

Computer Technology - Dramatic Change!

° Memory

 DRAM capacity: 2x / 2 years (since '96); 64x size improvement in last decade.

° Processor

 Speed 2x / 1.5 years (since '85); 100X performance in last decade.

° Disk

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 Capacity: 2x / 1 year (since '97) 250X size in last decade.

CS61C: So what's in it for me?

^o Learn some of the big ideas in CS & engineering:

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- 5 Classic components of a Computer
- · Data can be anything (integers, floating point, characters): a program determines what it is
- · Stored program concept: instructions just data
- · Principle of Locality, exploited via a memory hierarchy (cache)
- · Greater performance by exploiting parallelism
- · Principle of abstraction, used to build systems as lavers
- · Compilation v. interpretation thru system layers
- · Principles/Pitfalls of Performance Measurement

Computer Technology - Dramatic Change! We'll see that Kilo, Mega, etc. are incorrect tommorrow! ^oState-of-the-art PC when you graduate: (at least...) Processor clock speed: 5000 MegaHertz (5.0 GigaHertz) · Memory capacity: 4000 MegaBytes (4.0 GigaBytes) · Disk capacity: 2000 GigaBytes (2.0 TeraBytes) New units! Mega = (Kilo, Mega, Giga, Tera, Peta, Exa, Zetta, Yotta = 10²⁴)

Come up with a clever mnemonic, fame! //// It must have 1st 2 letters of each word. E.g., Kim Meat...

Others Skills learned in 61C

°Learning C

- If you know one, you should be able to learn another programming language largely on your own · Given that you know C++ or Java, should be easy to
- pick up their ancestor, C

^o Assembly Language Programming

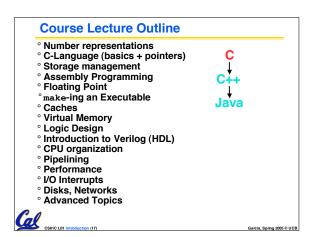
· This is a skill you will pick up, as a side effect of understanding the Big Ideas

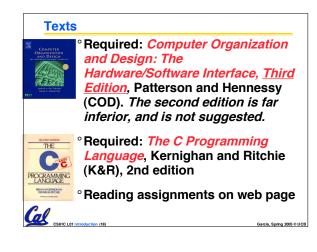
^oHardware design

· We think of hardware at the abstract level, with only a little bit of physical logic to give things perspective

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- · CS 150, 152 teach this
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