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# Outline

- About me
- Autolab
- Fish Machines
- ssh
- Writing code
- Datalab

# About me

- ECE IMB 5<sup>th</sup> year
- Last Semester!
- [jprimero@andrew.cmu.edu](mailto:jprimero@andrew.cmu.edu)
- Office Hours
  - 6–9 Thursday in Wean 5207



One day I will be the greatest 15-213 TA ever...

# autolab

- Serves as a portal for:
  - Lab Materials
  - Grading
  - Forums
  - Class Status
  - Friendly Competition
- <http://autolab.cs.cmu.edu>

[Home](#) | [Messages](#) | [Grace](#) | [Jobs](#) | [Update](#) | [Logout](#) | [Help](#) | [Admin](#)

The screenshot shows a web-based application interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links to Home, Messages, Grace, Jobs, Update, Logout, Help, and Admin. Below the navigation, there are two main sections: 'Lab' and 'Option'. The 'Lab' section has a heading 'Select one.' and a dropdown menu containing options L1 through L6, with L1 - datalab selected. An annotation above the dropdown says 'In preparation. Not visible to students.' The 'Option' section has a heading 'Select one.' and a dropdown menu containing options I1 through I6, with I1 - Grade student handins selected. A horizontal line separates these sections from a 'Go' button at the bottom.

**Lab**  
Select one.  
L1 – datalab  
L2 – bomblab \*  
L3 – buflab \*  
L4 – tshlab \*  
L5a – malloclab–checkpoint \*  
L5f – malloclab–final \*  
L6 – proxylab \*

**Option**  
Select one.  
I1 – Grade student handins  
I2 – About this lab  
I3 – View lab writeup  
I4 – View class status page  
I5 – Download lab materials  
I6 – Handin your work for credit  
I7 – View your handin history and scores

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[Go](#)

Data Lab: Solve a set of puzzles of varying difficulty, each of which requires you to implement a function using a restricted set of C operators.

Start date: Mon Jan 11 23:59:59 2010

Due date: Thu Jan 28 23:59:59 2010

End date: Sun Jan 31 23:59:59 2010

[CMU Autolab System](#) (Beta 2) for course [15213-s10](#).

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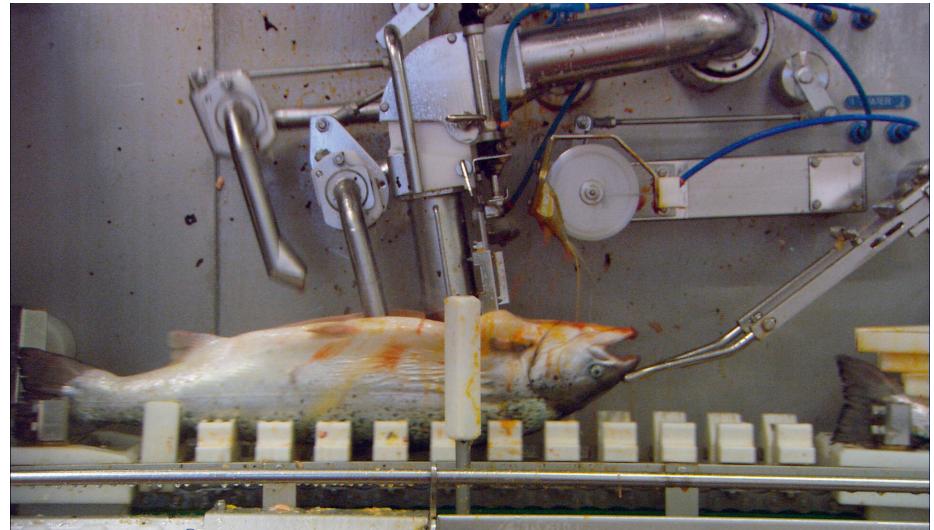
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# Autolab TODO

- TEST YOUR AUTOLAB ACCOUNT
- If your account is not working, send an email to the staff
  - [15-213-staff@cs.cmu.edu](mailto:15-213-staff@cs.cmu.edu)
- Datalab is available now!

