GTES-CS
Georgia Tech Emerging Scholars in Computer Science
Georgia Tech

- State university
- Metropolitan setting (Atlanta)
- 3000 freshmen
- Colleges:
  - arch, engineering, cs, liberal arts, mgt, sciences
- 30% women in institution
- Requires CS1 for every major
Multiple CS1s

- CS1301 (enrollment fall:236, spring:131)
  - CS majors, chem, math, bio, psych
- CS1315 (enrollment fall:300, spring:400)
  - Computation media majors
  - Architecture majors
  - Management
- CS1371 (enrollment fall:1147, spring:1282)
  - Engineering majors
CS1301 Fall '06

- CS 1 for CS majors; python language
- Piloted PLTL add-on during 2005/6
- '06 roll out PLTL as the recitation style
- Per week
  - 3 hours lecture (large lecture hall: 236)
  - 1.5 hours recitation as PLTL sessions
- 12 team leaders, avg 20 students each
CS1301 Spring '07

• Continue with PLTL approach

• Basically the same as fall, except
  – Enrollment lower: 131 (cyclical)
  – 7 team leaders, avg 20 students each
CS1315 Fall '06

- Move PLTL add-on pilot to this CS1 course
- Jython language - computational media
- 3 credit hour course
- Standard part of course per week:
  - 3 hours lecture (large lecture sections: 2x150)
  - 1.5 hours standard recitation
    - attendance optional
CS1315 Fall '06 - Logistics

• PLTL companion course called CS1801
• Optional enrollment
• Attendance required if enrolled
• 4 team leaders, 31 students: ~8 per team leader
• Adds 1-hour pass/fail CS elective credit
The CS1801 Group Learning Session

• Weekly 2-hour session
• Pair or group programming activities
• Groups of 2-4 working on various projects with guidance from the team leader
• Occasionally working together as an entire class
• Collaborative test review
## CS1315 Fall '06 Results

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CS1315 Spring '07

• Continue PLTL offering

• Enrollment higher: 400 (as 2x200, cyclical)

• Enrollment in PLTL larger
  • 37 students
  • 4 team leaders, ~9 students each