

Computer Architecture and Organization

CSC-211-01

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The Syllabus

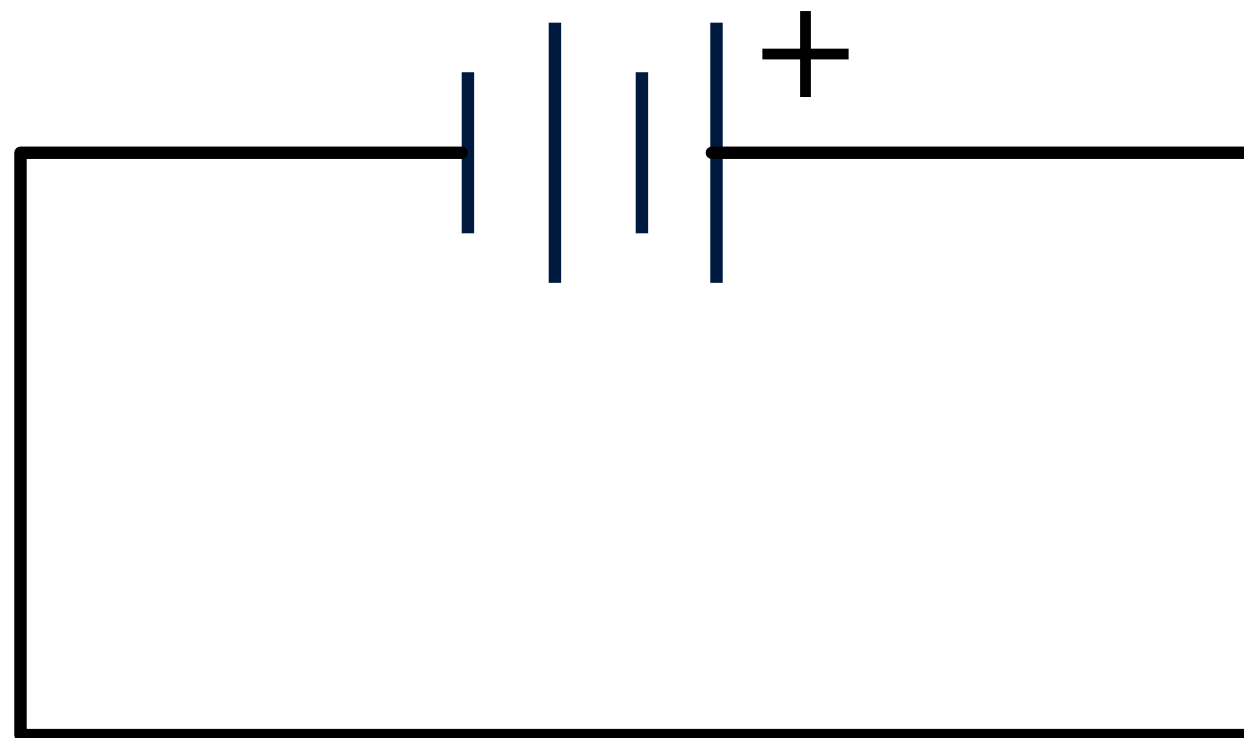
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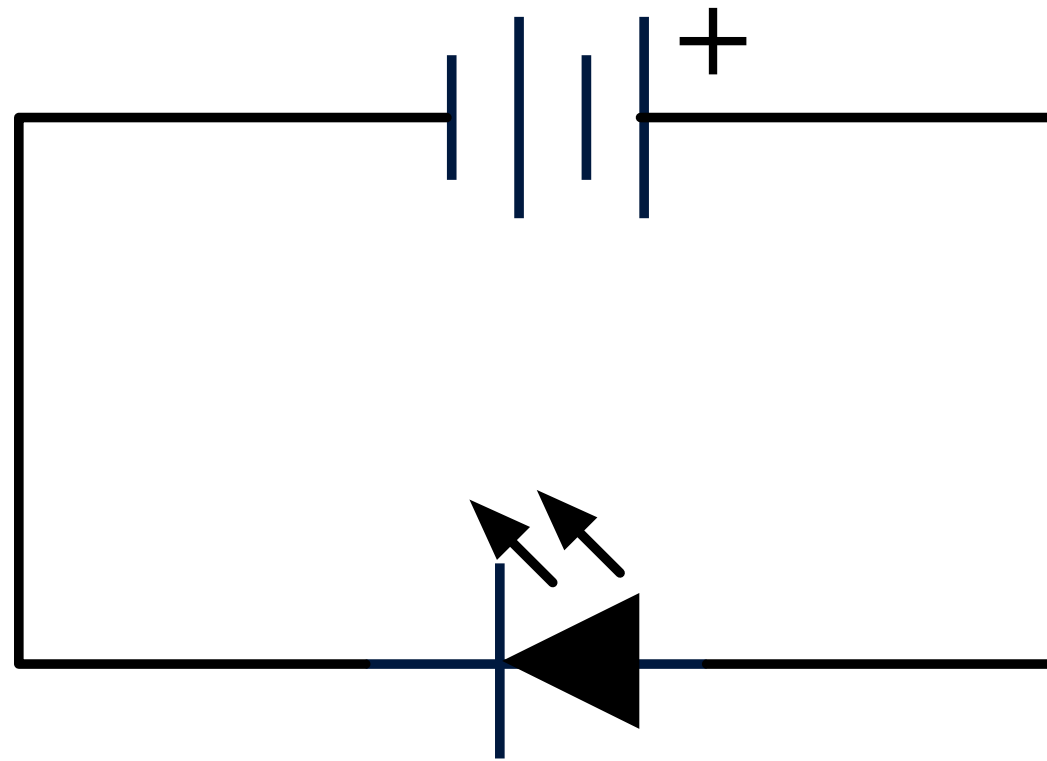
Have you taken 213?