# Fish machines

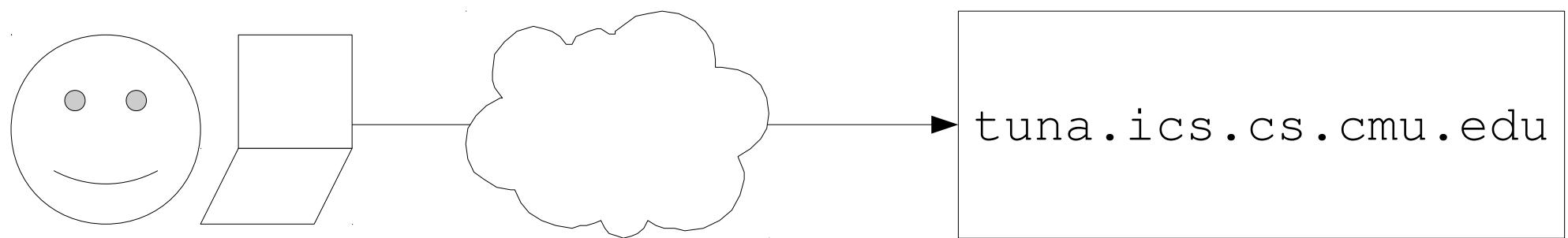
- Powerful computer cluster donated by Intel
- Your labs will be graded on the fish machines
- Must “ssh” into machines



Fish machine!

# ssh

- Allows one to login to a machine remotely and control it

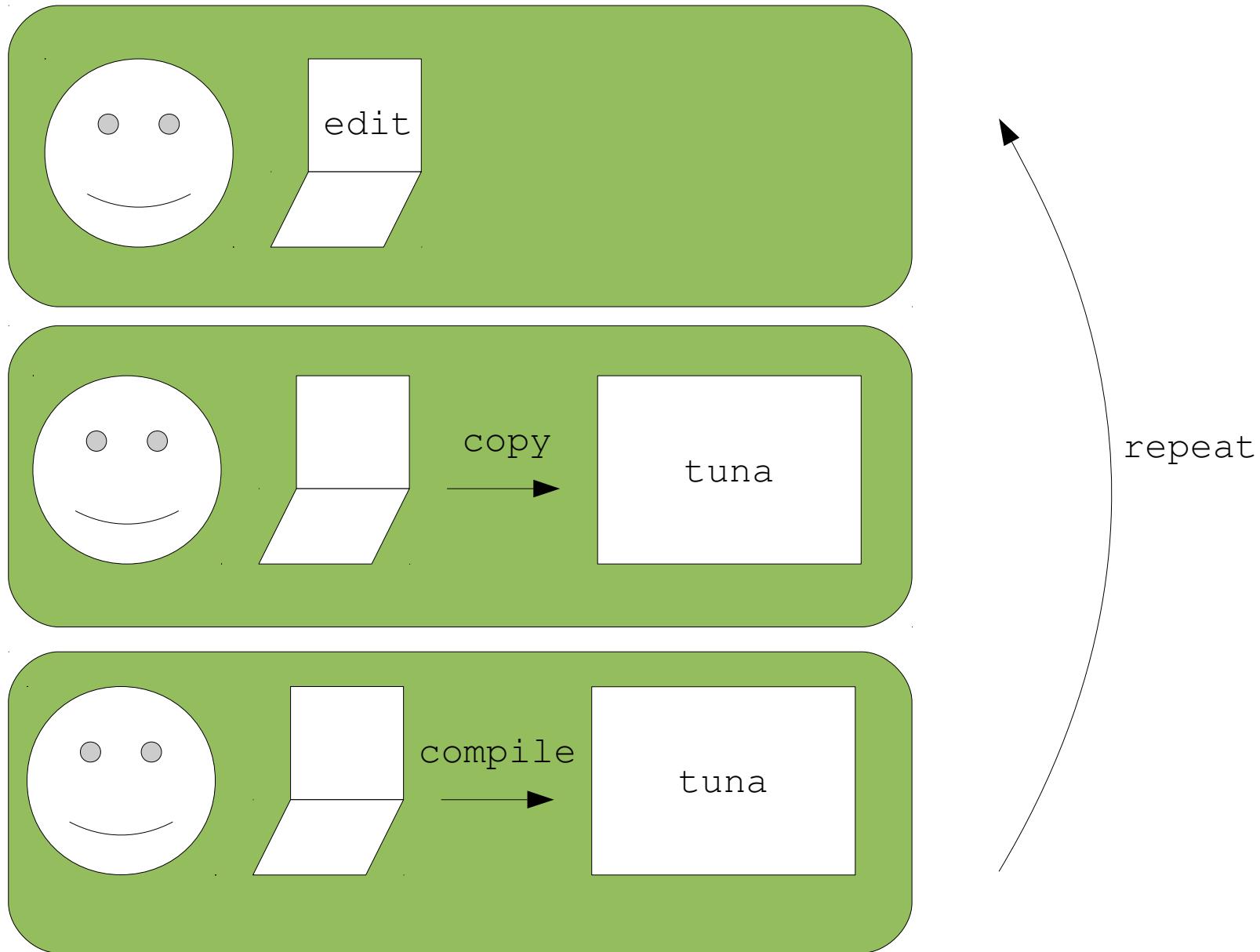


```
$ ssh -x -l jprimero@ANDREW.CMU.EDU tuna.ics.cs.cmu.edu
```

