

# Introduction to Digital System Design

## ECE 270 Course Introduction

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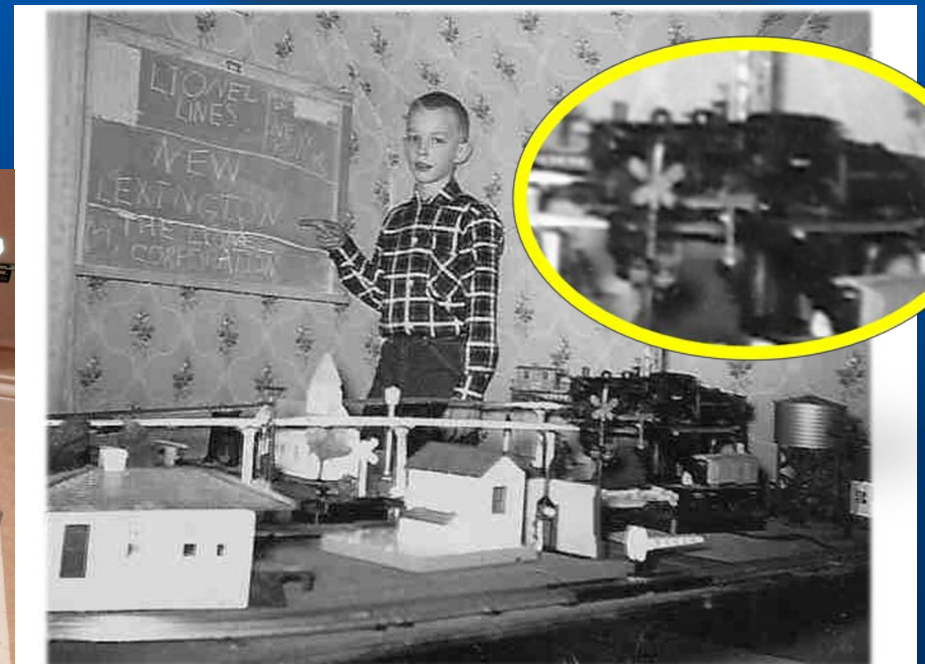
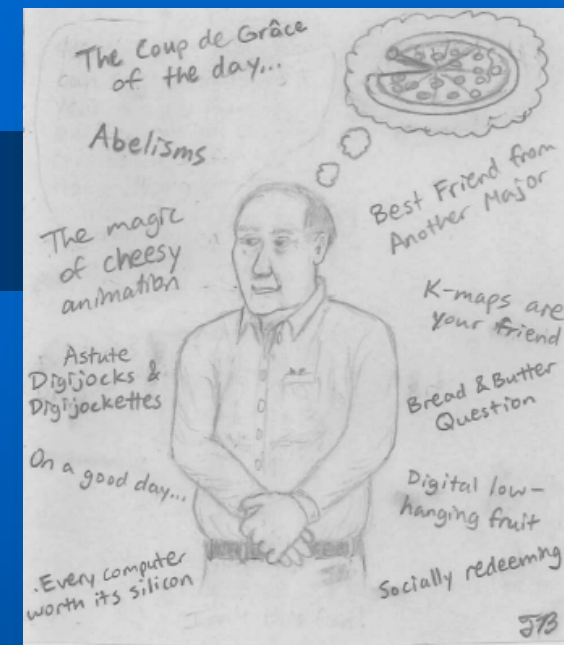
# Instructor – 10:30 MWF

Prof. Dave Meyer

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Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6

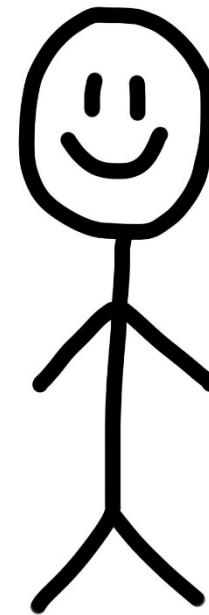
# Instructor – 4:30 MWF

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# Course Description

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- Introduction to digital system design and hardware engineering
- **Emphasis:** practical design techniques and circuit implementation
- Lectures, homework, and labs are **tightly coupled** and **highly integrated**

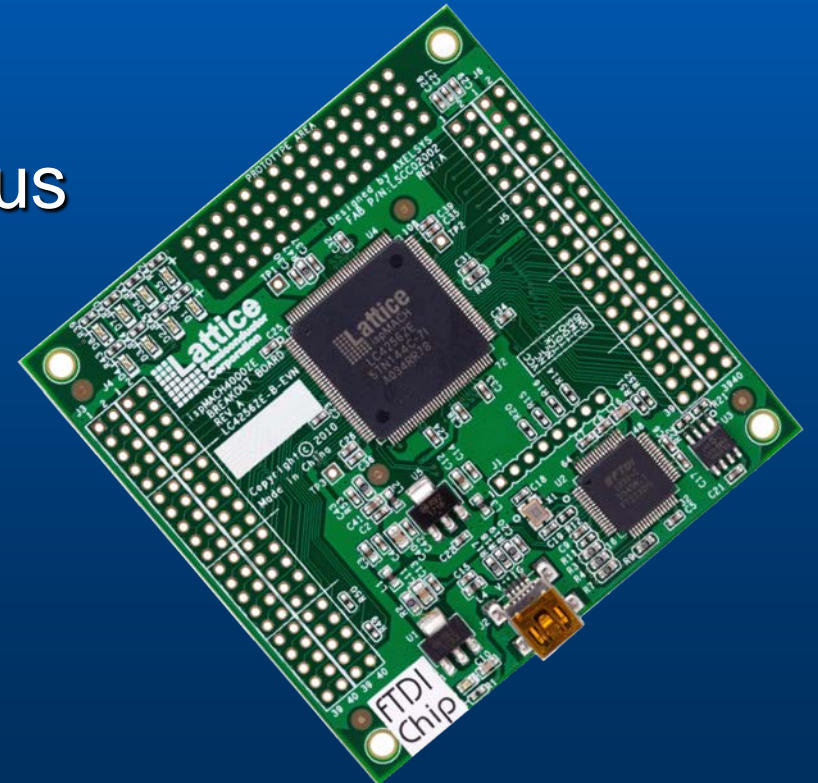


# Purpose and Prerequisites

- Intended as an ECE “core” course that serves as a *prerequisite* for upper-division Computer Engineering courses, e.g., ECE 337, ECE 362, ECE 437, ECE 477
- *Required background* is a basic understanding of circuits (voltage, current, Ohm’s Law) and electrical components (resistors, capacitors, switches, diodes, MOSFETs)

# Why This Course Is Important

- If you go into virtually any form of engineering design, there is a high probability that knowledge of digital systems will be required at some level
- **Programmable logic devices** (the main focus of this course) represent a *basic building block* of modern digital system design



# Course Text, E-mail, and Web Site



- *Digital Design Principles and Practices – 5th Ed.*, John F. Wakerly, Prentice Hall, 2017

**NOTE: This text is also used as a reference in ECE 362, ECE 337, and ECE 477**

- You will also need to purchase an **iClicker** student response unit, available at bookstores (register your **iClicker** on **Blackboard**)
- Please **E-mail** all course-related correspondence to [ece270@ecn.purdue.edu](mailto:ece270@ecn.purdue.edu)
- Course web site – “everything you need to succeed in ECE 270 is posted here” – <https://engineering.purdue.edu/ece270>

