MONASH University
Information Technology

**FIT1031
Computers and networks**

Unit Guide

Semester 2, 2012

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This unit introduces students to fundamentals of computer systems and networks. It provides basic knowledge of computer organisation and architecture, operating systems, and networking architecture, technology and operation.

Mode of Delivery

- Caulfield (Day)
- Clayton (Day)
- Sunway (Day)

Contact Hours

2 hr lectures/wk, 2 hr tutorial/wk

Workload

Students will be expected to spend a total of 12 hours per week during semester on this unit as follows:

Lectures: 2 hours per week and Tutorial Sessions: 2 hours per week per tutorial (starting in week 2) and an additional 8 hours per week for completing tutorial questions, private study and revision.

Unit Relationships

Prohibitions

FIT1001

Chief Examiner

Dr Sid Ray

Campus Lecturer

Caulfield

Dr Sid Ray

Clayton

Dr Sid Ray

Sunway

Dr Eng Keong Lua

Academic Overview

Outcomes

On completion of this unit, students will be able to:

- understand basic computer structure and operation and demonstrate use of the associated vocabulary;
- demonstrate an understanding of the concepts of data representation, computer arithmetic and Boolean algebra using appropriate methods of implementation;
- demonstrate detailed knowledge of Internal bus and memory;
- describe the internal operation of the CPU and explain how it is used to execute instructions;
- differentiate between machine language and assembly language;
- identify factors that affect computer performance;
- demonstrate an understanding of the basics of operating systems and system software;
- understand basic networking concepts;
- discuss communication and networking models such as TCP/IP and OSI;
- describe the concept of transport layer services and principle of congestion control;
- describe routing strategies and commonly used LAN topologies, and
- adopt a problem solving approach, accept the code of professional conduct and practice and act in accordance with best practice, industry standards and professional ethics.

Graduate Attributes

Monash prepares its graduates to be:

1. responsible and effective global citizens who:

a. engage in an internationalised world
b. exhibit cross-cultural competence
c. demonstrate ethical values

critical and creative scholars who:

a. produce innovative solutions to problems
b. apply research skills to a range of challenges
c. communicate perceptively and effectively

Assessment Summary

Examination (3 hours): 60%; In-semester assessment: 40%

Assessment Task	Value	Due Date
Four Tutorial Tests and Participation in Tutorial Sessions.	40%	Tutorial Tests in weeks 5, 7, 9 and 11
Examination 1	60%	To be advised

Teaching Approach

Lecture and tutorials or problem classes

This teaching and learning approach provides facilitated learning, practical exploration and peer learning.

Feedback

Our feedback to You

Types of feedback you can expect to receive in this unit are:

- Informal feedback on progress in labs/tutes
- Graded assignments with comments
- Test results and feedback
- Solutions to tutes, labs and assignments

Your feedback to Us

Monash is committed to excellence in education and regularly seeks feedback from students, employers and staff. One of the key formal ways students have to provide feedback is through SETU, Student Evaluation of Teacher and Unit. The University's student evaluation policy requires that every unit is evaluated each year. Students are strongly encouraged to complete the surveys. The feedback is anonymous and provides the Faculty with evidence of aspects that students are satisfied and areas for improvement.

For more information on Monash's educational strategy, and on student evaluations, see:
http://www.monash.edu.au/about/monash-directions/directions.html
http://www.policy.monash.edu/policy-bank/academic/education/quality/student-evaluation-policy.html

Previous Student Evaluations of this unit

If you wish to view how previous students rated this unit, please go to
https://emuapps.monash.edu.au/unitevaluations/index.jsp

Recommended text(s)

Linda Null and Julia Lobur. (2012). *Essentials of Computer Organization and Architecture.* (Third Edition) Jones and Bartlett Learning (ISBN: 978-1-4496-2063-9).

James F. Kurose and Keith W. Ross. (2010). *Computer Networkings: A Top-Down Approach.* (Fifth Edition) Pearson (ISBN: 0-13-136548-7).

Jerry Fitzgerald and Alan Dennis. (2009). *Business Data Communications and Networking.* (Tenth Edition) John Wiley and Sons (ISBN: 978-0470-05575-5).

Unit Schedule

Week	Activities	Assessment
0	Orientation Week: Follow the Orientation Week program	No formal assessment or activities are undertaken in week 0
1	Introduction and Basic Concepts of Computing Systems	No Tutorial in Week 1
2	Data Representation and Arithmetic	
3	Data Representation and Arithmetic	
4	Boolean algebra and Digital Logic	
5	Computer Architecture (including Instruction Set Architecture)	Tutorial Test 1
6	Memory Components - Organization, Primary Memory, Cache Memory, Virtual Memory	
7	Operating Systems (OS) - Introduction to OS, Types and Activities of OS	Tutorial Test 2
8	Networking Concepts	
9	Models of Communications & Networking	Tutorial Test 3
10	Transport Layer and TCP	
11	Addressing Mechanism/Routing Strategies and LAN	Tutorial Test 4
12	Revision	
	SWOT VAC	No formal assessment is undertaken in SWOT VAC
	Examination period	LINK to Assessment Policy: http://policy.monash.edu.au/policy-bank/academic/education/assessment/assessment-in-coursework-policy.html

*Unit Schedule details will be maintained and communicated to you via your MUSO (Blackboard or Moodle) learning system.

