Welcome to Solving Problems with Computers I

CS 16: Solving Problems with Computers I
Lecture #1

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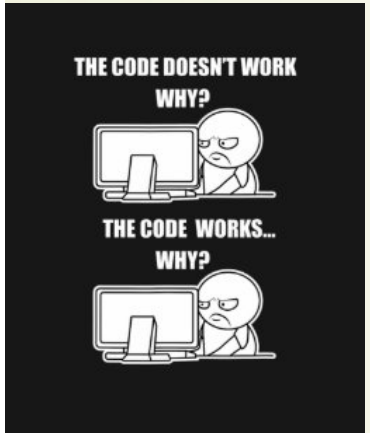

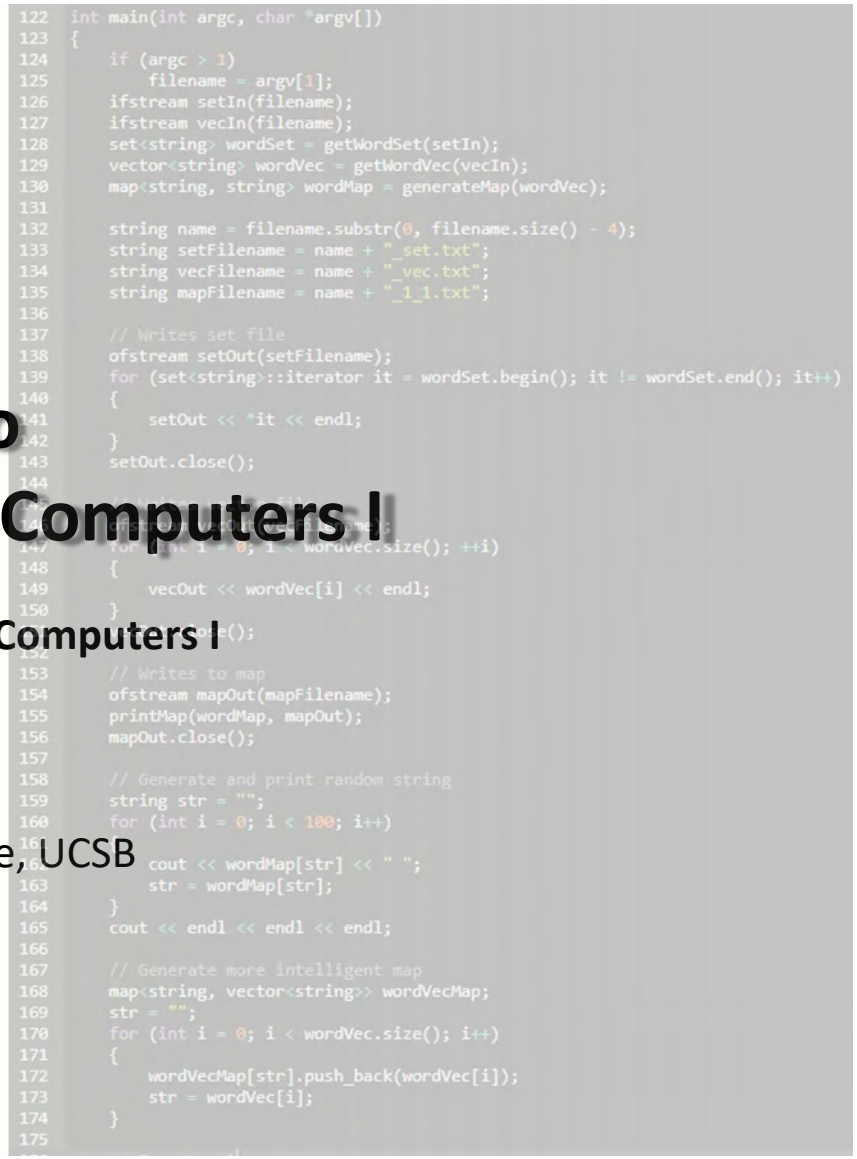

Your Instructor

Your instructor: **Ziad Matni, Ph.D.**

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Email: ***ziad.matni@ucsb.edu***

Please put CS16 at the start of the subject header in email!!