# ECE 27000 – Introduction to Digital System Design – Spring 2019

## COURSE CALENDAR

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Jan 7 Course Introduction	Jan 8 <b>LAB INTRO</b>	Jan 9 Module 1-A <b>LAB INTRO</b>	Jan 10 <b>LAB INTRO</b>	Jan 11 Module 1-B <b>LAB INTRO</b>
Jan 14 Module 1-C	Jan 15 <b>LAB 1</b>	Jan 16 Module 1-D <b>LAB 1</b>	Jan 17 <b>LAB 1</b>	Jan 18 Module 1-E <b>LAB 1</b>
Jan 21 <b>MLK Day</b>	Jan 22 <b>LAB 2</b>	Jan 23 Module 1-F <b>LAB 2</b>	Jan 24 <b>LAB 2</b>	Jan 25 Module 1-G <b>LAB 2</b>
Jan 28 Module 1-H,I	Jan 29 <b>LAB 3</b>	Jan 30 Module 1-J <b>LAB 3</b>	Jan 31 <b>LAB 3</b>	Feb 1 Module 2-A <b>LAB 3</b>
Feb 4 Module 2-B	Feb 5 <b>LAB 4</b>	Feb 6 Module 2-B,C <b>LAB 4</b>	Feb 7 <b>LAB 4</b>	Feb 8 <i>Day Off for Evening Exam</i> <b>LAB 4</b>
Feb 11 Module 2-D	Feb 12 <b>LAB 5</b>	Feb 13 Module 2-E <b>LAB 5</b>	Feb 14 <b>LAB 5</b>	Feb 15 Module 2-F <b>LAB 5</b>
Feb 18 Module 2-G	Feb 19 <b>LAB 6</b>	Feb 20 Module 2-H <b>LAB 6</b>	Feb 21 <b>LAB 6</b>	Feb 22 Module 2-I,J <b>LAB 6</b>
Feb 25 Module 3-A,B	Feb 26 <b>LAB 7</b>	Feb 27 Module 3-B <b>LAB 7</b>	Feb 28 <b>LAB 7</b>	Mar 1 Module 3-C <b>LAB 7</b>

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Mar 4 Mod 3-D	Mar 5 <b>LAB 8</b>	Mar 6 Module 3-E <b>LAB 8</b>	Mar 7 <b>LAB 8</b>	Mar 8 <i>Day Off for Evening Exam</i> <b>LAB 8</b>
Mar 11 <b>Spring Break</b>	Mar 12 <b>Spring Break</b>	Mar 13 <b>Spring Break</b>	Mar 14 <b>Spring Break</b>	Mar 15 <b>Spring Break</b>
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Apr 22 Lab Practical Review	Apr 23 <b>Lab Practical</b>	Apr 24 <i>Day Off for Evening Exam</i> <b>Lab Practical</b>	Apr 25 <b>Lab Practical</b>	Apr 26 <i>Spark Challenge Design Showcase 3:00 - 7:00 pm</i> <b>Lab Practical</b>



# Lecture Notes

- Two versions are available:
  - **Lecture Summary Notes:** intended primarily as a “skeleton reference” for following along with the lecture and taking notes during class (*formatted for printing*)
  - **Class Presentation Slides:** intended primarily for use as an “on screen” reference for annotating a printed copy of the *Lecture Summary* notes (*not formatted for printing*)
- Posted in PDF format on the course web site (*notes and slides will be progressively updated as the semester progresses*)

# Lab Kits

- *If you have not done so already* (i.e. for a previous lab course like **ECE 207**), you will need to order a “Master Kit” that includes the following items:

- *BB-1 Breadboard Kit*
- *DK-2 Digital Kit*
- *TK-1 Tool Kit*
- *Wire Kit*
- *DC Adapter – 5V Regulated*

Order on-line from [Electronix Express](#) the first week of classes to obtain **FREE SHIPPING** and timely delivery of your kits

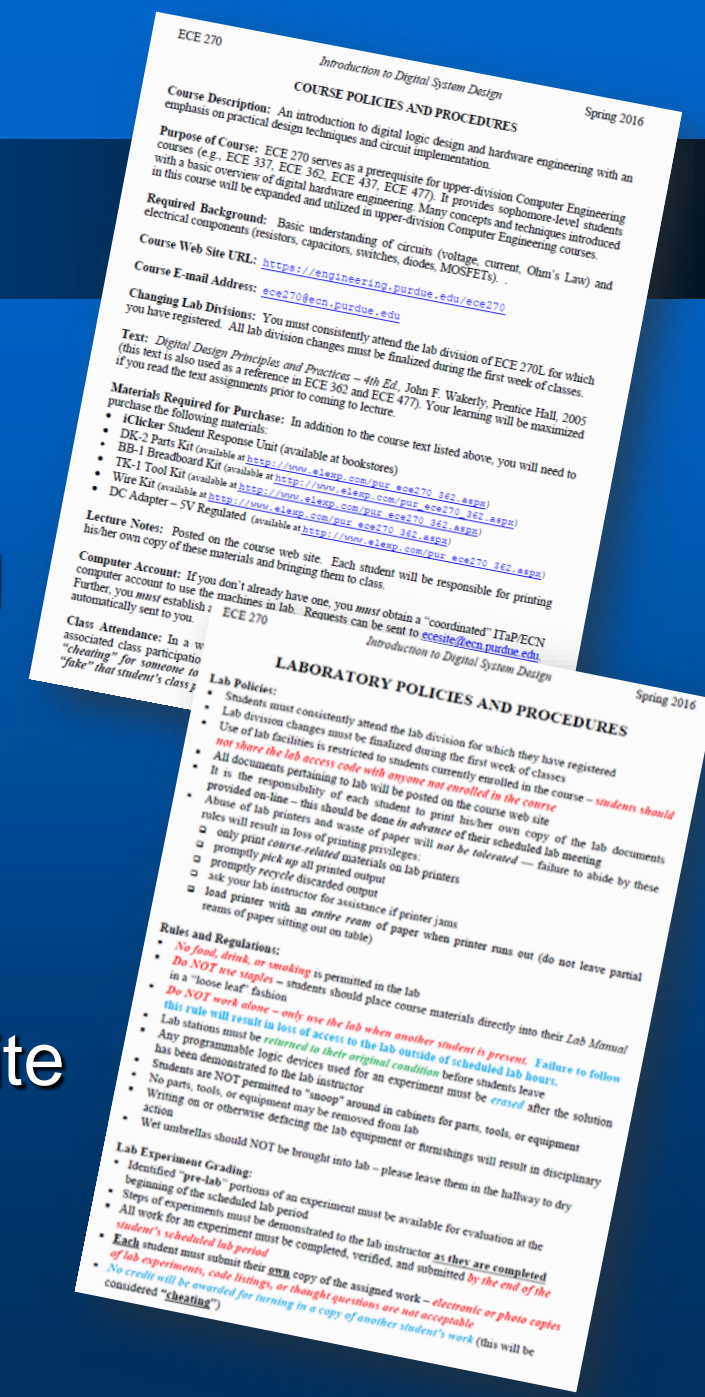
- Link provided on course website Message Board for ordering
- You will also need a **3-ring binder** for your *Lab Manual* and *Lecture Summary Notes*

# Lab Experiments

- The lab for this course is located in room **EE 065**
- You must ***consistently attend*** the lab division for which you have officially registered
- Quizzes will be given at the ***beginning*** of each lab period (***starting with Lab Experiment 1***)
- Pre-lab exercises that are assigned must be finished by the ***beginning*** of your scheduled lab
- Steps of experiments must be demonstrated to your lab instructor ***as they are completed***
- All work for a given lab must be completed ***by the end of your scheduled lab period*** to receive credit
- Make-ups require an ***officially excused absence*** and ***pre-approval*** by your Lab Instructor

# Homework

- Problem sets will be posted on the web site
- Collected at the **beginning** of your scheduled lab period and returned the following week
- **No credit will be awarded for late homework**
- Your first assignment is to read the **Course Policies & Procedures** and **Lab Policies and Procedures** documents posted on the web site





# Class Participation

- Bring your **iClicker** to each class meeting – *a properly registered, working iClicker is required to earn class participation credit – no exceptions will be made*
- *Attendance is required to earn class participation credit – no exceptions will be made*
- *Register your iClicker on Blackboard – use will begin on Friday, January 12*
- *Do not “freak out” if you forget your iClicker or it malfunctions – several sessions will be “dropped”*



# Office Hours

Scheduled office hours for all course staff members are posted on the course web site



Use of “live” contact hours is encouraged for asking questions about the course material!

