

Course Introduction

CS 2130: Computer Systems and Organization 1

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Some Updates:

- If you need to switch labs:
 - Form will be coming soon
 - Must be justified (i.e. class conflicts)
 - Very limited space to make swaps

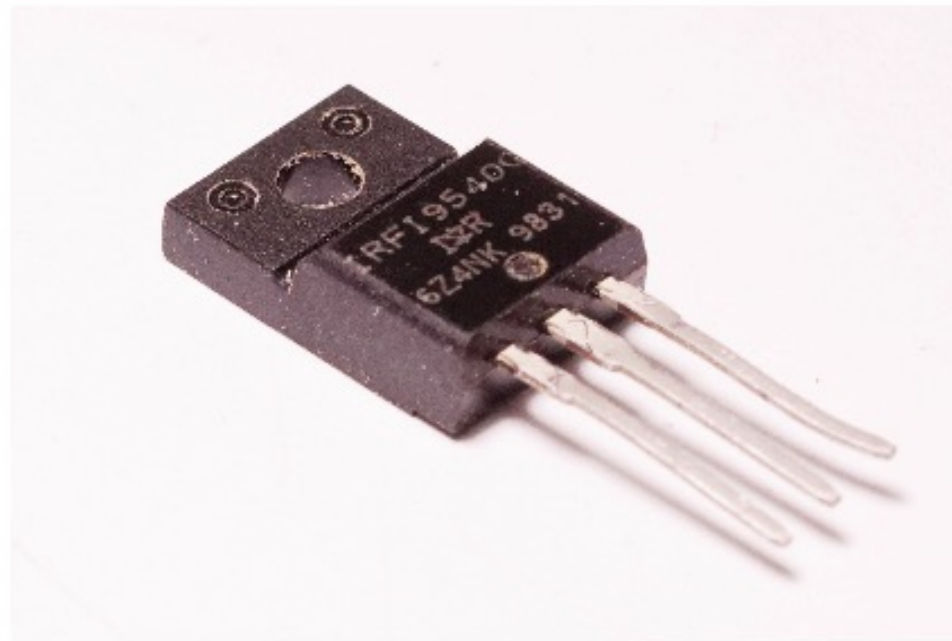
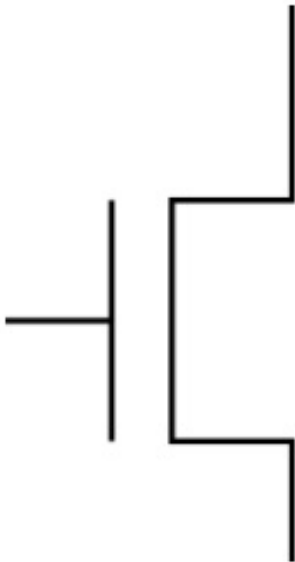
Today's Plan

- **Why CS 2130? What is CS 2130? Where are we going?**
- **Your Instructor**
- **Things to know about CS01**

Course Description

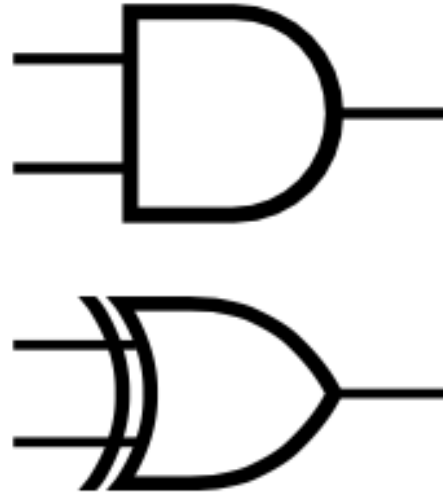
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- **What is CS 2130?**

