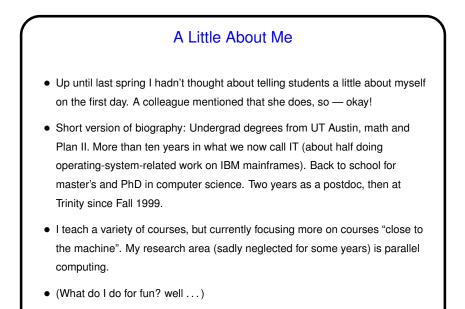


## Course FAQ, Continued "When is the next homework due?" (See "Lecture topics and assignments" page.) "Do I have to use the lab computers for programming assignments?" (No, but that may be the easiest way to make sure they meet my criteria for full credit — I will test on one of these machines.) "When are your office hours?" (See my home page.) Note that part of my job is to answer your questions outside class, so if you need help, please ask! in person or by e-mail or phone.



Why Take This Course?
(It was required in a previous departmental curriculum. Now it's not, but maybe it should be?)
"ACM says so" (i.e., curriculum recommendations include course on operating systems). Why? Well ...
Slide 6
To be a "computer scientist", need to have a broad understanding of computer systems — and operating system is a key part of a computer system.
Knowing something about how operating systems work helps you write efficient code.
Many of our courses "demystify" parts of computer systems (e.g., CS1/CS2 and Computer Design); so does this course.
It might even be interesting ... (I hope so!)