(because I teach other classes this quarter, so it helps me…)

Your TAs!

Run labs, grading, have office hours

- Subra Shankar
- Jingxuan Cao
- Abtin Bateni
- Xinlu Zhang

Your ULAs!

Undergraduate Learning Assistants

- Regina Weinreb

- Zechen Ma

Undergrad Students who are Peer Mentors

Help in Lectures, Labs, Run "Open Lab" Sessions

How About You?!

Zoom poll

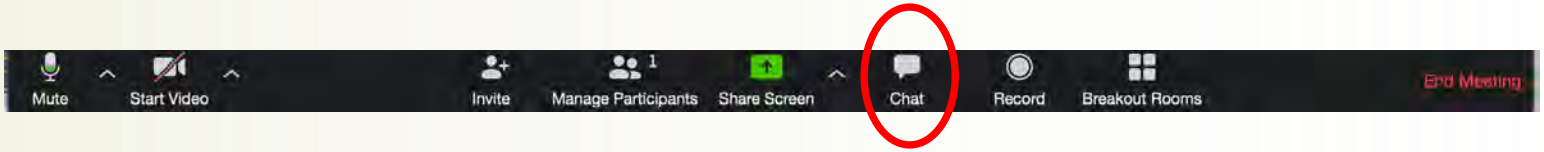
About this Zoom Meeting

- Zoom meetings for lectures default to “no video; no audio”
  - Video eats up bandwidth (slows down some connections)
  - You won’t need to use audio (you can ask questions in **chat**)

