Studying for Exam 1

Hopefully preparing for these exams will not cause your head to explode! If you have been attending class, completed the homework, reading assignments, on-line quizzes and the tutorials you should be about ready for the first exam. Of course this is a major exam so a few hours of study time is most important. You already have in hand all the materials necessary to review for this exam!

1. **Your Class Lecture Notes** – The lecture slides are available on our website. Many of the slide sets have summary slides that I did not show in class but may be very useful for exam review.

2. **On-Line Quizzes** – Many exam questions will come from these quizzes (all three types: basic, conceptual and visual) though they may be modified in some fashion. Don’t simply memorize those quiz questions that deal with concepts, understand the concepts.

3. **The MasteringAstronomy Website and Text** – There are many useful study aids here. There are ‘Learning Goals’ at the beginning of each chapter and ‘The Big Picture’ and ‘Summary of Key Concepts’ at the end of each chapter and flashcards on the web.

4. **Homework** – Review your homework assignments.

The first exam covers chapters 1-4. You can also access the Lecture Slides online (Lectures 1-5). There will be 50-60 multi-choice questions on this exam. Don’t forget to bring a scantron (882-E) and your clicker.

If there is any course material causing you difficulties please come by. I’ll be happy to help.

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