**Lab Office Hours (Monday-Thursday, 7:00-10:00 PM) will start **January 14****

# Student Info Form

(completed during first lab meeting)



**We want to help you learn!**

Complete the Index of Learning Styles inventory at <http://www.engr.ncsu.edu/learningstyles/ilsweb.html> and record your learning styles results for each dimension below. Note that students with some combination of REF, VRB, and/or SEQ preferences are typically best suited for the Traditional Lecture division; while students with some combination of ACT, VIS, and/or GLO preferences are likely to benefit from the Directed Problem Solving division. *All students should be able to succeed in either division, however.*

**Active/Reflective**

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Write a paragraph describing something you consider important about yourself (e.g., a special talent, hobby, particular career interest, issue that is important to you, etc.):

Write a paragraph describing how you best learn (e.g., by listening to a lecture, by watching someone work examples, by reading a textbook, by working problems yourself or with a "study buddy", etc.):



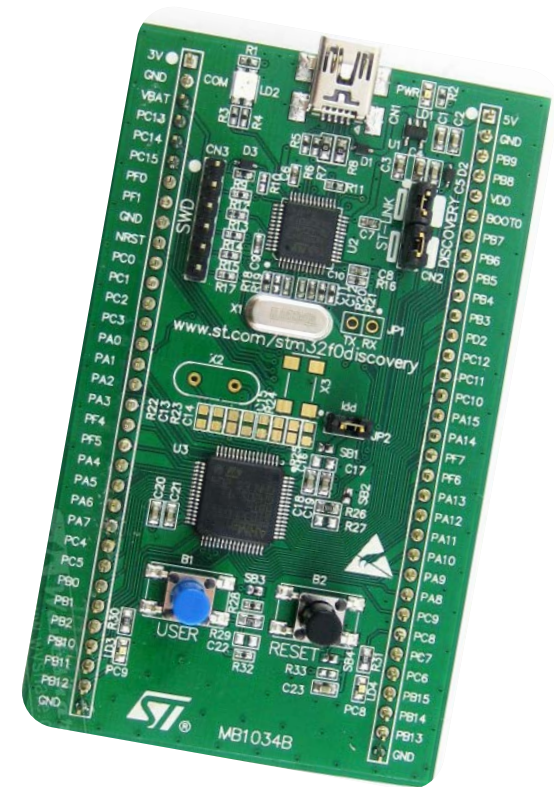
How will I apply  
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**Sample ECE 362 Mini-Projects and  
ECE 477 Senior Design Projects**

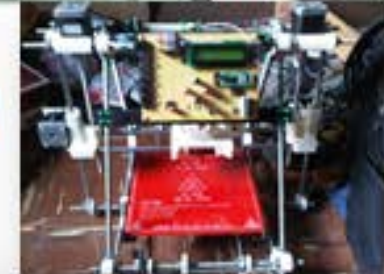


# ECE 362 Mini-Project

- Embedded system design based on microcontroller kit
- Basic requirement is to design a product that makes good use of the microcontroller's computational and interfacing resources
- Done in teams of 2-4 students (self-selected)
- Projects showcased at Spark Challenge (held on last day of classes)







ECE 362 Mini-Project Design Showcase



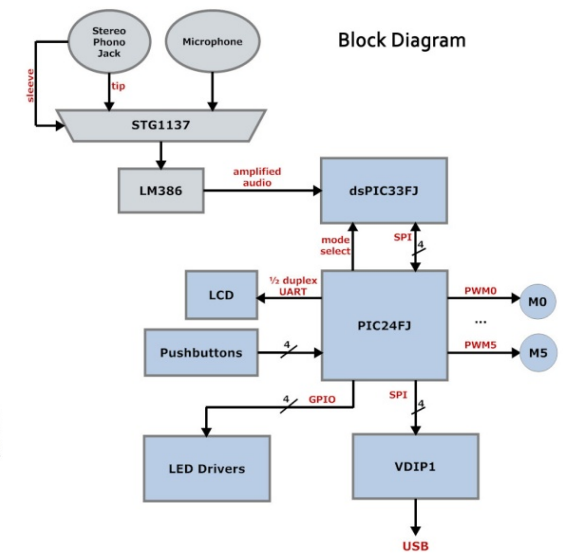
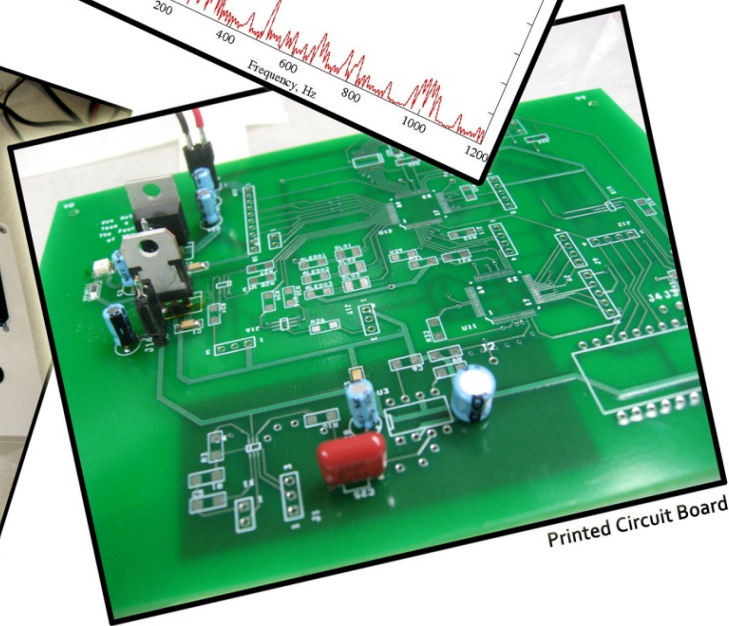
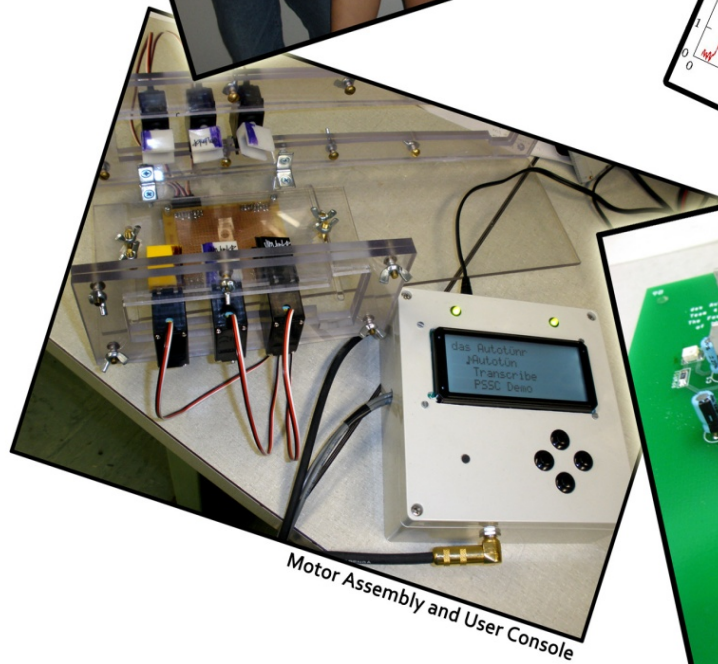
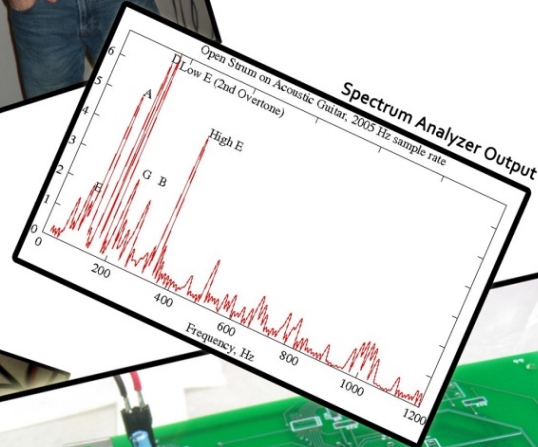
# ECE 477 Senior Design Project

