Welcome to the gem5 bootcamp!



About the overall structure of the bootcamp

These slides and are available at https://gem5bootcamp.github.io/lps2024 for you to follow along.

The source for the slides, and what you'll be using throughout the bootcamp can be found on github at https://github.com/gem5bootcamp/lps2024

Note: Don't clone that repo, yet. We'll do that in a bit.



A bit about us

I am **Prof. Jason Lowe-Power** (he/him).
I am an associate professor in the Computer
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I am **Dr. Bobby Bruce** (he/him). I am a project scientist in the Computer Science Department at UC Davis.

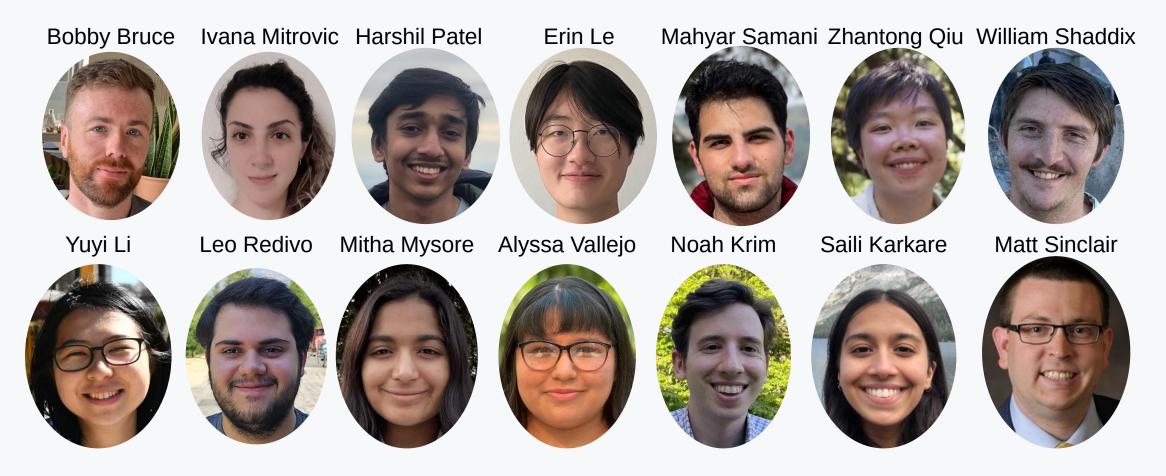
I am the *lead maintainer* of the gem5 project.







The bootcamp team





Plan for the week

Tuesday

Introduction

- Background on simulation
- Getting started with gem5

Using gem5

- gem5's standard library
- gem5 resources
- Running things in gem5
- Modeling cores in gem5
- <u>Modeling caches in gem5</u>
- Modeling memory in gem5

Wednesday

Using gem5

- Full system simulation
- Accelerating simulation
- <u>Sampled simulation with gem5</u>
- Power modeling
- Multisim

Other simulators

- SST

Developing gem5 models

- SimObject intro
- <u>Debugging and debug flags</u>
- Event-driven simulation
- Ports and memory-based SimObjects

Thursday

Developing gem5 models

- Modeling cache coherence with Ruby and SLICC
- <u>Using the CHI protocol</u>
- Modeling the on-chip network with Garnet
- Modeling Cores



Our goals for the gem5 bootcamp

- Make gem5 less painful and flatten the learning curve
- Give you a vocabulary for asking questions
- Provide a reference for the future
- Give you material to take back and teach your colleagues

Other likely outcomes

- You will be overwhelmed by the amount of information and how large gem5 is
 - That's OK! You can take these materials with you and refer back to them
- You will not understand everything
 - That's OK! You can ask questions as we go



How this is going to work

- We'll be going mostly top-down
 - 1. How to use gem5
 - 2. How to each model can be used
 - 3. How to develop your own models and modify existing models
- Highly iterative:
 - You'll see the same thing over and over
 - Each time it will be one level deeper
- Lots of coding examples
 - Both live coding and practice problems



Coding examples

You can write the following code

```
print("Hello, world!")
print("You'll be seeing a lot of Python code")
print("The slides will be a reference, but we'll be doing a lot of live coding!")
```

And you'll see this output.

```
Hello, world!
You'll be seeing a lot of Python code
The slides will be a reference, but we'll be doing a lot of live coding!
```



Bootcamp logistics



Important resources

Bootcamp links

- <u>Bootcamp website</u> (Maybe you're here now)
 - Bootcamp archive (If you're coming to this later)
- <u>Source for bootcamp materials</u> (You'll work here)
- <u>GitHub Classroom</u> (Needed to use codespaces)

gem5 links

- gem5 code
- gem5 website
- gem5 YouTube
- gem5 Slack (for asking offline questions)