# ssh clients

- Windows
  - Putty
  - SSHClient
  - Cygwin
- Mac/Linux
  - Just `$ ssh -x -l jprimero@ANDREW.CMU.EDU tuna.ics.cs.cmu.edu`

# A workflow I see all too often



# Efficiency Graph

Work  
finished



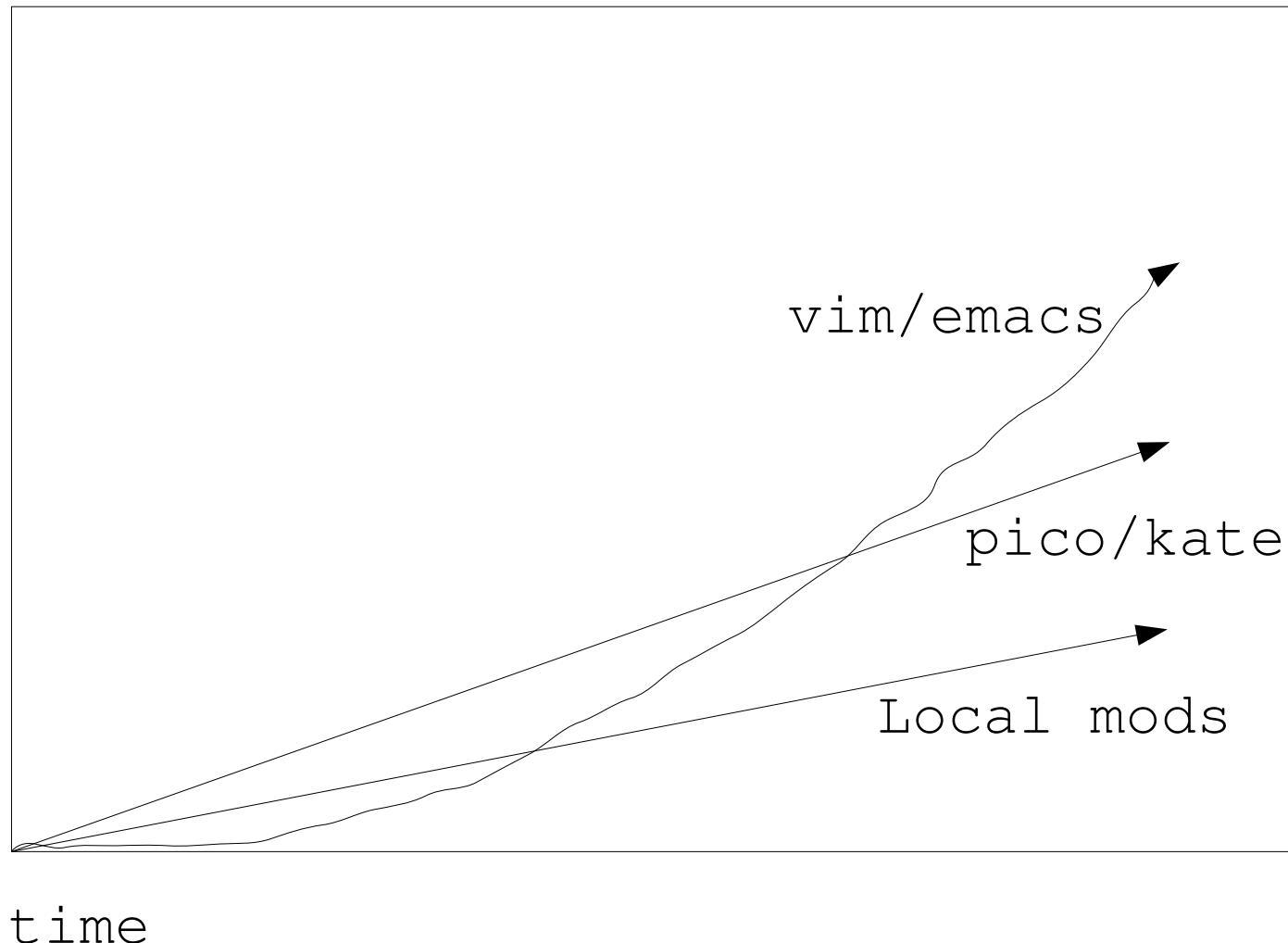
time

# Much better workflow



# Efficiency Graph

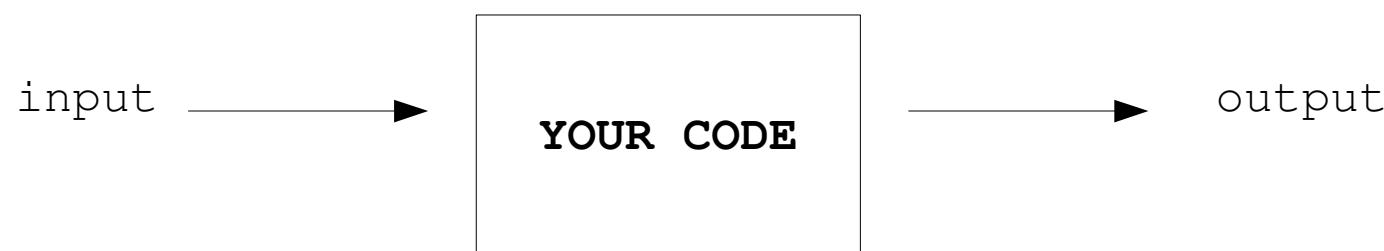
Work finished



Note: This is all based on my humble opinion  
so do what you want with this info

