Computer Systems Architecture I

Homework #0

Due: Monday, August 31

1. **Join the course discussion site**
   
   This semester, we will be using a Google Groups site to host on-line course discussions. The site URL is:

   http://groups.google.com/group/cse_560

   You need to visit the site and apply for membership.

2. **Your background**
   
   Send me, via email to pcrowley AT wustl.edu, a description of your background, including:
   
   - Your current position in the program (2nd year grad, etc.) and your advisor,
   - Your area(s) of interest in Computer Science and Engineering,
   - Previous courses, instructors and texts in computer architecture, computer organization and digital design,
   - A description of your previous VHDL, Verilog or other system modeling experiences,
   - A brief description of your goals for this course,
   - And anything else you may care to tell or ask me.

3. **Computer architecture and you**
   
   Once you have completed this week’s reading assignment, describe how computer systems architecture (CSA) relates to your research interests. This is an open-ended question, meant to get you thinking about your relationship to this subject. If CSA is a primary area of interest for you, describe your specific interests. If CSA seems unrelated to your interests, explain why. Limit your writing to no more than a page and no less than a couple of paragraphs. Submit your text as a message post to the discussion site before class.