CodingBat and Extra Credit in CS 132

Introduction to CodingBat

The CodingBat web site is the source of great study problems for any introductory computer science student. The more one codes, the better one becomes at it. You will have an opportunity to earn extra credit in the course by completing CodingBat problems. The details are explained below.

To encourage you to practice coding (using the CodingBat site), the following policy will be used to award extra credit.

The basic rules

1. Solve as many problems as you like on the CodingBat (Java) site each week.
2. When you have solved three problems in a category, you will earn a star for that category. (You cannot use Warmup-1 or Warmup-2 problems.)
3. Send me an email telling me which three problems you solved. Upon verification that you have earned a star, you will earn one extra credit point for that week. Email messages must be sent before noon on Monday to earn credit for that week.
4. Emails for each week should have a subject line that includes the words “CodingBat – Week X” where X is replaced by the week number. September 4 is “Week 1” (the earliest week you can earn credit), September 11 is “Week 2”.
5. One extra credit point may be earned each Monday for up to ten Mondays starting on September 4 and continuing to November 13. (No coding is due on Monday, October 9, since that is part of midterm break.)
6. The extra credit points will be applied to your quiz scores. Each quiz score will be adjusted by the number of points earned over the Mondays since the previous quiz.

The "fine print"

1. **Problems must be solved individually.**
2. You may not “re-solve” any problem to earn credit, including ones you previously solved for CS 131, but you may solve some “in advance”. (You must send a separate email for each set of three.)
3. At most two stars can be earned in each category over the course of the semester (at least as far as extra credit goes - you can earn all the ones you want for your own benefit).
4. You may not use outside resources (such as friends/tutors and/or the Internet) to help you solve the problems. I reserve the right to withhold the extra credit if I believe that I have evidence that this has happened. I will discuss this with you before doing so.
The "big bonus"

If you earn a check mark for a problem with a solution that is actually incorrect, i.e. the solution is flawed, but the site did not detect this, you earn three bonus points. You will need to point this out to me to earn the additional points.