

## Department of Computer Science




**COMP2720 — Automating Tools for New Media**2008 Course Administration

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**Preamble**

This document gives a brief description of the administrative arrangements for COMP2720 in the second semester 2008. Further details are given on the course Web page (see below).

**Course contacts**

-  <http://cs.anu.edu.au/student/comp2720>
-  <mailto:comp2720@cs.anu.edu.au>
-  612 53003
- The course coordinator and lecturer is **Alexei Khorev**. His office is CSIT N214 (building 108, middle floor)
- The course tutors are **Martin Bolanca** and **James Sheridan**.
- Contact hours are available on the COMP2720 Web page. Please use the above e-mail address if you would like to make an appointment outside of contact hours.
- There are two discussion forums at:

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

The forum [comp2720.announcements](#) is for important announcements by the lecturer, while the forum [comp2720.talk](#) is an open discussion board for students.

**Textbook**

Most of the course will be following the book *Introduction to Computing and Programming with Python: A Multimedia Approach* by Mark Guzdial, Prentice-Hall, 2005, ISBN 0-13-117655-2. The cost of this book at the *COOP bookshop* is \$101.95 (\$92.77 for the members).

**Lectures**

There will be three lectures per week spanning the semester weeks 1 to 13 with a few lacunae — consult the Schedule on the course web page for details.

Activity	Day	Time	Venue
Lectures A–B	Thursday	9am–10am	HALT (Tank) [Bld. 23]
Lectures C	Friday	12pm–1pm	HALT (Tank) [Bld. 23]

Lecture slides will be made available at least one day before the lectures. **You should print these and bring copies into the lectures.** The audio recording will be provided through WebCT (and on the course web site as well, perhaps).

**Lab Sessions**

There will be 6 supervised lab sessions, and two unsupervised home works. At this stage, the labs are scheduled for weeks 3, 5, 8, 9, 10 and 11, and the home works for weeks 6–7, and 12–13. The week 4 two hour classes will be devoted to a workshop aimed to give you a head start on your assignment work. The workshop will be conducted by Tim Brook. Any changes from this schedule will be announced on the COMP2720 Web page. Each supervised lab goes for two hours, and will be held in the **N115** in the **CSIT [Bld. 108]**.

To register for a lab class go to <https://cs.anu.edu.au/streams>. If you have problems registering please contact the course coordinator.

## Proposed Assessment Scheme

The assessment for COMP2720 will contain the following three components.

1. Portfolio (30%)
  - You can get up to 30 marks for this component.
  - It consists of the 6 supervised labs and your final portfolio.
  - In each of the 6 labs one (1) mark will be awarded for attendance and one (1) mark for showing your workings to your tutor. In total you can get 12 marks for your labs. **Note:** The mark for showing lab work can only be gained in the current lab or the following, but not later.
  - Up to 18 marks will be awarded for your final portfolio submission, which will consist of a Web page containing all your labs and home works, and (for earning a bonus) additional work representing an extension of the assignment tasks (details on this will be published on the COMP2720 Web page).
2. Practical (30%)
  - You can get up to 30 marks for this component.
  - This practical part consists of two assignments, each worth 15% of your final mark.
3. Final exam (40%)
  - This will be a mark out of 40.
  - The final exam will be a 3 hour written exam held at the end of the semester during the normal examination period.

Please note:

- Any changes to the assessment scheme will be announced and discussed in lectures and posted to the COMP2720 Web page.
- If there are no changes to the proposed assessment scheme by the end of week 2, it will be the scheme that will be used.

## Plagiarism

- **No group work is permitted for any part of the assessment.** We do encourage you to discuss your work in the labs and lectures, but we expect you to do the submitable work by yourself.
- We do take plagiarism seriously! And we have software tools to detect it! You should read the chapter in the *Department of Computer Science Student Handbook* (see: [http://cs.anu.edu.au/students/StudentHandbook\\_DCS\\_2008.pdf](http://cs.anu.edu.au/students/StudentHandbook_DCS_2008.pdf)) that discusses assessment (Chapter 6, pages 18–25), particularly the sections headed '*Misconduct in examinations*' (which also applies to assignments and other forms of assessment) and '*Collaboration versus misconduct in assignments*'.

## Final Course Mark

1. To pass COMP2720 you must score at least
  - 25 out of 60 for your total portfolio and practical (assignment) marks, and
  - 15 out of 40 for your final exam mark.
2. If you have less than 25 out of 60 for your total portfolio and practical mark, or less than 15 out of 40 for your final exam mark, then you will fail this course with a final mark that is either 44 out of 100 OR the sum of your marks, whichever is the lower.
3. Otherwise, your final course mark will be the sum of all your marks.

## Supplementary Exam

A supplementary exam will be awarded only to those students who had a final mark of at least 45 out of 100, but less than 50 out of 100.