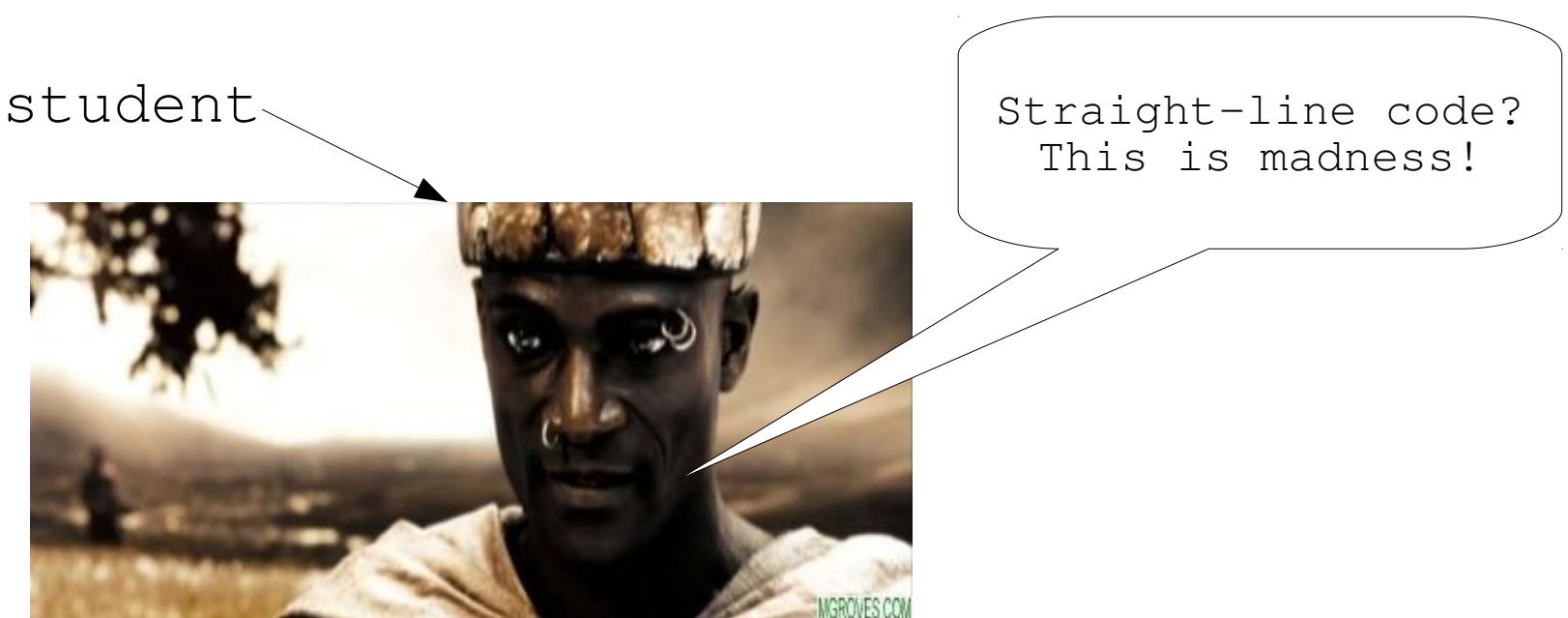
# datalab

- A set of 13 fun puzzles!
- Each puzzle requires you to return an output based on some input



# Datalab rules

- You can only use a set of bitwise operators for each problem
- Only straight-line code!
  - No 'if', 'for', 'while'
  - Kinda tricky!



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# Datalab example

```
/*
 * isNegative - returns 1 if x is negative
 * Examples: isNegative(5) = 0, isNegative(-7) = 1
 * Legal ops: ! ~ & ^ | + << >>
 * Max ops: 5
 * Rating: 1
 */
int isNegative(int x) {
    return 2;
}
```

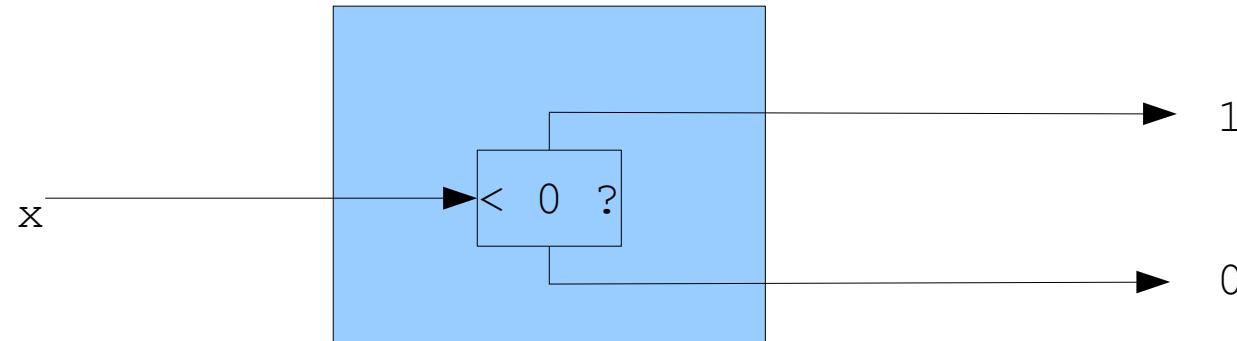


# Easy solution

```
/*
 * isNegative - returns 1 if x is negative
 * Examples: isNegative(5) = 0, isNegative(-7) = 1
 * Legal ops: ! ~ & ^ | + << >>
 * Max ops: 5
 * Rating: 1
 */
int isNegative(int x) {
    if (x < 0) {
        return 1;
    } else {
        return 0;
    }
}
```

