

# COMP273

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# Course Lecture Outline

- Topics include

- Boolean Algebra/Digital Circuit Design
- Number Representation
- Assembly Programming
- Floating Point
- I/O & Interrupts
- Caches
- Virtual Memory
- CPU Organization

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# Course Format

- Section 001 Monday and Wednesday 11:30 am to 1:00 pm
  - Formal lecture, with interactive Q&A throughout, recorded on zoom
- Section 002 Monday 30 pm to 4:00 pm
  - Inverted classroom..
  - Tutorials, live coding, problem sol
  - Not always recorded!
- Prof Hsiu-Chin Lin teaching up to reading week
- Prof Paul Kry teaching after reading week

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# Course Information – Pre-requisites

- COMP-206: Introduction to Software Systems.
- Anyone who has not taken COMP-206 (and is not taking it this term) will be automatically exempted from COMP-273.
- This policy will be for your information.

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# Course Information - Assignments

- Assignments

- Four assignments, covering logic, numbers, circuits, MIPS programming
- Show your work (i.e. **Assignment Project Exam Help** ents in assembly programs)
- A1 and A3 worth 10 **<https://eduassistpro.github.io/>** %
- **Do your own work** Add WeChat edu\_assist\_pro
- **Must be correctly submitted to MyCourses**
- **Late deadline is 3 days after due date, with penalty is 10%**
- **Penalty can be waived once (request this in a README.txt file)**
  - Use for any personal reason, sickness, etc.

# Course Information - Evaluation

- **Assignments: 50%**
  - **Mid-term Examination: 20%**
  - **Final Examination:**
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- No make-up tests or make-up assign
  - Supplemental exam weight is 30% (i.e., same as the final)

# Course Information - Resources

- MyCourses

- Discussions on material
- Questions with resp
- Assignment submission
- Course outline (in course content)
- Office hours (posted in my courses calendar)

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# Course Information - Textbook

- Patterson and Hennessy "Computer Organization and Design: The Hardware/Software interface"
  - The 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> edition (6<sup>th</sup> edition is probably OK too)
- Available at the bookstore or online. <https://eduassistpro.github.io/> serve in library.
- This is the main textbook for the course. [Add WeChat edu\\_assist\\_pro](https://eduassistpro.github.io/) recommended that you buy a copy)
- Also available as an interactive online [zyBook](#)!
- Lecture notes and other handouts will be made available on MyCourses



# Teaching Assistants

## Office Hours and Tutorials

- Teaching Assistants

- Names and email and listed on course web page
- Office hours to be a

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# Meet the TAs

- Jiahui Peng
- Jifeng Wang
- Jiyi Wang
- Kaixiang Xie
- Linghang Liu
- Luca Zarow
- Richard Olaniyan
- Ruoyu Wang
- Wing Hang Ho
- Xiru Zhu
- Yanan Wang

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# Who to contact and when

- Problems with marking?
  - Contact TA who graded your assignment
  - If not satisfied with TA response, then email prof
- Problems with course
  - Check for answers on <https://eduassistpro.github.io/>
  - Post your questions on MyCourses
  - Visit TAs or prof during the office ho
- Personal Issues
  - Visit the prof during the office hour
  - Email the prof with a clear subject prefix [COMP273]

# In case you didn't already know...

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It should be noted that, in accordance with article 15 of the Charter of Students' Rights, students may submit examination answers in either French or English.

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**Do not share your code. Using version control is a good idea, but using a publicly accessible repository is not acceptable.**

**ALL WORK MUST BE SUBMITTED ON MY COURSES. DO NOT EMAIL YOUR WORK TO THE PROF OR TAs.**

**ALL DEADLINES ARE HARD!!! DO NOT WAIT TO THE LAST MINUTE TO SUBMIT YOUR WORK!**

# Question

- What can you do if you are having trouble?

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# About you

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- Linguistics -Con
- English -Con
- Physics
- Neuroscience
- Statistics
- Intl Development Studies -Con \*
- Sustainability, Sci & Soc
- Bioengineering
- Chemical Engineering
- Anatomy and Cell Biology
- Pharmacology
- Accounting
- History -Con
- Environment
- Biology & Mathematics
- Urban Systems
- Co-op in Mining Engineering
- Performance Jazz
- Bioresource Engineering
- Strategic Management
- Probability & Statistics
- Civil Engineering
- General Management
- Applied Mathematics -Hon
- Sociology

# About the instructors

- Brief research overviews...

