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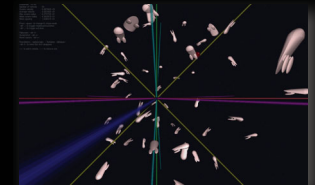
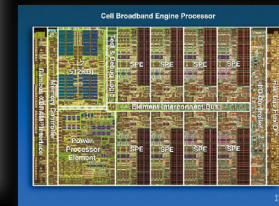
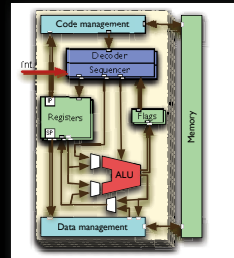
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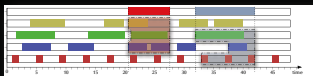
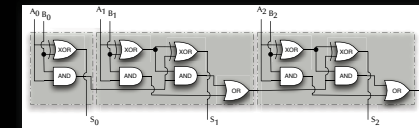
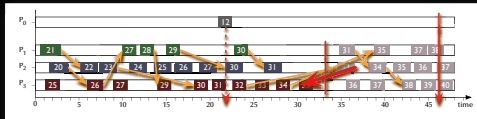
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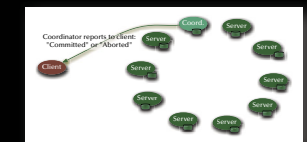
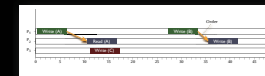


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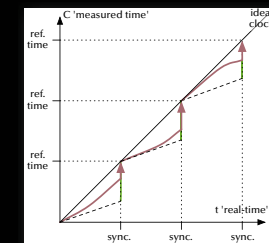
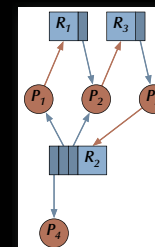
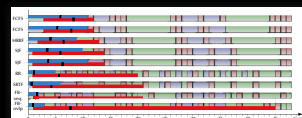
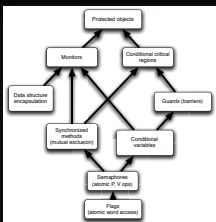
as well as perspectives, paths, methods, implementations, and open questions



of/into/for/about



Concurrent & Distributed Systems





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who could be interested in this?

anybody who ...

... wants to work with **real-world scale** computer systems

... would like to learn how to
analyse and design operational and robust systems

... would like to understand more about the existing trade-off between
theory, the real-world, traditions, and pragmatism in computer science

... would like to understand why *concurrent systems* are
an essential basis for most contemporary devices and systems



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who are these people? – introductions

Uwe R. Zimmer & Charles Martin

Abigail (Abi) Thomas, Aditya Chilukuri,
Brent Schuetze, Calum Snowdon, Chinmay Garg, Felix Friedlander
Johannes (Johnny) Schmalz, Nicholas Philip Miehlsbradt,
Tommy Liu, William (Will) Cashman & Yaya Lu





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how will this all be done?

☞ Lectures:

- 2x 1.5 hours lectures per week ... all the nice stuff
Tuesday 12:00 & Friday 11:00 (all live on-line)

☞ Laboratories:

- 3 hours per week ... all the rough and action stuff
time slots: on our web-site
-enrolment: <https://cs.anu.edu.au/streams/> (open since last Monday, more slots today)

☞ Resources:

- Introduced in the lectures and collected on the course page:
<https://cs.anu.edu.au/courses/comp2310/> ... as well as schedules, slides, sources, links to forums, etc. pp. ... keep an eye on this page!

☞ Assessment (for discussion):

- Exam at the end of the course (50%)
plus one hurdle lab in week 4 (5%)
plus two assignments (15% + 15%)
plus one mid-semester exam (15%)



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Text book for the course

[Ben-Ari06]

M. Ben-Ari

Principles of Concurrent and Distributed Programming

2006, second edition, Prentice-Hall, ISBN 0-13-711821-X

- ☞ Many algorithms and concepts for the course are in there
 - *but not all!*
- ☞ *References for specific aspects of the course are provided during the course and are found on our web-site.*



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Language refresher [3]

1. Concurrency [3]

2. Mutual exclusion [2]

*3. Communication &
Synchronization [4]*

4. Non-determinism [2]

5. Data Parallelism [1]

6. Scheduling [2]

7. Safety and liveness [2]

8. Distributed systems [4]

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1.1. Forms of concurrency [1]

- Coupled dynamical systems

1.2. Models and terminology [1]

- Abstractions
- Interleaving
- Atomicity
- Proofs in concurrent and distributed systems

1.3. Processes & threads [1]

- Basic definitions
- Process states
- Implementations

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- Dekker's algorithm

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- Minimal hardware support

2.3. by semaphores [0.5]

- Dijkstra definition
- OS semaphores

3. Communication & Synchronization [4]

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- Semaphores
- Cond. variables
- Conditional critical regions
- Monitors
- Protected objects

3.2. *Message passing* [2]

- Asynchronous / synchronous
- Remote invocation / rendezvous
- Message structure
- Addressing

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- Forms of non-determinism
- Non-determinism in concurrent/distributed systems
- Is consistency/correctness plus non-determinism a contradiction?

4.2. *Select statements* [1]

- Forms of non-deterministic message reception

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- Vectorization
- Reduction
- General data-parallelism

5.2. Examples

- Image processing
- Cellular automata

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- Which problems are addressed / solved by scheduling?

6.2. Basic scheduling methods [1]

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7.1. Safety properties

- Essential time-independent safety properties

7.2. Livelocks, fairness

- Forms of livelocks
- Classification of fairness

7.3. Deadlocks

- Detection
- Avoidance
- Prevention (& recovery)

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- OSI model
- Network implementations

8.2. **Global times** [1]

- Synchronized clocks
- Logical clocks

8.3. **Distributed states** [1]

- Consistency
- Snapshots
- Termination

8.4. **Distributed
communication** [1]

- Name spaces
- Multi-casts
- Elections
- Network identification

- Dynamical groups

8.5. **Distributed safety
and liveness** [1]

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9.1. **Hardware architecture**

- From switches to registers and adders
- CPU architecture
- Hardware concurrency

9.2. **Language architecture**

- Chapel
- Occam
- Rust
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Laboratories & Assignments

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1. Structured Programming [2]

- Program structures
- Data structures

2. Tasks [1]

- Generics
- Abstract types

3. Protection [1]

- Memory based synchronization

4. Task Lifetimes [1]

- Creation
- Termination

5. Communicating Tasks [1]

- Rendezvous

6. Distributing Server [1]

- Entry families
- Requeue facility

7. Implicit Concurrency [1]

8. Synchronized Data [1]

9. Distribution [1]

- Multi-core process creation, termination
- Multi-core process communication

10. Pipelines [1]

Assignments [2]

1. Concurrent programming [15%]

Programming task involving:

- Mutual exclusion
- Synchronization
- Message passing

2. Concurrent programming in multi-core systems [15%]

Multi-core programming task involving:

- Process communication

Examinations [3]

1. Hurdle check [5%]

- Week 4 lab exam

2. Mid-semester check [15%]

- Exam or Self-test

3. Final exam [50%]

- Examining the complete course

Marking

The final mark is based on the assignments [30%] plus the examinations [65%] plus the lab mark [5%]