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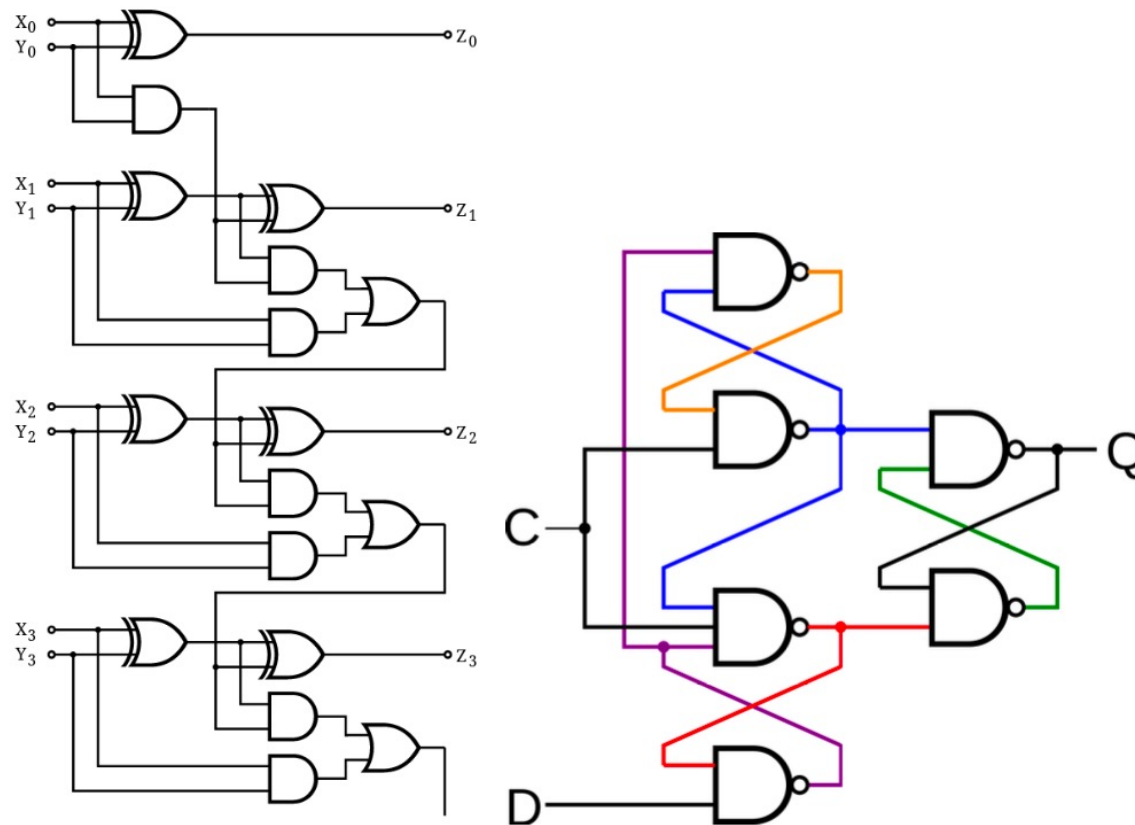


