

Welcome! CS240

Principles of Computer Organization

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Textbooks:

Dive into Systems

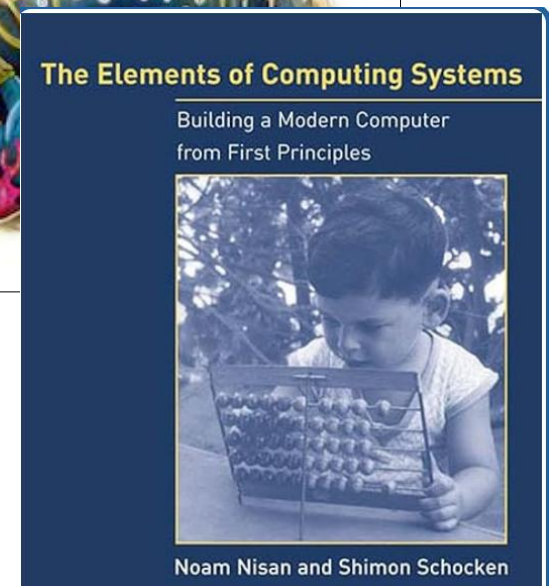
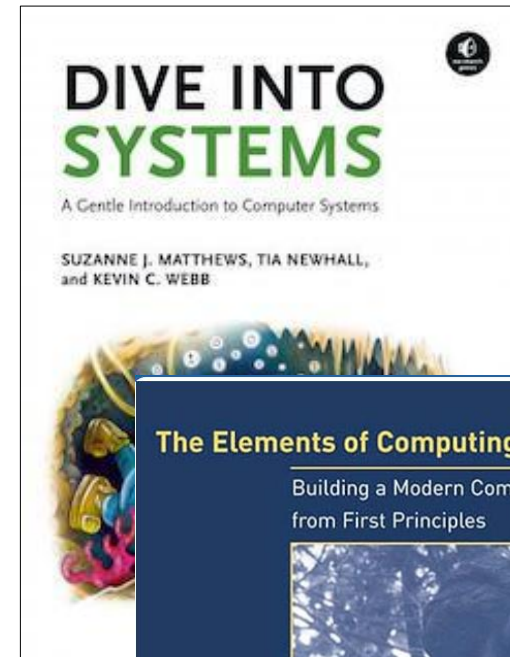
Elements of Computing Systems

Slack: Announcements, links, etc

Website: Policies, syllabus, etc

Github: Code repository

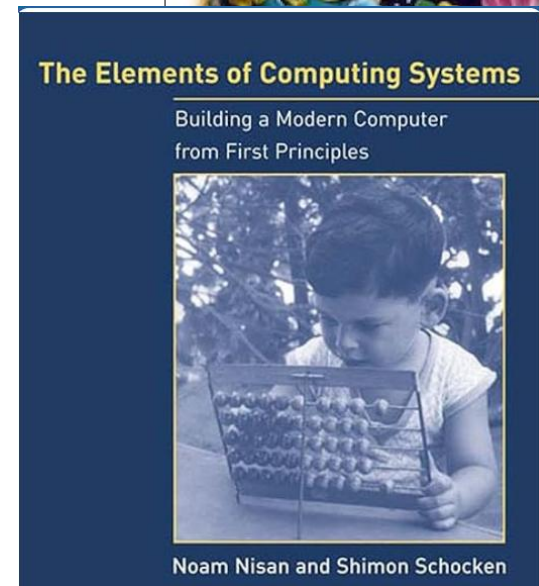
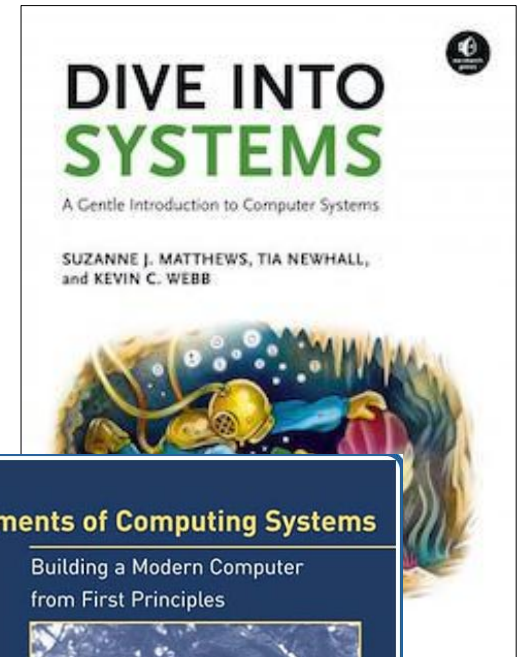
Lab: Park 231



