

# CS 3330 Introduction

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Should help you understand machine!  
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But “clever” (optimizing) compiler  
might be confusingly indirect instead

# homework: C environment

get Unix environment with a C compiler

options:

- lab accounts + SSH

- Linux (native or VM)

  - 2150 VM image should work

- online IDE (e.g. Cloud9, Koding)

# assignment compatibility

supported platform: lab machines

many use laptops

trouble? we'll say to use lab machines

most assignments: C and Unix-like environment

also: tool written in Rust — but we'll provide binaries  
previously written in D + needed D compiler

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in theory, you know this (CS 2150)

in reality, ...

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# Y86-64??

Y86: our textbook's X86-64 subset

much simpler than real X86-64 encoding  
(which we will not cover)

not as simple as 2150's IBCM

- variable-length encoding

- mostly full register set

- full conditional jumps

- stack-manipulation instructions



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# program performance

naive model:

one instruction = one time unit

number of instructions matters, but ...

# program performance: issues

## parallelism

fast hardware is parallel  
needs multiple things to do

## caching

accessing things recently accessed is faster  
need reuse of data/code

(more in other classes: **algorithmic** efficiency)

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understanding weird compiler/linker errors

if you want to make compilers

debugging applications

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# weird program behaviors

what is a segmentation fault really?

how does the operating system interact with programs?

if you want to handle them — writing OSs



# interlude: powers of two

	...
$2^0$	1
$2^1$	2
$2^2$	4
$2^3$	8
$2^4$	16
$2^5$	32
$2^6$	64
$2^7$	128
$2^8$	256
$2^9$	512
$2^{10}$	1 024

**K** (or Ki)

	...
$2^{11}$	2 048
$2^{12}$	4 096
$2^{13}$	8 192
$2^{14}$	16 384
$2^{15}$	32 768
$2^{16}$	65 536

$2^{20}$  1 048 576 **M** (or Mi)

$2^{30}$  1 073 741 824 **G** (or Gi)

$2^{31}$	2 147 483 648
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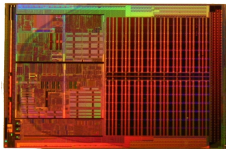
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$$256\text{T} = 256 \cdot 2^{40} = 2^{40+8} = 2^{48}$$

# processors and memory



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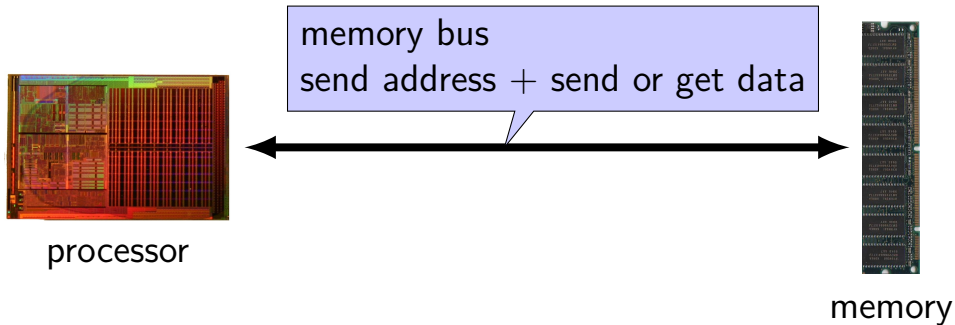


