M.I.T. DEPARTMENT OF EECS

6.033 - Computer System Engineering **Handout 37 - Issued May 4, 1999**

Assignment 11: May 7 - May 13

Lecture, Monday, May 10 (L25: Wrap up)

Lecture 25 will be about some hot topics in computer system research at LCS. Seth Teller will talk about his graphics research, and Hari Balakrishnan will discuss some outstanding networking problems.

Recitation, Tuesday, May 11 (R25: Press, Lampson)

For this recitation, read Larry Press' "Before the Altair: The history of personal computing" and re-read Lampson's "Hints for computer system design". Try to think about good examples (from 6.033 or elsewhere) for some of the slogans in Lampson's paper. Try to establish connections between this paper and what we have discussed so far in 6.033. Think about the failed systems that we studied in the class and identify the main reason they failed. Did they violate any of Lampson's hints?

Quiz 3, Wednesday, May 12 (covers L19 through L25)

Quiz 3 will be from 2-3pm on Wednesday, May 12, 1999. The quiz will be held in 26-100 (**NOT Walker!**) for students with last names from A-R, and in 34-101 for those with names S-Z. The quiz will cover all material from L19 up to and including the May 10 lecture. The quiz is open-book, open-notes.

There WILL be a review on **Monday, May 10**, 7-9pm in 34-101. Quiz 3's from the last five years are available as Handout 35, solutions as Handout 36; **one question from practice quizzes will be on the quiz**.

Recitation, Thursday, May 13 (R26: Wrap up)

After wrapping up the discussion, we will hand back quizzes and remaining design projects. We will also hand out our record of quiz, design project, and one-pager grades. Bring your original assignment if you need to correct a mistake in our records.

No final! Check WebSIS for grades in late May/early June.

System aphorism of the week

An aphorism is not an aphorism unless you know what it means.

Winston Churchill

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