- Open-ended, team-specified embedded microcontroller-based device of *personal interest* to (most) team members
- Done in teams of 4 students (self-selected)
- Tractable, yet “difficult enough”
- Must utilize a microcontroller and may also utilize a CPLD or FPGA
- May also utilize a “motherboard” (e.g. R-pi)
- Must interface to something: sensor, keypad, LCD, etc. using USB, Ethernet, Firewire, IR, RF, etc.
- Requires the design of a two-layer custom printed circuit board (PCB)
- Must satisfy five general and five project-specific success criteria
- Opportunity to develop communication and teamwork skills that will be needed in industry



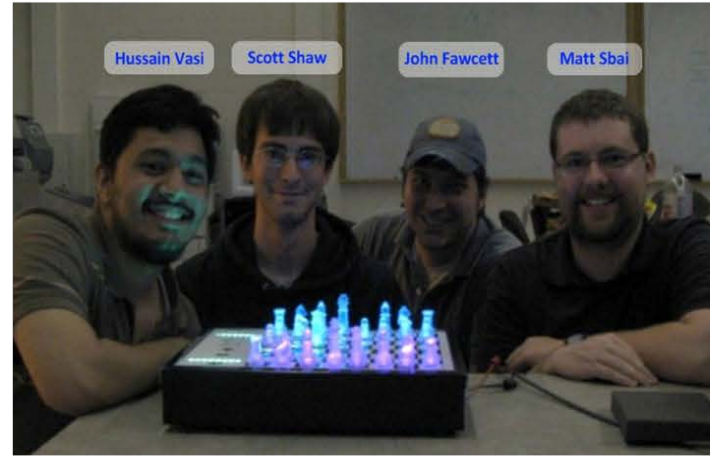
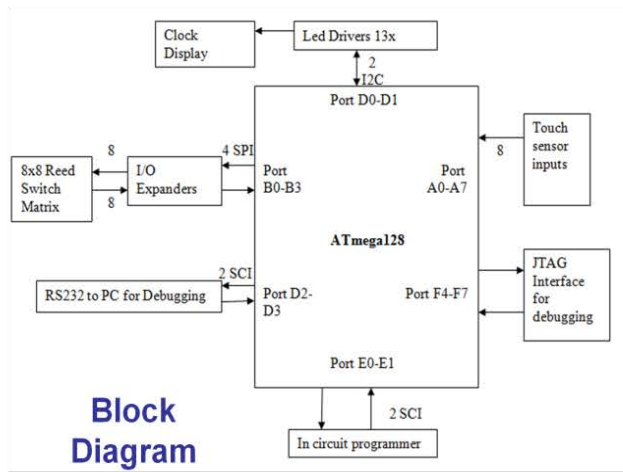
# das Autotünr

A feat of Purdue engineering, das Autotünr is an automatic guitar tuner and MIDI transcription device. It has a motor assembly of six servo motors which turn the pegs of a guitar based to a default or user-defined tuning. A discrete Fourier transform is used to identify the fundamental frequency of a sound signal. The motors will adjust the strings to match the correct frequency. The frequencies can also be stored as a MIDI file to a USB mass storage device.





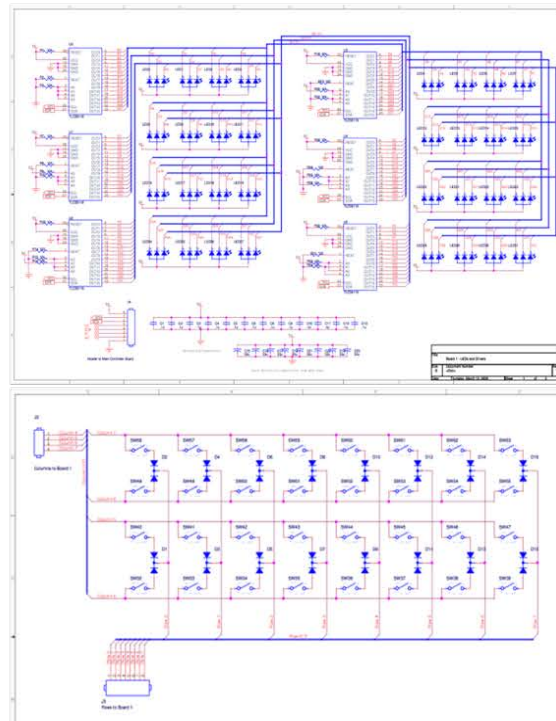
# Not So Deep Blue



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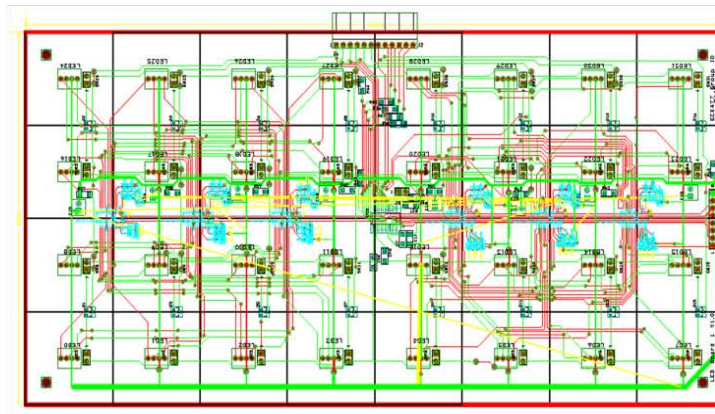
*Not So Deep Blue* is an electronic chess board.

The product enhances game experience by displaying possible moves when a piece is picked up. Piece detection is achieved using reed switches under each square on the board and magnets on each piece. Game information is displayed using RGB LEDs. This includes game time, player turn, piece location and possible moves.



**Schematic**

**LED/reed switch PCB**



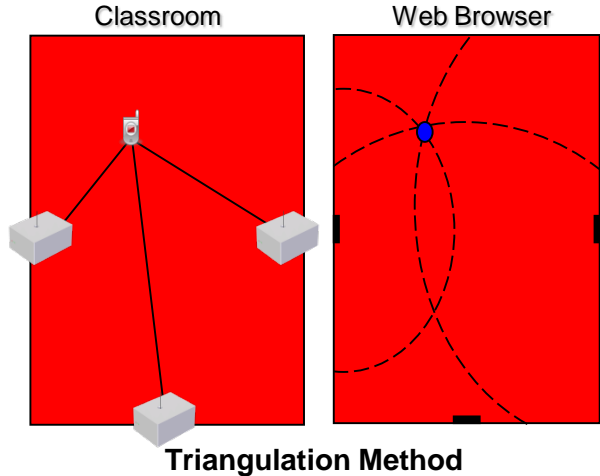
**Package**



# We Will Find You



*"We Will Find You"* is a group of three distributed modules that detect and determine the location of a cell phone in a defined area.



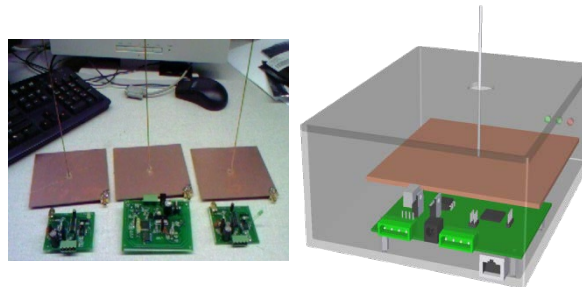
- The main module and a pair of satellite modules are placed to the corners of an isosceles triangular area.
- The power levels received by the antennas are transmitted to the main module.
- The location of the cellular phone is calculated by the main microcontroller using triangulation method.
- It is displayed on a web browser through Ethernet connection.



