

ADMINISTRATION HANDOUT

Concurrent and Distributed Systems (comp2310 & comp6310) 2011

Preamble

This document gives a brief description of the administrative arrangements for COMP2310 in 2011. Further details are given on the course web-site:

<http://cs.anu.edu.au/student/comp2310/>

Lecturer

The course convener is Uwe R. Zimmer. He has overall responsibility for COMP2310 and COMP6310, will be delivering the lectures and is responsible for the assignments. His office is in RSISE (Building 115) and his phone number is 6125 8619. Please contact the lecturer by e-mail if you would like to make an appointment.

Textbooks

Central textbook for this course is:

- Principles of Concurrent and Distributed Programming by M. Ben-Ari, second edition 2006

More useful texts are listed or hold on the web-site. The complete set of lecture slides will be available on the web-site as well. Audio recordings of past lectures can be offered.

Lectures

Precise schedules are on the web-site, the locations are:

- Monday 15 - 16, Phys T
- Wednesday 16 - 17, COP G031
- Friday 14 - 15, Phys T

Lab Sessions

Lab sessions start in week 3 and continue weekly. A more precise schedule is on the web-site. Each lab goes for two hours, although the tutor will only be there for 1 hour. To register for a lab class go to

<https://cs.anu.edu.au/streams>

Assignments

There will be two assignments for COMP2310 and COMP6310 in 2011.

- Assignment 1: Out week 6, due week 9.
- Assignment 2: Out week 9, due week 11.

Detailed assignment specifications will be placed on the COMP2310 web page. Assignment extension will only be granted in exceptional circumstances, e.g. with medical certificates. From the date that your assignment marks are released electronically, you have a period of two weeks in which to question your mark. After this period your mark will be final. Release of your assignment marks will be announced on the course web site and in lectures.

Assessment Issues

Attendance at labs is not compulsory, but you should be aware that lab sheets do contain new and examinable material. The assessment for COMP2310 and COMP6310 in 2011 will be in three parts:

- a. Assignment 1: this will be a mark out of 20.
- b. Assignment 2; this will be a mark out of 15.
- c. Mid term written exam will not be marked.
- d. Final written examination; this will be a mark out of 65. The exam will be 3 hours and held after the end of semester in the normal examination period.

See the COMP2310 web page for more details on the assessment scheme and on how your final mark will be calculated. Briefly:

To pass the course, you must score at least 40% for **both** your total assignment mark **and** for your final examination mark. If you have less than 40% for **either** your total assignment mark **or** for your final examination mark you will fail this course with a final mark that is either 44/100 **or** the sum of your assignment marks and your final examination mark, whichever is the lower. If you have at least 40% for **both** your total assignment mark **and** for your final examination mark, your final mark will be a sum of your total assignment mark and your final examination mark. Your final mark may be scaled to give your overall course mark and grade. Supplementary exams will be awarded only to those students who meet both of the following criteria:

- a. The student has a final mark of **at least** 45/100 but less than 50/100.
- b. The student has a total assignment mark of **at least** 20/35.

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