Book Resources

<https://diveintosystems.org/>

<https://nand2tetris.org>



Course Resources

Webpage

<https://brynmawr-cs240-f25.github.io/website/>

Github

<https://github.com/BrynMawr-CS240-f25/>

Slack

<https://BrynMawr-CS240-f25.slack.com>

What you will learn

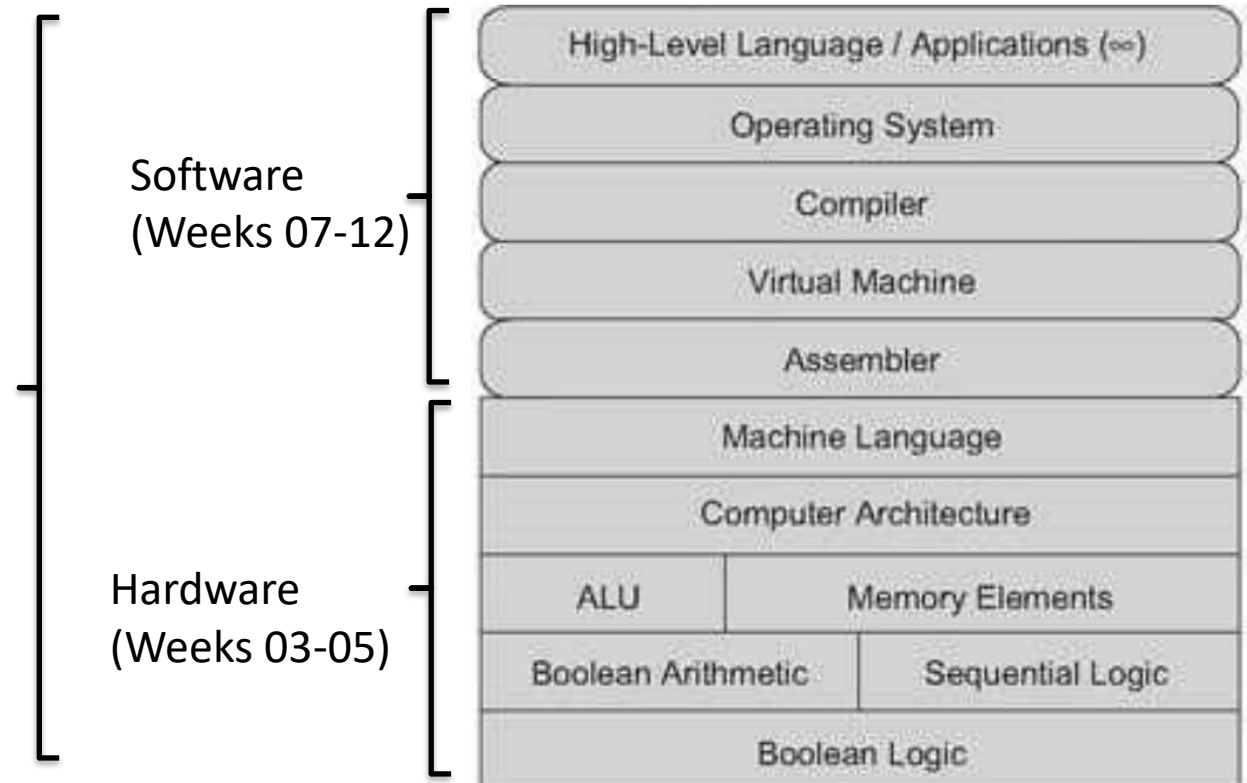
- C/C++ programming
- How computers work and how they are built in layers
 - Boolean logic, gates, arithmetic
 - Machine language, assembly, virtual machines
 - High-level language, compilers
 - Operating system
- Skills: UNIX, git, basic hardware

Computers: Layers of Abstraction

Weeks 01-02: Basic C, Binary Representations, Principles of computer architecture