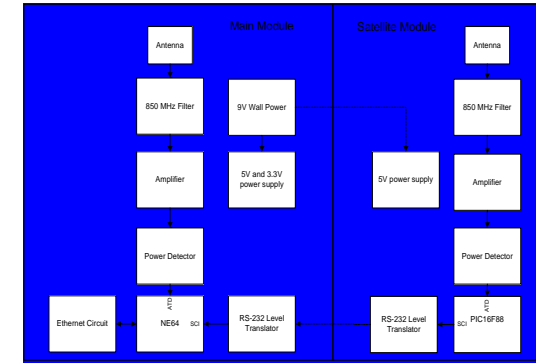
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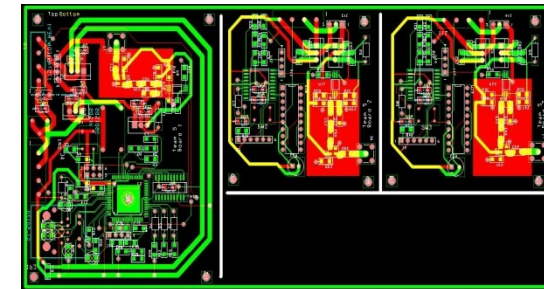
**Main and Satellite Modules**



**PCB and Antenna Components**



**Block Diagram**



**PCB Layout**

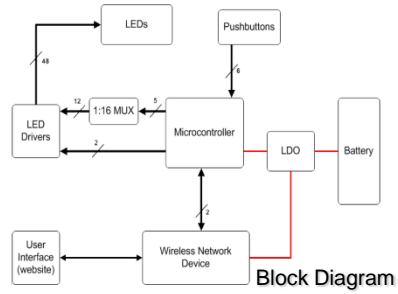
## Project Specific Success Criteria

- An ability to send data from two satellite antenna modules to the main microcontroller.
- An ability to measure band-specific RF energy generated by cell phones through designed antennas and receivers.
- An ability to determine the position of a cell phone relative to the antenna modules' positions.
- An ability to render a graphical display of the position of the detected cell phone.
- An ability to calibrate the device for different sized detection areas based on triangular antenna arrangement.

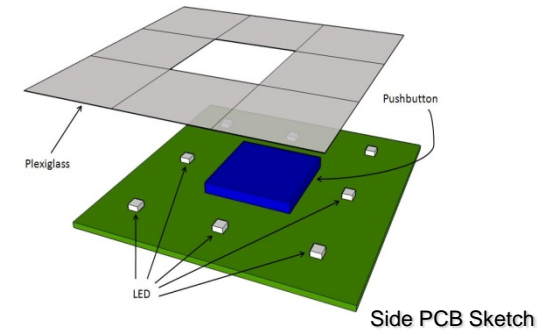


# ROBORUBIK

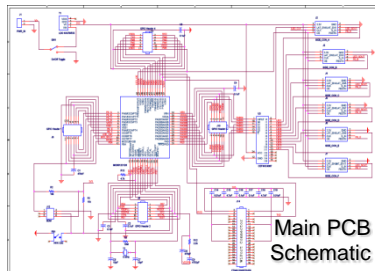
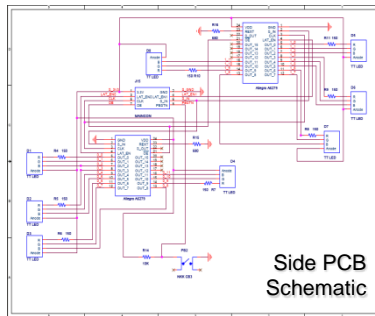
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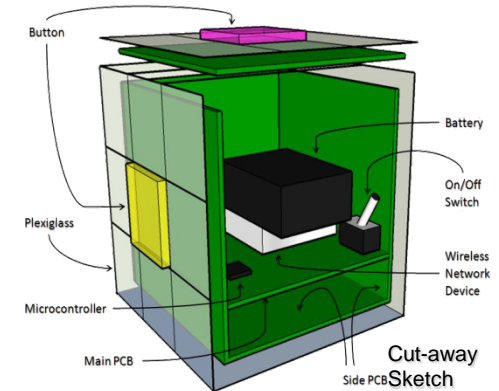
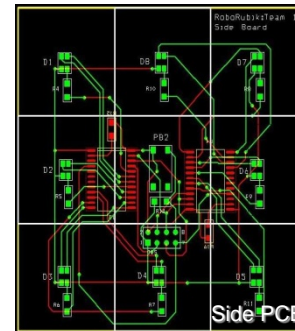
## Device



RoboRubik is a self-contained automated Rubik's Cube solver. You can scramble and solve it just like a normal Rubik's Cube. If you get stuck, you can get hints as to what your next move should be. RoboRubik comes with an embedded user interface accessed through any device with wireless networking ability. It's a fun and simple way to learn about and play with one of the most beloved puzzles in the world.

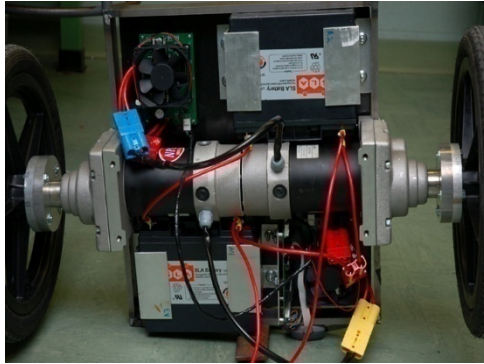


## Development

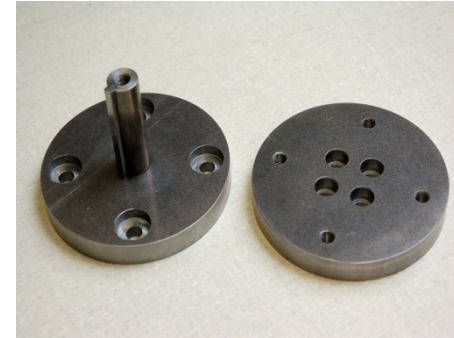


# The Two Wheel Deal

Packaging Layout



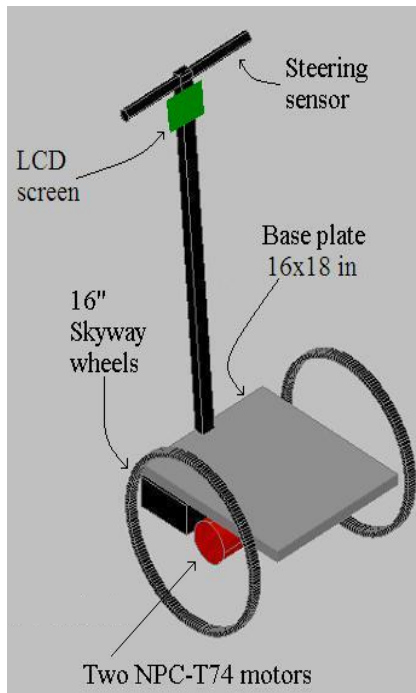
Wheel Hubs



Motor Controller PCB

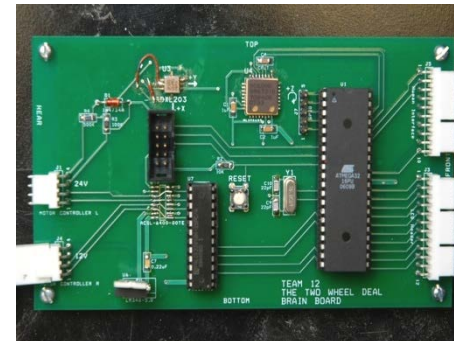


Preliminary Chassis Design

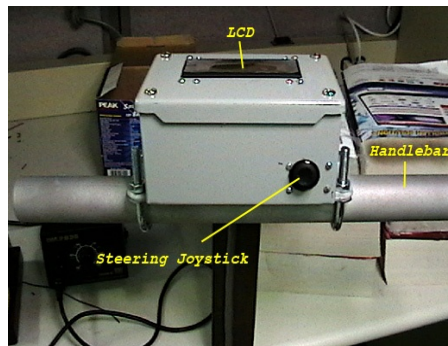


The Two Wheel Deal is a vehicle used for transporting a single rider on two wheels. The design uses an accelerometer and gyroscope to sense when the center of gravity is not directly over the axis of the wheels. It then drives the wheels in order to keep the vehicle balanced. The LCD screen displays battery life, speed, and tilt angle.

