CS 33: Computer Organization

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Course Components

- Lectures
 - Higher level concepts
- Discussions
 - Applied concepts, important tools and skills for labs, clarification of lectures, exam coverage
- Labs
 - The heart of the course
 - Provide in-depth understanding of an aspect of systems
 - Programming and measurement

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More Info

- Web
 - Class web page hosted by CourseWeb
 - Copies of lectures, assignments, exams, solutions
 - Forum
- Office Hours
- Textbook
 - Randal E. Bryant and David R. O'Hallaron. "Computer Systems: A Programmer's Perspective", **3rd Edition**, Prentice Hall 2015.

Grading

- **Exams (55%)**
 - Midterm (20% each)
 - **l** Final (35%)
 - All exams are open book/open notes.
- **Labs** (40%)
 - **4** labs (10% each)
 - You must work alone on all labs
- Homework (5%)
 - **3** 5 assignments (1% each)
 - Electronic submission only

Tentative Calendar

Week	Monday	Wednesday	Friday
1	Intro + Bits and Bytes (1,2)	Integers (2)	
2	Machine-Level Programming I: Basics	Machine-Level Programming II: Control	
3	Machine-Level Programming III: Procedures	Machine-Level Programming IV: Data	Data Lab Due
4	Machine-Level Programming V: Advanced Topics	Floating Point (2)	
5	MIDTERM	Program Optimization	Bomb Lab Due
6	The Memory Hierarchy	Cache Memories	
7	Concurrency (12+handouts)	Concurrency (12+handouts)	Buffer Lab Due
8	Linking + Exceptions (7,8)	Virtual Memory (9)	
9	I/O (10)	MIPS (handouts)	
10	Holiday!	Review	Parallel Lab Due

Homework and Labs Due via CourseWeb by Midnight

Cheating

What is cheating?

Sharing code: either by copying, retyping, looking at, or supplying a copy of a file.

What is NOT cheating?

- Helping others use systems or tools.
- Helping others with high-level design issues.
- Helping others debug their code.

Penalty for cheating:

At the discretion of the Associate Dean

Lab Facilities

SEAS Administered Linux Machine

- I nxsrv. seas. ucl a. edu
- Remote access only
 - Use ssh to log in with your SEAS account
- Please direct any account issues to the SEAS help desk as they are the only ones with root access on this machine
- Alternatives (Not Recommended)
 - You may use other alternatives to develop your code
 - BUT: We will test on the SEAS machines
 - Your code must work correctly on these machines for credit

Course Theme

- Abstraction is good, but don't forget reality!
- Abstractions have limits
 - Things are more complex in hardware than they look in C/Java!!
 - Bugs are hard to track/understand if looking only from a high-level point of view

Useful outcomes

- Become more effective programmers
 - Able to find and eliminate bugs efficiently
 - Able to tune program performance
- Prepare for later "systems" classes in CS
 - Compilers, Operating Systems, Networks, Computer Architecture, Parallel Programming

The Compilation System

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
    printf("hello, world\n");
}
```