Weeks 03-12:

Build a full
computer
emulator in C



Course topics: From bits to apps



Hardware: Logic gates, Boolean arithmetic, multiplexors, flip-flops, registers, RAM units, counters, clock

Architecture: ALU/CPU design and implementation, addressing modes, memory-mapped I/O, machine code, assembly language programming

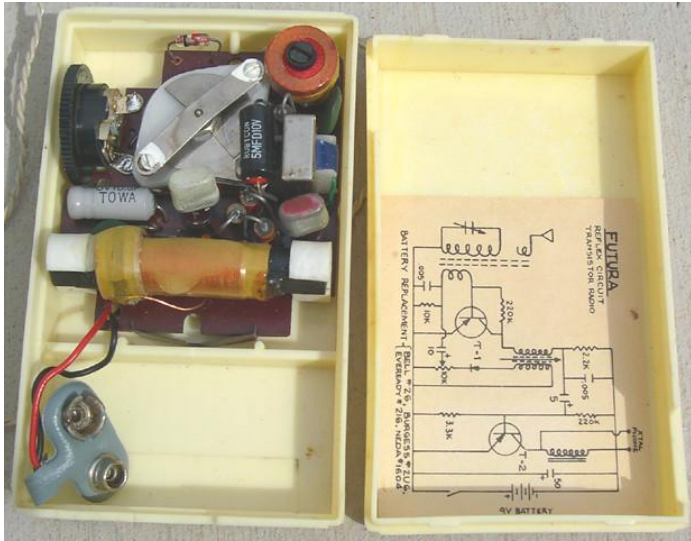
Programming Languages: Object-based design and programming, abstract data types, scoping rules, syntax and semantics, references.

Compilation: Lexical analysis, top-down parsing, symbol tables, pushdown automata, virtual machine, code generation, implementation of arrays and objects.

Data structures and algorithms: Stacks, trees, hash tables, lists, recursion, arithmetic algorithms, geometric algorithms,

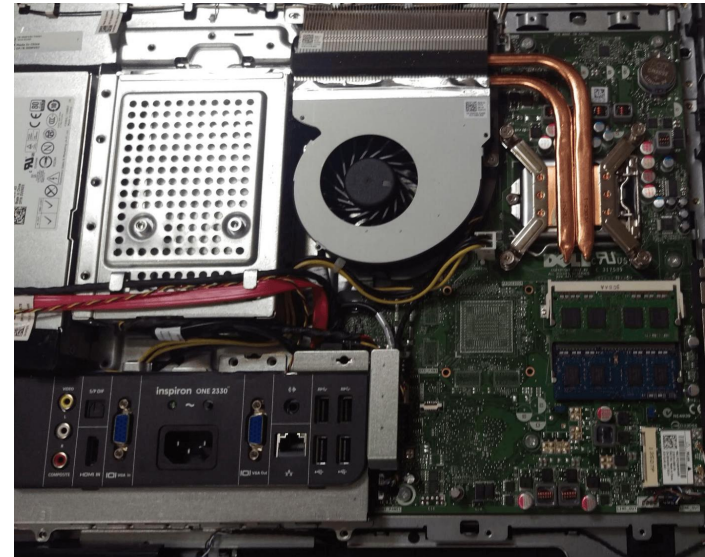
Engineering: Abstraction /implementation, modular design, API design and documentation, unit testing, quality assurance, programming at the large.

