Upcoming deadlines

- **Friday, October 24**
  - First draft of resume and portfolio
  - Assignment/submission instructions TBD, up soon

- **Tuesday, October 28, Thursday, October 30**
  - Second game pitches in class
  - See notes online for format
  - Must create slides using Google Slides presentation software, save them in Google Drive
  - Presentation order now on Piazza

- **Thursday, November 6, Saturday, November 8**
  - Third game pitches in class
Game Lab Access

- By now you should ideally have been approved for access into the game lab
- BE 368, BE 366, BE 364, all on third floor of Baskin Engineering building

- Three step process
  - Receive approval for use of the space (should be done)
  - Follow link in email you receive, and approve
  - Have your keycard upgraded to use omnilock
    - … or, receive a keycode
    - Do this step with BSOE facilities, office on 3rd floor of Baskin Engineering
Discussion of pitching process

- Am thinking of:
  - Having fewer required elements
  - Emphasizing more exploration of mechanics
  - Allowing optional (max 5 page) page document that can describe game elements in more detail

- Thoughts?
Portfolio

- A website designed to highlight your projects
- Again, no firm rules

Main elements
- Generally want an image carousel and/or video per project
- Some description of the project itself
- Emphasize your specific contributions, and technologies used
- Link off to project website
- Can go into much more depth

Many portfolio website examples
Portfolio Dos and Don’ts

Do
- Include your strongest work
- Include links to code (assuming it’s good)
- Describe the technologies used
- Have videos and screenshots about the work
- Include a link to resume and Linked In
- Describe technologies using standard terminology
- Include personal projects

Don’t
- Include work that reflects poorly on yourself
- Only have content that requires a plugin
- Grammar and spelling errors
Linked In

- Needs to give your professional identity

- Do’s
  - Good photograph.
    - Should be wearing professional clothing. Face well lit. Think about background. Smile!
  - Be consistent with resume
    - If you describe a job a certain way on your resume, make sure it’s described similarly on LinkedIn.
    - Have same listings of jobs on both
  - Describe projects
  - Ensure friends are also connections on LinkedIn
  - Endorse each other for skills
    - Be sure these match your desired job type
  - Spelling and grammar need to be correct
Networking

- Many job opportunities are still word of mouth
  - Need to meet people to learn about them

- Smaller events usually better than larger
  - Meetups: meetup.com
    - San Francisco Game Development Meetup
      - Meeting tonight
    - Indie Game Developers of Silicon Valley
      - Meeting tomorrow night
  - Many, many more on Meetup.Com
Santa Cruz Networking

- Santa Cruz New Tech Meetup
  - First Wednesday of the month, Cruzio Building
  - The place to meet tech people in Santa Cruz
  - Open mic at end, can announce you’re looking for work

- Santa Cruz Tech Raising
  - Hackathon every Spring (April timeframe)
  - [http://techraising.com/](http://techraising.com/)

- UCSC Hacks
  - UCSC-specific hackathon, also Spring