

School of Computer Science

COMP2310/6310

2009 Course Administration

Preamble

This document gives a brief description of the administrative arrangements for COMP2310/6310 in 2009. Further details are given on the course web page:

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

Lecturers

- Alistair Rendell is the course convener. He has overall responsibility for COMP2310/6310. You should see him for all academic and administrative matters relating to COMP2310/6310. His office is CSIT N233 (Building 108) and his phone number is 6125 4386.

Contact hours will be available on the COMP2310/6310 web page in due course (once labs are sorted). Please contact Alistair by email if you would like to make an appointment outside of his contact hours. Use **comp2310@cs.anu.edu.au** as a generic email address.

Textbooks

The choice of textbooks was discussed in the first lecture. In general we recommend the following:

- *Principles of Concurrent and Distributed Programming* by M. Ben-Ari, 2nd Edition 2006, Prentice-Hall, ISBN 0-321-31283-X

but this book does not cover all the material in this course. I recommend that you don't rush out and buy this book just yet, but leave it for a couple of weeks and review the book in light of the material presented up to that point. A range of other reference material is detailed on the course web site.

COMP2310 v COMP6310

COMP2310 and COMP6310 will share the same lectures and laboratory classes. The only difference will be in the assignments, where COMP6310 students will have additional requirements.

Lectures

The COMP2310/6310 lectures in 2009 are scheduled according to the following timetable:

- Tuesday 17:00 - 18:00, Chemistry T1
- Wednesday 15:00 - 16:00, RSBS Robertson Theatre
- Friday 14:00 - 15:00, Chemistry T1

For a detailed lecture schedule please consult the COMP2310/6310 web page. Selected material presented in the lectures will be available on the COMP2310/6310 web page. The intention is to record each lecture using the generic ANU lecture recording capability. The resulting files will be available from the COMP2310 page of Wattle (wattle.anu.edu.au) At this point I'm not sure if COMP6310 students have access to the COMP2310 wattle page, but in some way we will sort this out! The intention is to use Wattle only to manage the lecture recordings. All other material related to the course will be on the course web page given above. Note recordings are made as a best effort, I cannot guarantee that this will always work, or that I will always remember to record a lecture!

Lab Sessions

There are 9 lab sessions. They will start in week 3 (Aug 3) and continue weekly, with possible exceptions that will be given on the COMP2310/6310 web page. Each lab goes for two hours. To register for a lab class go to

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

The current labs are as follows, but please refer to COMP2310/6310 web page for an up to date schedule.

No	Day	Start	Location
1	Monday	1500	N114
2	Tuesday	1200	N114
3	Tuesday	1500	N115
4	Tuesday	1500	N116
5	Wednesday	1700	N113
6	Thursday	1000	N112

Assignments

There will be two assignments for COMP2310/6310 in 2009.

- Assignment 1: out around week 4.
- Assignment 2: out around week 9.

The exact release date will depend on how the course is running. You will be given at least 14 days to complete each assignment. Detailed assignment specifications will be placed on the COMP2310/6310 web page. Assignment extensions 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. Also as noted in lecture 1, this is a conceptually hard course, so missing labs (or lectures) is not a wise move.

The assessment for COMP2310/6310 in 2009 will be in four parts:

1. Assignment 1: this is a mark out of 20.
2. Assignment 2: this is a mark out of 20.
3. Mid-semester exam: this is a mark out of 20. It will be formally timetabled and will probably take place in week 7. It will last for approximately 2 hours.
4. Final written exam; this will be a mark out of 40. The exam will be 3 hours and held after the end of semester in the normal examination period.

Your final mark is a simple sum of the above components, with no requirement for a minimum mark in any one, i.e.

$$\text{Final_Mark} = \text{Ass1} + \text{Ass2} + \text{Mid_Semester_Exam} + \text{Final_Exam}$$

Course marks and grades will be derived from your final mark and may include some scaling. If scaling is applied it will be applied to all students without bias.

Supplementary exams will be awarded only to those students who have a course mark of AT LEAST 45/100 but less than 50/100.

Alistair Rendell, 22/7/2009