INTRODUCTION AND LOGISTICS

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Overview

- This lecture
  - Instructor
  - Teaching assistants
  - Course resources and requirements
  - Academic integrity
  - Computer organization
  - Trends and challenges
Instructor

- Mahdi Nazm Bojnordi
  - Assistant Professor of School of Computing
  - PhD degree in Electrical Engineering
  - Personal webpage
    - [http://www.cs.utah.edu/~bojnordi/](http://www.cs.utah.edu/~bojnordi/)

- Research in Computer Architecture
  - Novel Memory Technologies
  - Energy-Efficient Hardware Accelerators
  - Research Lab. (MEB 3383)
    - Open positions for research are available! (email me)

- Class webpage (in addition to Canvas)
CS/ECE 3810: Computer Organization

Course Information

- Instructor: Mahdi Nazm Bojnordi, email: lastname@cs.utah.edu, office hours: email me for appointment, MEB 3418
- Teaching Assistants: Ananth Prasad, office hours: TBD; Paarth Lakhani, office hours: TBD; Abishek Krishnan, office hours: TBD; Salvamshi Dobbali, office hours: TBD; Trisha gangadhar, office hours: TBD
- TAs will be available via Zoom during their office hours. Please use the TA Queue to get in line.
- Pre-Requisite: Knowledge of structured programming languages such as C/Java
- Canvas is the main venue for class announcements, homework assignments, and discussions.

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Resources and Requirements

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Course Expectation

- We use Canvas for homework submissions, grades, and homework announcements.

- Grading

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Homework Assignments

- Homework assignments will be released on Canvas; all submissions must be made through Canvas.
- Only those submissions made before midnight will be accepted.
- Any late submission will be considered as no submission.
- You may skip 1 out of 11 (= we drop one HW with the least score).

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Quizzes

- Quizzes comprising multiple-choice, true/false, yes/no, and fill-in-the blank questions will be released on Canvas.
- Read the relevant chapters of the textbook and review the lectures before taking each quiz. Only one attempt is allowed for each quiz during the specific dates below.

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- Understand the technology trends and recent developments for future computing?
- …
Why study computer organization?

- Do the conventional computers last forever?
  - New challenges
  - New forms of computing
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How to fix?
Estimated Class Schedule

- Moore's Law, power wall, bandwidth wall
- Use of abstractions
- Assembly language
- Computer arithmetic
- Pipelining
- Using predictions
- Memory hierarchies
- Reliability and Security
Growth in Processor Performance

- **Main sources of the performance improvement**
  - Enhanced underlying technology (semiconductor)
    - Faster and smaller transistors (Moore’s Law)
  - Improvements in computer organization/architecture
    - How to better utilize the additional resources to gain more power savings, functionalities, and processing speed.
Moore’s Law

- Moore’s Law (1965)
  - Transistor count doubles every year

- Moore’s Law (1975)
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Source: G.E. Moore, ”Cramming more components onto integrated circuits,” 1965
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  - Not really, billions of transistors on a single chip.

- Can we use all of the transistors?
  - Due to energy-efficiency limitations, only a fraction of the transistor can be turned on at the same time!

- Who is affected?
  - Server computers by the peak power
  - Mobile and wearables due to energy-efficiency
Power Consumption Trends

\[ \text{Power} = P_{\text{dynamic}} + P_{\text{static}} \]

\[ P_{\text{dynamic}} = axCxV^2xf \]

\[ P_{\text{static}} = VxI_{\text{static}} \]

Source: Hennesy & Patterson Textbook
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What are New Challenges?

- Protecting data against side channel attacks is a serious need
- Performance in the past 40 years increased
  - hardware speculation to exploit more instruction level parallelism
  - shared memories to facilitate thread-level parallelism
- What about security?
  - https://meltdownattack.com/
How to program a Quantum computer?

- Qbit vs. bit
Emerging Non-volatile Memories

- Use resistive states to represent info.
  - Can we build non-von Neumann machines?
    - In-Memory and In-situ computers
Next Class

- Lecture: Measuring Performance
- Todo: order the textbook