Philosophy: Learning through dissection

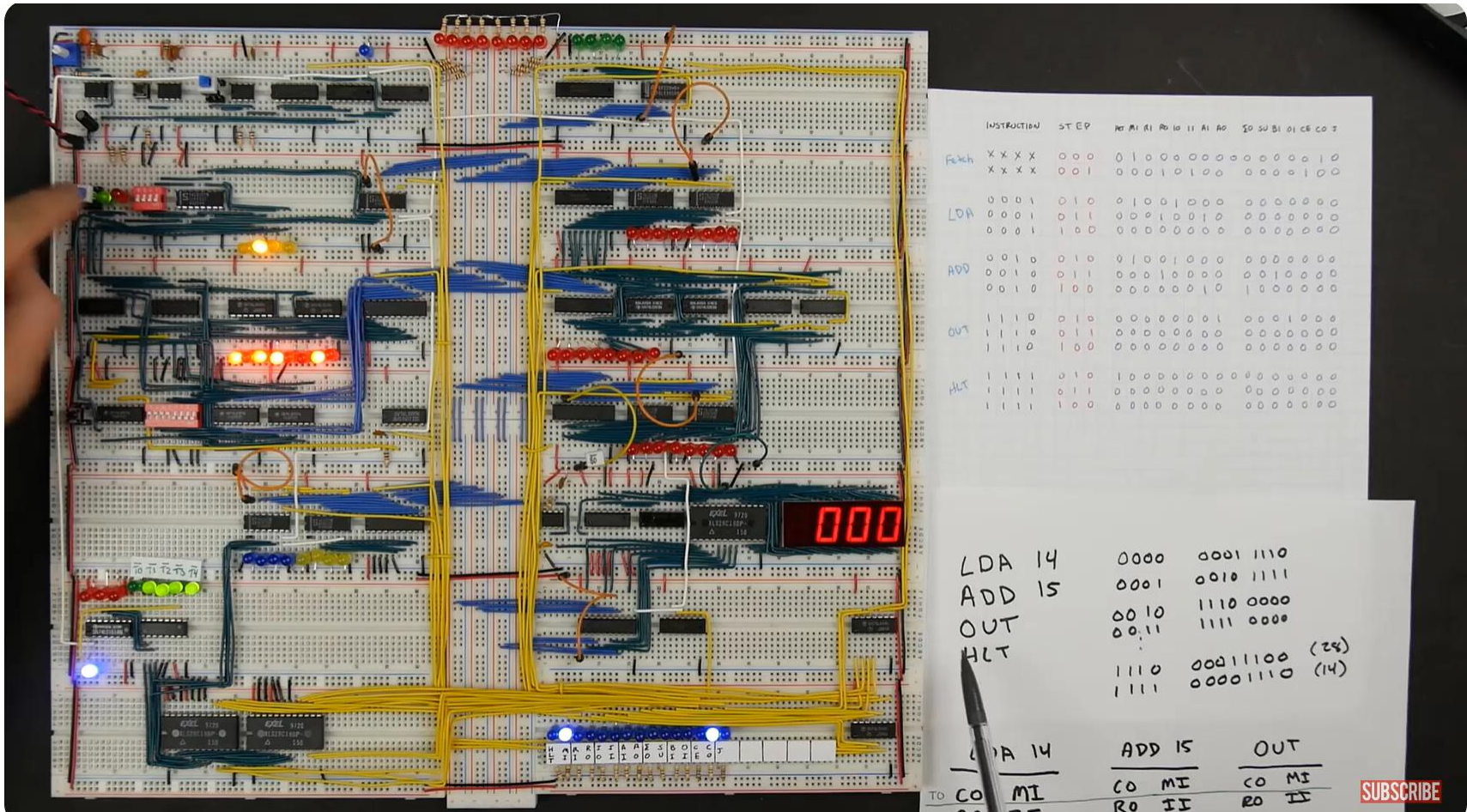


1950s transistor radio could be taken apart to see how they work

Modern computers consist of small components – it's possible to customize and make your own devices but not novice-friendly