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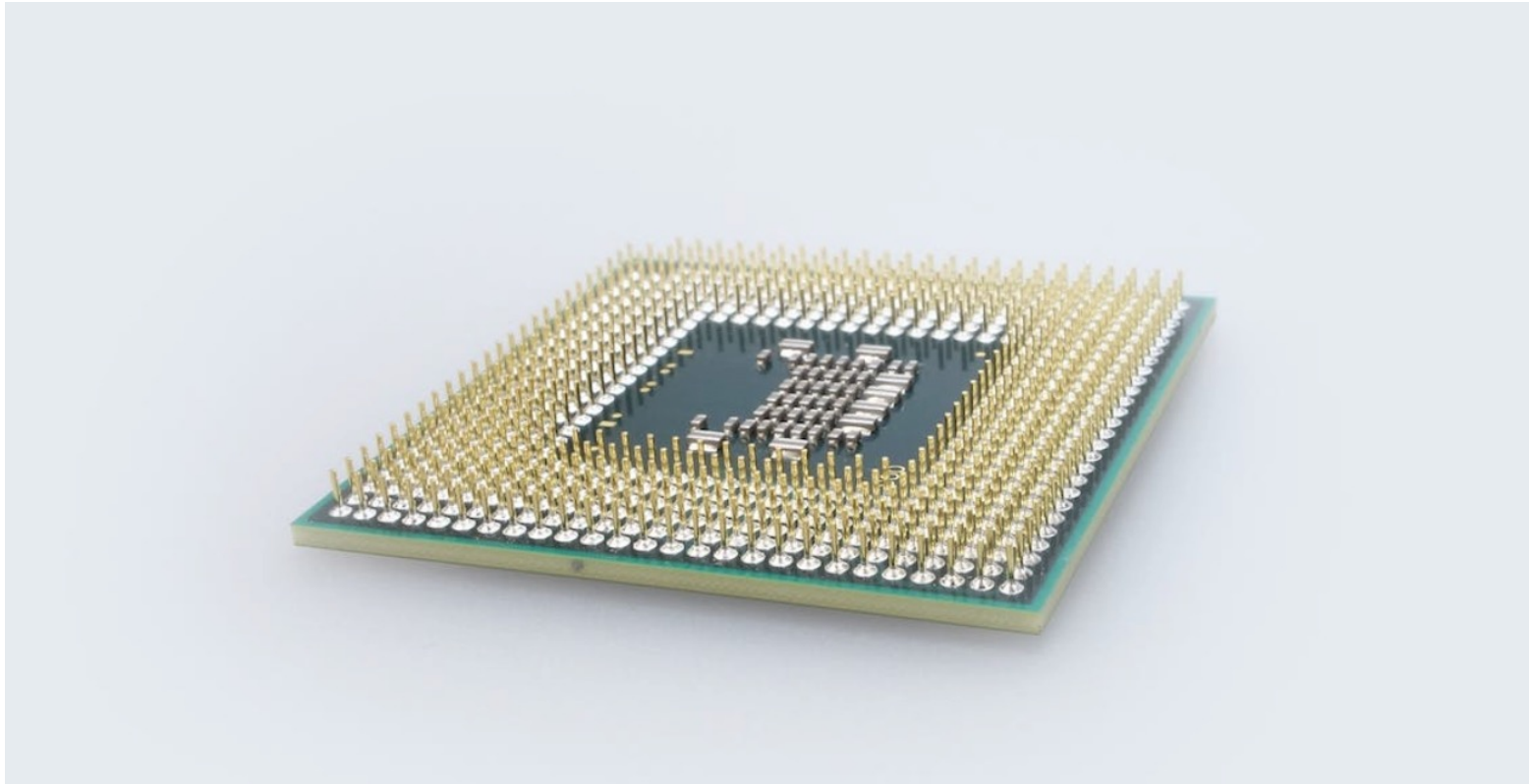
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0000000000000000 <main>:
 0: 55                                push    %rbp
 1: 48 89 e5                          mov     %rsp,%rbp
 4: 31 c0                             xor     %eax,%eax
 6: c7 45 fc 00 00 00 00             movl    $0x0,-0x4(%rbp)
 d: c7 45 f8 03 00 00 00             movl    $0x3,-0x8(%rbp)
14: 48 c7 45 f0 04 00 00             movq    $0x4,-0x10(%rbp)
1b: 00
1c: 48 8d 4d f8                       lea     -0x8(%rbp),%rcx
20: 48 89 4d e8                       mov     %rcx,-0x18(%rbp)
24: 48 8d 4d f0                       lea     -0x10(%rbp),%rcx
28: 48 89 4d e0                       mov     %rcx,-0x20(%rbp)
2c: 48 8b 4d e8                       mov     -0x18(%rbp),%rcx
30: 48 63 09                         movslq  (%rcx),%rcx
33: 48 89 4d d8                       mov     %rcx,-0x28(%rbp)
37: 48 8b 4d e0                       mov     -0x20(%rbp),%rcx
3b: 48 8b 09                         mov     (%rcx),%rcx
3e: 89 4d d4                         mov     %ecx,-0x2c(%rbp)
41: 5d                                pop     %rbp
42: c3                                retq
```

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void swap(int *a, int *b) {  
    int tmp = *a;  
    *a = *b;  
    *b = tmp;  
}
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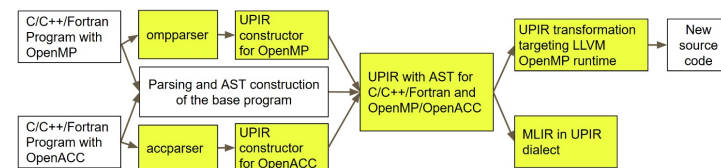
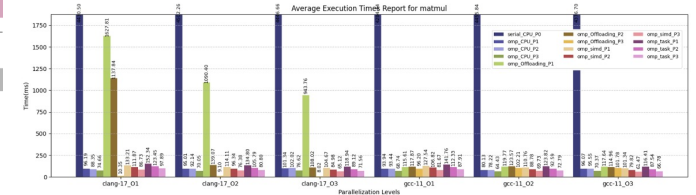
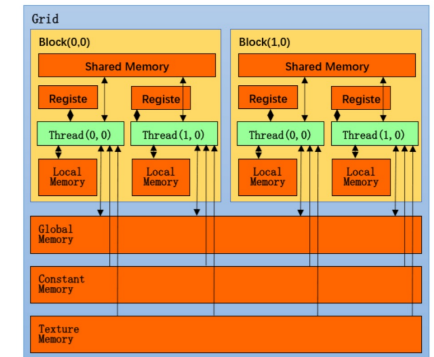
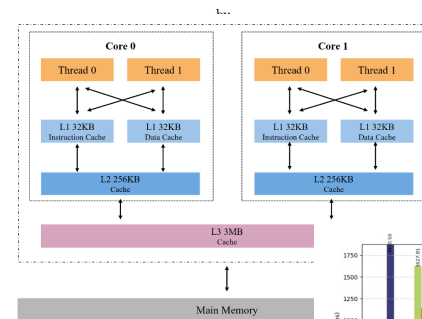
Along the way:

- Interact with the terminal and SSH
- Learn basic command-line tools and editors
- Access command-line documentation
- Practice C and using the C standard library
- Discuss related security and social topics

About Your Instructor – Xinyao Yi



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Things to know about CS01 - This is a difficult course

Why?

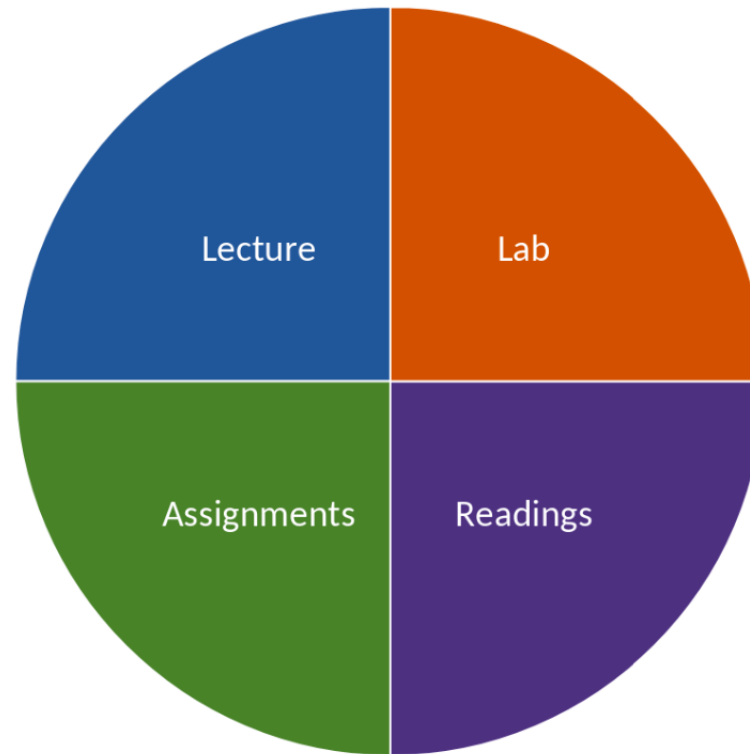
- It's unfamiliar, not like CS 111x or CS 2100
- It's more low-level
 - But it's cool! How do computers work?
 - We can then know how best to program and use them!

Things to know about CS01 - Who should take this course?

Prerequisites

- You have credit (or passed the placement test) for at least one of CS 1110, CS 1111, CS 1112, CS 1113, or CS 1120
- You do not have credit for CS 2110 or CS 2150
- You will know some C- or Java-like language by the middle of the class
 - See website for examples we expect you to know

Things to know about CS01 - Course Content and Learning Sources



Things to know about CS01 – Course Content