Microcontroller PCB



User Interface



LCD Display

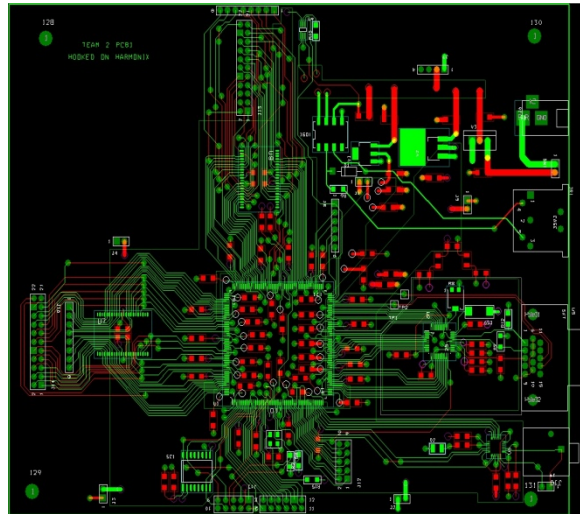




# Hooked on Harmonix

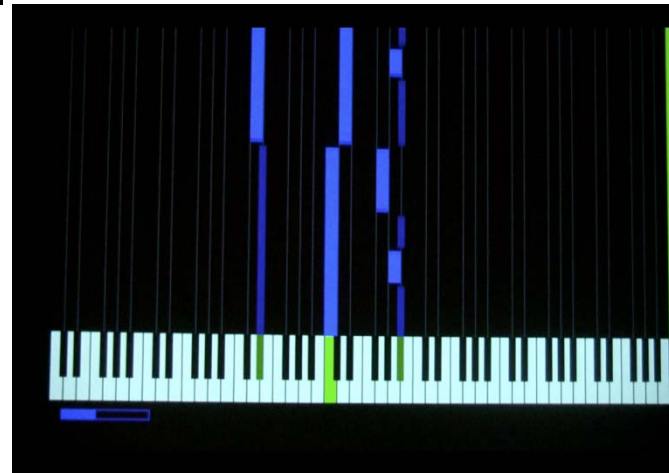


Hooked on Harmonix is a learning tool that teaches the user valuable piano skills while providing an entertaining experience at the same time.



4-layer Printed Circuit Board (PCB)

**Synopsis:** The user selects one of several MIDI tracks stored in Flash memory, and the corresponding file is parsed outputting bars of appropriate length to a standard computer monitor. Performance from a standard MIDI keyboard is judged and graded when the song is finished.



User input from standard MIDI keyboard is compared to stored MIDI song file



Final Printed Circuit Board (PCB)



I/O Ports (from left): Audio Output, VGA output, MIDI input, power input





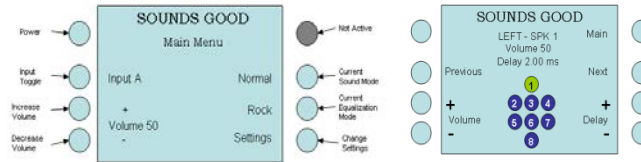
# SOUNDS GOOD / DS<sup>3</sup> Digital Steerable Sound System

Joe Land, Ben Fogle, James O'Carroll, Elizabeth Strehlow

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

- Digitally Steerable Sound System, allows for non-ideal placement of speakers
- Six Preset Equalization Modes
- Wireless Control Interface

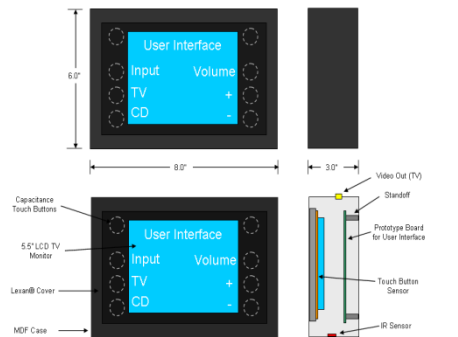
## USER MENUS CONCEPT:



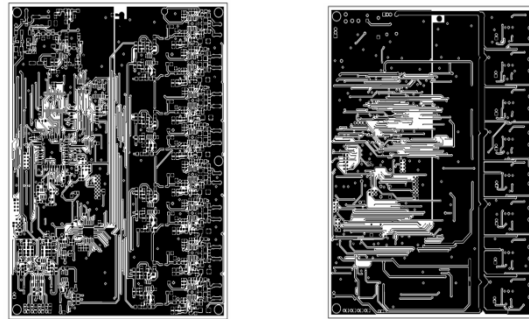
## USER INTERFACE UNIT:



## ILLUSTRATION OF CONCEPT:



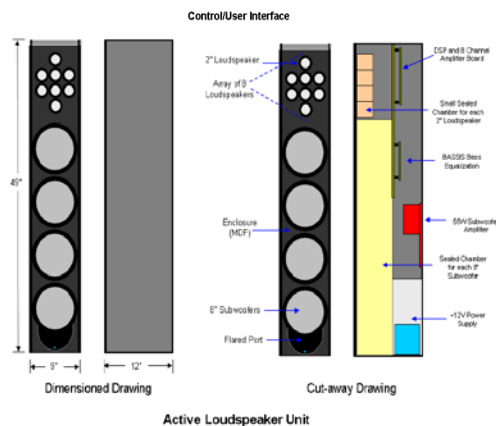
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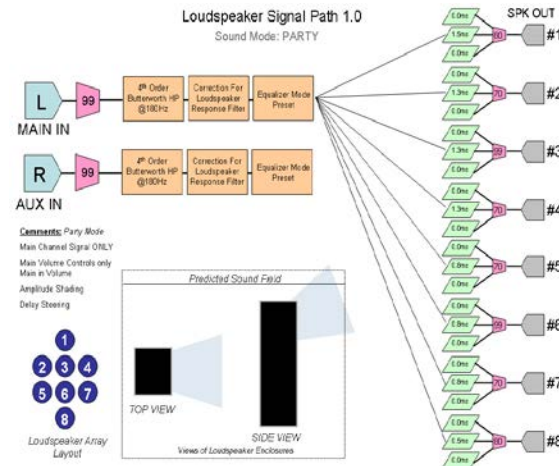
Top Copper

Bottom Copper

## LOUDSPEAKER UNIT:



## SIGNAL PATH:



FRONT



BACK

# Facts About Learning Design

- FACT: Very little learning occurs as a result of just listening about how to solve design problems



# Facts About Learning Design

- FACT: Very little learning occurs as a result of just reading about how to solve design problems



# Facts About Learning Design

- FACT: Very little learning occurs as a result of just watching someone else solve design problems



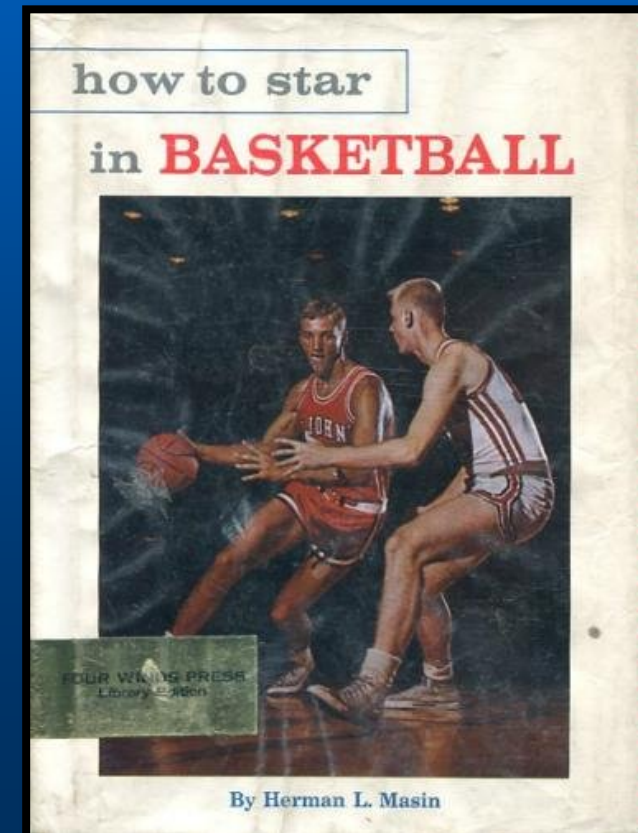


# Facts About Learning Design

- The best way to learn design-oriented material is to put it into practice!
- The best way to study for this course is to practice, *practice*, practice!
- There are no shortcuts!

