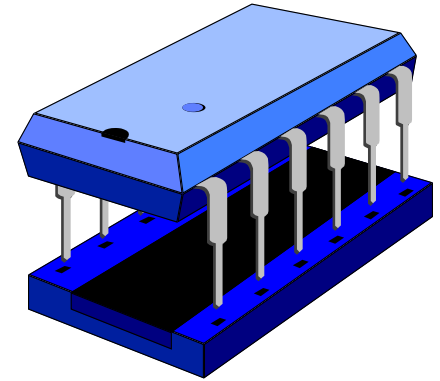


# COMPUTER ARCHITECTURE



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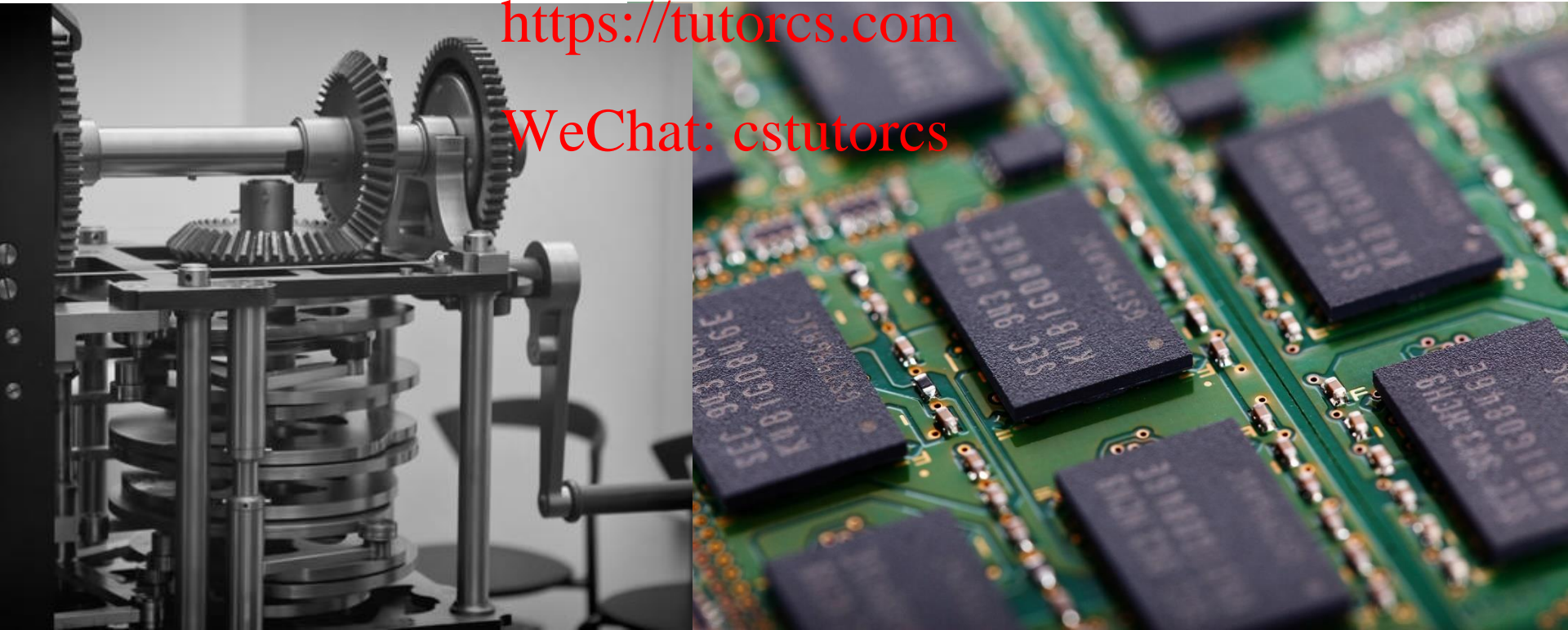
# Course Aims

- To understand the elements and functional principles of a computer

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# Learning Outcomes

- At the end of this course you should:
  - Know the basic the elements of a computer and understand how these elements link together
  - Know the different forms of memory organisation
  - Understand the basics of logic and number representation
  - Comprehend the different levels of programs
  - Understand the structure of the Toy and Pentium processor
  - Be able to write assembler programs

