

CSE 390B, Spring 2023

Building Academic Success Through Bottom-Up Computing

Midterm & Exam Reflection

CSE 390B Midterm, Midterm Debrief and Discussion

Technical Details for Midterm

- ❖ You may specify Boolean operations using symbols or words
 - E.g., for the And gate, you may use the symbol & or “And”
 - ^ is the symbol for XOR
 - If you use different symbols, explicitly specify what they mean
- ❖ When using a Mux or DMux gate, explicitly show or describe the select bits that the inputs are connected to
 - E.g., the a input of the Mux is connected to the select bit of 0
- ❖ We will show any additional clarifications on the board

CSE 390B Midterm Instructions

- ❖ This exam is closed-note, closed-software
 - You may only use the midterm reference sheet
- ❖ You will have 60 minutes to complete the exam
 - We will give you a 30-minute, 10-minute, and 5-minute warning
- ❖ If you have a question, please raise your hand and the course staff will get to you shortly
- ❖ When you are finished, please hand your exam to the course staff

CSE 390B Midterm

❖ The exam will end at:

Midterm clarifications:

Congrats! You did it!



Midterm Reflections

- ❖ Exams are not an objective measure of your learning or abilities
 - They are one type of evaluation and favor certain learning styles
 - They reflect priorities of instructor and are one view of material
 - Performance on an exam doesn't determine your capability

- ❖ Our goal is to help you improve your skills related to preparing, taking, and reflecting on exams

- ❖ You may submit midterm corrections in Project 7 and earn back up to 50% of the points you lost

CSE 390B Midterm Debrief

Discuss the following reflection questions in groups:

- ❖ How did the midterm go? Were you able to apply the metacognitive strategies you've learned to this exam?
- ❖ How did you prepare for this midterm? What aspects of your preparation were most effective for the midterm?
- ❖ What test-taking strategies did you utilize during the exam? Which ones were most helpful for the midterm?

Post-Lecture 12 Reminders

- ❖ Up next in CSE 390B: The Assembler and Compiler!
- ❖ Project 6: Mock Exam Problem & Building a Computer due next Thursday (5/11) at 11:59pm