FIT5183
Programming for distributed, parallel and mobile systems

Unit Guide

Semester 1, 2014
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This unit focuses on the design and programming techniques essential for developing distributed software systems and applications - with Java as the teaching language. The unit presents concurrent programming primitives and concepts for distributed systems. The unit also focuses on application of concurrent techniques in distributed system designs. Programming and implementation issues and techniques of distributed applications are studied. Enabling techniques for building distributed systems are analysed and evaluated. Distributed Software Patterns are presented. The unit also includes case studies of distributed programming paradigms and their applications.

Workload Requirements

Minimum total expected workload equals 12 hours per week comprising:

(a.) Contact hours for on-campus students:

- Two hours of lectures
- One 2-hour laboratory

(b.) Additional requirements (all students):

- A minimum of 8 hours independent study per week for completing lab and project work, private study and revision.

Unit Relationships

Prerequisites

Some exposure to multithreading. Knowledge of all Java language constructs such as loops, conditionals, methods, classes, inheritance and core Java packages. Use of O/O models such as UML diagrams.

Chief Examiner

Dr Jue Xie

Campus Lecturer

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 the Student Evaluation of Teaching and Units (SETU) survey. 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, see:
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www.monash.edu.au/about/monash-directions/ and on student evaluations, see:  
www.policy.monash.edu/policy-bank/academic/education/quality/student-evaluation-policy.html

**Previous Student Evaluations of this Unit**

Based on previous student feedback this unit is well structured and no major changes have been made for this semester.

If you wish to view how previous students rated this unit, please go to  
Academic Overview

Learning Outcomes

At the completion of this unit students will:

- understand the concepts and characteristics of distributed and concurrent software;
- identify and evaluate common distributed and concurrent software designs;
- design distributed software applications using typical distributed software architectures;
- write distributed and concurrent software programs.
## Unit Schedule

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<th>Activities</th>
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<td>Unit Introduction on Web (No Lecture)</td>
<td>No formal assessment or activities are undertaken in week 0</td>
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<td>1</td>
<td>Introduction, Concurrency and Threads</td>
<td>NOTE: Tutorial labs commence in Week 1</td>
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<td>Architectural Models, Paradigms, TCP/IP and Sockets</td>
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<td>Protocol Design</td>
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<td>State Transactions, Half-Object Plus Protocol, Structured Data Formats</td>
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<td>General Security, Java Security</td>
<td>Assignment 1 due Friday 4 April 2014, 11:55PM</td>
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<td>HTTP, Java Servlets and JSPs</td>
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<td>Web Services and Services Oriented Architecture</td>
<td>Assignment 2 due Friday 9 May 2014, 11:55PM</td>
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<td>Java Message Service, Multiple Middleware and Google Case Study</td>
<td>Assignment 2 Demos and Interviews</td>
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<td>11</td>
<td>Distributed Mobile Computing Systems, Mobile Development Platforms and Java for Android Development</td>
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<td>Lecture Revision and Exam Discussion</td>
<td>No formal assessment is undertaken in SWOT VAC</td>
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*Unit Schedule details will be maintained and communicated to you via your learning system.

## Teaching Approach

**Lecture and tutorials or problem classes**

This teaching and learning approach helps students to initially encounter information at lectures, discuss and explore the information during tutorials, and practice in a hands-on lab environment.

## Assessment Summary

Examination (3 hours): 50%, In-semester assessment: 50%

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Assessment Policy

Faculty Policy - Unit Assessment Hurdles

Academic Integrity - Please see resources and tutorials at
http://www.monash.edu/library/skills/resources/tutorials/academic-integrity/

Assessment Tasks

Participation

• Assessment task 1

  Title: Assignment 1

  Description: Practical Assignment. This assignment requires the design and implementation of a distributed system employing the principles and technologies introduced in the early to mid part of the semester.

  Weighting: 25%

  Criteria for assessment: This is an individual assignment and is to be entirely your own work.

  Assessment for this assignment is by interview. You will be asked to demonstrate your system at an interview in the week following the submission date. At the interview you can also expect to be asked to explain your system, your code, your design, discuss design decisions and alternatives and modify your code/system as required. Marks will not be awarded for any section of code or functionality that a student cannot explain satisfactorily. (The marker may delete excessive comments in code before a student is asked to explain that code).

  Interview times will be arranged in the tutorial labs immediately preceding the submission deadline. It is your responsibility to attend the lab and obtain an interview time.

  Students who do not attend an interview will receive 0 marks for the assignment.

  Further detailed assessment criteria will be available with the assignment specification.