Where do I go to find course material?

- **Canvas**: central hub (i.e., glue) for 2130 this semester
 - **Course website** for all content, assignments, lectures : <https://uva-cs.github.io/cso1-f25/>
 - Lecture recordings on **Panopto**
 - Q&A discussion on **Piazza**
 - Submit assignments through **Gradescope**

Things to know about CS01 – Textbook and Readings

Readings provided on course website

- Other links as provided

There is no required textbook. Our goal is to provide additional freely available material throughout the semester.

Optional: *Introduction to Computer Systems: From Bits and Gates to C/C++ & Beyond* by Patt and Patel

Things to know about CS01 – Expectations and Evaluations

Course Engagement

- Complete readings before coming to class
- Come to lecture and be present
- Participate in lab
- Practice lecture material through class activities, homework, lab
- Track progress on Quizzes and Exams
- Thoughtfully consider when to—and not to—use Generative AI

Things to know about CS01 – Measuring Learning

Four avenues to practice and measure learning

- Weekly Quizzes: Build on understanding from lecture and readings, think critically about difficult topics
- Lab: Practice course topics, learn supplemental topics to lecture
- Homework Assignments: Independent practice of course content
- Exams: Two midterms and final exam, in class

All are individual assignments except lab (unless otherwise noted)

Things to know about CS01 – Measuring Learning

Weekly Quizzes :

- Open Friday after class, due Sunday night by 11:59pm
- Independent, but open notes
- Lowest quiz score will be dropped
- GenAI is allowed on quizzes, but we expect you to think about the material!

Things to know about CS01 – Measuring Learning

Labs

- We expect everyone to participate fully in lab activities
- Learning exercises in groups
- Most credit for participation, milestones for full credit
- One lab will be excused, but must be checked off for credit
- See syllabus for full details!
- GenAI is NOT allowed by default in Lab! We want you to get some guided practice here.

Things to know about CS01 – Measuring Learning

Homework

- Programming assignments, puzzles, worksheets, or other activities
- Individual assignments unless otherwise stated
- May be submitted up to 48 hours late with permission – Requests must be submitted in advance (see the syllabus) – Use your time wisely!
- GenAI is NOT allowed to solve Homework assignments! You may use them for guidance, but not to write your solution.

Things to know about CS01 – Measuring Learning

Exams

- In-class, closed notes, likely pen/paper
- Two midterms