# Branching

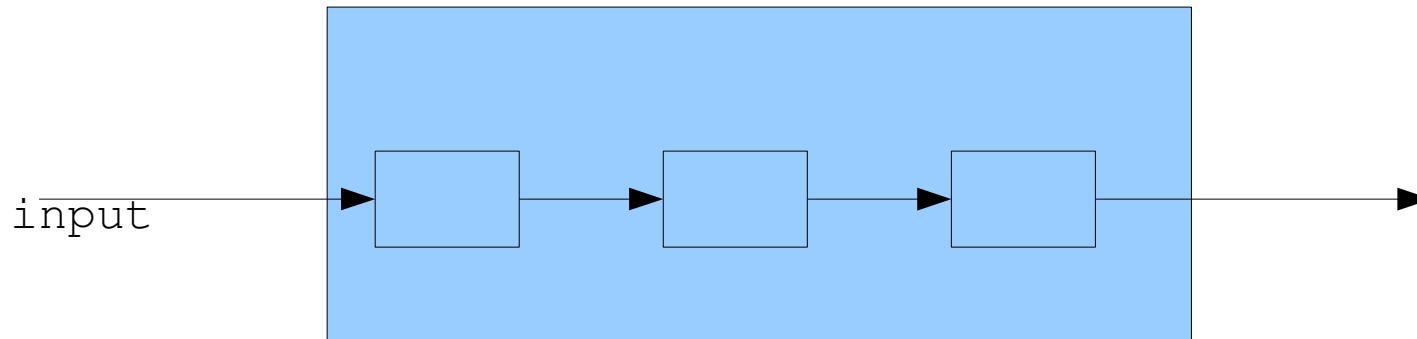
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int isNegative(int x) {  
    if (x < 0) {  
        return 1;  
    } else {  
        return 0;  
    }  
}
```



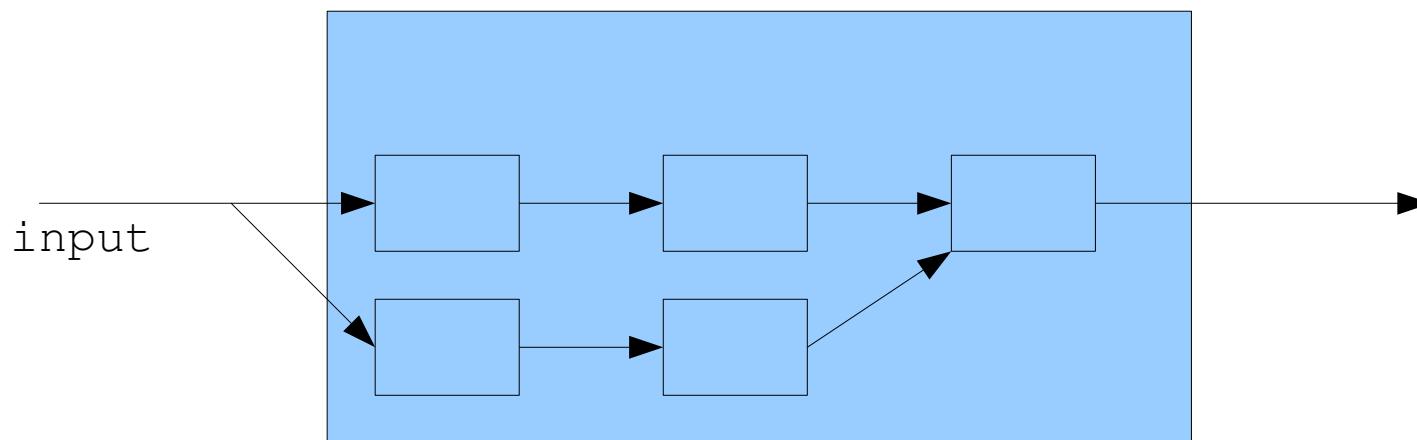