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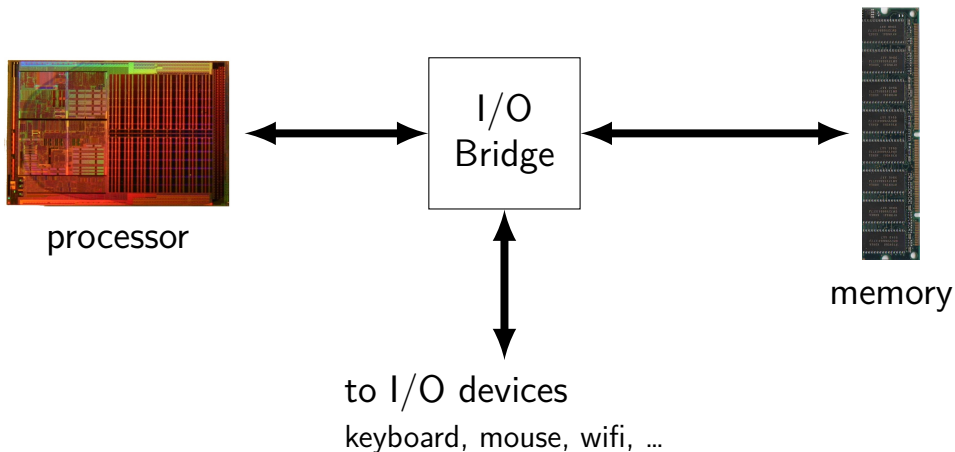
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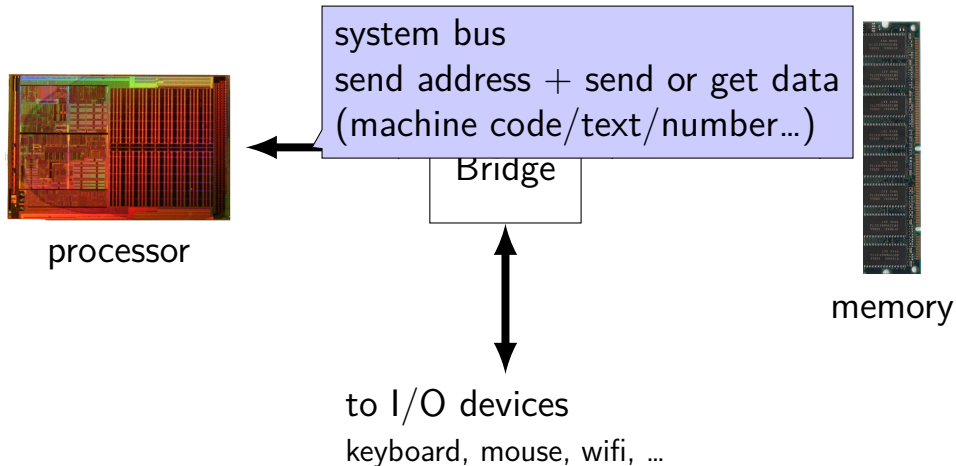
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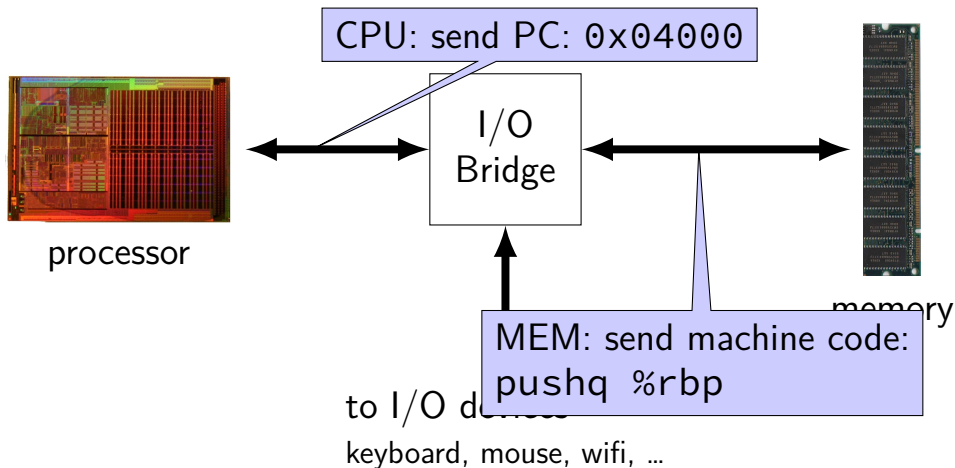
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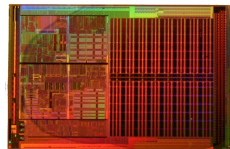


