**—please feel free to email me with questions! (though for extension requests, please email the Head TAs instead)

🎉 **Have fun!** CS106B is challenging, but as the weeks progress, you'll find yourself writing ever more powerful and incredible programs—what once seemed like magic will become memory and mastery. Setbacks can happen in CS, and please don't be too discouraged by them! I'll even spend part of our final section sharing my own weird, wacky CS story lol.

❤️ **Everyone is welcome. Intellectual joy. Be kind. Be humane. Learn by doing.** ❤️