Want Straight-line code!

# Straight line code

- For you ECE majors, think of straight line code as a circuit



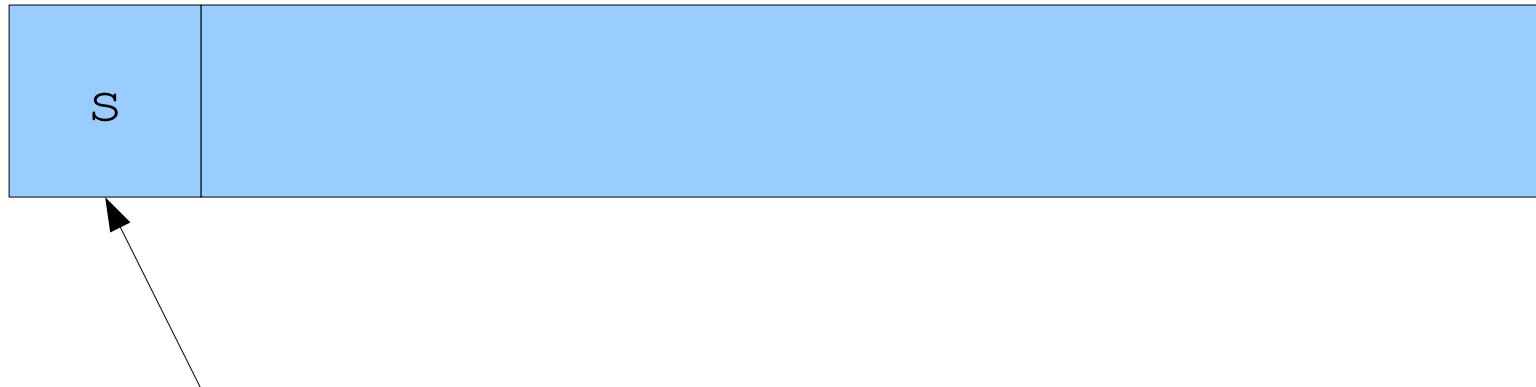
- Like a circuit, you can do “parallel” calculations



## Back to the example