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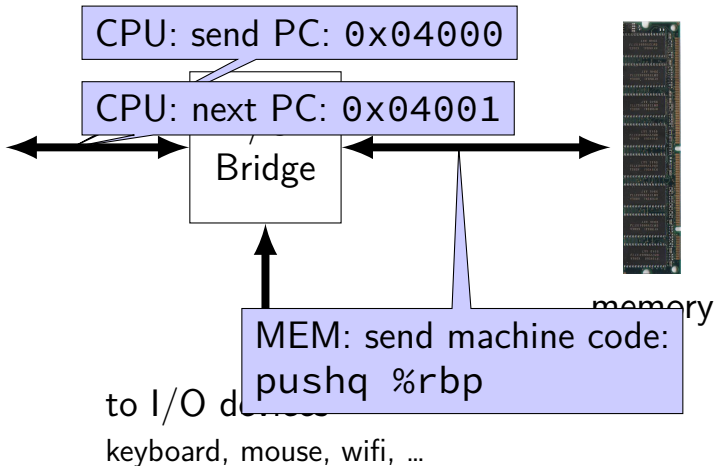
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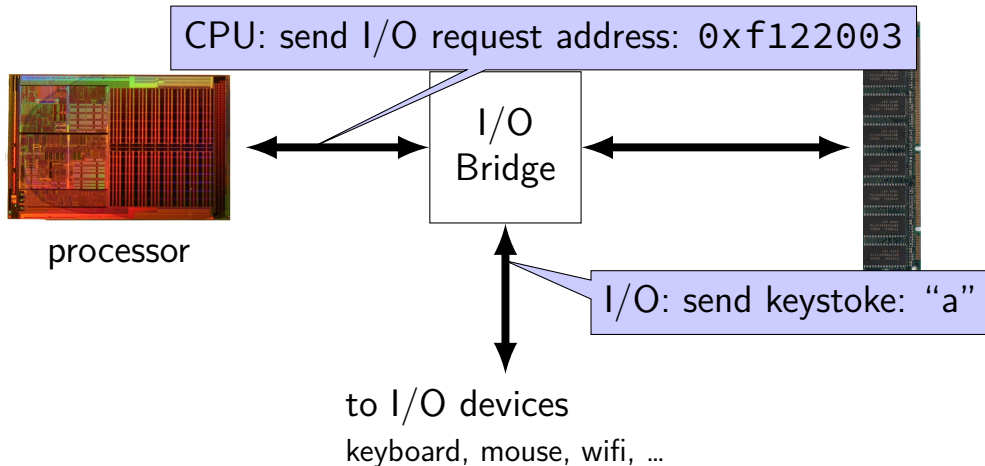
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CPU interprets based on how accessed

