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Administrivia

- Reminder: Homework 2 due today.
- Reminder: Midterm Wednesday. Review sheet on Web.
- Solutions for written part of Homeworks 1 and 2 available in hardcopy.
- Solutions to programming problems on Web (Homework 1 now, Homework 2 later today).
- Homework 1 written problems graded. I will send e-mail with grades for programming problems when available.

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About the Midterm

- Review class notes and minute essays, readings. If I didn't mention it in class, odds are I won't ask about it on the exam.
- Questions will be a mix of problems similar to those in homework (but shorter), mini-essay, and multiple choice.
- Open book, open notes. Okay to point a browser at the course Web site, but no other Web access.
- (Topic by topic through the review sheet.)
- (Review homework solutions.)
- (Review minute essays.)

Quotes of the Day/Week/?

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- From a key figure in the early days of computing:
“As soon as we started programming, we found to our surprise that it wasn’t as easy to get programs right as we had thought. Debugging had to be discovered. I can remember the exact instant when I realized that a large part of my life from then on was going to be spent finding mistakes in my own programs.” (Maurice Wilkes: 1948)
- From someone in a discussion group for the Java programming language:
“Compilers aren’t friendly to anybody. They are heartless nitpickers that enjoy telling you about all your mistakes. The best one can do is to satisfy their pedantry to keep them quiet :)”

Minute Essay

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- What have you found interesting/educational about the homework?