Suggestion: Read assigned text material *before lecture*, and work homework problems and review for quizzes *as soon after lecture as possible*.

Key to success: *Keep current!*





# Facts About Learning Design

- *Don't "freak out" if your lab experiment doesn't work the first time!*
- *Failure can be your friend – 90% of learning occurs as a result of the "debugging" process!*

*"...we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope."*

"The best teacher, failure is."



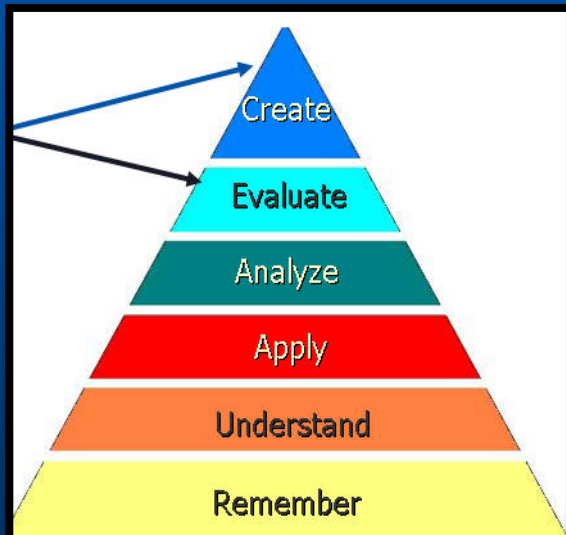
# Learning Outcomes

A student who successfully fulfills the course requirements will have demonstrated:

1. an ability to analyze and design CMOS logic gates
2. an ability to analyze and design combinational logic circuits
3. an ability to analyze and design sequential logic circuits
4. an ability to analyze and design computer logic circuits
5. an ability to realize, test, and debug practical digital circuits

# Learning Objectives

As part of faculty participation in the **Purdue IM:PACT** initiative, a detailed set of learning objectives have been developed based on Bloom's taxonomy



The goal is to *teach intentionally* and *test intentionally* based on the stated outcomes and objectives

A list of learning objectives is included in the Lecture Summary Notes for each outcome as well as the Class Presentation Slides

# Learning Outcome Assessment

- *You will earn 1% bonus credit for each course outcome you successfully demonstrate*
  - For Outcomes 1-4, basic competency will be assessed based on hourly exam questions, for which a minimum score of 60% will be required
  - For Outcome 5, a score of 60% on each lab experiment or a score of 60% on the Lab Practical Exam will be required for successful demonstration



# Grade Determination

90% to 100%	A- / A / A+
80% to 90%	B- / B / B+
70% to 80%	C- / C / C+
60% to 70%	D- / D / D+
< 60%	F

<b>Bonus Opportunities and Exercises</b>	$\Delta_1\%$
<b>Class Participation (iClickers)</b>	4.0%
<b>Homework Assignments (13 @ 0.77%)</b>	10.0%
<b>Lab Experiments (13 @ 1.5%)</b>	19.5%
<b>Lab Quizzes (13 @ 0.5%)</b>	6.5%
<b>Lab Practical Exam</b>	10.0%
<b>Outcome Assessment Exams (4 @ 12.5%)</b>	50.0%
<b>Outcome Demonstration Bonus (5 @ 1%)</b>	$\Delta_2\%$
	100+ $\Delta\%$

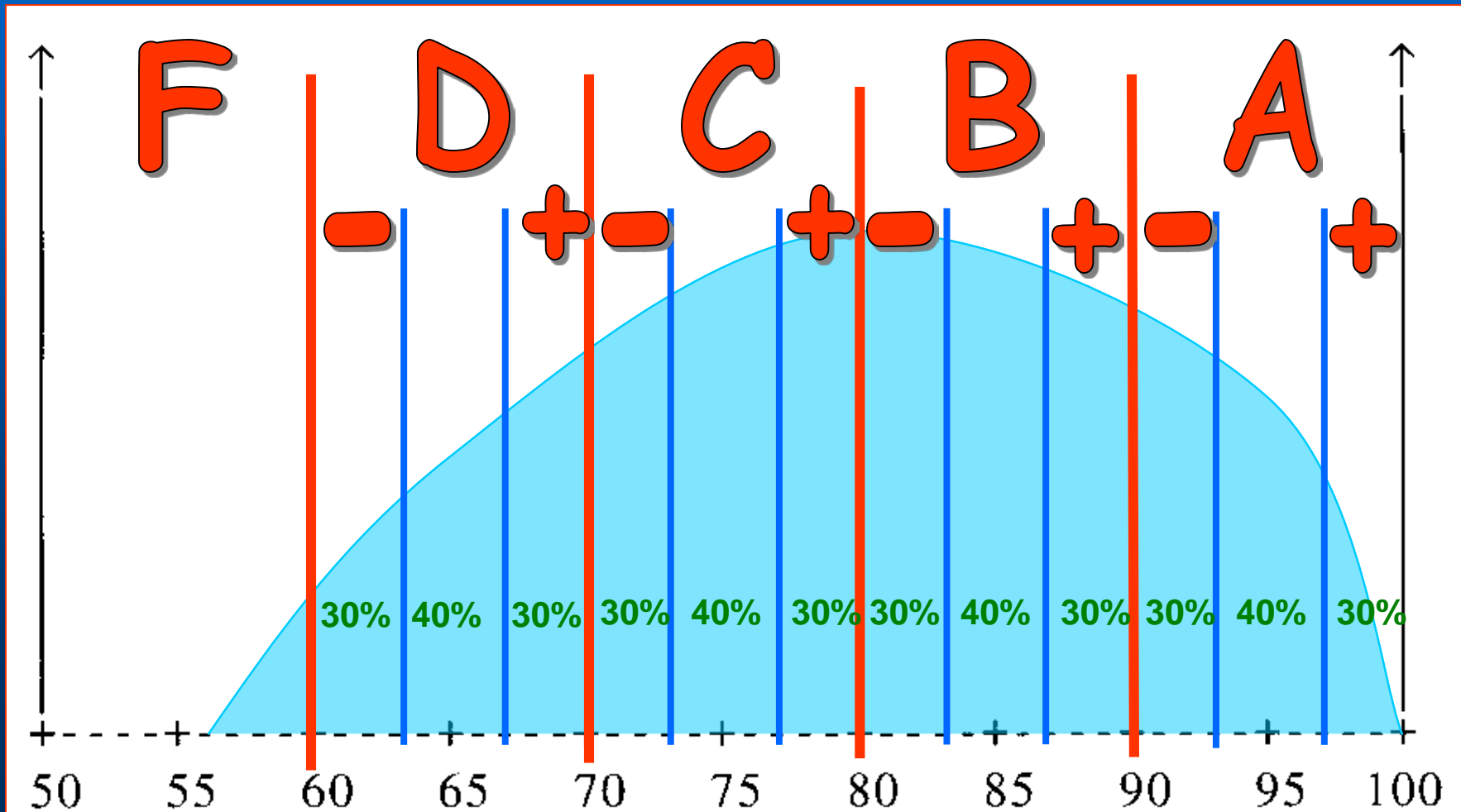
# Grade Determination

- Calculation of Raw Weighted Percentage:

$$\text{RWP} = \frac{\sum_i \text{WGT}_i \times \text{SCORE}_i}{\sum_i \text{WGT}_i} \times 100$$

- RWP then “curved” (mean-shifted) with respect to upper percentile of class, yielding the Normalized Weighted Percentage (NWP)
- Windowed Standard Deviation (WSD) for class is calculated based on statistics of “middle” 90% of class
- Cutoff Width Factor (CWF) is then  $\max(\text{WSD}, 10)$ , i.e., the *nominal cutoffs* are 90-80-70-60 for A-B-C-D, respectively