```
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 * isNegative - returns 1 if x is negative
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 * Legal ops: ! ~ & ^ | + << >>
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 * Rating: 1
 */
int isNegative(int x) {
    return 2;
}
```

How can we tell whether an integer is negative?



First bit of int tells us  
whether it is negative

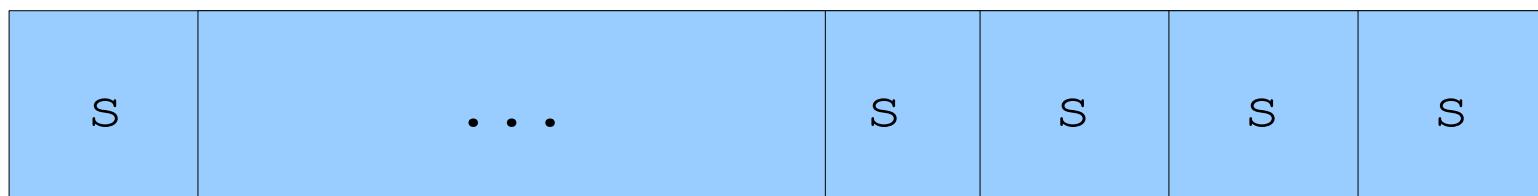
Now what?

1

31



>> 31



Right shift by 31 so that  
top bit propagates to bottom



>> 31



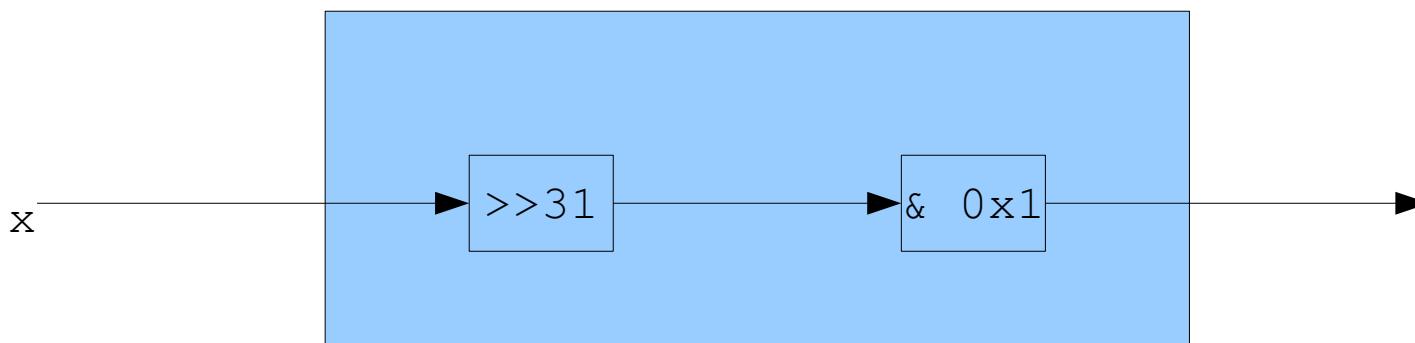
& 0x1



“Mask” the bottom bit so we get a result

# Solution