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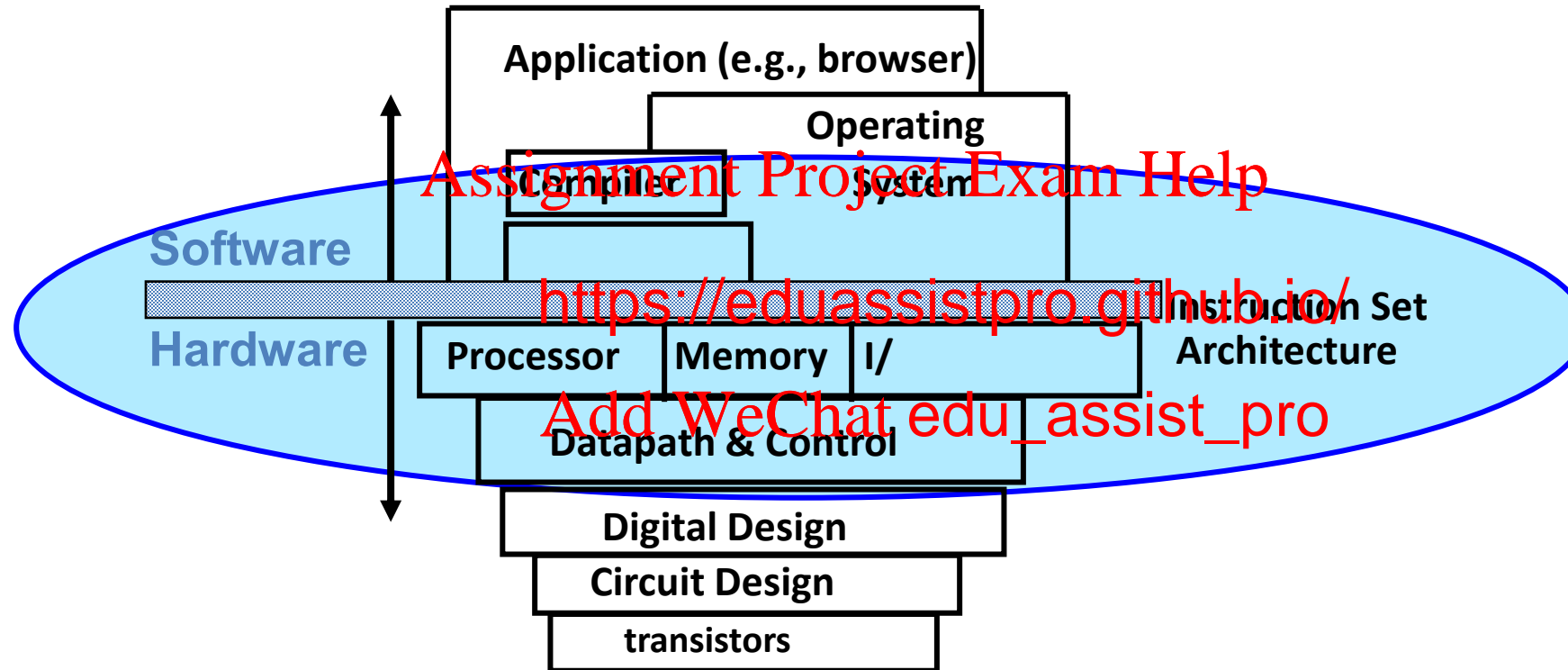
# What is inside a computer?

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# What are “Machine Structures”?



\* Coordination of many *levels of abstraction*

# Below Your Program

- High-level language program (in C)

```
swap (int v[], int k) {  
    int temp = v[k];  
    v[k] = v[k+1];  
    v[k+1] = temp;  
}
```

- Assembly language pr

```
swap:  sll  
       add $2, $4, $2  
       lw  $15, 0($2)  
       lw  $16, 4($2)  
       sw  $16, 0($2)  
       sw  $15, 4($2)  
       jr  $31
```

- Machine (object) code (for MIPS)

```
000000 00000 00101 0001000010000000  
000000 00100 00010 0001000000100000  
... ..
```

