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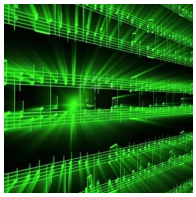
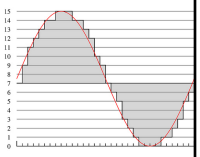




Lecture #1 - Course Introduction / Intro to Digital Audio

ESE 150 – Digital Audio Basics

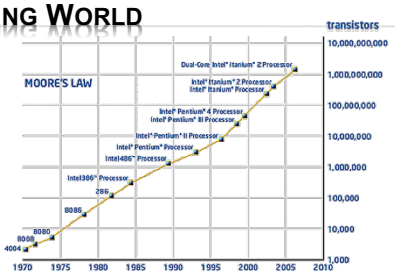
Lecture Topics

- **History & Motivation**
  - Computing and Digital Audio
- **Overview of Class Schedule**
  - Big picture of our class goals
- **Course Introduction / Goals of Class**
  - Syllabus; Laboratory; Grading
- **Course Content Overview**
  - Week by week breakdown of class itself
- **Summary**

History & Motivation
Short Story / Overview
Course Introduction
Learning Styles
Long Story / Intro to Sound
Summary

History & Motivation

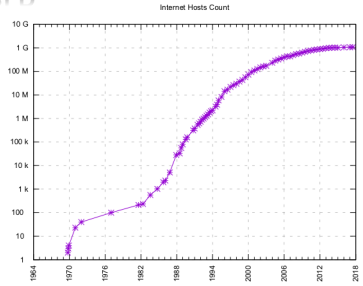
Chaning World



- **Moore's Law: Every 18 months, size of transistor will be halved**
  - Who cares?
    - In same area, can fit twice as many transistors, twice the computing power!
    - Also, generally: if you make a transistor smaller, it gets a bit faster

Chaning World

- **Moore's Law**
- **Internet Grew**



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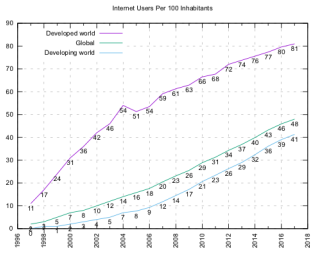
Connecting the World



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In your lifetime…

- **2001: iPod, Wikipedia launched**
- **2003: iTunes launched, Skype released**
- **2004: Facebook launched**
- **2005: YouTube launched**
- **2006: Twitter launched**
- **2008: Bitcoin**
- **2010: Instagram**
- **2011: Siri, Snapchat, Google driverless cars, Uber**
- **2012: Makerbot Replicator**
- **2013: Google Glass**
- **2015: iWatch**

Cool Stuff of Today…

- Today's "must have" technology is:
  - computerized, networked, and based on digital media
- Cell phones
- MP3 players (Digital Audio Players)
  - Internet enabled
- Digital cameras and video recorders (part of phones!)
- Realistic Video Games
- Integrated (e.g. iPhone, iPad)
- DVRs (e.g. TiVo)
- E-book readers (e.g. Kindle)
- 3D printers (e.g. Makerbot)
  - Circuit Scribe – draw actual circuits, electric ink!
  - Replicator…
- Augmented Reality (e.g. Jedi Challenge, Pokemon-Go)
  - Holodeck…

What else add to this list?

What makes us safer, live longer?

- **Transportation**
  - Anti-lock brakes
  - Traction control
  - Blind-side assist
- **Watch over**
  - Security cameras
  - Baby monitors
- **Medical Devices**
  - Ultrasound
  - MRI
  - DNA sequencing
  - Pacemakers

What do these things involve?

- **Computation**
- **Communications**
- **Hardware**
- **Substantial software**

- ➔ **Products of Computer Engineers**

Changing World: Small World

- **Ubiquitous Internet**
  - This changed everything
  - Smartphone let us carry Internet with us
- **Facebook**
  - Allowed us instantly find anyone!
  - United the world in many ways

Changing World: Easy Sharing

- Easy Instant sharing and storage
- Photos, videos, writing
- Web, Facebook, Youtube, Blogs
- Backed up, Cloud
- Accessible anywhere in the world
- Indexed and searchable
- Can carry it with you

Changing World: Instant Gratification

- **Search engines**
  - Instant access to knowledge
- **iTunes**
  - Instant access to music/casts/apps/video too
- **Streaming video**
  - Instant access to video/news/visual information
  - Internet services/Netflix/On-Demand/etc.
- **Amazon.com**
  - Instant access to nearly any product, ~drone delivery!