- You CAN, but you don’t have to turn those on ☺

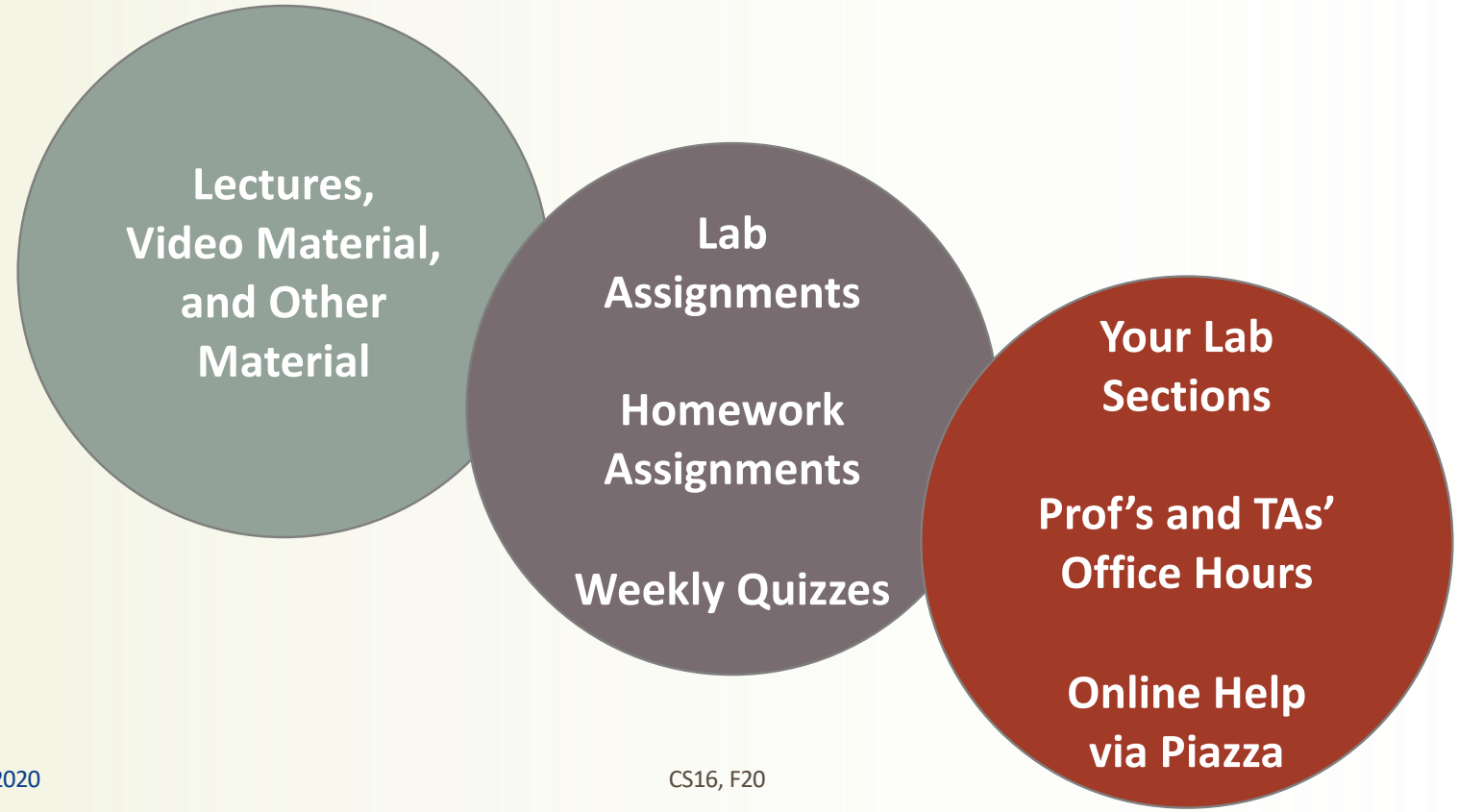
About this Zoom Meeting

- If you want to ask questions, either:
  - Type out your question in the Zoom Chat feature
  - **OR** Wait until I give an ”OK” to do so (then turn on audio)



- I will be recording our ”Live” Zoom Lectures
  - Then putting them up on GauchoSpace
  - Not office hours or labs, though

The Trifecta of Success in this Class!



New Section Added

- Did you ALL get access to **GauchoSpace**?
- Did you ALL register on **Piazza**?
- Did you ALL register on **Gradescope**?
  - Class entry code was given in intro email (it's **96BE5Y**)
- **Please resolve these TODAY!!!**

Format of **Lectures**

- We will get together and discuss on **Tuesdays**
  - On **Zoom** at the usual class time (**11:00 AM PDT**)
  - I will record these sessions and upload them

SYNCHRONOUS

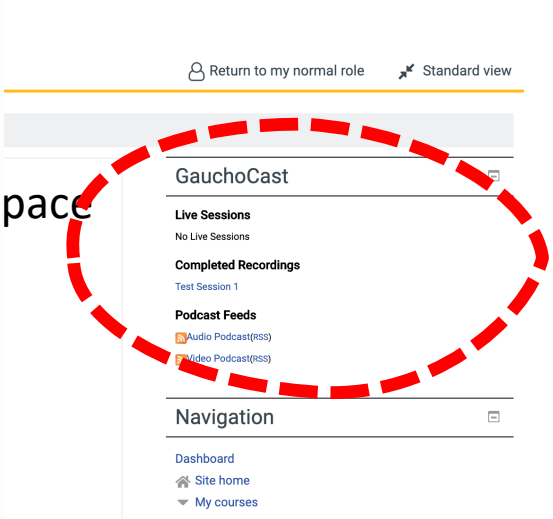
- I will put up **pre-recorded videos, lecture slides** on **Thursday**
  - On **GauchoSpace**

ASYNCHRONOUS

- We will also have **weekly** homework/labs/quizzes associated with this material
  - Put up on **GauchoSpace / Gradescope**

Format of **Lectures**

- Pre-recorded videos on **Thursdays**
  - I will have multiple 15-20 minute videos
  - Look for **GauchoCast** block in upper right-hand side of GauchoSpace