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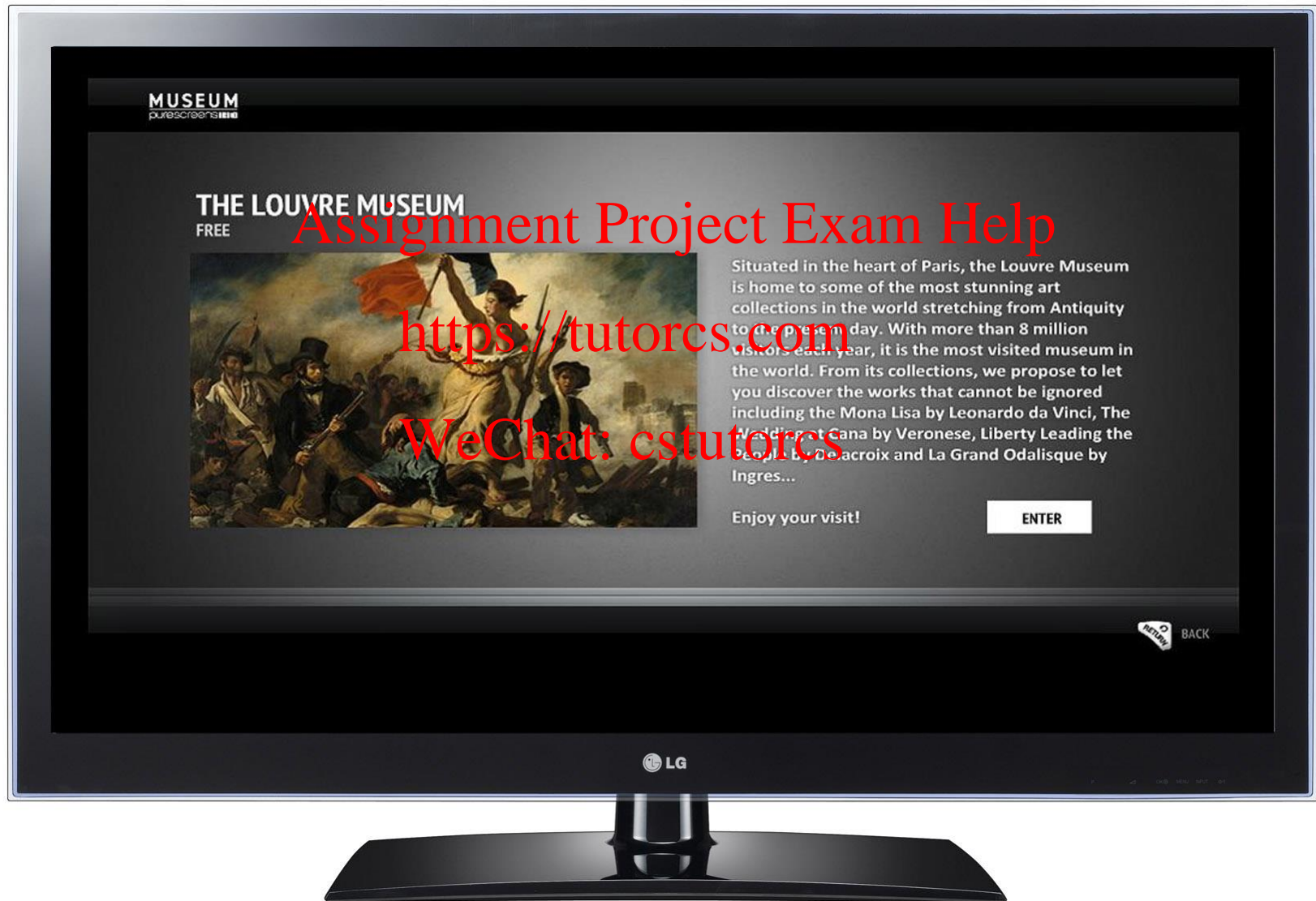
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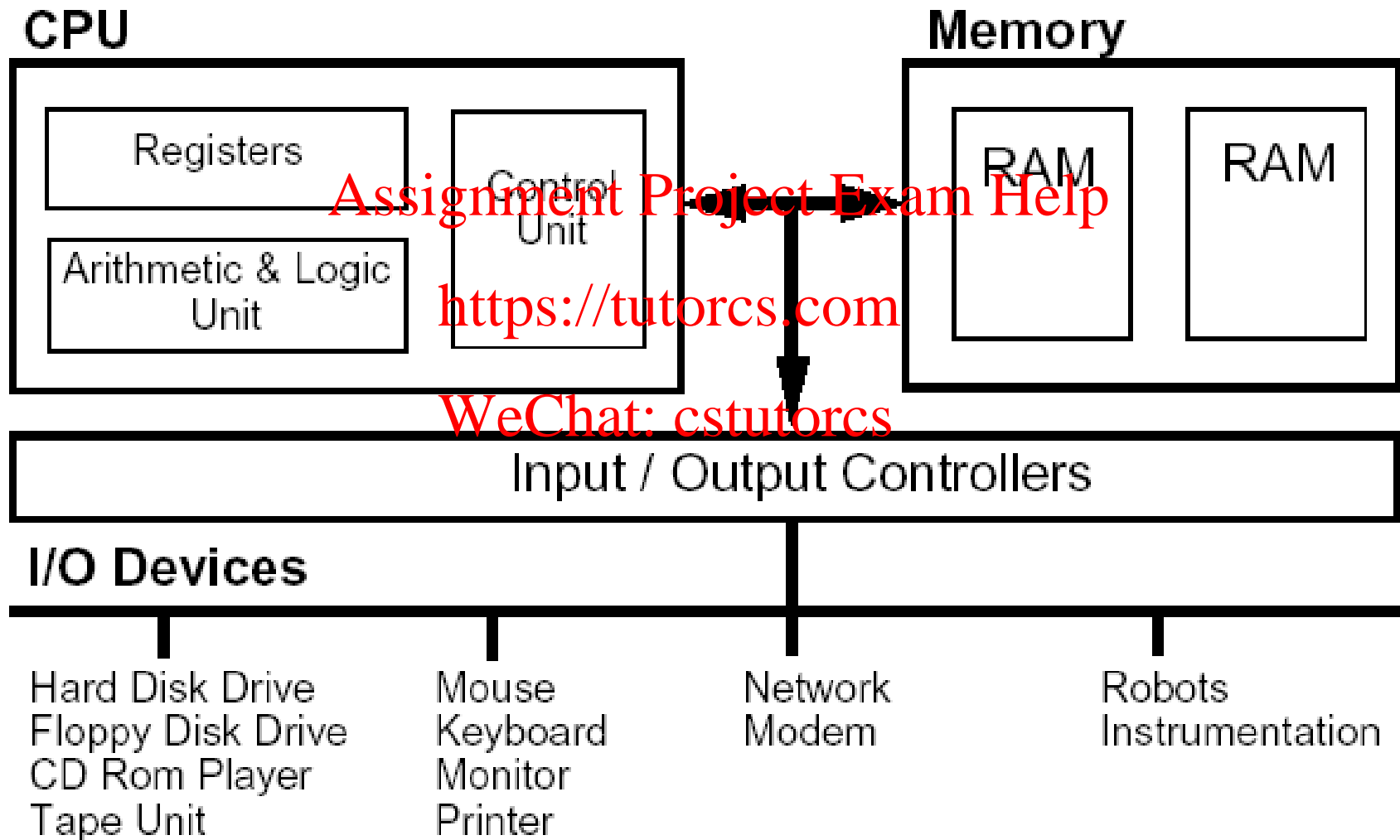