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Changing World: New Wealth, New Players

- **Microsoft founded 1975**
  - World's richest man…for a while
- **Apple founded 1976**
  - Highest valued company
- **Oracle 1977**
- **CISCO 1984**
- **NVIDIA 1993**
- **Amazon.com 1994**
  - New world's richest man…
- **E-Bay 1995**
- **Google, Netflix 1998**
- **Facebook 2004**
- **Twitter 2006**
- **Bitcoin 2008**

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Convergence

- **Big Ideas and Advanced Technology**
  - Digitize Everything
  - Cheap Digital Processing
  - Cheap Storage
  - Cheap Digital Bandwidth
- **Driven by Moore's Law**
  - Store and compute more bits per $$

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Enabled by Visionary Engineers

- **Hard work, inspiration, and competition**
  - …would not have just happened
  - Certain applications/products tie many things together
    - No one realized facebook/music would be "killer app" for smartphone revolution
- **Most inconceivable just prior**
  - Compare how archaic the "future" looks in most movies just 20 years old
- **What's next?**
- **How can we harness to make the world better?**

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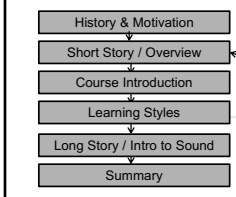

Short Story

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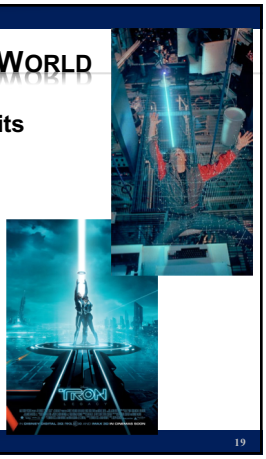
Virtualization of the World

- **Can represent things as bits**
  - sound, pictures, movies
  - location, situation, …
  - shapes, circuits, drugs, DNA
- **Cheap/powerful ways to automatically manipulate**
  - …and reproduce



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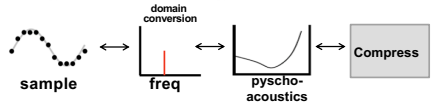
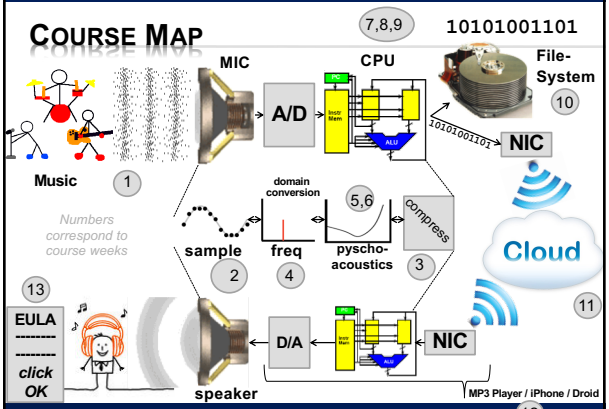
Class Story: One Slide



- **Sound can be converted to/from bits**
  - and compressed, without loss of information
- **More information can be discarded without humans noticing → fewer bits**
- **Process this information with inexpensive machines**
  - Store it for retrieval
- **Send it between machines**
  - Even if not directly connected

Course Map



Course Introduction

About the Course

- **ESE 150: Digital Audio Basics**
  - But really: "Introduction to Computer Engineering"
- **Our Goals:**
  - Deliver 13 lectures on 13 topics in Comp. Eng.
    - *Each lecture full course on later; 13 different courses!*
  - Expose you to the *big* topics in Comp. Eng.
    - *You won't like them all…but you will probably love 1 or 2!*
    - *Help you figure out which path in Comp. Eng. to take*
  - Use digital audio as common theme between lectures
    - *This information goes way beyond digital audio*
  - Tie theory to practice ("feel-the-bits") through a weekly lab
    - *To see concepts discussed in lecture in a lab environment*
    - *Labs are not perfect, connections sometimes not obvious at first*
      - You might think lab is "stand-alone"…not really true!

The Big Picture…

- Computer Engineering
  - *very large field of engineering*
- Seeing the top 13 ideas…through the guise of digital audio
  - *helps you see the big picture of comp. eng.*
- We want you to see the "big picture" of comp eng.
  - *before taking a lot of unnecessary courses*
- Miss one lecture…miss a lot!
  - *Common complaint…I don't need lecture to succeed in lab*
    - You might be right! … but it should make it more meaningful.
- Help us help you…
  - *If you don't see how lecture/lab fit together, tell us!! Help us improve course.*

Mechanics of the Class

- **Wednesday: Lecture**
  - Introduce concepts (theory)
  - Help paint the big picture
- **Monday: Lab**
  - Put theory into practice
  - Apply 1 big concept in real world
    - Many concepts may appear in lecture…
    - One will be put to use in guise of digital audio in the lab
  - Work in teams of 2
  - Individual lab report write-ups
- **Friday: Lab Report due**
  - (except formal one – Sunday)

Lecture Timeline

- **4:25pm – target to setup, have preclass available**
  - Start working on preclass as you arrive
- **4:35pm – start lecture**
- **5:55pm – end lecture**
  - Need to leave earlier, go ahead.

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Grading

- **10% - Class Participation and Quizzes (if necessary)**
  - Based on assigned reading material
- **50% - Weekly Lab Report Writeup**
  - Work in groups of 2 (we assign and mix up week-to-week)
  - Some labs may have "prelab" work to do – counted as part of lab writeup
  - Drop lowest score on attempted labs
- **20% - Formal Lab Report**
- **5% - Midterm Exam**
  - Warmup for final
- **15% - Final Exam**
  - Based on reading material, lecture material, lab work
- **Read web page for policies**
  - Not hard, but must show up, engage, do the work