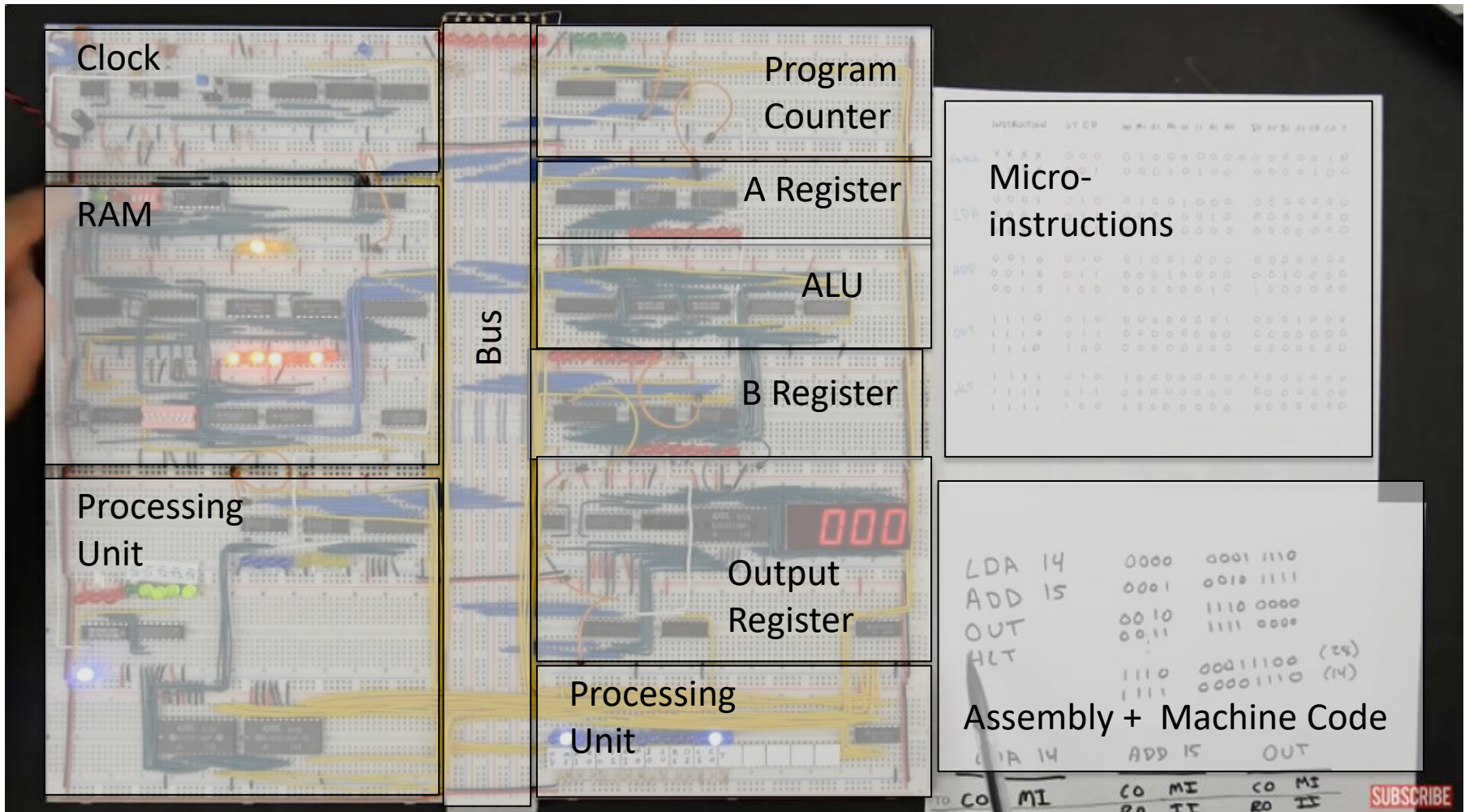


Demo: 8-Bit Computer



<https://eater.net/8bit/control>

Demo: 8-bit computer



Let's Get Started!



Development Environment

A **development environment** consists of the platform and tools that you use to write software

Systems programmers need to be able to

- work from terminal using shell commands
- program in low-level languages
- use debugging and profiling tools

This class:

- Operating system: Ubuntu (Linux)
- Programming languages: C, x86_64 assembly language
- Editor: nano, vim, or emacs
- Makefiles for compiling and linking
- git for source control

C

- High-level programming language
 - Java, python, ruby, Javascript, C++, etc
 - Imperative (sequence of statements)
 - Procedural (structured using functions)
 - No classes, built-in types such as strings, lists
- Less abstracted than other languages
 - easier to see relationship between code and the computer's running of it
 - capable of more efficient code

From Java to C: Hello World

```
class Hello {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        System.out.println("Hello World");  
    }  
}
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
int main(int argc, char** argv) {  
    printf("Hello World!\n");  
    return 0;  
}
```

To compile: `javac hello.java`
To run: `java Hello`

To compile: `gcc hello.c`
To run: `./a.out`

Building and Running a C program

1. **Compiling** a C program translates it to binary (0's and 1's)

- The binary file is an **executable**, meaning “we can run it”

C program:

```
// example C program
int main() {
    int x = 6 + 7;
    printf("x %d", x);
    return 0;
}
```

gcc
compiler

binary executable program:

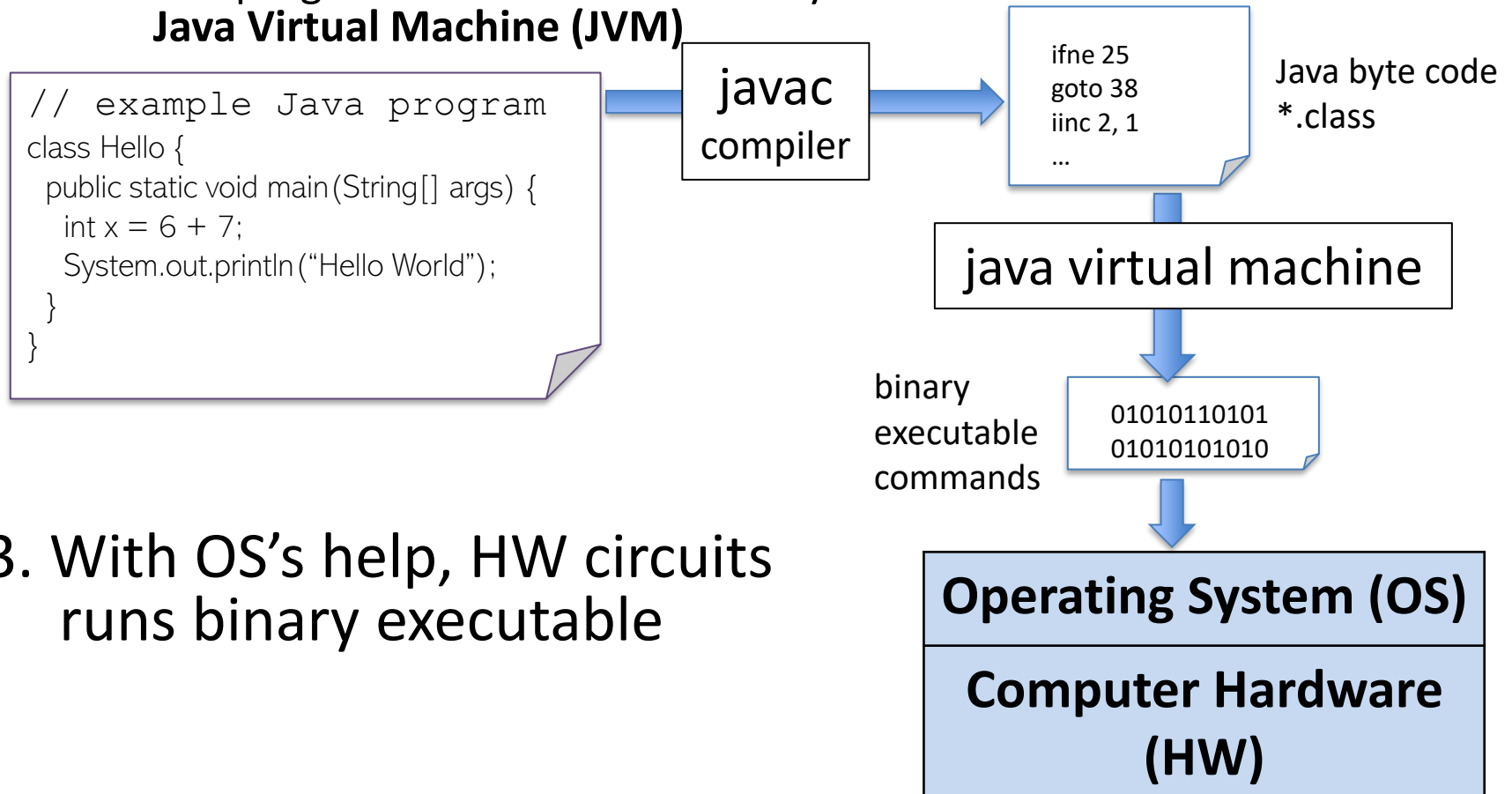
```
01010110101
01010101010
10101010101
01010100
```

2. With OS's help, HW circuits runs binary executable

Operating System (OS)
Computer Hardware (HW)

