ADMINISTRATION HANDOUT

Concurrent and Distributed Systems (comp2310 & comp6310) 2015

Preamble

This document gives a brief description of the administrative arrangements for COMP2310 in 2015. Further details are given on the course web-site:


Lecturer

The course convener is Uwe R. Zimmer. He has overall responsibility for COMP2310 and COMP6310, will be delivering most lectures and is responsible for the assignments. His office is in RSISE (Building 115) and his phone number is 612 58619.

The second examiner is Alistair Rendell. His office is in CSIT (Building 108), room N338 and his phone number is 612 54386.

Please contact the lecturers by e-mail or a personal message via the forums 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 held 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, 16:00-17:30, CHEM T1
- Thursday, 16:00-17:30, CHEMT1

Lab Sessions

Lab sessions start in week 2 and continue weekly. A more precise schedule is on the web-site. Each lab goes for two hours. 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 2015.

- Assignment 1: Out week 6, due week 8.
- 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 2015 will be in four 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 be marked out of 10.
d. Final written examination; this will be a mark out of 55. 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 total 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.

Uwe R. Zimmer, 7/2015