```
/*
 * isNegative - returns 1 if x is negative
 * Examples: isNegative(5) = 0, isNegative(-7) = 1
 * Legal ops: ! ~ & ^ | + << >>
 * Max ops: 5
 * Rating: 1
 */
int isNegative(int x) {
    return (x >> 31) & 0x1;
}
```



# Solution

```
/*
 * isNegative - returns 1 if x is negative
 * Examples: isNegative(5) = 0, isNegative(-7) = 1
 * Legal ops: ! ~ & ^ | + << >>
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 * Rating: 1
 */
int isNegative(int x) {
    return (x >> 31) & 0x1;
}
```

What if we wanted isPositive()?

# Solution

```
/*
 * isNegative - returns 1 if x is negative
 * Examples: isNegative(5) = 0, isNegative(-7) = 1
 * Legal ops: ! ~ & ^ | + << >>
 * Max ops: 5
 * Rating: 1
 */
int isPositive(int x) {
    return (x >> 31) + 1;
}
```

# datalab example 2

```
/*
 * bitParity - returns 1 if x contains an odd
number of 0's
 * Examples: bitParity(5) = 0, bitParity(7) = 1
 * Legal ops: ! ~ & ^ | + << >>
 * Max ops: 20
 * Rating: 4
 */
int bitParity(int x) {
    return 2;
}
```

# Simple Solution

```
/*
 * bitParity - returns 1 if x contains an odd
number of 0's
 * Examples: bitParity(5) = 0, bitParity(7) = 1
 * Legal ops: ! ~ & ^ | + << >>
 * Max ops: 20
 * Rating: 4
 */
int bitParity(int x) {
    int i, numBits = 0;

    for (i=0; i<32; i++) {
        numBits = numBits + (x & 0x1);
        x = x >> 1;
    }

    return numBits % 2;
}
```

# More Elegant Solution

```
/*
 * bitParity - returns 1 if x contains an odd
number of 0's
 * Examples: bitParity(5) = 0, bitParity(7) = 1
 * Legal ops: ! ~ & ^ | + << >>
 * Max ops: 20
 * Rating: 4
 */
int bitParity(int x) {
    int i, parity = 0;

    for (i=0; i<32; i++) {
        parity = parity ^ (x & 0x1);
        x = x >> 1;
    }

    return parity;
}
```

# Straight Line Solution

```
/*
 * bitParity - returns 1 if x contains an odd
number of 0's
 * Examples: bitParity(5) = 0, bitParity(7) = 1
 * Legal ops: ! ~ & ^ | + << >>
 * Max ops: 20
 * Rating: 4
 */
int bitParity(int x) {
    int parity = x & 0x1;
    parity = parity ^ ((x >> 1) & 0x1);
    parity = parity ^ ((x >> 2) & 0x1);
    ...
    parity = parity ^ ((x >> 30) & 0x1);
    parity = parity ^ ((x >> 31) & 0x1);

    return parity;
}
```

# Best Solution

```
/*
 * bitParity - returns 1 if x contains an odd
number of 0's
 * Examples: bitParity(5) = 0, bitParity(7) = 1
 * Legal ops: ! ~ & ^ | + << >>
 * Max ops: 20
 * Rating: 4
 */
int bitParity(int x) {
    int parity16 = x ^ (x >> 16);
    int parity8 = parity16 ^ (parity16 >> 8);
    int parity4 = parity8 ^ (parity8 >> 4);
    int parity2 = parity4 ^ (parity4 >> 2);
    int parity = parity2 ^ (parity2 >> 1);

    return parity;
}
```

# NVIDIA Interview Question

What does the following expression do?

```
! (x & (x - 1))
```