#### UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA - DAVIS

#### Spring Quarter 2016 ECS 198F (001) 64022

### **Student Evaluation of Teaching**



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	10	%	9	%	8	%	7	%	6	%	5	%	4	%	3	%	2	%	1	%	$\bar{x}$	SD	М	N
Please indicate the overall educationa I value of the course. (excellent   very good   satisfactor y   fair   poor)											3	33%	6	67%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.3	0.5	4	9
If you utilized an overflow classroom, please rate your experience with the remote lecture broadcast technology																							-	0
Please indicate the overall teaching effectivene ss of the instructor. (excellent   very good   satisfactor y   fair   poor)											4	50%	4	50%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.5	0.5	4.5	8
The professor successfull y accomplish ed the stated	2	25%	3	38%	2	25%	1	13%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	8.8	1	9	8

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The	0	0%	5	63%	3	38%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	8.6	0.5	9	8
instructor's presentatio ns are clear and well- organized.																								
I feel comfortabl e asking questions of my professor.	5	63%	2	25%	1	13%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	9.5	0.7	10	8
I am satisfied with the instruction al material used in this course.	1	17%	4	67%	0	0%	1	17%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	8.8	0.9	9	0
The grading procedures used in this class seemed fair.	5	63%	3	38%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	9.6	0.5	10	8
This course is well organized.	0	0%	3	38%	2	25%	1	13%	1	13%	1	13%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	7.6	1.4	8	8
I have had to work hard in this class.	0	0%	1	13%	2	25%	4	50%	0	0%	1	13%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	7.3	1.1	7	8
I have become more competent in this area because of this instructor.	1	13%	5	63%	2	25%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	8.9	0.6	9	8

## Please add any other comments here.

Course had a very fast pace.

I learned a lot in this class. Some of the material was way more engineering-detail oriented than others, but on the whole it was a really interesting class. The class lacked a little focus at times, maybe two-three times during the guarter, but it usually came back to the overall idea of bitcurrency.

## Please comment on the instructor's presentation of course material (style, organization, technique, etc.)?

Presentation was very flexible and engaging

Great at presenting material. Pacing of class a whole was a little too fast.

very thorough in their explanations but sometimes doesnt cover all the material that is to be presented because of that

Lecture style was good. The way he lectured demonstrated command over the material (and tangential knowledge) as well as an ability to convey that well to the class. Sometimes can get engrossed in engineering details, but at some point he seems to realize that and try to finish up quickly.

Before every lecture, an agenda was written on the board. Although it was a simple thing to write (often ~3 bullet points) it put a scope on the topics we were going to cover that day. This made my note taking more structured and easier to read.

#### What did you like best about this instructor?

Very enthusiastic

Excellent speaker. Easy to approach to ask for help on understanding certain topics.

very thoroughly explains ideas and concepts

Friendliness and CS ability

During lectures, Rylan would often stop, open the floor to questions, and make sure everyone was on the same page. He would also pause the lecture and ask for answers to a question he may ask. These two efforts in unison created some-what of an interactive lecture which is something I liked. The students in the class weren't just sitting there for an hour listening to someone talk. Given the short attention span I can have sometimes, having those interactive checkpoints helps me focus during the lecture.

# Please comment on the examinations, homework, and projects. Were they challenging? Fair? Representative?

Fair

Programming homework helped facilitate the learning of certain topics. Project seemed to be quite a bit of work for a 2 units class.

asked about very technical terms that were easily forgotten

The homeworks were fair.

Homework assignments were used to reinforce the engineering details that were covered in class. The homework assignments helped me a lot because it gave me a program to play with that helped me understand whatever it is that we talked about in lecture to do the homework assignment.

# How did you feel about the Instructional Resources used (textbook, handouts, labs, etc.)?

Somewhat lacked in additional resources
NA NA
very good videos
N/A

Most, if not all, additional instructional resources were links to articles posted on piazza. The articles were often relevant to the material we were covering. Although it did not directly help with things like homework assignments, they were interesting to read, which in turn, sparked a little more interest in the field.

# Was your previous course work adequate preparation for this course? (If no, please elaborate)

No, new course

Yes

no, the concept understandings that were required for the course less than what was needed

I felt like I was well-prepared for this course. It was pretty self-contained besides some data structure usage.

I think a wider programming background would have helped me understand the material in this course. In the beginning of the course I had no idea what hashing was and never constructed a tree before. I couldn't understand how those concepts played a major role in Bitcoin. Similarly, I felt lost throughout most lectures. I'm not sure if it's because of my insufficient background, or me just not taking good enough notes.

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