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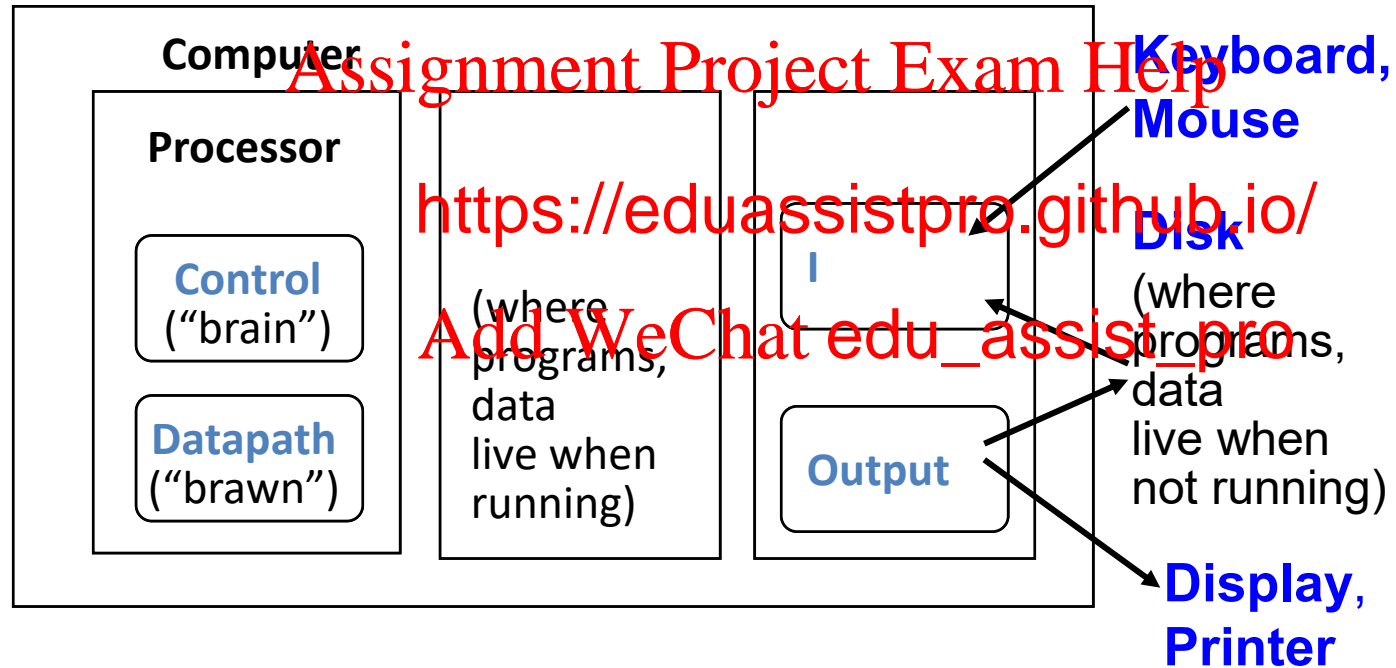
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C compiler

assembler

# Anatomy: 5 Parts of any Computer



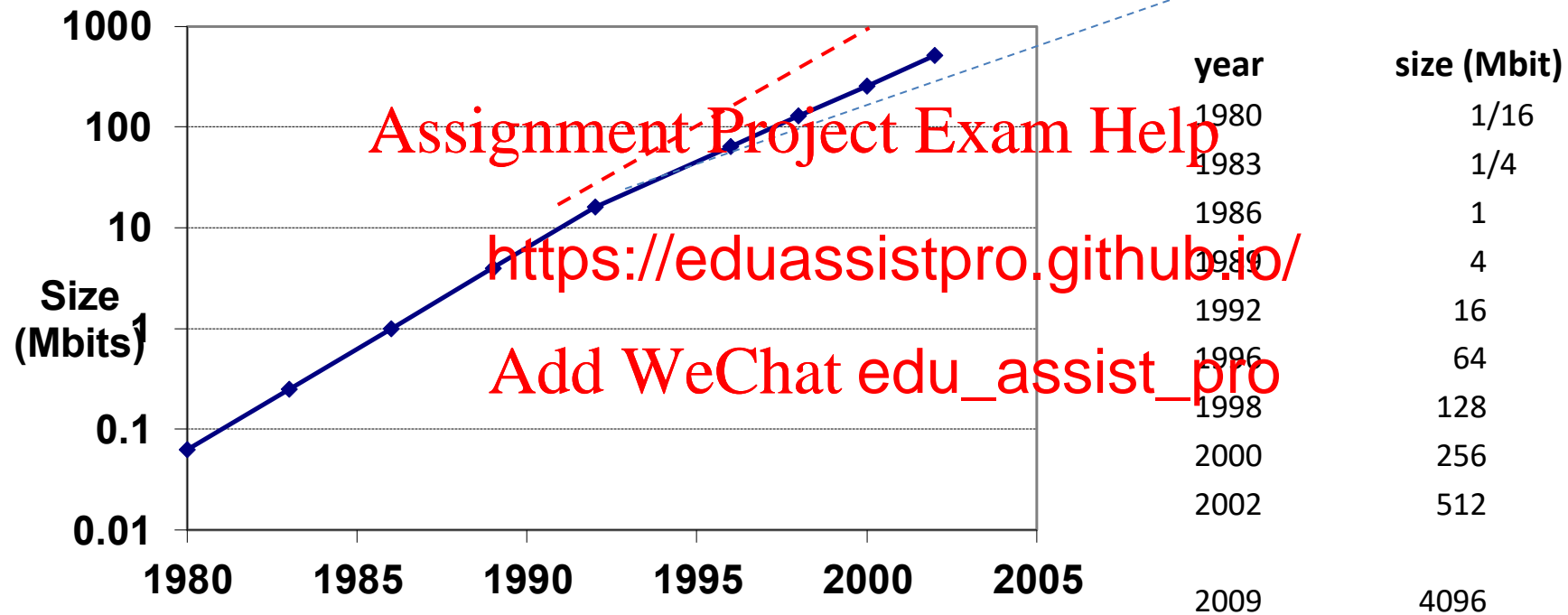
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# Technology Trends: Memory Capacity (Single-Chip DRAM)