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Components

- **Lecture slides online morning of lecture**
- **Big Idea – 1p'er for every lecture**
- **Reading**
- **Preclass – available beginning (ideally 4:25pm)**
  - Work through to get you thinking about the topic
  - …and gives you some of the questions will ask in lecture
  - Won't be available later, online → get them in lecture
- **"Warm" Calls**
  - Promote interaction/engagement
- **Feedback sheets**
  - Turn in at end of lecture
  - Help me tune lecture for class

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Class Goals

- **Context and motivation for CMPE major**
- **Appreciate how CMPE, EE, CIS, SSE:**
  - Work together
  - How they impact today's world
- **Start thinking like an engineer!**

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Outcomes

- **Able to conduct experiments**
  - Psychoacoustic, network, hardware
- **Able to optimize information encoding**
- **Able to design file system for multiple views**
- **Able to quantify quality vs. size tradeoffs in audio**
- **Able to use oscilloscope, matlab, arduino**
- **Able to write formal lab report**
- **Understand role of Intellectual Property**
- **Appreciate User Interface design**
- **Understand technology enables new capabilities**

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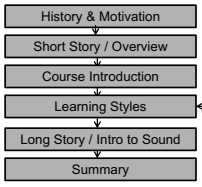

Learning Styles

(INTERLUDE)

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How do people come out?

- **Create Histogram**
- **How I came out…**
- **Count numbers by students:**
  - Bin: 9+, 8-4, 3-1, 0, 1-3, 4-8, 9+
- **Histograms:**
  - Active/Reflective
  - Sensing/Intuitive
  - Visual/Verbal
  - Sequential/Global

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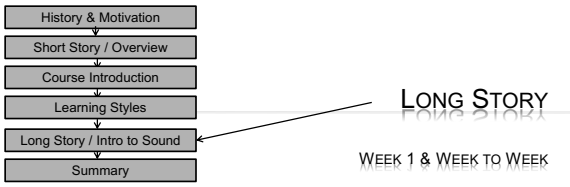
Dimensions

- **Active (ACT) vs. Reflective (REF)**
  - Doing vs. thinking
- **Sensing (SEN) vs. Intuitive (INT)**
  - Facts and methods vs. abstractions and innovation
- **Visual (VIS) vs. Verbal (VRB)**
  - Pictures, diagrams vs. descriptions
- **Sequential (SEQ) vs. Global (GLO)**
  - Linear steps vs. context and connections

See reading link on syllabus.

Aware of Differences

- **Differences among people**
- **Differences between faculty and students?**
  - Claim college courses are biased toward:
    - Reflective, intuitive, verbal, sequential
- **This course:**
  - Active, sensing?, visual, global
- **Read explanation**
  - Being aware and how to cope useful for navigating all your courses at Penn



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Week 1: Introduction to Sound

- **Sound is a pressure wave**

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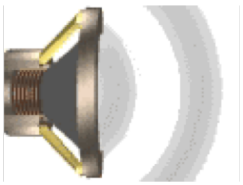
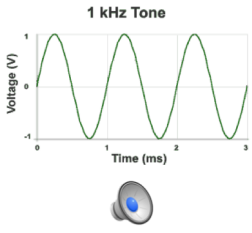
Week 1: Introduction to Sound Waves

Cycle = 1 iteration of sine wave
Hertz (Hz) = 1 cycle per second

1kHz = 1000 cycles/s





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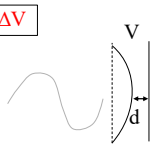
Week 1: Pressure to Voltage

- Microphones convert pressure to voltage
  - (speakers/headphones voltage to pressure)
  - Physical position to voltage

$\Delta d \rightarrow \Delta C \rightarrow \Delta V$



- Reason as parallel place capacitor
  - ESE 112 or PHYS 151

$$C = \frac{\varepsilon A}{d}$$

$$Q = CV \qquad V = \frac{Q}{C}$$

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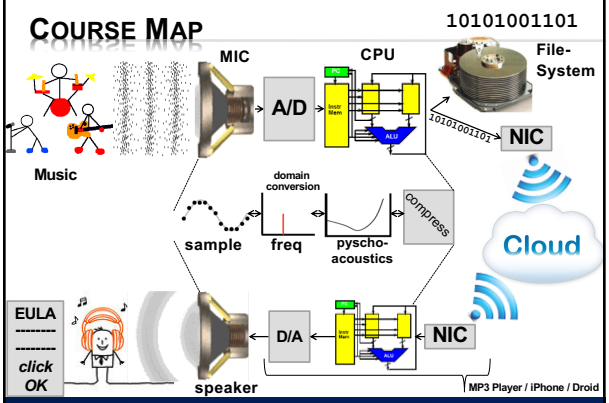

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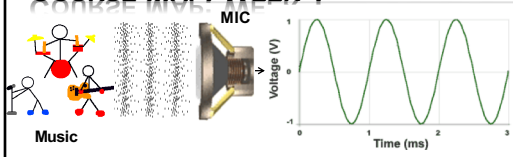
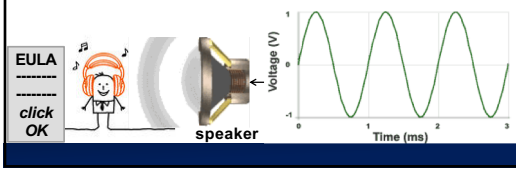


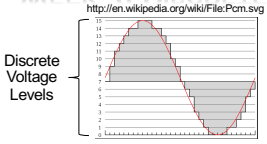
you will do this in first lab!