Assessment Requirements

Assessment Policy

Faculty Policy - Unit Assessment Hurdles
(http://www.infotech.monash.edu.au/resources/staff/edgov/policies/assessment-examinations/unit-assessment-hu

Academic Integrity - Please see the Demystifying Citing and Referencing tutorial at
http://lib.monash.edu/tutorials/citing/

Assessment Tasks

Participation

- **Assessment task 1**

  Title:
  Four Tutorial Tests and Participation in Tutorial Sessions.
  Description:
  Closed-book tests, held during four tutorial sessions will contribute 32% of the total
  assessment. Contribution from participation component is 8%, thus making total
  contribution of 40% from Assessment task 1.
  Weighting:
  40%
  Criteria for assessment:
  Through the tutorial tests students' problem-solving ability will be tested and learning will
  be reinforced.
  Due date:
  Tutorial Tests in weeks 5, 7, 9 and 11

Examinations

- **Examination 1**

  Weighting:
  60%
  Length:
  3 hours
  Type (open/closed book):
  Closed book
  Electronic devices allowed in the exam:
  None

Assignment submission

It is a University requirement
(http://www.policy.monash.edu/policy-bank/academic/education/conduct/plagiarism-procedures.html) for
students to submit an assignment coversheet for each assessment item. Faculty Assignment
coversheets can be found at http://www.infotech.monash.edu.au/resources/student/forms/. Please check
with your Lecturer on the submission method for your assignment coversheet (e.g. attach a file to the

online assignment submission, hand-in a hard copy, or use an online quiz).

Online submission

If Electronic Submission has been approved for your unit, please submit your work via the VLE site for this unit, which you can access via links in the my.monash portal.

Extensions and penalties

Submission must be made by the due date otherwise penalties will be enforced.

You must negotiate any extensions formally with your campus unit leader via the in-semester special consideration process:
http://www.infotech.monash.edu.au/resources/student/equity/special-consideration.html.

Returning assignments

Students can expect assignments to be returned within two weeks of the submission date or after receipt, whichever is later.

Other Information

Policies

Monash has educational policies, procedures and guidelines, which are designed to ensure that staff and students are aware of the University's academic standards, and to provide advice on how they might uphold them. You can find Monash's Education Policies at:
http://policy.monash.edu.au/policy-bank/academic/education/index.html

Key educational policies include:

- Plagiarism
  (http://www.policy.monash.edu/policy-bank/academic/education/conduct/plagiarism-policy.html)
- Assessment
  (http://www.policy.monash.edu/policy-bank/academic/education/assessment/assessment-in-coursework-po
- Special Consideration
  (http://www.policy.monash.edu/policy-bank/academic/education/assessment/special-consideration-policy.h
- Grading Scale
  (http://www.policy.monash.edu/policy-bank/academic/education/assessment/grading-scale-policy.html)
- Discipline: Student Policy
  (http://www.policy.monash.edu/policy-bank/academic/education/conduct/student-discipline-policy.html)
- Academic Calendar and Semesters (http://www.monash.edu.au/students/key-dates/);
- Orientation and Transition (http://www.infotech.monash.edu.au/resources/student/orientation/);
  and
- Academic and Administrative Complaints and Grievances Policy
  (http://www.policy.monash.edu/policy-bank/academic/education/management/complaints-grievance-policy.
- Codes of Practice for Teaching and Learning
  (http://www.policy.monash.edu/policy-bank/academic/education/conduct/suppdocs/code-of-practice-tea

Student services

The University provides many different kinds of support services for you. Contact your tutor if you need advice and see the range of services available at www.monash.edu.au/students. For Sunway see http://www.monash.edu.my/Student-services, and for South Africa see http://www.monash.ac.za/current/

The Monash University Library provides a range of services and resources that enable you to save time and be more effective in your learning and research. Go to http://www.lib.monash.edu.au or the library tab in my.monash portal for more information. At Sunway, visit the Library and Learning Commons at http://www.lib.monash.edu.my/. At South Africa visit http://www.lib.monash.ac.za/.

Academic support services may be available for students who have a disability or medical condition. Registration with the Disability Liaison Unit is required. Further information is available as follows:

- Website: http://monash.edu/equity-diversity/disability/index.html;
- Email: dlu@monash.edu
- Drop In: Equity and Diversity Centre, Level 1 Gallery Building (Building 55), Monash University, Clayton Campus, or Student Community Services Department, Level 2, Building 2, Monash University, Sunway Campus
- Telephone: 03 9905 5704, or contact the Student Advisor, Student Commuity Services at 03 55146018 at Sunway

Reading list

Note:

- In lecture notes.

- Further references will be listed.