Building and Running a Java program

1. **Compiling** (javac) a Java program translate it to Java byte code
2. **Running** (java) translates the program to binary (0's and 1's)
 - The program that translate from byte code to machine code is called the **Java Virtual Machine (JVM)**



All programs must eventually become binary (0's and 1's) to run on a computer

- The binary code is specific to the hardware
- Higher-level languages (e.g. Java) have more **layers of abstraction** between the programmer's code and the binary code
 - higher-level languages are **cross-platform**, e.g. the same program can run on different hardware
 - ex. Our C and Java programs run on mac, windows, and linux

Makefiles

Idea: Put all build commands into a file

```
$ nano Makefile  
$ make hello
```

```
CC=gcc  
% :: %.c  
    $(CC) -g -Wall -Wvla -Werror -Wno-unused-variable $< -o $@  
  
all: hello  
  
clean :  
    rm hello
```

Review: UNIX basics

Ubuntu Desktop has a window manager (lab machines) but we will mostly be using **command-line interfaces (CLI)**

terminal – text-based interface for the OS

command line – current line in the terminal; where we issue a command

command prompt – prefix text at the beginning of the command line

shell – program that executes commands from terminal

- **bash** – the shell we will use in this class!
- **zsh** – mac shell
- **powershell** – windows shell

Exercise: Connect to a server

On a laptop or home desktop computer, open a terminal and ssh to comet

```
$ ssh <username>@comet.cs.brynmawr.edu
```

Exercise: Edit a file

Write and compile a program, `hello.c`, that prints “Hello World”

```
$ nano hello.c
```

```
$ gcc hello.c
```

```
$ ./a.out
```

```
$ gcc hello.c -o hello
```

```
$ ./hello
```


Reference: Some useful commands

- ls – list all directories
- cd, mkdir, mv, cp, rm – change directory, make directory, move, copy, remove
- cat, less, more – showing files
- javac, gcc, make – compiling programs
- vi, nano, emacs – editing files
- grep, find – searching files
- man – read documentation (RTFM: “Read the fine manual”)
- ssh <username>@goldengate.cs.brynmawr.edu – log into CS server
- git – source control

Working with paths from terminal

- What are files? What are directories?
- path - full name of a file or directory that indicates the file/directory location within the file system
 - Absolute paths: path from the root of the file system to the file
 - Relative paths: path from **current working directory** to the file
- File extension: Tells the OS what type of data is in the file (ex: *.txt, *.jpg, etc)

Special directories

`..` ← the parent directory (two dots)

`.` ← the current directory (one dot)

`/` ← the root directory

`/home/<username>` ← your home directory

`~` ← your home directory

Example

```
root
-- A
---- hello.txt
-- B
```

What is the absolute path of hello.txt?

What is the absolute path of hello.txt from the A directory?

What is the relative path of `hello.txt` from

- the root directory?
- the A directory?
- the B directory?

Working with paths

What is the absolute path of hello.txt?

```
root
-- home
---- ren
----- A
---- stimpy
----- B
----- C
----- hello.txt
```

If we are in the directory A, what is the relative path of hello.txt?

If we are in the directory B, what is the relative path of hello.txt?

Example: Working with paths

```
alinen@goldengate:~/cs223/orig-class-examples/lec0$ cat ../../hello.c
#include <stdio.h>
int main() {
    printf("Hello World\n");
}
alinen@goldengate:~/cs223/orig-class-examples/lec0$ cat ~/cs223/hello.c
#include <stdio.h>
int main() {
    printf("Hello World\n");
}
alinen@goldengate:~/cs223/orig-class-examples/lec0$ cat /home/alinen/cs223/hello.c
#include <stdio.h>
int main() {
    printf("Hello World\n");
}
```


Draw the directory hierarchy after the following commands

```
$ pwd
```

```
/home/alinen
```

```
$ mkdir A
```

```
$ cd A
```

```
$ mkdir Z
```

```
$ touch talk.c
```

```
$ cd ..
```

```
$ touch listen.c
```

```
$ cd
```

```
$ touch sing.c
```

