

# Introduction

## Course Content

*Cross off the topics we will not be covering*

How do computers work?	How are computers organized?
How do I fix computers?	Which computer should I buy?
What do computers consist of?	What are the differences between ARM, Core i7, etc?
How do I build a cheap computer?	

## History Timeline

YEAR / TIME PERIOD	INVENTOR / DESIGNER	TECHNOLOGY	DESCRIPTION
Late 1500s	Scottish mathematician		
Early 1600s	German professor		
Mid 1600s	French mathematician		
Late 1600s	German mathematician, philosopher		
1801	French weaver		Power loom with _____
1830s	British mathematician		Machine with _____ & _____ that could be programmed
1830s	British mathematician		

1936	British mathematician & cryptanalyst		Could compute any problem presented in a set of A conceptual blueprint for automatic computation
1941	German engineer		First fully-functioning - controlled machine
1945	American physicist  American electrical engineer		First program-controlled computer Had no
1948			Prototype of stored computer
1952	American mathematician		Converted

(Source: Computer History Museum  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d1pvc9Zh7Tg&t=0s&list=PLzDdlaxoYgBsAEpBBLrzQR2IXcjB1EL1R&index=3&frags=p1%2Cwn>, Cartoon Guide to Computer Science, Wikipedia)

### Turing Machine

INPUTS	OUTPUT
_____	_____
Example: Draw a block diagram of a Turing Machine	

## Computers are everywhere!

TYPE	APPLICATION
purpose	servers, desktops, _____
purpose / systems	cash registers, _____

## Levels of Abstraction

DESIGNER			LEVEL	HIERARCHY
CS	CE	EE		

## Natural Language

The problem we want to solve.

e.g. \_\_\_\_\_

## Algorithm

\_\_\_\_\_ guaranteed to terminate,  
such that each step is precisely stated and can be carried out by the computer.

e.g. \_\_\_\_\_

## Program Level

OS \_\_\_\_\_ :

Computer management program / interface between application programs and machine architecture

```
def binary_search(array, target):
    mid_index = len(array)/2
    median = array[mid_index]
    # base case
    if array[mid_index] == target:
        return
    elif target < median:
        binary_search(array[0:mid_index], target)
    else:
        binary_search(array[mid_index:], target)
```

## Machine / Macro Architecture

Also known as the ISA:

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ISA defines:

1) Native \_\_\_\_\_

that can be executed by the system

2) Formats for \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_  
(interpretation of 1's and 0's)

In this class, we are using the \_\_\_\_\_ instruction set.

## Micro Architecture

\_\_\_\_\_ implementation of the ISA

Different machines with the same macroarchitecture may have different micro architecture.

## Logic Circuits

\_\_\_\_\_ of the micro architecture that make decisions

Draw a few logic gates

## Devices / Transistors

\_\_\_\_\_ of logic gates

Draw a MOSFET transistor