- When we get together "live" on **Tuesdays**
  - Make sure you have viewed the videos **before** this
  - Make sure you have read the readings **before** this
  - **I'll do a high-level review of the material & introduce new material**
  - We'll do exercises together & you can **live chat** your Qs

Attendance & Participation

Attendance

- I expect you to attend all live lectures
- I will take attendance in class in the form of Poll Questions on Zoom
- I'll excuse no more than 2 absences, then the points start coming off…

Participation

- I will not "cold call" people during lecture
- I will ask for your participation voluntarily, of course! ☺
- The Poll Questions will count for participation
  - 100% if you get them right, 80% for simply attempting to answer!

The easiest 5% of the class grade!!

Format of **Lab Sections**

YOU HAVE A LAB NEXT WEEK!

- Lab description will be posted on GauchoSpace *(typically on Monday afternoon)*
  - Due typically 1 week later on Monday by 11:59 pm
- Labs are on **Tuesdays (1, 2, 3, 4 PM)**
  - Go to the ones you're registered for!
- T.As will use some of the time to **explain lab** and **demo some things**
- *Both T.As and ULAs will be there to help!*

ONE MORE IMPORTANT THING!!!

- You have to use the **Computer Science Instructional Lab (CSIL)** computers for your lab assignments.
  - You will log into them remotely (1st lab will have you doing this)

- Before your first lab section on Tuesday, **PLEASE visit this website and create your College of Engineering account (unless you already have one).**
  - https://accounts.engr.ucsb.edu/create

- **You CANNOT do your labs WITHOUT a CoE ACCOUNT**
- **You must ensure that your labs run on our CoE Computers at CSIL!**

Format of **Homework Assignments**

YOU HAVE HW NEXT WEEK!

- This class will have weekly homework assignments
  - Posted online via **GauchoSpace** *(typically on Tuesdays after lecture)*
  - You will turn them into **Gradescope** by the due date *(typically on Mondays)*

- Process:
  - I'll post a PDF with questions and spaces for the answers
  - You either:
    - EDIT the PDF by adding your answers ***or***
    - You print the PDF, write your answers, scan it as new PDF
  - You upload your edited PDF onto **Gradescope**

Format of **Quizzes / Exams**

YOU HAVE QUIZ 1 NEXT WEEK!

- No Midterm Exams
- This class will have weekly quizzes instead
  - Posted online via **Gradescope**
  - **Time-limited to 24 hours and timed when you start to take it**
  - Takes place every **Friday – starts at 9 am, Pacific Time** (Closes Sat @ 9 am)
  - No make ups whatsoever
  - DSP student?
    Make sure the system has your request processed *at least 1 week before* quizzes/exams
    (for next week's quiz, email me)
  - Quizzes are open-book, open-notes and **TIMED**
- Cumulative Final Exam will be on **Wednesday, December 16th**

Getting Help from Us

- Prof and TA have **synchronous** Office Hours
  - Connect via **Zoom**
  - **All dates/times and links are listed on GauchoSpace**
- The ULAs have **synchronous** Peer Mentoring Sessions (“open labs”)
  - Connect via **Zoom**
  - **All dates/times and links are listed on GauchoSpace**
- We will also help **asynchronously**
  - Connect via **Piazza**
  - Email is ok too for personal questions

Summary of What You Need to Do Weekly

MONDAYS

- ☐ *Optional*: Attend TAs' office hours
- ☐ Turn in CURRENT **homework assignment** on **Gradescope**.
- ☐ Turn in CURRENT **lab assignment** on **Gradescope**.
- ☐ Look for NEW **lab assignment** on **GauchoSpace**.

TUESDAYS

- ☐ Attend **live lecture** on **Tue. at 11 AM on Zoom**.
- ☐ Attend **live labs on Zoom** during your registered lab time.
- ☐ Look for NEW **homework assignment** on **GauchoSpace**.