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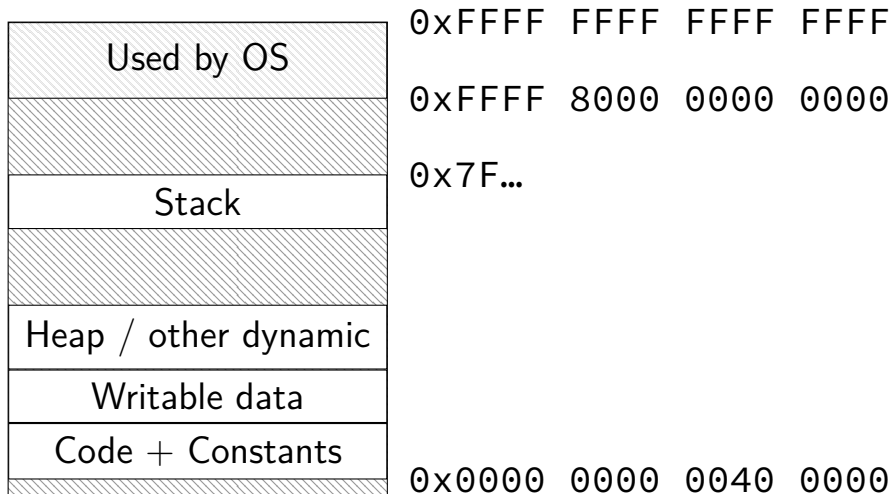
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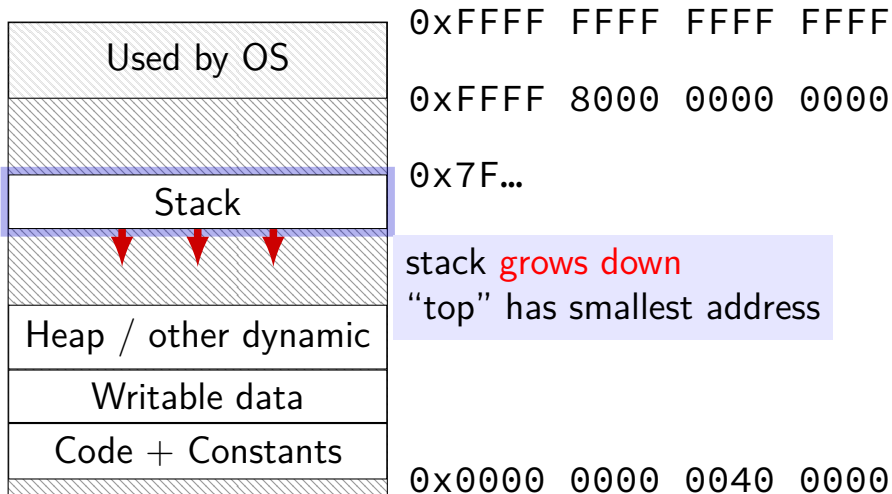
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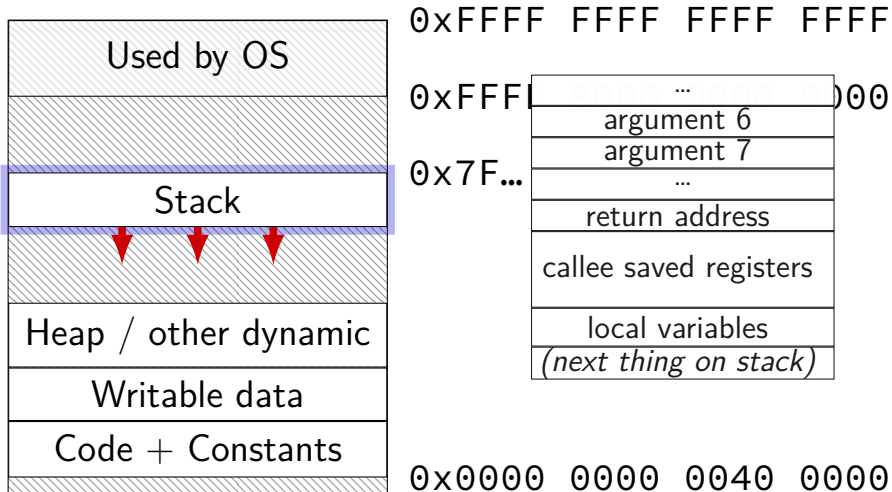
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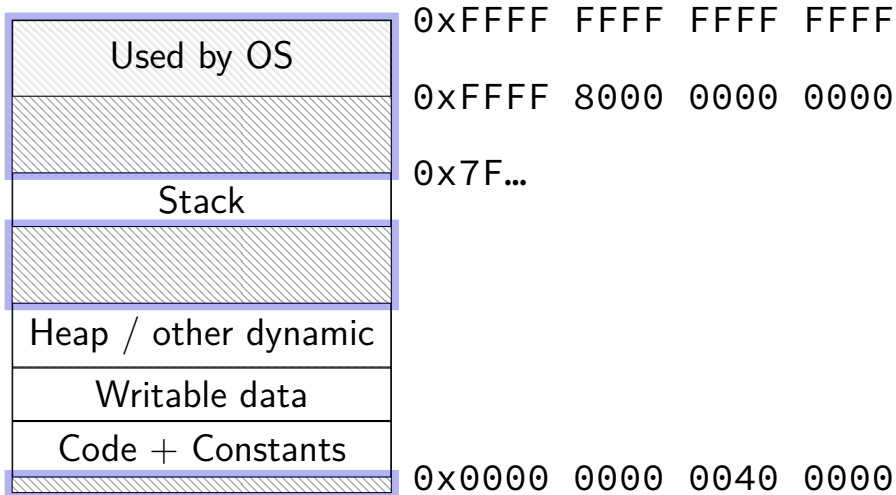