Will you take it this spring?

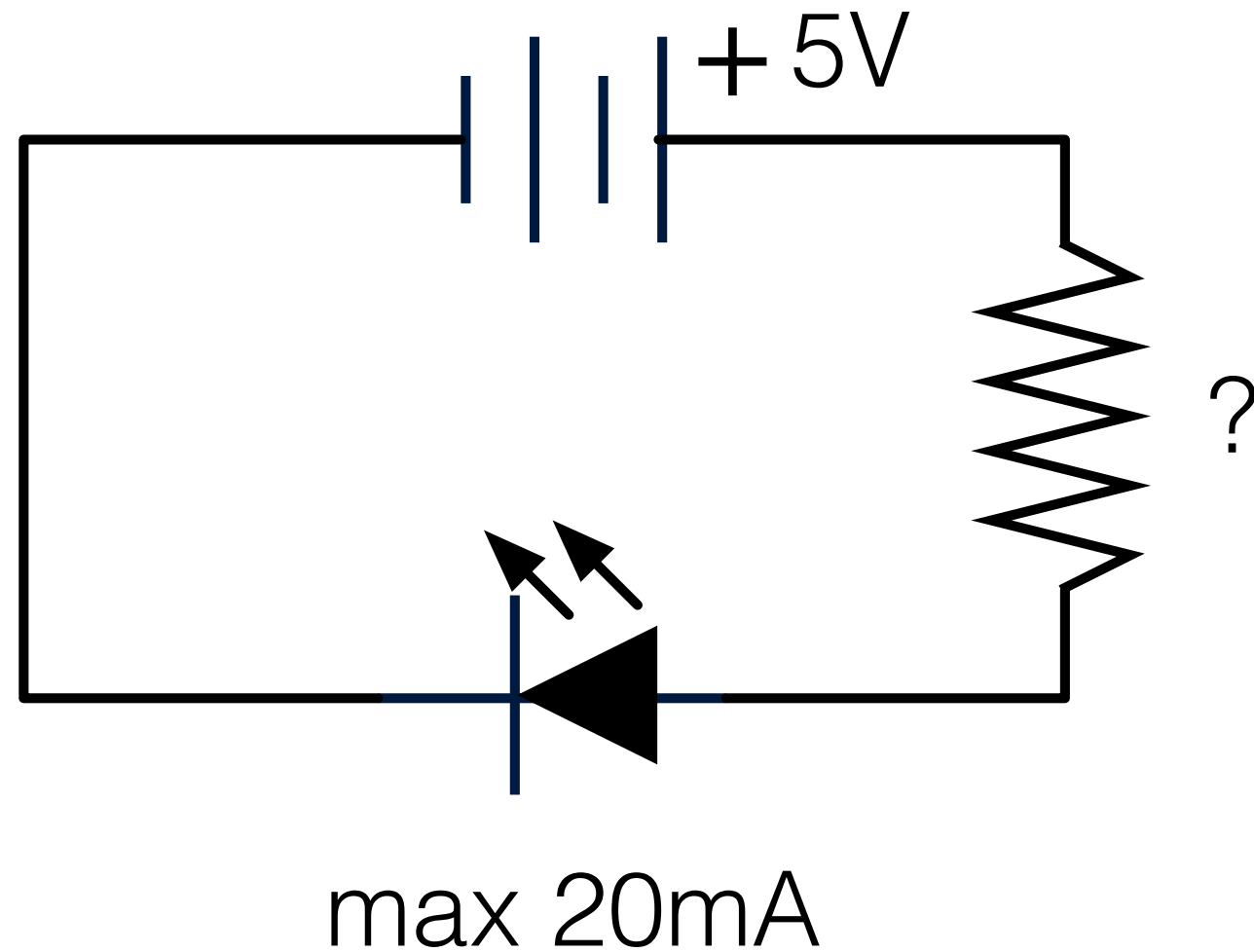
What's wrong with this circuit?