THURSDAYS

*** Check Piazza every day! ☺**

- ☐ *Optional*: Attend Dr. Matni's office hours
- ☐ *Optional*: Attend TAs' office hours
- ☐ *Optional*: Attend Peer Mentoring Session (with the ULAs)
- ☐ View NEW **pre-recorded lectures** on **Thursday on GauchoSpace**.

FRIDAYS

- ☐ Take NEW **quiz** on Fri. on **Gradescope** – you have a 24-hour window.

This Class

- An **intermediate** (not a beginner's) class in computer science
  - You WILL need to have taken a beginner's class somewhere
- Covers the **basic building blocks for solving problems** using computers, in general, and using **C++ programming** specifically
- Enables you to go on to take other exciting classes in CS!!!!!!!

Why Are We Using C++ in this Course?

- ***C++ is one of the most widely used and in-demand computer programming languages***
  - For a list of commercial applications written in C++, see http://www.stroustrup.com/applications.html

- If you can learn C++, you can more easily learn (or even teach yourself) other popular P.L.s
  - Like Python, Java, etc…

- It looks great on your resume!
  - Actually, it's a must-have on any "decent" CS major's resume…

How Is This Class Taught?

- Every class has a lecture based on the readings:

  YOU MUST DO THE READINGS BEFORE CLASS!!!

- You will be in a lab on Tuesdays:

  YOU MUST READ YOUR LAB ASSIGNMENT BEFORE YOU GO TO LAB!!!

- You have to do a lot of homework and lab assignments

BECAUSE PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT!!!
(and also, it's actually fun)

Main Class Website…

…will be on **GAUCHOSPACE**

On there, I will keep:

- **Recorded Videos for Lecture Material**
- **Recorded Zoom Videos of Lecture**
- Latest syllabus (incl. schedule)
- Class and lab assignments
- Important handouts and articles

There's ~~actual~~ **A LOT OF** "work" to do…

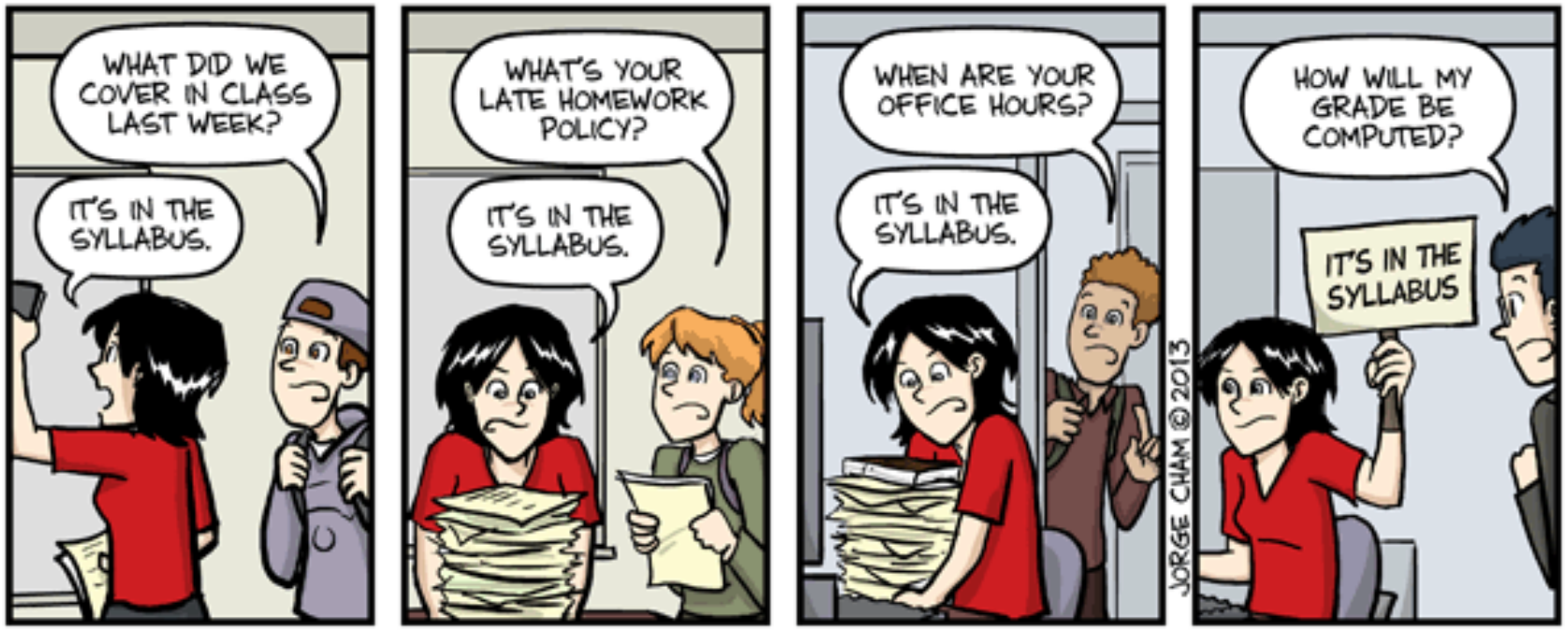
- 8-9 Homework Assignments 1x a week
- 8-9 Lab Assignments 1x a week
- 8-9 Quizzes 1x a week
- 1 Final Exam

