Data III & Integers I

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Relevant Course Information

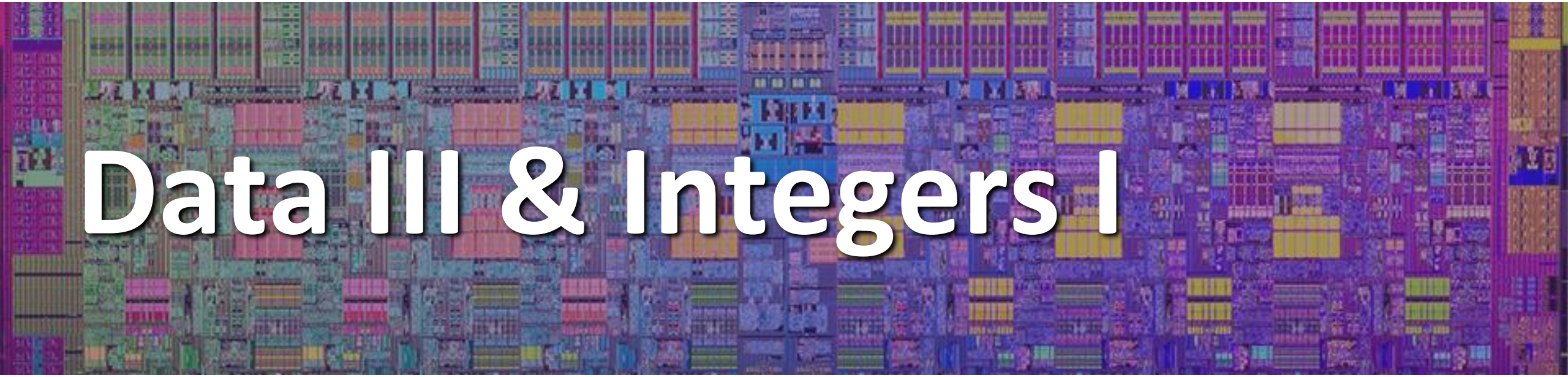
- hw3 due Friday, hw4 due Monday

- Lab 1a released
  - Some later functions require *bit shifting*, covered in Lesson 5
  - Workflow:
    1) Edit `pointer.c`
    2) Run the Makefile (`make clean` followed by `make`) and check for compiler errors & warnings
    3) Run ptest (`./ptest`) and check for correct behavior
    4) Run rule/syntax checker (`python3 dlc.py`) and check output
  - Due Monday 10/9, will overlap a bit with Lab 1b
    - We grade just your *last* submission
    - Don't wait until the last minute to submit – need to check autograder output

Lab Synthesis Questions

- All subsequent labs (after Lab 0) have a "synthesis question" portion
  - Can be found on the lab specs and are intended to be done *after* you finish the lab
  - You will type up your responses in a `.txt` file for submission on Gradescope
  - These will be graded "by hand" (read by TAs)

- Intended to check your understand of what you should have learned from the lab
  - Also great practice for short answer questions on the exams



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Lesson Summary (1/2)

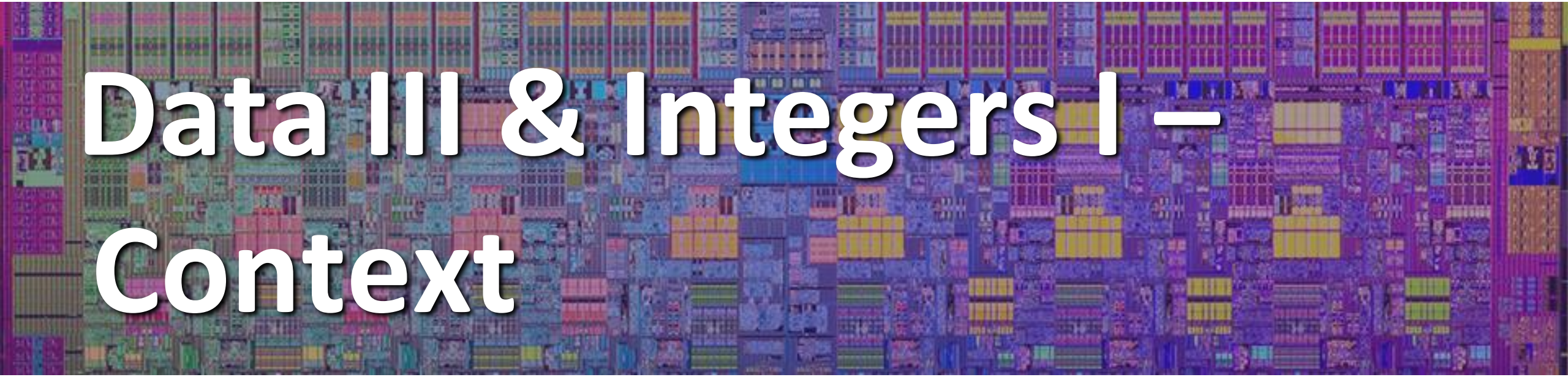
- Bit-level operators allow for fine-grained manipulations of data
  - Bitwise AND (&), OR (|), and NOT (~) different than logical AND (&&), OR (||), and NOT (!)
  - Especially useful with bitmasks – chosen bit vectors used with &, |, or ^
- Choice of *encoding scheme* is important
  - Tradeoffs based on size requirements and desired operations
- Integers represented using unsigned and two's complement representations
  - Limited by fixed bit width, satisfy desirable arithmetic properties

