# CSE 390B, Autumn 2022 Building Academic Success Through Bottom-Up Computing Finals Preparation & **Computer Networks**

Gearing up for Finals Week, E-Portfolio Workshop, Overview of Computer Networks

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#### **Lecture Outline**

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  - Study Plan Outline and Tips for Success
- E-Portfolio Workshop
  - Reflection Work Session and Feedback
- Overview of Computer Networks
  - How Computers Connect to The Internet

# **Gearing up for Finals Week**

- Revisit and reassess your goals each day
  - Break-up into different levels—minimal, solid, reach
- Have an accountability buddy
  - Study groups or working sessions—having someone who can help you stay motivated, accountable, and avoid procrastination
- Recall Bloom's Taxonomy
  - How is your preparation involving higher level thinking skills?

#### Stick to a routine

Provides normalcy & structure for maintaining sleep and wellness

#### **Planning for Success on Finals Week**

In groups, discuss the following for 4-6 minutes:

- What are some metacognitive strategies that you plan on using to succeed in finals week?
  - How can you stay disciplined or keep yourself accountable in applying these metacognitive skills?
- In terms of academic and metacognitive subjects, what are your strengths and weaknesses going into finals?
  - How can you cultivate your strengths and improve the areas you are weaker in?

## **Developing a Plan for Finals Week**

- First, list the commitments that you have for finals week (final exams, final projects, presentations, etc.)
- Then, outline the steps that you'll need to follow to complete those tasks
  - Be specific with these steps instead of "review derivatives," add detail about the **how**: "Review lecture slides and examples on derivatives and redo five derivative problems on WebAssign"
- Lastly, add dates to when you will work on and complete each of the steps (be realistic here!)
  - Add these to your calendar

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## **E-Portfolio Workshop**

- Individually, spend 15-20 minutes completing the following steps:
  - Aim to finalize the two metacognitive skills, two examples of you applying them, and one technical skill you plan on reflecting on
  - Begin drafting your reflection on a document (should be in paragraph form in final e-portfolio, but bullet points ok for now)
- Then, get into groups of 3-4 and complete the following:
  - One group member presents on their reflection so far
  - Each group member listening should provide one question, comment, constructive feedback, or complement to the presenter
  - Repeat until everyone has had a chance to present

#### **Five-minute Break!**

- Feel free to stand up, stretch, use the restroom, drink some water, review your notes, or ask questions
- We'll be back at:



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#### **Overview of Computer Networks**

We will go over an overview of networks

- Take CSE 333 (Systems Programming), CSE 461 (Computer Networks), and CSE 452 (Distributed Systems) to learn more
- Our focus:
  - Brief intro to what connecting to the internet looks like under the hood
  - What that connection might look like implemented in our computer

#### **How Do Computer Networks Work?**

- How do you think we connect computers in different physical locations?
- What modes of communication do you think computers use to network with one another?

#### Networks = Really, Really Long Wires

- At a fundamental level, there's nothing magic about the Internet—it's the same concepts we used to build our CPU, just with longer wires
  - Still 1s and 0s, still just combinational + sequential logic



# Thinking about the Network: Layers

- To manage the complexity, we think about the network in layers
- It's all Os and 1s, but
  each layer is a different
  way of "framing" or
  thinking about those Os
  and 1s
  - Each layer zooms out a little more



# **Application Layer**

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# **Data Link Layer**

- A computer network is simply multiple computers connected by a single wire
- Why is it better to send smaller chunks of data?



# **Data Link Layer**

Every computer will "hear" the message

How do the other computers know to ignore an incoming packet of data?



# NIC (Network Interface Card)

- We don't want the CPU to waste time always listening to the network wire, especially when it's not even the destination computer
- Solution: the NIC—a new piece of the computer dedicated to dealing with the network wire
  - Listens to the network wire until it hears a destination address, checks if it matches this computer, and only sends to CPU if so



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# **Connecting NIC to Memory**

- The keyboard and screen communicated with the CPU via memory maps—agreed-upon regions of RAM that can be read/written by the hardware of the devices themselves
- The NIC could be implemented in the same way
  - Every time the right address is detected, copy the following data into part of RAM where the CPU can retrieve it once it gets a



#### **Takeaways: Computer Networks**

- The network is fundamentally the same hardware we've been looking at
- Its incredible power comes from scale: how much data and how many computers it connects
  - To manage this complexity, we think of it in layers
- Interfacing with the network can be done with specialized hardware
  - This frees the CPU from monitoring constantly
  - Access data only when needed

#### **Lecture 18 Reminders**

Next week: CSE 390B Victory Lap, TA-led Activities

#### Project Reminders

- Project 7, Part II (Professor Meeting Report) due tonight (12/1) at 11:59pm
- Project 8 (Debugging & Implementing a Compiler) due next Tuesday (12/6) at 11:59pm
- Final Project, Part I (E-Portfolio Outline) due next Thursday (12/8) at 11:59pm
- Course Staff Support
  - Eric has office hours in CSE2 153 today after lecture
  - Feel free to post your questions on the Ed board as well