… and a partridge in a pear tree…

Why so much work??

Because Programming is a Skill…

If You Have Questions… Ask! But First, Check…



So… Where is That Syllabus…??

Electronic version found on **GauchoSpace**

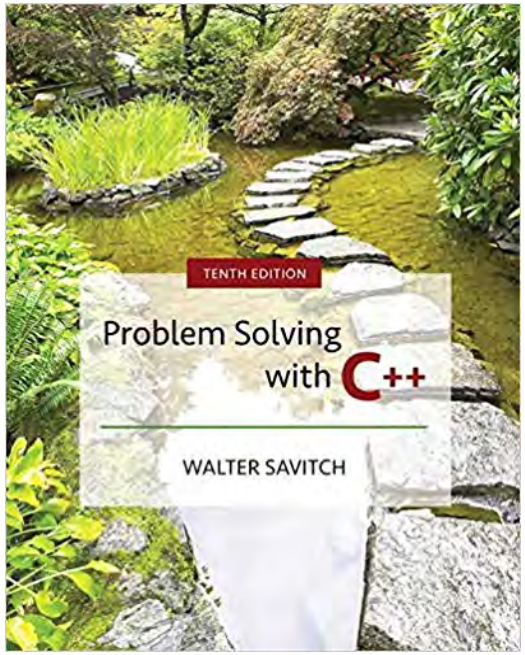
You are responsible for reading it (yes, the whole thing!)

- Instructor & T.A.s' vital info
- Class websites' info
- Textbook info
- Class organization info
- Grading info
- Labs & assignments
- My policies (absences, make ups, my copyrights, academic integrity)
- Class schedule
- Extra resources for students

Required Textbook

Problem Solving with C++ (10th Edition)
by Walter Savitch

(9th ed. is ok, but references may be different)



My Policies (Detailed in Syllabus)

- I expect you to do your OWN work at ALL times
- **I take Cheating and Plagiarism VERY seriously**
  - What happens if you work with someone on an assignment?
  - What happens if you find a solution online somewhere?
- Using services like Chubb, etc… are **not allowed** at all
- UCSB's Academic Integrity and Honesty Policy = My Policy
- You are not allowed to distribute the class material (any of it) at all
  - Per UCSB policy, the Prof. is the legal copyright holder

My Policies (Detailed in Syllabus)

- Grading

Item	Grade %	Notes
Participation & Attendance	5%	In the live classes.
Homework	20%	Each assignment weighted the same as the others. Unless otherwise told.
Labs	30%	Each assignment weighted the same as the others. Unless otherwise told.
Quizzes	25%	Each quiz is weighted the same as the others. Unless otherwise told.
Final	20%	Cumulative and required.
TOTAL	**100 %**	

These are calculated to 2 decimal places and strictly assigned.

