Agenda for Today

1. Department Events
2. Q&A
3. Distributed Systems
4. Networks Exercise
5. Wrap Up
Department Events

CS Table  noon on Tuesday, November 8th
    Digital Redlining

US Midterm Election  Tuesday, November 8th (no extra credit)
    Tuesday, November 8th is the last day to vote in the US Midterm Election. If you are eligible to vote, please do so!

CS Extra  4pm on Thursday, November 10th
    Stay tuned for an announcement
Sudoku Solver Lab Q&A

The lab isn't on gradescope yet

Whoops.
Distributed Systems Basics

What is a distributed system?
Multiple computers communicate with each other, probably bidirectionally, to complete a shared task.

Why do we use distributed systems?
Performance: it might be faster than working on one computer
Meeting user needs: multiple computers might work better for the users of the system, especially geographic constraints.
Divide Secrets: spread a sensitive task across machines
Hybrid Systems: do tasks on the parts of a system where they run best
Fault Tolerance: if one machine fails, the system could still work
Scalability: easy to grow a system by adding machines
Distributed Systems Basics

Machines in a distributed system communicate using *networks*. How is that different from the way threads communicate?

*Network communication is done by sending messages back and forth.*

*Threads share memory instead of sending messages.*

Network communication can be unreliable. Thread communication is not.

Threads cannot keep secrets from each other.

Messages sent over a network could be intercepted or modified.
Distributed Systems Basics

What makes building distributed systems difficult?

Unreliable communication
Tolerating failure requires that we think about what can fail, and how we cope
Managing more systems, and keeping them up to date. True for internal state too.
Security is tricky when you send information around on networks.
Just being part of a distributed system has a performance cost. The whole system needs to be fast enough that it's useful.
Physical constraints come into play in a way that they do not for single machines.
Making things work in a distributed system is harder.
Networks Exercise
Wrap Up
Reminders

Assignments
  Our next assignment will be posted later today.

Lab
  Sudoku lab is due this Wednesday

Reading
  Read the p2pchat lab before class on Wednesday