













William Shockley (1910 – 1989) co-invented the transistor, a semiconductor device used to amplify and switch electronic signals

- Led effort that made Silicon Valley a hotbed of innovation

Jack Kilby (1923 –2005) contributed to the first integrated circuit, and invented the first handheld calculator

Gordon Moore (1929 –) observed that the # of transistors on integrated circuits doubles approx. every two years.
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- Started in1980 and continues to the present day
- Refers to revolution in computing & communication technology during the latter part of 20th century
- The Digital Revolution marked the beginning of the Information Age
- Central to this revolution is the mass production and widespread use of digital circuits, and its derived technologies, including the computer, digital cellular phone, and fax machine
- Digital technology allowed high quality processing using a smaller size devices
- The enabling technology was silicon process
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Integrated Circuits Design

- An integrated circuit is designed and simulated using computer
- Its performance is
 evaluated
- The layout for the circuit is developed
- The circuit is then sent for fabrication

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Integrated Circuits Design

 Wafers including many copies of the circuit chip are produced



 The chips are measured to report the performance

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Circuits/Electronics Curriculum

- Designing and implementing circuits require a deep and fundamental knowledge of:
 - Circuits
 - Analog and digital electronics
 - Physics of semiconductor devices
 - Knowledge of simulation tools (computer)
 - Familiarity with measurement equipment

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Circuits/Electronics Curriculum at UCI

- EECS 70 A and B: Basic Network Theory
- EECS 170 Series
 - EECS170 A, Electronics I: Overview of fundamentals of device physics, IC components including transistors, diodes, and basic electronic circuit
 - EECS170 B, Electronics II: Overview of silicon-based amplifier design, design of basic digital circuits
 - EECS170 C, Electronics III: designing operational amplifiers, frequency response of amplifiers
 - EECS170 D, Integrated Electronic Circuit Design: overview of IC fabrication & digital very large scale integrated (VLSI) circuits
 - EECS170 E, Analog and Communication IC Design: overview of design of high frequency integrated circuits including amplifier and oscillators

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