Range	Grade	Range	Grade
[93 – 100]	A	[77 – 80)	C+
[90 – 93)	A-	[73 – 77)	C
[87 – 90)	B+	[70 – 73)	C-
[83 – 87)	B	[60 – 70)	D
[80 – 83)	B-	< 60	F

[X – Y) means *"X to Y inclusive of X (but not Y)"*

- Late Policy
  - Assignments turned in after due time, within 24 hrs: Lose 20%
  - **No late assignments accepted after 24 hrs: zero grade**

- Make-up Policy
  - No make-up *at all*

Class Schedule

- We'll be covering a lot of basic / intermediate concepts in C++
  - See schedule in syllabus
- Week 8 is off for Thanksgiving
  - No lectures planned for that week
  - May have assignment(s) to turn in during this time
- Class schedule and topics are subject to change
  - I will communicate those to you, if they occur, on time
- Schedule for Final Exam is **fixed**

Your Questions

I will now answer your questions! ☺

Should I Buy/Download a C++ Programming Environment/Suite??

- There are a few GUI-based IDEs out there for C++
  - You are NOT REQUIRED to get them for this class!!!!! (so, no)

- Regardless, you **ARE REQUIRED** to become proficient on UCSB's UNIX/Linux **CSIL** machines' C++ compiler and environment
  - "g++" and "makefile", etc…

- *Real programmers use command-lines…!* ☺

What do YOU Have to do **THIS** Week?

- Make sure you:
  - Are registered on Gradescope and on Piazza
  - Have access to GauchoSpace
  - Have the textbook or have access to it
  - Have a CoE account so that you can use the CSIL machines
- Relax and Avoid The Corona
  - Aaaaand don't watch the news… ☹

What do YOU Have to do **NEXT** Week?

- On Monday, look for the new lab description
- On Tuesday, ATTEND LECTURE
- On Tuesday, also, look for the new homework
- On Thursday, look for the pre-recorded videos
- On Friday, take the quiz