Before next slide…Mini-Quiz:

- **What is a bit (a Binary Digit)?**
  - Smallest piece of information we can store (on/off)
- **How many bits in a byte?**
  - 8
- **Bytes in a Kilobyte?**
  - 2^{10} x 1 byte = 1024 bytes
- **Bytes in a Megabyte?**
  - 2^{10} x 1KB = 1,048,576 bytes
- **Bytes in a Gigabyte?**
  - 2^{10} x 1MB = 1,073,741,824 bytes
- **How many bits to store a typical song?**

Week 2: Discrete Sampling



http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Compact_disc.svg

- **Voltages can be sampled discretely**
  - Both in time and amplitude
- **Can turn sound wave into sequence of bits**
  - 0111 1001 1011 1100 1101 1110 1110 1111 1111 ….
- **What precision do we need?**
  - Compact Disks: 16bits at 44KHz
    - How many bits is a typical 3-minute song?

$$\left(44{,}000\ \frac{samples}{1\ sec}\right)\left(16\ \frac{bits}{sample}\right)\left(60\ \frac{sec}{1\ min}\right)\left(3\ \frac{min}{song}\right) = 126{,}720{,}000\ \frac{bits}{song}$$

$$= 15{,}840{,}000\ \frac{bytes}{song} = 15.1\ \frac{MB}{song}$$

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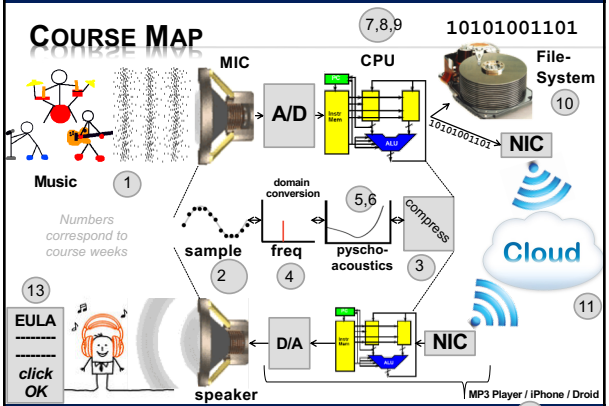

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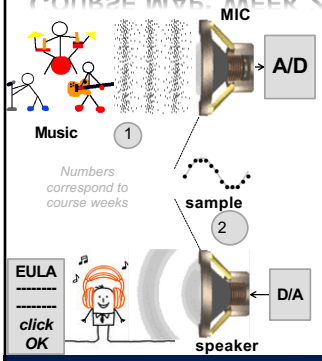

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Digital Storage (Week 10)

- **Record bits to non-volatile memory**
  - Store and reproduce sound
- **Media: CD, Hard Disk, Flash**

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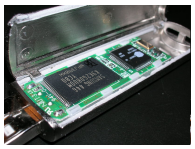

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Calculating Capacity

- **How many songs can we fit on a CD?**
  - How many MB can a CD hold?
    - 650 MB (for Data)
    - About 780 MB (for Audio)
  - If 3 minute song = 15.1 MB…
    - 1 minute audio ~ 5.04MB
    - But, we record in stereo: (R/L)
      - 5.04 MB x 2 = 10.07 MB per minute
    - 780 MB / 10.0 MB per minute ~ 78 minutes
- **How much memory does your MP3 player have?**
  - Given unit of information to store, we can architecture storage!

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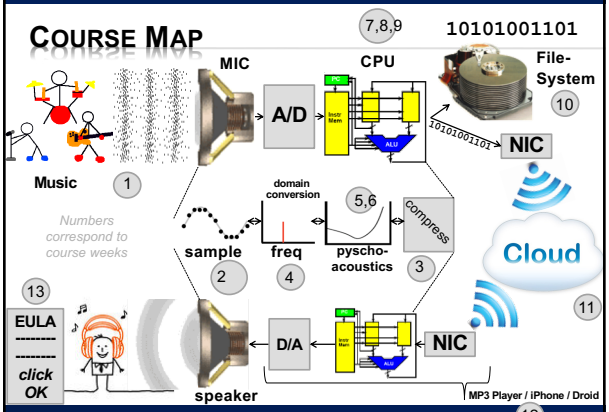

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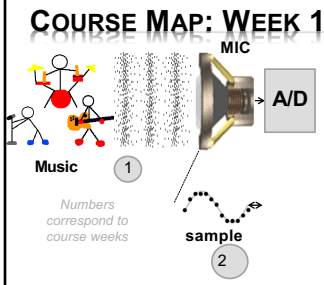

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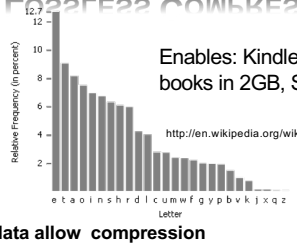
Week 3: Lossless Compression



Enables: Kindle to store 1500 books in 2GB, SMS text

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- **Statistics of data allow compression**
- **If all symbols (characters, voltages) aren't equally likely,**
  - Can assign shorter bit sequences to most common cases
  - and reduce bits required to store or transmit!
- **Famous Example of statistical storage: Morse Code:**
- **THE = — • • • • • = 6 symbols (not 18 as you might expect)**