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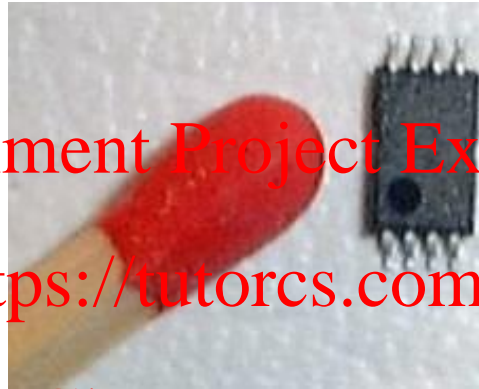
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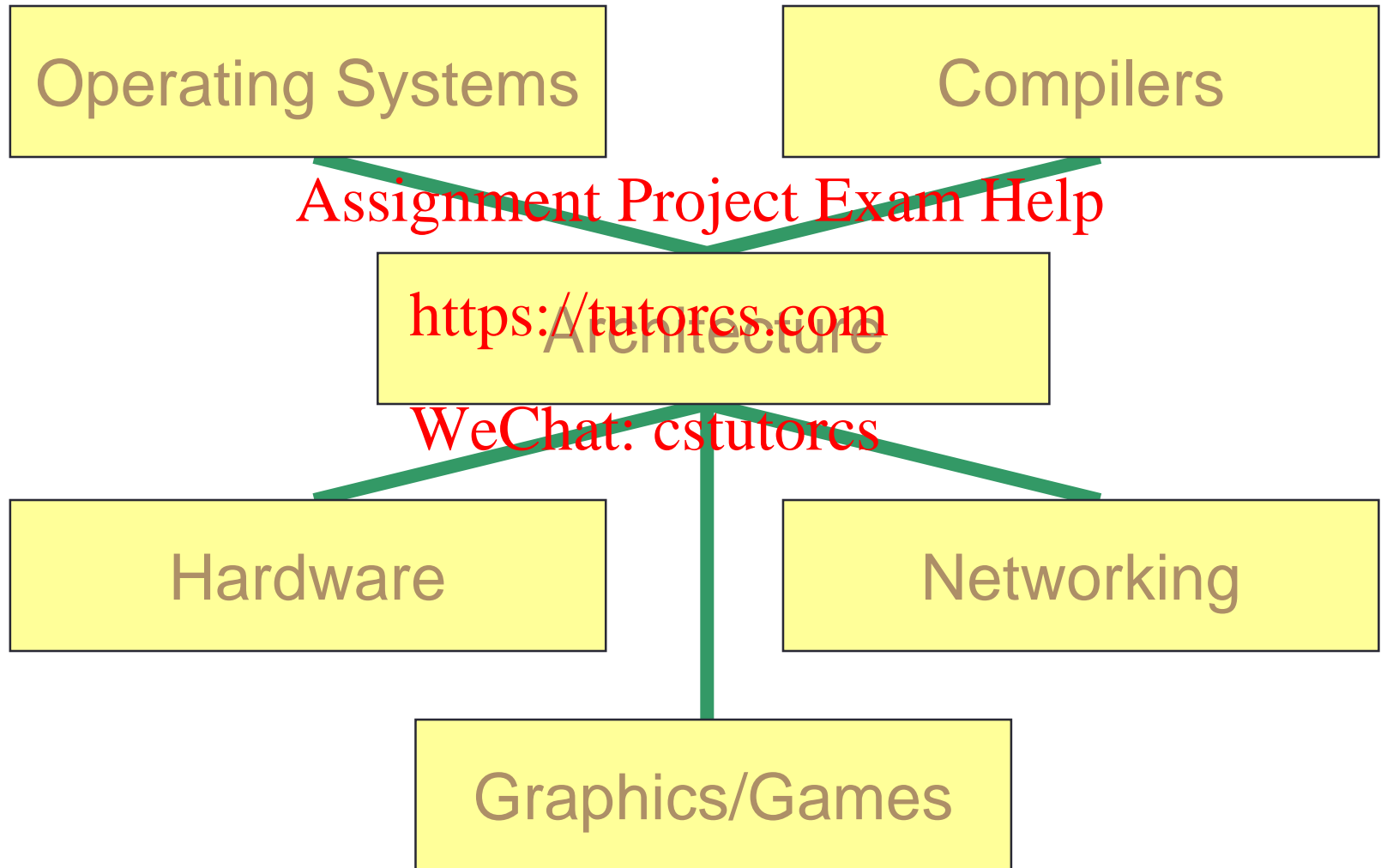
A wide-angle photograph of a modern server room. The room is filled with rows of black server racks, each with a vertical red stripe on its front. The racks are arranged in a grid pattern on a raised floor with square ventilation grates. The walls are white and feature a series of numbered lockers or storage compartments. A red fire door is visible on the left side. The ceiling is high with exposed metal trusses and industrial lighting.