Lesson Summary (2/2)

- Terminology:
  - Bitwise operators (&, |, ^, ~), Logical operators (&&, ||, !)
  - Short-circuit evaluation
  - Unsigned integers, Signed integers (Two's Complement)

- Learning Objectives:
  - Compute the effects of bit shifting, bitwise, logical, and arithmetic operations on integers.
  - Analyze the benefits and drawbacks of different integer representations (Unsigned, Sign and Magnitude, Two's Complement) and custom encoding schemes.

- What lingering questions do you have from the lesson?



Data III & Integers I – Context

Integer Hardware

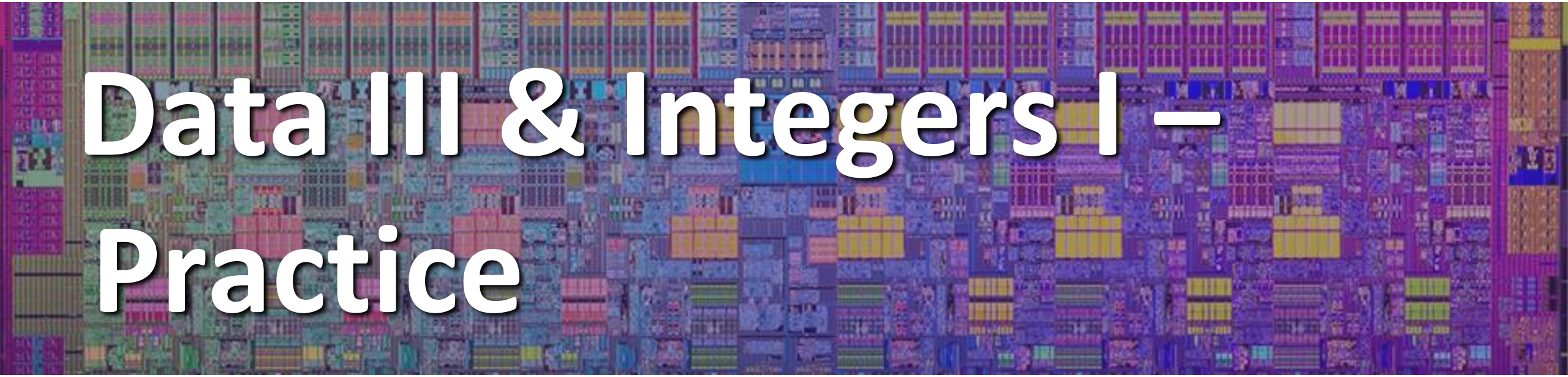
- In practice, all modern system use **unsigned** and **two's complement** encoding schemes for integers
  - Sign and magnitude for integers is a historical artifact, but useful context for design decision and for floating point (next lesson)
  - Much of the same hardware can be used for both encoding schemes (*e.g.*, addition, subtraction)

- Fun fact: Java was designed to only support signed data types
  - *Assumed easier for beginners to understand* than having unsigned as well (*i.e.*, eliminate potential sources of error)
  - Unsigned operation support provided with Unsigned Integer API (starting with Java SE 8 in 2014)

Discussion Question

- Discuss the following question(s) in groups of 3-4 students
  - I will call on a few groups afterwards so please be prepared to share out
  - Be respectful of others' opinions and experiences

- Thinking about the (implicit and explicit) design decisions for Two's Complement, what are some of the *advantages* and *disadvantages* of choosing to:
  - Represent consecutive (*i.e.*, no gaps) integers
  - Represent the same number of positives and negatives
  - Positive number encodings match unsigned



Data III & Integers I – Practice

Group Work Time

- During this time, you are encouraged to work on the following:
  1) If desired, continue your discussion
  2) Work on the lesson problems (solutions at the end of class)
  3) Work on the homework problems

- Resources:
  - You can revisit the lesson material
  - Work together in groups and help each other out
  - Course staff will circle around to provide support

Practice Questions (1/2)

- Compute the result of the following expressions for `char c = 0x81;`
  - `c ^ c`
  - `~c & 0xA9`
  - `c || 0x80`
  - `!!c`

- Compute the value of `signed char sc = 0xF0;` (Two's Complement)

Practice Questions (2/2)

- Take the 4-bit number encoding `x = 0b1011`
- Which of the following numbers is NOT a valid interpretation of x using any of the number representation schemes discussed today?
  - Unsigned, Sign and Magnitude, Two's Complement

A. -4
B. -5
C. 11
D. -3
E. We're lost…