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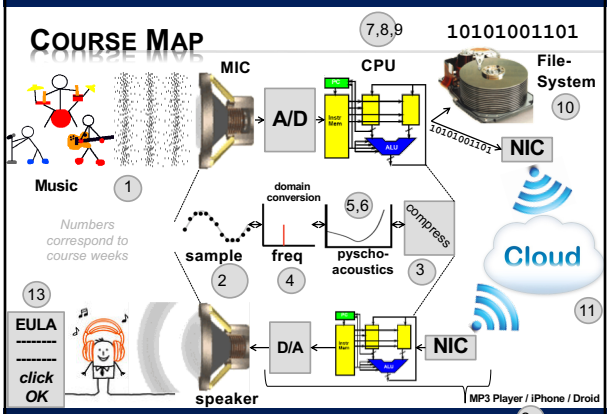

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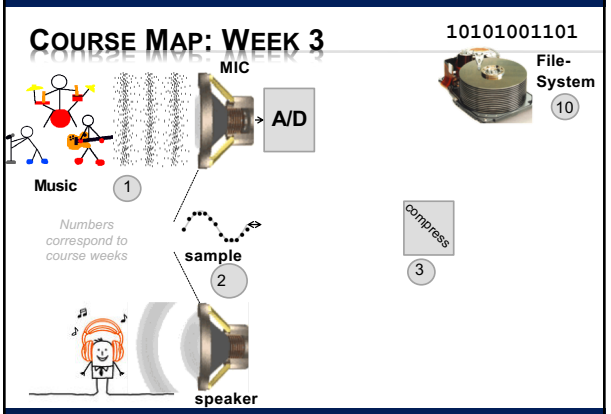
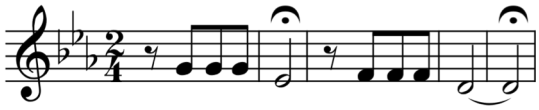
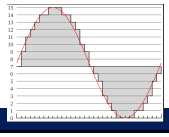


Time-Frequency Conversion

- **There are other ways to represent**



How does the musical staff representation of sound differ from time samples?



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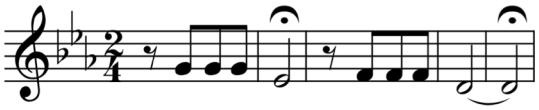
Week 4: Time-Frequency Conversion

- **There are other ways to represent**
  - Frequency representation particularly efficient



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Frequencies in Hertz

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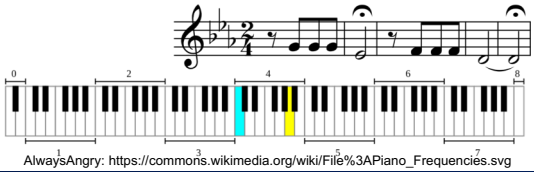
Time-Frequency Conversion

- **1s / quarter note ➔ 10s of sound**
  - 44K Hz x 16b/sample x 10s = 7040K =7Mbits
- **How many keys on piano?**
  - (7b/note+8b/duration) x 7 note = 105 bits?



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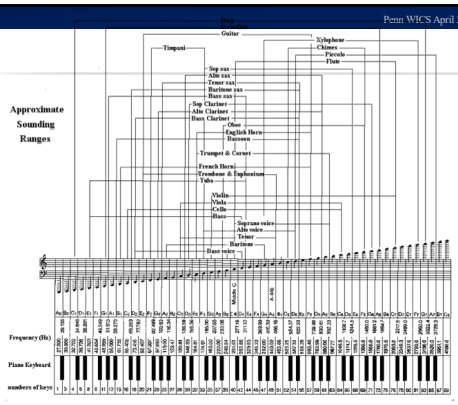

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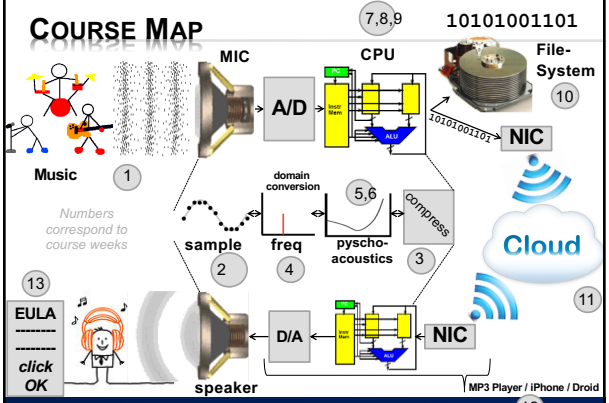

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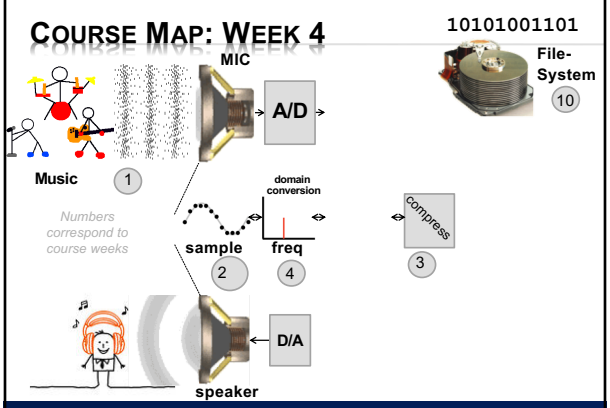
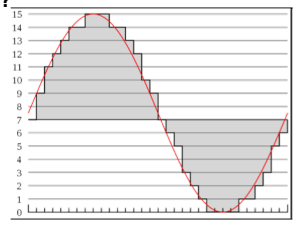