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# Why ?



# Computer Architects - What do they do?

- **Instruction Set Design**
- **CPU Design**
- **I/O Interface Design**
- **Bus design**
- **Motherboard design**
- ....
- **Emulation & testing** of the Architecture in Software
- **Implementation and testing** of the Architecture in Silicon
- **Performance Evaluation**
- Requirements with input from:
  - Higher Management,
  - Compiler writers,
  - Operating System developers,
  - Sales and marketing,
  - Existing and potential Customers
- **Cost/profitability** analysis

# Computer Architecture - Who needs to know?

- **Students** of Computer Architecture!
- **Lecturers** of Computer Architecture !!
- Operating System Developers
- Compiler Writers
- **Repair and Maintenance Technicians**
- **Third Party Vendors** e.g. Peripheral makers, Memory suppliers, Add-on card Suppliers (e.g. Co-processors, Graphics Accelerators)
- Sales and Marketing
- **Patent Office Workers**
- Reverse Engineers/Hackers

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# Course Outline

## *Part 1*

Boolean Algebra and Logic

Basic Circuits and Memory

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Data Representation & Binary Arithmetic

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Floating Point Representation

## *Part 2*

CPU Organisation & Representation

Pentium CPU and Programming

Input/Output Control

# Recommended Reading

## Structured Computer Organisation (5th ed.)

- Andrew S. Tannenbaum, Prentice-Hall International
  - Easy to read, also covers 2nd & 3rd year topics
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## Computer Organisation & Architecture (9th ed.)