  Due date: Week 5, Friday 4 April 2014, 11:55PM

  Remarks: The details of the task and other requirements will be outlined in the assignment specification.
Assessment Requirements

• **Assessment task 2**

  **Title:**
  Assignment 2

  **Description:**
  Practical Assignment. This assignment requires the design and implementation of a distributed system employing the principles and technologies introduced in the mid to later part of the semester.

  **Weighting:**
  25%

  **Criteria for assessment:**
  This is an individual assignment and is to be entirely your own work.

  Assessment for this assignment is by interview. You will be asked to demonstrate your system at an interview in the week following the submission date. At the interview you can also expect to be asked to explain your system, your code, your design, discuss design decisions and alternatives and modify your code/system as required. Marks will not be awarded for any section of code or functionality that a student cannot explain satisfactorily. (The marker may delete excessive comments in code before a student is asked to explain that code).

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**Examinations**

• **Examination 1**

  **Weighting:**
  50%

  **Length:**
  3 hours

  **Type (open/closed book):**
  Closed book

  **Electronic devices allowed in the exam:**
  None

**Learning resources**

**Reading list**

Assessment Requirements


Recommended Reading

- The Java Tutorials Online, accessible via http://docs.oracle.com/javase/tutorial/
- The Java EE 7 Tutorial, accessible via http://docs.oracle.com/javaee/7/tutorial/doc/home.htm

Monash Library Unit Reading List (if applicable to the unit)
http://readinglists.lib.monash.edu/index.html

Faculty of Information Technology Style Guide

Feedback to you

Examination/other end-of-semester assessment feedback may take the form of feedback classes, provision of sample answers or other group feedback after official results have been published. Please check with your lecturer on the feedback provided and take advantage of this prior to requesting individual consultations with staff. If your unit has an examination, you may request to view your examination script booklet, see http://intranet.monash.edu.au/infotech/resources/students/procedures/request-to-view-exam-scripts.html

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

- Informal feedback on progress in labs/tutes
- Graded assignments with comments
- Interviews

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.monash.edu.au/exams/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.

Assignment submission

It is a University requirement (http://www.policy.monash.edu/policy-bank/academic/education/conduct/student-academic-integrity-managing-plagiarism-collusion-procedures.html) for students to submit an assignment coversheet for each assessment item. Faculty Assignment
Assessment Requirements

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). Please note that it is your responsibility to retain copies of your assessments.

Online submission

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

Required Resources

Please check with your lecturer before purchasing any Required Resources. Limited copies of prescribed texts are available for you to borrow in the library, and prescribed software is available in student labs.

- Java EE 7 SDK with JDK 7 (downloadable from www.oracle.com)
- Eclipse IDE for Java EE Developers with Android SDK (downloadable from www.eclipse.org)
- Apache Tomcat (downloadable from tomcat.apache.org)
- MySQL Community Server (downloadable from www.mysql.com)
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: www.policy.monash.edu.au/policy-bank/academic/education/index.html

Key educational policies include:

- Student Academic Integrity Policy and Student Academic Integrity: Managing Plagiarism and Collusion Procedures; http://www.policy.monash.edu/policy-bank/academic/education/conduct/student-academic-integrity-policy.html
- Special Consideration; http://www.policy.monash.edu/policy-bank/academic/education/assessment/special-consideration-policy.html
- 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/dates/
- Orientation and Transition; http://intranet.monash.edu.au/infotech/resources/students/orientation/

Faculty resources and policies

Important student resources including Faculty policies are located at http://intranet.monash.edu.au/infotech/resources/students/

Graduate Attributes Policy

http://www.policy.monash.edu/policy-bank/academic/education/management/monash-graduate-attributes-policy.html

Student Charter


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 http://www.monash.edu.au/students. For Malaysia see http://www.monash.edu.my/Student-services, and for South Africa see http://www.monash.ac.za/current/.
Monash University Library

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

Disability Liaison Unit

Students who have a disability or medical condition are welcome to contact the Disability Liaison Unit to discuss academic support services. Disability Liaison Officers (DLOs) visit all Victorian campuses on a regular basis.

- Website: http://www.monash.edu/equity-diversity/disability/index.html
- Telephone: 03 9905 5704 to book an appointment with a DLO; or contact the Student Advisor, Student Community Services at 03 55146018 at Malaysia
- Email: dlu@monash.edu
- Drop In: Equity and Diversity Centre, Level 1, Building 55, Clayton Campus, or Student Community Services Department, Level 2, Building 2, Monash University, Malaysia Campus