WEEK 2: NYQUIST-SHANNON

- **Sampling Theorem:**
  - Only need to sample 2 x maximum frequency component of a signal
- **Range of human hearing?**
  - 20 Hz → 20 kHz
- **How many samples?**
  - 2 x 20 kHz = 40 kHz
- **CD samples /sec:**
  - 44,000 Samples / sec



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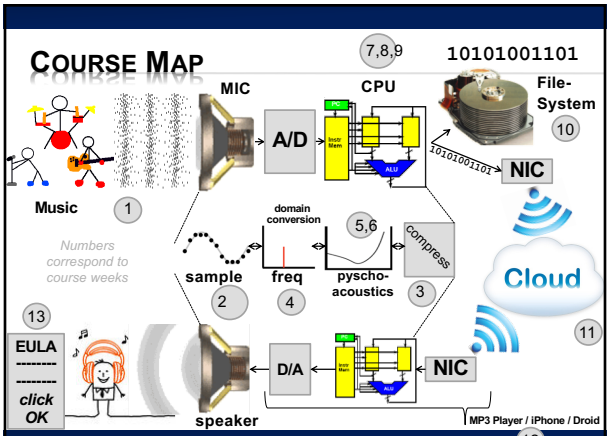

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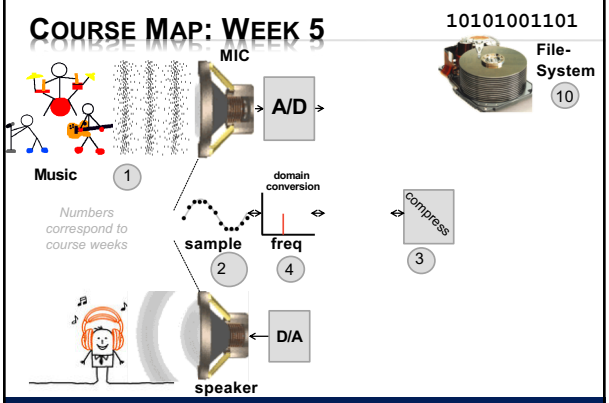
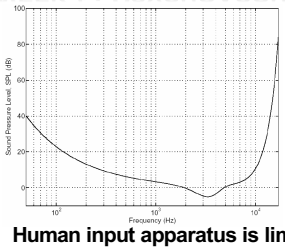
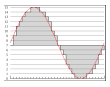


Week 5: Psychoacoustics



The Theory behind MP3

http://www.mp3-tech.org/programmer/docs/mp3_theory.pdf



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- Human input apparatus is limited
- If we only care about human perception
  - …that reduces the information needed (reduces samples/sec)
- Limited maximum frequency

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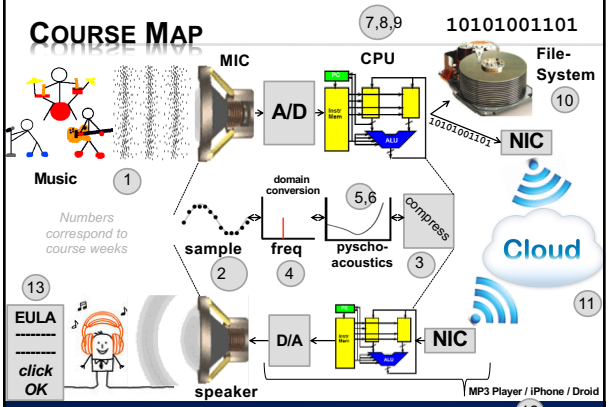

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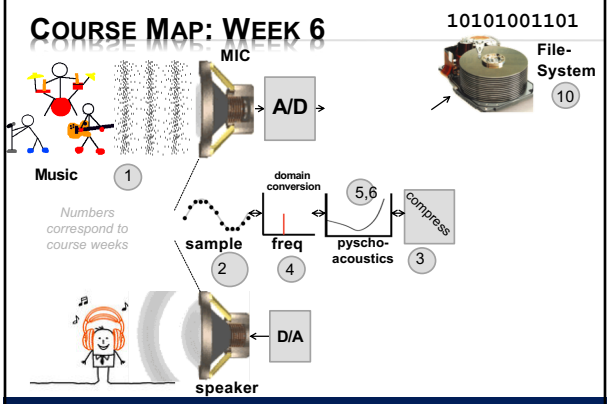

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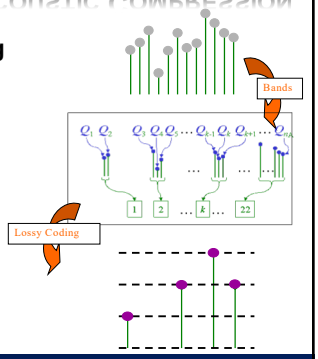
Week 6: Psychoacoustic Compression

- MP3 based on putting these together
  - Convert to frequencies
  - Determine frequencies that don't matter
  - Quantize (fewer than 16b) for less important
- Significantly smaller size than raw, sampled bits