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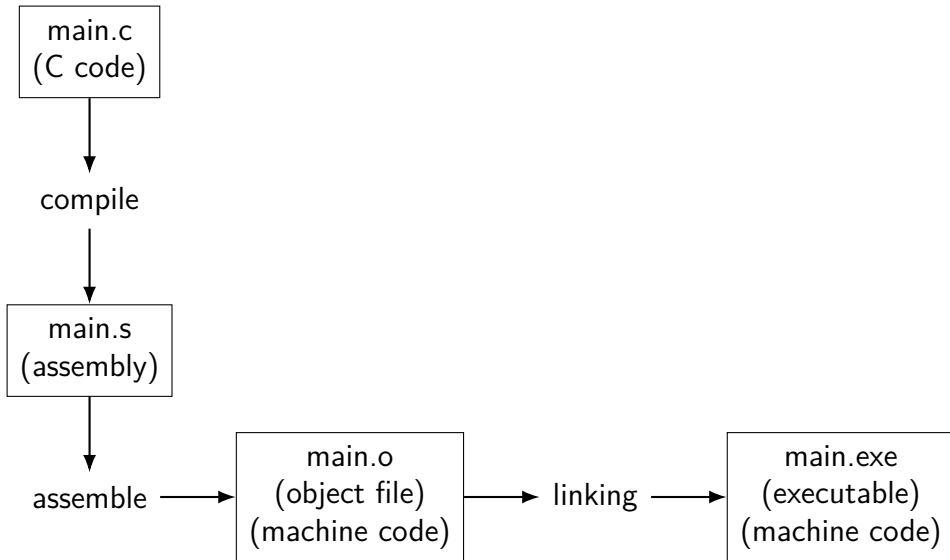
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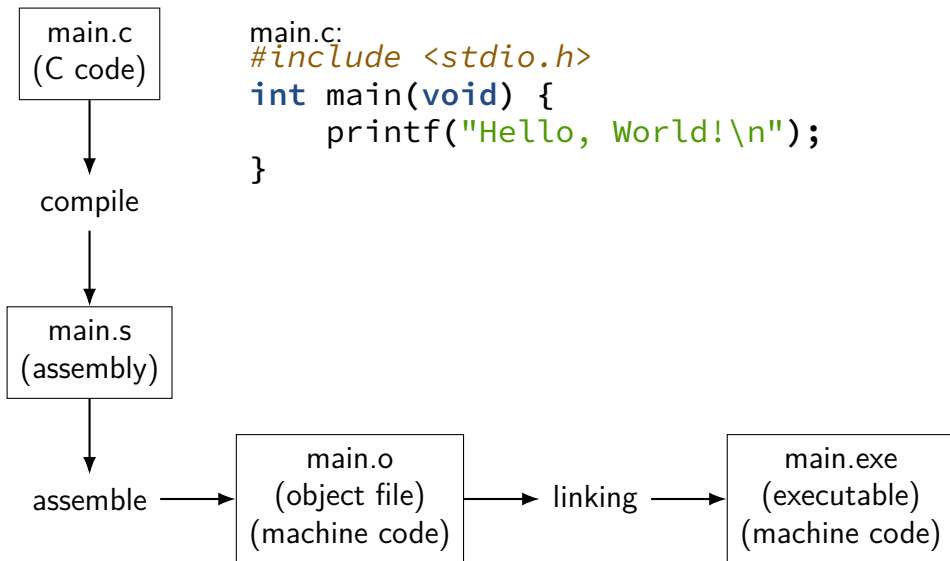
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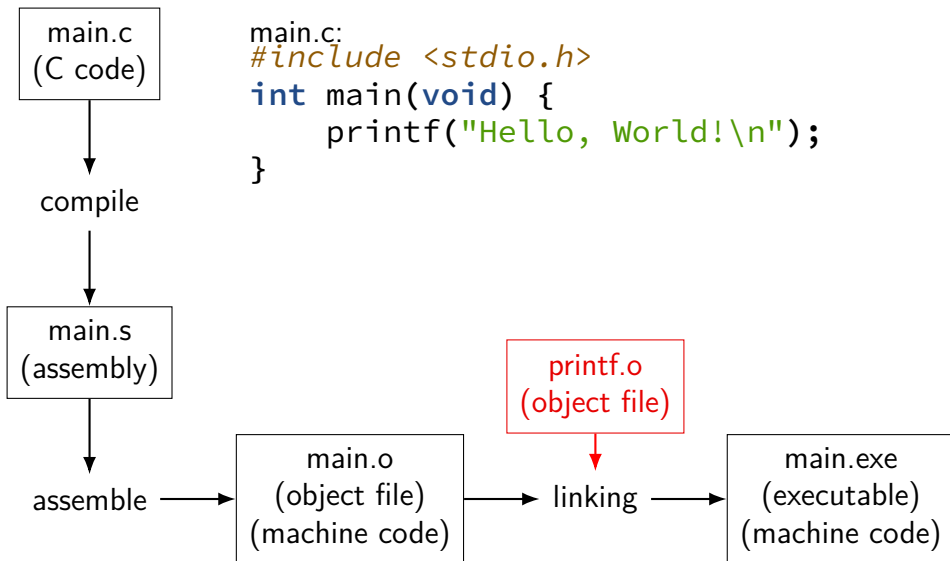


