Having a Great Sabbatical

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History

- **IBM T. J. Watson Research Center, 1978-94**
  - 1985-86: Sabbatical in CS at UC Berkeley
    - NSF Visiting Professorship for Women Program
  - 1992-93: Sabbatical in CS at CU Boulder
- **Professor, CSE, UCSD, 1994-present**
  - 2000-01: Distributed Sabbatical
    - Fall: IBM T.J. Watson Research
    - Winter (Summer): U. of Auckland, New Zealand
    - Spring: Ecole Normale Superieure de Lyon, France
Sabbatical Goals

- “A break or change from normal routine”
  - Teach if don’t normally: both sabbaticals from IBM
  - New area or new activity
- Should make technical sense
  - Lyon vs. Paris
- But a nice environment is important
  - Berkeley, Boulder, ....
Sabbatical Housing

- Try to get a “sabbatical house”
  - Lots of extras!
- Get help from your host(s)
  - Send emails, place ads, …
- Be flexible (if possible)
  - One academic year rental, another summer
- You really can live out of suitcases …
- Renting your place: choose reliable people
What Changes, What’s the Same

- You can live with a lot less “stuff”
- New language, schools, markets, transport…
- Some commitments remain
  - Ongoing research
  - Students
    - Graduate before you go
    - Arrange for an alternate advisor, lots of email, extended visits
    - Good time for them to do something different too!
  - Grants, applications
- Try to not have commitments overwhelm
Minimize the pain of return

- No magic steps: its tough!
- Build on your new experiences
  - Continued research in new area of scheduling for large scale distributed systems
  - Students, research grants with colleagues in Lyon to continue the interaction
- View your “old” activities in a new light
  - Teaching, advising,…
- Give yourself things to look forward to!