Plickers A
Plickers B
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Math Foundations of Computing

CS 200
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Outline…
About Me

• Shelby Kimmel
  – What to call? Professor Kimmel, Professor
  – Pronouns? she/her pronouns
  – Outside interest? Samulnori (Korean contemporary folk percussion)
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## Self-test

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• Active listening: rephrase what a group mate said
• Ask questions if you don’t understand
• Be skeptical of what others say – suggest alternate approaches.
• Encourage participation
• Make sure everyone in the group understands a point before moving forward
Website tour!

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