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+ stdio.o

hello.exe

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hello.exe

(actually binary, but shown as hexadecimal) ...

```
48 83 EC 08 BF A7 02 04 00
E8 08 4A 04 00 31 C0 48
83 C4 08 C3 ...
...(code from stdio.o) ...
48 65 6C 6C 6F 2C 20 57 6F
72 6C 00 ...
...(data from stdio.o) ...
```

# hello.s

```
.LC0:      .section          .rodata.str1.1,"aMS",@progbt
           .string "Hello, World!"
           .text
           .globl  main

main:
           subq    $8, %rsp
           movl   $.LC0, %edi
           call   puts
           movl   $0, %eax
           addq   $8, %rsp
           ret
```

# lecturers

Samira and I will be splitting lectures  
same(ish) lecture in each section

# coursework

quizzes — pre/post week of lecture

you will need to **read**

labs — grading: did you make reasonable progress?

collaboration permitted

homework assignments — introduced by lab (mostly)

due at noon on the next lab day (mostly)

complete individually

exams — multiple choice/short answer — 2 + final

# on lecture/lab/HW synchronization

labs/HWs not quite synchronized with lectures

main problem: want to cover material **before you need it** in lab/HW

# quizzes?

linked off course website (demo)

pre-quiz, on reading – released by Saturday evening, due Tuesdays, 12:15 PM

post-quiz, on lecture topics — released Thursday evening, due following Saturday, 11:59PM

each quiz 90 minute time limit (+ adjustments if SDAC says)

lowest 10% (approx. 2 quizzes) will be dropped

first quiz — Thursday

short — mainly to get you used to it

# attendance?

lecture: strongly recommended but not required.

lectures are recorded to help you review

lab: electronic, remote-possible submission, usually. one exception.



# late policy

exceptional circumstance? contact us.

otherwise, for **homeworks only**:

- 10% 0 to 48 hours late

- 15% 48 to 72 hours late

- 100% otherwise

late quizzes, labs: no

- we release answers

- talk to us if illness, etc.

# TAs/Office Hours

office hours will be posted on calendar on the website

should be plenty

use them

# your TODO list

## Quizzes!

post-quiz after Thursday lecture

pre-quiz before Tuesday lecture

lab account and/or C environment working

lab accounts should happen by this weekend

before lab next week

# grading

Quizzes: 10% (10% dropped)

Midterms (2): 30%

Final Exam (cumulative): 20%

Homework + Labs: 40%