File properties

```
alinen@goldengate:~/cs223/class-examples/lec0$ vi hello.c
alinen@goldengate:~/cs223/class-examples/lec0$ gcc hello.c
alinen@goldengate:~/cs223/class-examples/lec0$ a.out
a.out: command not found
alinen@goldengate:~/cs223/class-examples/lec0$ ./a.out
Hello World
alinen@goldengate:~/cs223/class-examples/lec0$ ls -l
total 40
-rwxr-xr-x 1 alinen faculty 16696 Jan 18 14:42 a.out
-rw-r--r-- 1 alinen faculty   76 Jan 18 14:42 hello.c
-rw-r--r-- 1 alinen faculty  416 Jan 18 13:58 Hello.class
-rw-r--r-- 1 alinen faculty  104 Jan 18 13:58 Hello.java
-rw-r--r-- 1 alinen faculty  934 Jan 18 14:03 Sqrt.class
-rw-r--r-- 1 alinen faculty  197 Jan 18 14:03 Sqrt.java
```

Your editor and you!

You are encouraged to learn a terminal editor this semester

- Nano
- Emacs
- Vim

Learning a good editor will help you write code faster

You will need to use one of these editors for coding activities in lab

Nano



The image shows a terminal window with the GNU nano 7.2 text editor. The window title bar indicates the user is 'alinen@comet' in the home directory. The editor's status bar at the top shows 'GNU nano 7.2' and 'New Buffer *'. The main editing area contains the text 'Hello Nano' with a cursor at the end. The bottom status bar displays various keyboard shortcuts for navigation and editing.

```
alinen@comet: ~  
GNU nano 7.2 New Buffer *  
Hello Nano|  
  
^G Help      ^O Write Out  ^W Where Is   ^K Cut        ^T Execute    ^C Location  
^X Exit      ^R Read File  ^\ Replace    ^U Paste      ^J Justify    ^/ Go To Line
```

Emacs

```
File Edit Options Buffers Tools Help
Welcome to GNU Emacs, one component of the GNU/Linux operating system.

Get help          C-h (Hold down CTRL and press h)
Emacs manual      C-h r      Browse manuals    C-h i
Emacs tutorial    C-h t      Undo changes      C-x u
Buy manuals       C-h RET    Exit Emacs        C-x C-c
Activate menubar  M-`

('C-' means use the CTRL key. 'M-' means use the Meta (or Alt) key.
If you have no Meta key, you may instead type ESC followed by the character.)

Useful tasks:
Visit New File      Open Home Directory
Customize Startup   Open *scratch* buffer

GNU Emacs 29.3 (build 1, x86_64-pc-linux-gnu, GTK+ Version 3.24.41,
  cairo version 1.18.0) of 2024-04-01, modified by Debian
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```

NOTE: F10 to use the menu

Vim



- To open: ``vi <filename>``
- To quit: Press escape, then ``:q!``
- To save: Press escape, then ``:w``
- Two modes: **insert** and **command mode**
 - insert mode: type text in the usual way: 'i' enters **insert mode** at current cursor position
 - Escape enters **command mode**: search, navigate, copy/paste/delete, etc

Course Philosophy: Practice!

- Lectures (mandatory): Slides with integrated activities
- Labs (mandatory): Check-ins, hands-on projects
- 2 midterms, oral exam during exam week
- Accommodations: Need at least 2 weeks prior notice to make arrangements

Important: Learn independence, e.g. doing the work yourself

- CS Goals: UNIX, git, terminal editors, C programming, how computing systems work
- Life Goals: Develop skills, strategies, and knowledge for analytical thinking

My advice

Read the textbook!

Show up: lectures and labs

Do the work:

- ~ 10 hour week commitment (4.5 hrs + 5 hrs)
- Lots of support is available: slack, pre/post class/lab, office hours
- Take hand-written notes
- Practice exams, quizzes and coding activities in ways that mimic the test environments
- Do homework and study with phones LOCKED AWAY IN ANOTHER ROOM and distracting web pages CLOSED.

My advice

Keep your commitments: 80% of work is consistently showing up

Try your best without beating yourself up. Keep your sense of humor!

Assess your pre-requisite knowledge and fill gaps – allow for more time if necessary

Find community: get to know your classmates and fellow majors. Form a study group. Work together in the labs.

Build habits that are forward leading

- Focus, organization, taking responsibility for your choices
- Resist short-term gains that can sabotage you in the long-term. **Avoid over-committing.**
- Take care of yourself: sleep, exercise, socialize