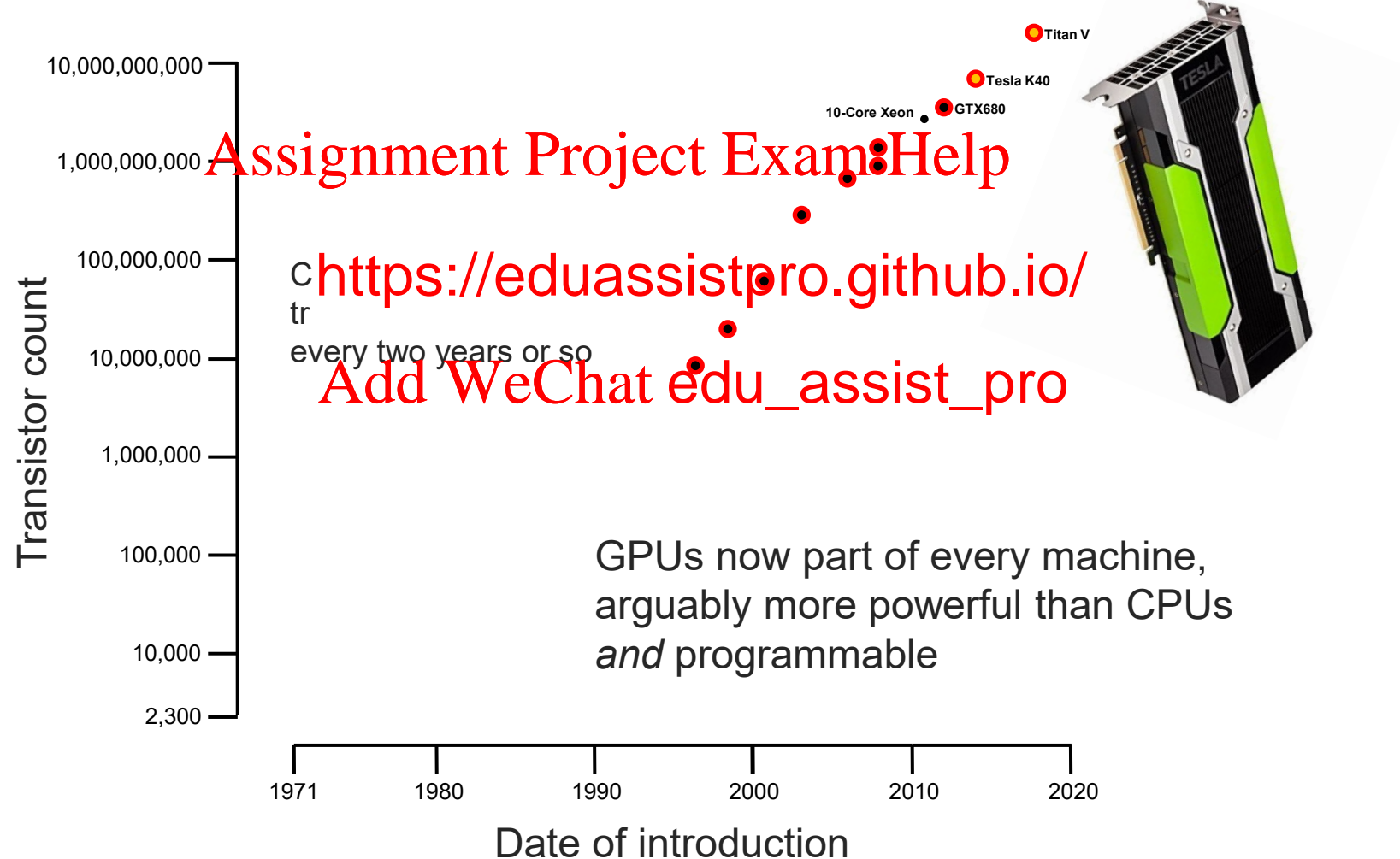


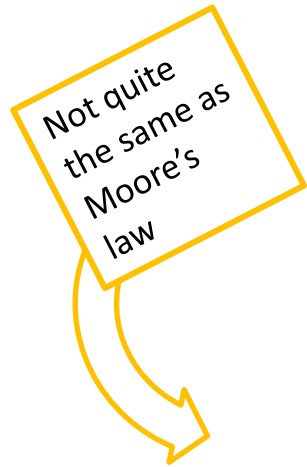
- Was 1.4X/yr, or 2X every 2 years.
- 4000X from 1980 to 2002



# Technology Trends: Microprocessor Complexity

CPU Transistor Counts from 1971 and **Moore's Law**





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# ENIAC

- First general-purpose electronic computer

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- How do the hardware predictions hold up?

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# The story back in 2000

- Processor
  - 2X in speed every 1.5 years (since '85);  
100X performance in previous decade.
- Memory
  - DRAM capacity: 2x / 2 years (since  
64x size in previous decade.
- Disk
  - Capacity: 2X / 1 year (since '97)
  - 250X size in previous decade.

# The story back in 2000

- State-of-the-art PC when you graduate:
  - Processor clock speed: 5000 MegaHertz (5.0 GigaHertz)
  - Memory capacity: 2 GigaBytes (2.0 GigaBytes)
  - Disk capacity: 2000 GigaBytes (2.0 TeraBytes)
  - New units! Mega => Giga, Giga => Tera

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# 2015 and shifting trends

- Energy efficiency now of major importance (mobile computing)
  - Faster clock speed
- Multi core CPUs no longer increasing performance.
- Very powerful graphics cards now prevalent

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3.5 GHz quad core  
32 GB  
8 TB  
\$3000



2688 cores, 0.8 GHz, 6 GB  
\$1000

# Other Big Changes

- Smart phones and tablets
- Cloud computing and software as a service

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# COMP 273 – Course Information