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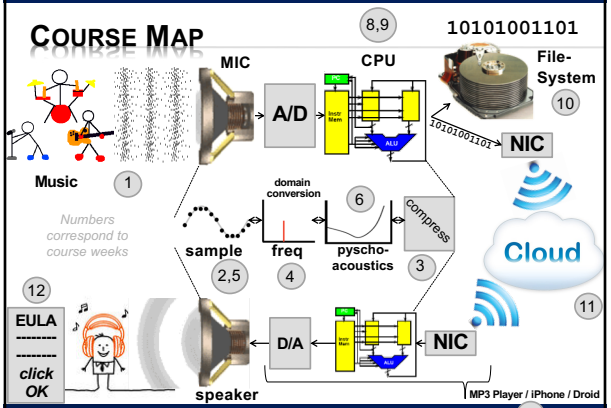

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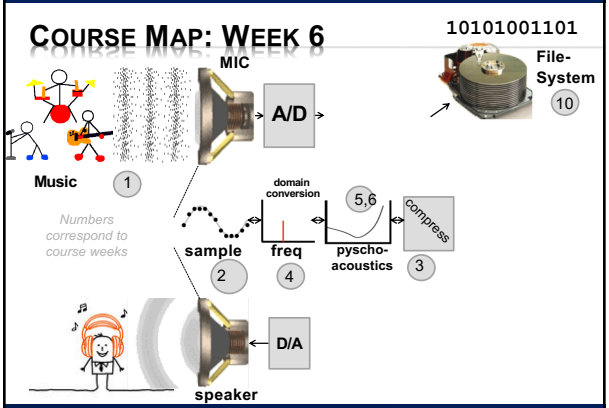

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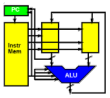
Week 7: Hardware

- CPUs: We'll look at their operation and architecture
- How fast does your laptop or cell phone run?



- Modern chips run 100MHz to 4 GHz
  - → only need one multiplier, adder
  - Reuse hardware it in time

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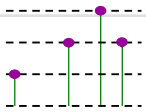
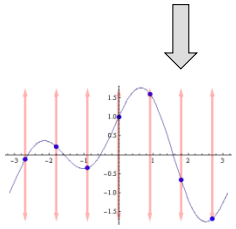
Week 8: Hardware



- To perform decompression
  - For audio playback
- Need to perform
  - a few million operations
    - Operations addition, multiplication
      - Calculate cosines
      - Scale values
      - Add waveforms
  - per second of audio
- How fast does CPU need to be to work with audio?



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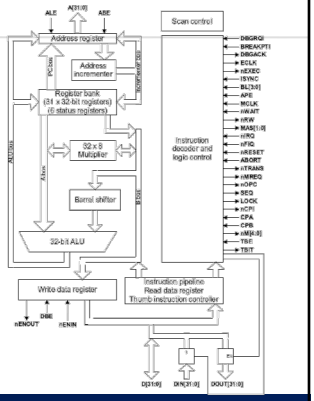
Week 8: iPod Processor

- Early based on PortalPlayer series
  - Two ARM7TDMI cores
  - 80MHz each
- Current use ARM7 or ARM8



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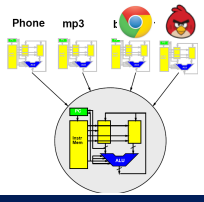
Week 9: Operating System

- This hardware can be virtualized and shared among tasks
  - How does OS control hardware?
  - Do we need giant OS or small portion for mp3?



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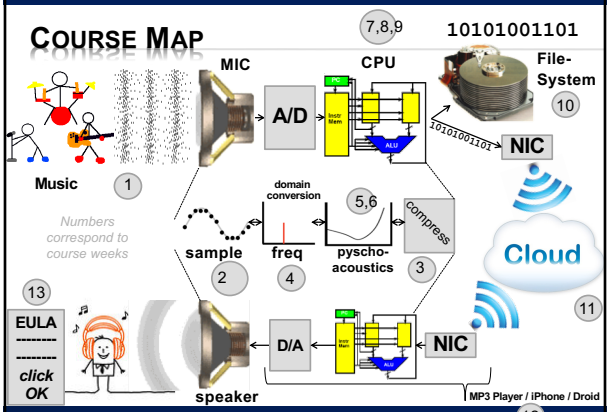

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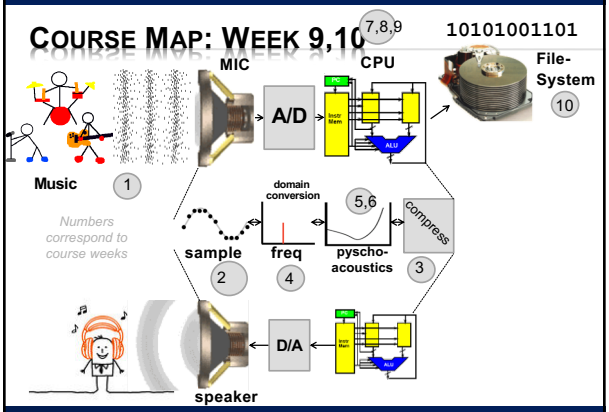