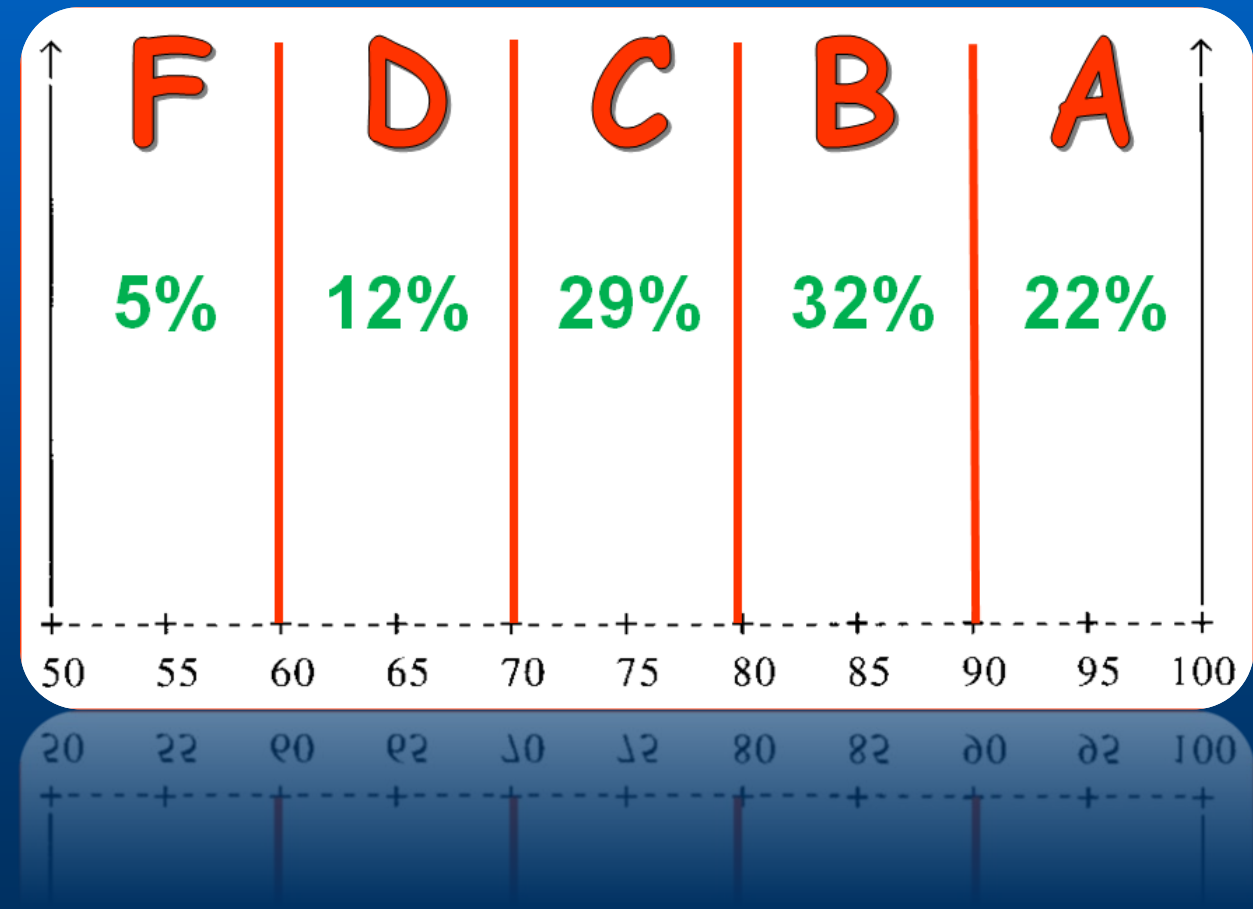
# ± Grading Visualization (CWF=10)



# Grade Determination

- **Note:** There are no A / B / C / D / F “quotas”!
- **Goal:** Minimize number of D / W / F grades!!

Typical **grade distribution**  
and course **GPA: 2.54**





# Borderline Cases and Incompletes

- A “borderline” is officially defined as an NWP *within 0.5%* of a cutoff
- Before course grades are assigned, the instructor will carefully examine all such cases to determine if the next higher grade is warranted
- **IMPORTANT NOTE:** The “next higher grade” is NOT AUTOMATICALLY GUARANTEED!!
- A grade of **I** or **E** will be given only for cases in which there are *documented* medical or family emergencies that prevent a student from completing required course work by the end of the semester
- University Regulations stipulate that a student **must be PASSING** in order to *qualify* for a grade of **I** or **E**

# Academic Honesty

- The following will result in a **FAILING GRADE**:
  - using an “electronic copy” of another student’s lab solution file
  - attempting to use a “surrogate” test taker
  - altering solutions submitted for re-grade
  - misrepresenting another student’s work as your own (i.e., copying a homework solution)
  - using a “clicker” registered to another student

# Academic Honesty

- All cases of “cheating” will be reported to the Dean of Students Office and to the ECE Associate Head
- *Resist the temptation* to take short-cuts in schoolwork – they inevitably lead to shortcuts in careers!!
- *A professional person does not take credit for the work of someone else!*



# Emergency Preparedness

- To report an emergency, **call 911**
- To obtain updates regarding an ongoing emergency, sign up for Purdue Alert text messages, or view current status at [www.purdue.edu/ea](http://www.purdue.edu/ea)
- There are nearly 300 **Emergency Telephones** outdoors across campus and in parking garages that connect directly to the PUPD – if you feel threatened or need help, push the button and you will be connected immediately
- If a **fire alarm sounds** during class we will immediately suspend class, evacuate the building, and proceed outdoors – do not use the elevator
- If we are notified during class of a **Shelter in Place requirement for a tornado** warning, we will suspend class and shelter as directed
- If we are notified during class of a **Shelter in Place requirement for a hazardous materials release or a civil disturbance** (including a shooting or other use of weapons), we will suspend class and shelter in the classroom, shutting/securing the door and turning off the lights
- See the Emergency Preparedness website for additional information  
[http://www.purdue.edu/ehps/emergency\\_preparedness/index.html](http://www.purdue.edu/ehps/emergency_preparedness/index.html)

# Important Deadlines/Restrictions

- **All** lecture and lab division changes must be completed during the first week of classes
- You must attend the lab division for which you have officially registered
- **No late pre-labs** or **homework assignments** will be accepted
- Requests for **make-up labs** must be approved by your **Lab Instructor** in advance of the evening office hour session you plan to complete the makeup
- Quizzes will be given at the **beginning** of your scheduled lab period – **there will be no make-ups** (quizzes missed due to officially approved absences will be pro-rated – maximum number of quizzes that can be pro-rated is 2)
- Exams missed due to **planned absences** on scheduled evening or final exam dates must be **made up in advance**
- **No** makeup exams will be given **after** the scheduled exam period **unless** your absence has been **officially excused** by the **Dean of Students**

# Words to the Wise

- Everyone currently enrolled has the potential to do well in this course
- You will not do well, however, if you:
  - fail to attend class (and miss working the homework problems)
  - don't read the assignments before class
  - attempt to “cram before exams”
  - merely “look at” the practice exams
  - expect to “learn by osmosis”
  - attempt to “cheat” in any way

# Let's Get Started!

- The first part of this course will cover some basic topics that will be used throughout the digital systems curriculum, starting with *basic electronic components* and ending with *combinational logic circuit design*
- The second part of this course will cover more advanced introductory topics, starting with *sequential logic circuits* and ending with the *design of a simple computer*
- All of the topics covered in this course have been *carefully chosen*, based on how the material will be used in later courses



# What is a Computer Engineer?

A *computer engineer* has knowledge of both the *theoretical* and *practical* aspects of how to analyze, design, *and* implement *computer* hardware *and* software...



# What is a Computer Engineer?

...which leads to a *basic intuition* of how computer hardware and software *work*, the *synergy* between them, and what *solution(s)* are “*most practical*” or “*best*” given a set of *design constraints*.



# What is a Computer Engineer?

He/she is therefore able to *design systems* based on the *analysis of tradeoffs* among a *variety of different implementation strategies* afforded by *current technology*.