- Learn big ideas in computer science and engineering:
  - 5 Classic components of a Computer
  - Data can be anything (integers, floating point, characters): a program determines what it is
  - Stored program concept
  - Principle of Locality, exploited via memory hierarchy (cache)
  - Greater performance by exploiting parallelism
  - Principle of abstraction, used to build systems as layers

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# Objectives

- Demystify abstraction layers
  - What is really “under the hood”, how does it work?
- Take advantage of new found capabilities
  - Faster programs! <https://eduassistpro.github.io/>
  - Many examples with impact in machine learning! [Add WeChat edu\\_assist\\_pro](#)
  - One example to motivate:
    - “Computing the Singular Value Decomposition of 3x3 matrices with minimal branching and elementary floating point operations”  
*University of Wisconsin - Madison, Computer Science technical report TR1690, May 2011 (VIDEO)*

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# In Conclusion

- Hierarchical layers of abstraction
- Continued rapid improvement in technology
  - Moore's Law

- 5 classic components
  - Control
  - Datapath
  - Memory
  - Input
  - Output

**Processor**

# Review and more information

- Textbook Chapter 1 (section numbers from 5<sup>th</sup> edition)

1.1 Introduction

1.2 Eight great ideas in computer architecture

1.3 Below your program

1.4 Under the covers

1.5/1.6 Technology and Performance

(we'll come back to later in the term)

1.7 The power wall

1.8 The sea of change: the switch to multiprocessors

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