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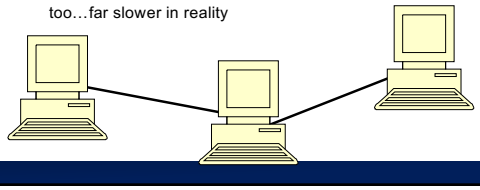
Week 11: Networking

- **Bits can be transported between machines**
  - How fast must network speed to be to stream audio?
  - How fast can bits be sent ½ way around earth?
    - If c = 300,000 km/s and circumference of earth = 40,075 km
    - On an optical fiber, minimum time = 67 ms to go ½ way!
    - Speed of light is different in different mediums/equipment is slow too…far slower in reality



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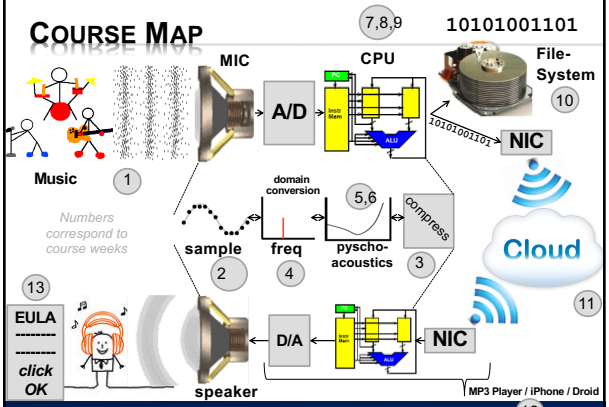

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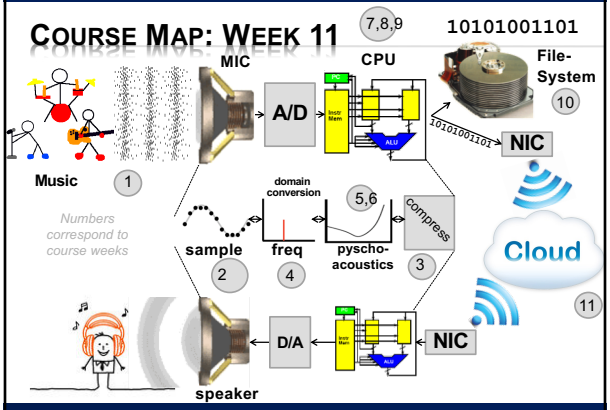

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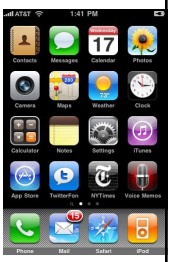
Week 12: User Interfaces

- **These capabilities can be harnessed by all people**
  - Not just engineers
- **…but we must designed for people**
  - For the non-engineers
- **iPhone is a classic example:**
  - product that didn't do anything new
  - BUT, it made everything simple
  - thanks to well designed UI



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Week 13: Intellectual Property

- **Who own's the bits?**
- **What is the law?**
- **Why is the law?**
- **Why should you care (as engineers)?**
- **How is the world changing?**

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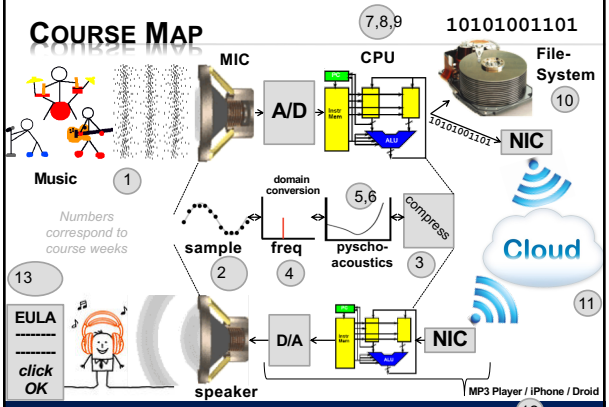

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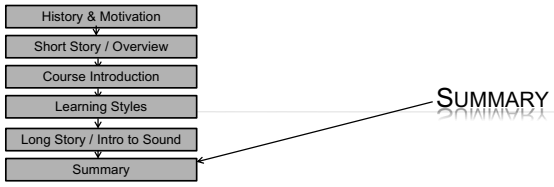

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THIS COURSE

- **It is a work in progress:**
  - Attempts to explain a great deal of Comp Eng
    - Without going to far in depth
  - Lecture/Lab
    - Intent is to tie them together well
    - Inevitably, the tie won't always be obvious
  - Help us, help you (and future students):
    - The more feedback you provide, the better we can make this course
    - If a tie isn't obvious, let us help make the connection stronger
    - We want you to love Comp Engineering as much as we do ☺
  - One form: daily feedback sheets

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CHANGING WORLD

- **Automated computation changed world**
  - Faster than we imagined
- **World being digitized and refitted for computerized control and mediation**
  - People-to-people, people-to-machines
  - Infrastructure from bricks/concrete/steel to networking/computers/software
- **Enabling new engineering**
  - Computerization at center
- **Exciting and dangerous**
- **Computer Engineering at center**

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PARTING THOUGHT

- **From 1st computer to PCs in 30 years**
  - Eniac 1946→ Apple 1976
- **From first PCs to iPhone next 30 years**
  - Apple 1976→iPhone 2007
- **What will next 30 years hold?**
  - Beginning of your career
- **What will you imagine, create, enable?**

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