How about this one?



How much resistance?



How do you feel about
circuits?

What does this have to
do with computers?

Significant Bits

- 5 minute presentations
- Sign up for a date (part of HW 0)
- Describe a recent (or relevant) development in computer architecture
- Explain:
 - *what* the development is
 - *who* is responsible
 - *how* they did it

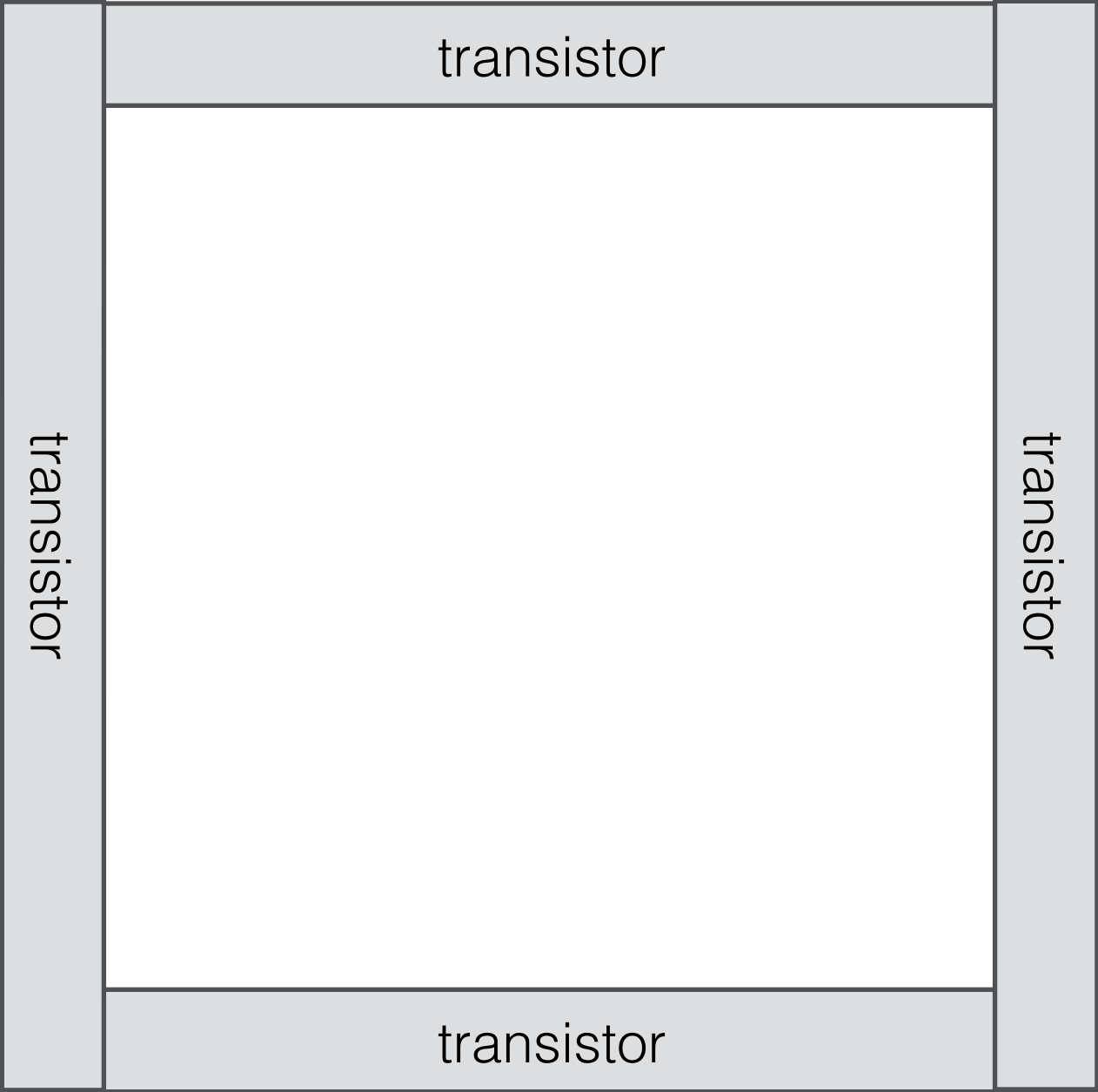
Moore's Law

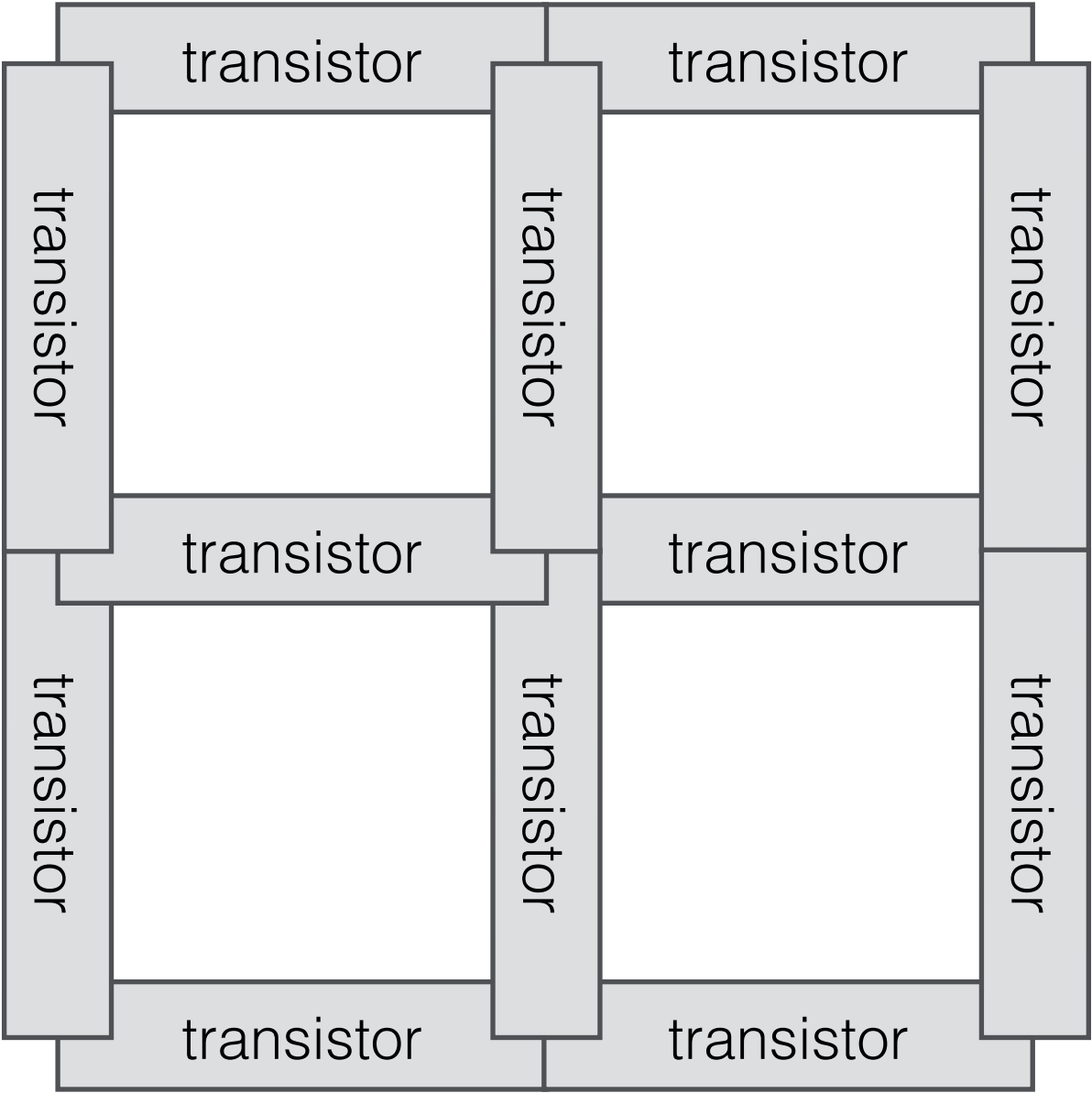
50th Anniversary

transistor

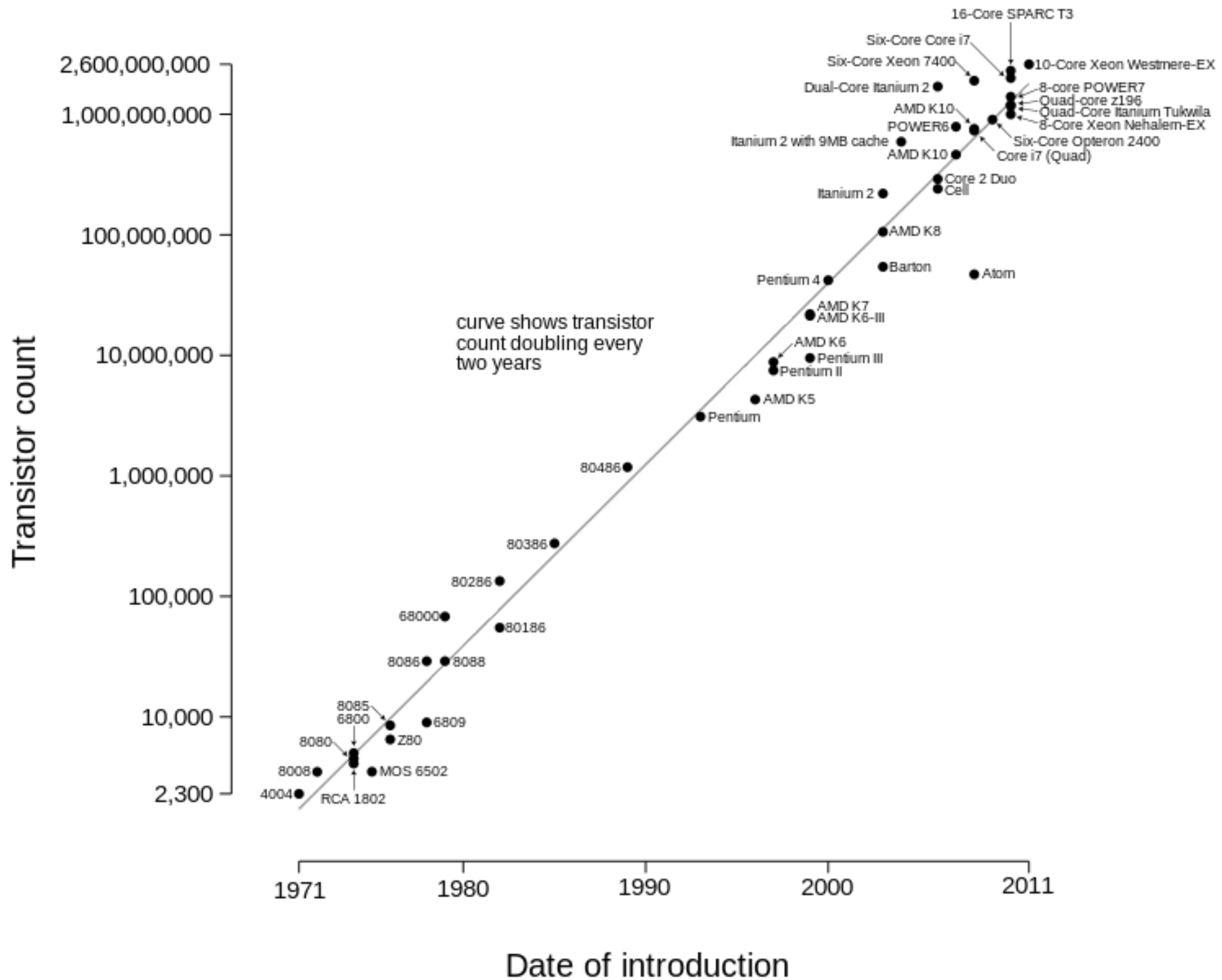
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Microprocessor Transistor Counts 1971-2011 & Moore's Law



Transistors can't get much smaller.

How can architects make better processors?

A brief “documentary”

<https://youtu.be/5zyjSBSvqPc>

Accelerators

special-purpose circuits

- Music and video
- Encryption
- File compression
- Networks
- Graphics

Why does this matter?

Significant Bits
post-mortem

Remember

- Reading journal for Monday is due at 10:30pm on Sunday night
- Homework 0 is due on Monday at 10:30pm

Don't Panic!