

Programming Thinking

Hardware

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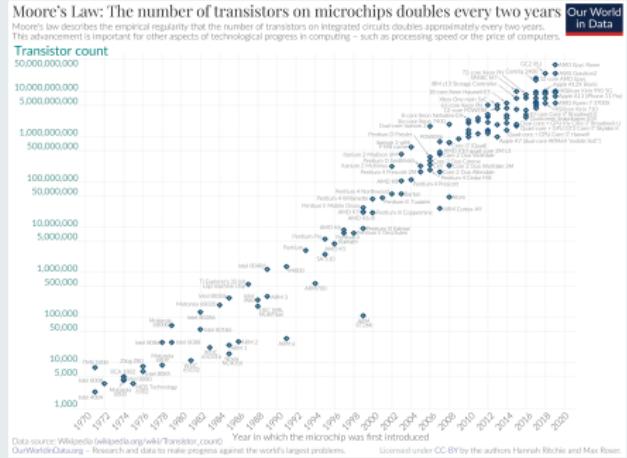
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- Speed measured in hertz

Moore's law

Moore's law is the observation that the number of transistors in a dense integrated circuit (IC) doubles about every two years. Moore's law is an observation and projection of a historical trend. Rather than a law of physics, it is an empirical relationship linked to gains from experience in production.



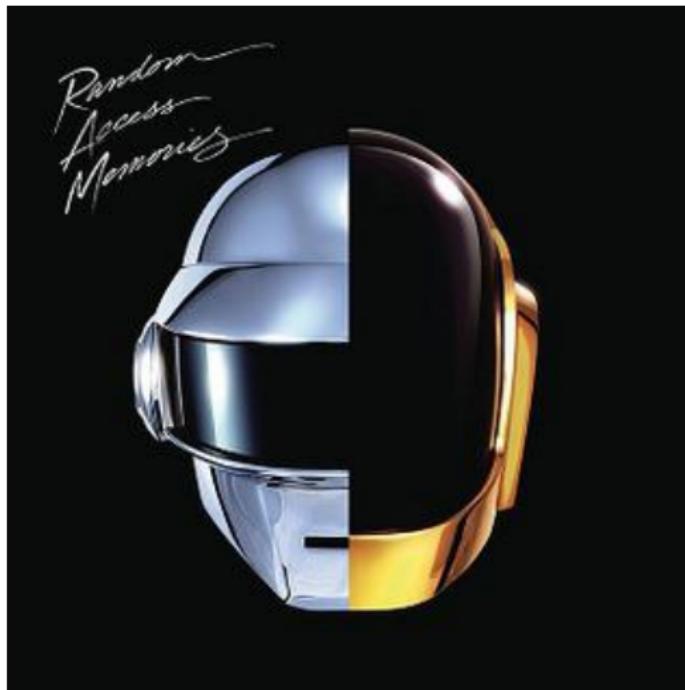
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Nowadays, although the number of transistors in chips is still increasing over the years, the pace has slowed down. The way we're achieving faster speeds nowadays is by having more cores working at the same time.

<http://www.gotw.ca/publications/concurrency-ddj.htm>

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Recap. What happens when Spyder runs a file?

Whiteboard

Let's understand what happens in under the hood of our computer when we run a Python file



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(<http://norvig.com/21-days.html#answers>)