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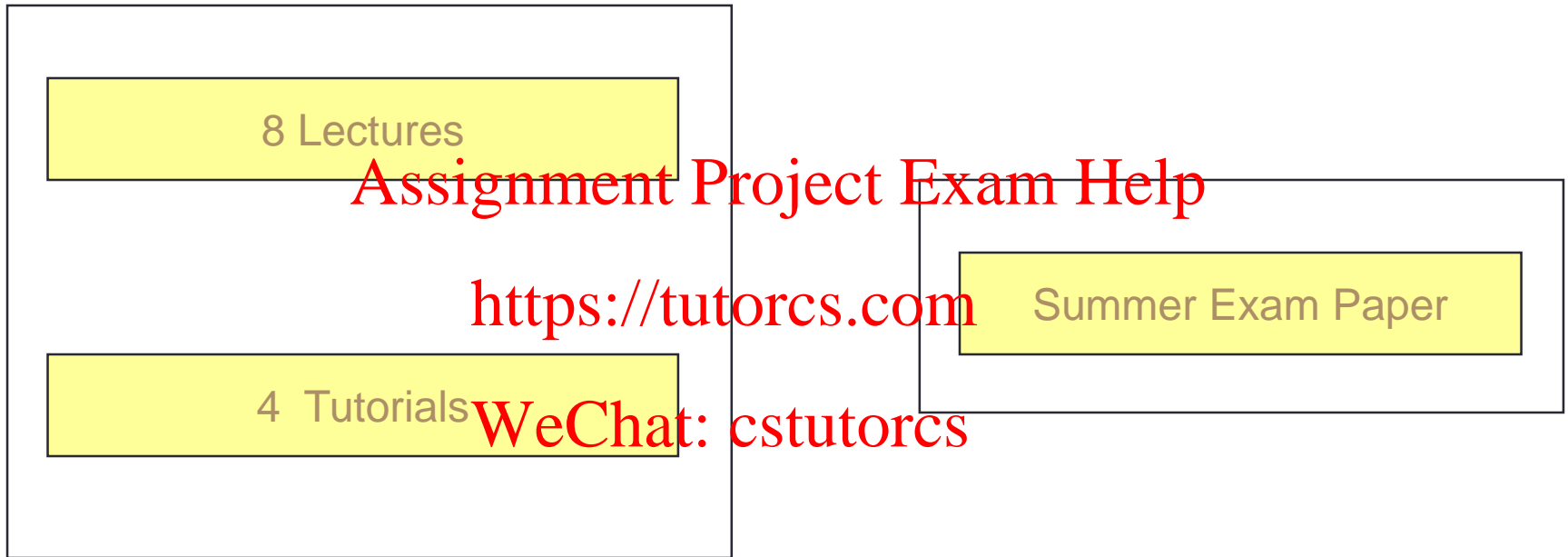
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- William Stallings, Prentice-Hall International
  - Detailed, academic, also covers 2nd and 3rd year topics

## Guide to Assembly Language Programming in Linux

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- Sivarama Dandamudi, Springer
- Good introduction to Intel assembly programming

# Workload (Architecture – Part 1)



- Lecture notes and Tutorials available from CATe
- Questions and discussions on Piazza
- Coursework on paper, 2 weeks time

# Schedule

Date	Topic	Lecture/Tutorial	Time and Room
October 20 <sup>th</sup>	Introduction + Boolean Algebra and Logic	Lecture	11:00 - 12:00, 145
	Boolean Algebra and Logic	Tutorial	12:00 - 13:00, 145
October 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Basic Circuits and Memory	Lecture	14:00 - 15:00, 311
	Chip Design	Lecture	15:00 - 16:00, 311
October 25 <sup>th</sup>	Memory Organisation	Lecture	11:00 - 12:00, 145
	Memory Organisation	Tutorial	12:00 - 13:00, 145
October 27 <sup>th</sup>	Data Representation + Binary Arithmetic	Lecture	11:00 - 12:00, 145
	Data Representation + Binary Arithmetic	Tutorial	12:00 - 13:00, 145
October 30 <sup>th</sup>	Floating Point Numbers	Lecture	14:00 - 15:00, 311
	Floating Point Numbers	Lecture	15:00 - 16:00, 311
October 31 <sup>st</sup>	Floating Point Numbers	Tutorial	14:00 - 15:00, 144
	Coursework released - Deadline November 16 <sup>th</sup>		
November 1 <sup>st</sup>	Tricks and Revision	Lecture	11:00 - 12:00, 145