

## 6.033 Quiz Format

- **Multiple Choice**

- Normal multiple choice(Choose the best answer)
- Choose all that apply

- **Short Answer**

- Louis Reasoner is not always wrong
- Alyssa P Hacker is not always right

# System Complexity

- **Where does it come from?**
  - Many components
  - Many interconnections
  - Irregularity

# System Complexity

- **What problems arise from complexity?**
  - *Emergent properties* - properties that arise during integration
  - *Propagation of effects* - making one change requires changes through the whole system
  - *Incommensurate scaling* - one part of the system scales faster than another part

# System Complexity

- **Tools for Complexity Control**

- *Modularity* - divide the system into smaller pieces
- *Abstraction* - hide the unnecessary details inside a module
- *Hierarchy* - assemble modules into larger modules
- *Layering* - conceptual levels of abstraction