All About CS159

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ME

- Nathan Sprague
- You can call me:
 - Dr. Sprague
 - Professor Sprague
 - Nathan (doesn't bother me, but not standard practice in this department)
- Avoid:
 - Mr. Sprague >

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- CS159 is (mostly) about object oriented programming and object oriented design

Mechanics

Let's look at the course web-page ✓...

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- Recipe for success!
 - Figure out what you need to know (I'll help)
 - Take responsibility for learning it (I'll help)

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- Strategy #2 (Probably Helpful):
 - Complete the reading, possibly taking notes
 - Use the quiz to test your understanding

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- Starting early gives you time for setbacks



Academic Integrity

Getting Help

- There are many sources of help. You would be insane not to use them:
 - My office hours
 - TA's
 - Piazza
- These resources will be more valuable if you spend some time thinking/reading/researching before you seek them out
 - but not too much time
- You should *not* expect me to be available 24/7

Great Ways to Make Me Angry!

- Using electronic devices during class
- Packing to leave before the end of class

Questions?