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### Administrivia

- Homework 3 due at end of finals period, accepted without penalty through the end of that week. I have to turn in grades the following Monday so anything past that may not give me time to grade.
- I have good intentions about office hours during the reading days and finals, probably starting Wednesday. I was thinking evenings, maybe between 6pm and 8pm. My track record I know is terrible, but one can hope. Some of you are badly behind, and maybe some semi-live help would help?  
(Be advised that my record on answering questions via e-mail is much better! not as satisfactory but something?)
- And this is a good time to say . . .

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### More Administrivia

- I really hoped that this semester would go better than last spring, when poor health was also a problem. I started the semester thinking I'd made some improvements, but they didn't last once the normal academic-year stresses started to build up. (September wasn't too bad, and then — well.)
- Part of the problem was that I think I took on too much in the O/S course, and it didn't leave much time and energy for anything else.

### What We Did Do

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- In my thinking, most learning in a programming course (which this is) happens in doing homeworks, so I focus on trying to come up with good ones. Somewhat successful?
- In Homework 2, you wrote parallel programs in four moderately different parallel environments.
- Homework 2 and Homework 3 between them address the two most common *Algorithm Structures*.

### Course Evaluations

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- With so few students I'm not sure it makes sense to do evaluations — how can they be anonymous? — but Dr. Zhang says I should give you the opportunity. So okay.
- Used for two purposes:
  - By those up the chain of command as one measure of my performance.
  - By me as I reflect on this semester and plan for future semesters.
- I find the numbers less useful than the prose, so please do more than just the numbers if you can!
- URL is the same as for your other courses, but I'll send it via e-mail just in case. Password shared in the recording.

### Minute Essay

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- If there's anything I can do to somehow make up for all these weeks of not-enough, now's a good time to ask. With only three people we could conceivably have a past-the-last-class-day class or two? Or I could record another lecture over some of the many examples I have for the course?
- About office hours, I was thinking an hour or two some days sometime in the 6pm to 8pm range, starting Wednesday. Does that work for you?
- Best of luck finishing the semester, and best wishes for a pleasant (and safe!) winter break!