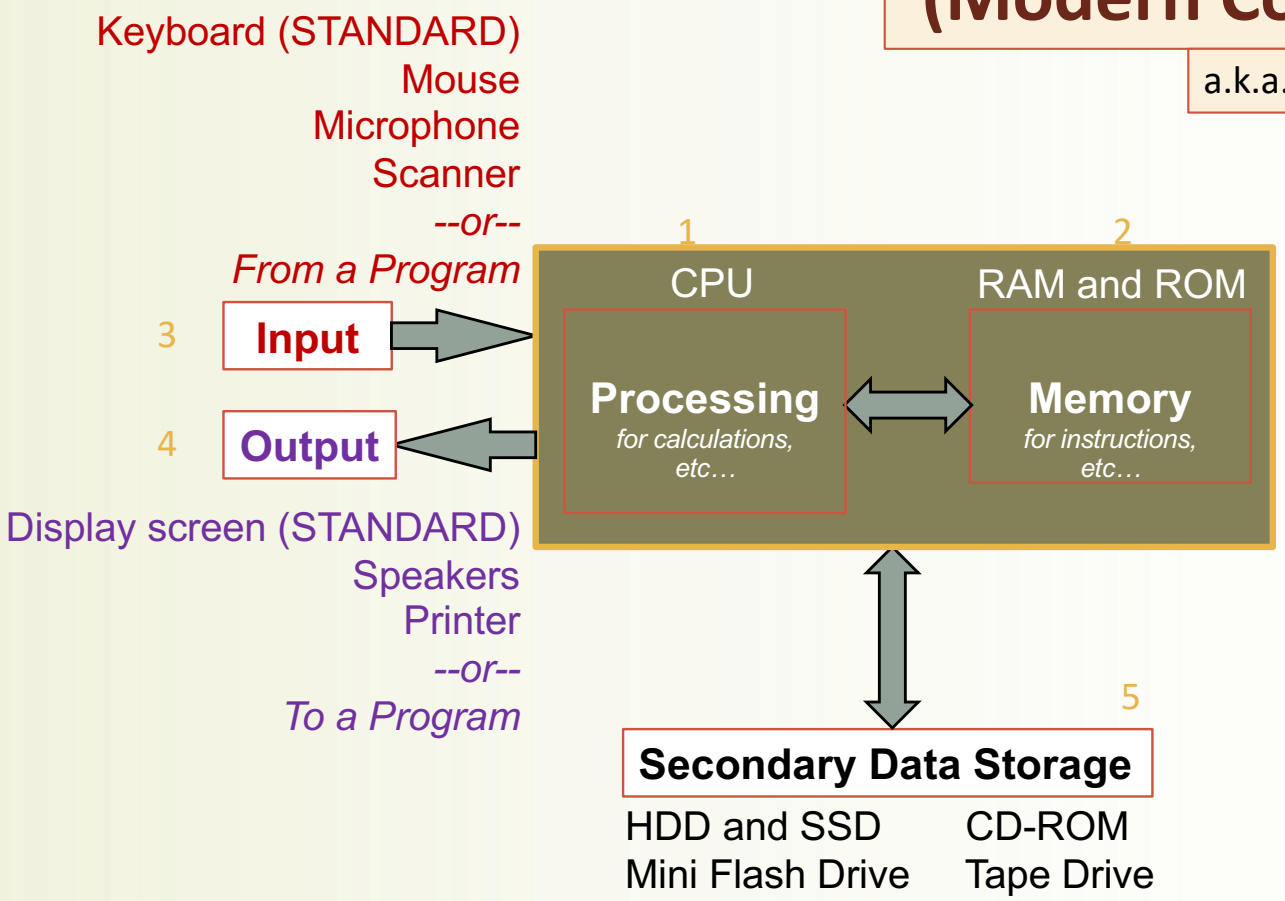
A Refresher on Computers

Computer Systems

- **Hardware**
  - The physical
    - CPU and Memory ICs
    - Printed circuit boards
    - Plastic housing, cables, etc…
- **Software**
  - The instructions and the data
    - Programs and applications
    - Operating systems

A Map of Computer Components (Modern Computer Architecture)

a.k.a. von Neumann Architecture



CPU = Central Processing Unit
RAM = Random-Access Memory
ROM = Read-Only Memory
HDD = Hard Disk Drive
SSD = Solid State Drive
OS = Operating System

5 Main Components to Computers

1. Processor
2. Main memory
   - Usually inside the computer, volatile
3. Inputs
4. Outputs
5. Secondary memory
   - More permanent (non-volatile) memory for mass storage of data

Computer Memory

- Usually organized in two parts:
  - Address
    - ***Where*** can I find my data?
  - Data (payload)
    - ***What*** is my data?

- The smallest representation of the data
  - A binary *bit* ("0"s and "1"s)
  - A common collection of bits is a byte (8 bits = 1 byte)
  - **What information can one store in 1 byte?**
    A number? A letter? A program? A book? A picture? A movie?

Scales of a Byte…

1B	*(byte)*
1 kB	*(kilobyte)*
1 MB	*(megabyte)*
1 GB	*(gigabyte)*
1 TB	*(terabyte)*
???	

What is the Most Basic Form of Computer Language?

- Binary *a.k.a* Base-2

- Expressing data AND instructions in either “1” or “0”
  - So,

    “01010101 01000011 01010011 01000010 00100001 00100001”

    could mean an *instruction* to “calculate 2 + 3”

    Or it could mean a *number* (856,783,663,333)

    Or it could mean a *string of 6 characters* (“UCSB!!”)

Computer Software

- All the data
- All the programs
- All the applications
- The operating system(s)

Algorithm vs. Program

Complete this:

"Computer Science is about studying how to
use _____ to solve problems"

- **Algorithms**
  - Sequences of precise instructions that leads to a solution
- **Programs**
  - Algorithms expressed in a language the computer can understand

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