- Final Exam
- GenAI, smart glasses, smart watches, phones, computers, etc, are not allowed! Best way to prepare is to practice by doing assignments, not using ChatGPT!

Things to know about CS01 – Grading

Task	Weight
Quizzes	5%
Assignments	30%
Lab	15%
Midterms	15% each
Final Exam	20%

Letter Grade	Overall Average Lower Bound	and Exam Average Lower Bound
A+	98.0	78.0
A	93.0	73.0
A-	90.0	70.0
B+	87.0	67.0
B	83.0	63.0
B-	80.0	60.0
C+	77.0	57.0
C	73.0	53.0
C-	70.0	50.0
D+	67.0	47.0
D	63.0	43.0
D-	60.0	40.0
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Things to know about CS01 – Professionalism, Academic Integrity

Honesty

- No plagiarism: cite any and every source you consult
- Write your own code: Compose it yourself
 - Programming to help learn the content and demonstrate knowledge
 - Unlike industry, in which programming to create product
 - We are looking to cultivate our minds
- Working with others is not okay (by default)
- Asking Generative AI to solve your assignments is not okay (by default)
- Do not share your code (even if you are just trying to help)

Consequences of dishonesty are outlined in our Syllabus

Things to know about CS01 – AI Tools

LLMs are great! Generative AI is the future! But...

- Expert generative AI use requires expertise
- We need the background knowledge to guide our use of Gen AI

Guidance for this class:

- **Do NOT use it** to solve homework or generate answers
 - The problem-solving struggle is a good struggle for learning
- **Do use it** for context, extra practice problems, cleaning up grammar, wordsmithing your (own) answers

Things to know about CS01 – Editors and Writing Code

- Familiarity with the command line is **a goal of this course**
- Setup and practice in Lab 1 and future labs
- You may **not** use online compilers or editors
 - Using an online compiler will result in a 0 on that assignment
- We will not be using VSCode until later
- We will ask you to run your code on the CS portal

Things to know about CS01 – This is a Large Class

How can you get your questions answered?

- Piazza (!!)
 - If you know an answer to someone else's question, answer it!
 - We're in it together for the next semester
 - But remember: do NOT share code or solutions
- TAs (office hours and labs)
- My office hours

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How can you get your questions answered?

- Course email: cs2130@cshelpdesk.atlassian.net
 - Instructors and senior course staff
 - Likely fastest response for direct/personal issues
- My email: mrq9gz@virginia.edu
 - Include "CS01" in the subject
 - Response within a few days

Any Questions?