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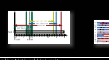
what ***is offered here?***

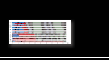
Fundamentals & Overview

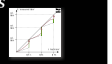
as well as perspectives, paths, methods, implementations, and open questions

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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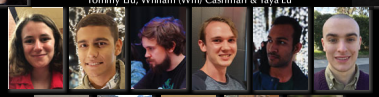
who ***are these people? – introductions***

Uwe R. Zimmer & Charles Martin
Abigail (Abi) Thomas, Aditya Chilukuri,
Brent Schuetze, Calum Snowdon, Chinmay Garg, Felix Friedlander
Johannes (Johnny) Schmalz, Nicholas Philip Miehlbradt,
Tommy Liu, William (Will) Cashman & Yaya Lu



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how ***will this all be done?***

☞ Lectures:

- 2 x 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/comp2.310/ … 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]
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3. Communication & Synchronization [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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2.1. by shared variables [1]
- Failure possibilities
- Dekker's algorithm

2.2. by test-and-set hardware support [0.5]
- Minimal hardware support

2.3. by semaphores [0.5]
- Dijkstra definition
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3. Communication & Synchronization [4]
3.1. Shared memory synchronization [2]
- Semaphores
- Cond. variables
- Conditional critical regions
- Monitors
- Protected objects

3.2. Message passing [2]
- Asynchronous / synchronous
- Remote invocation / rendezvous
- Message structure
- Addressing

4. Non-determinism [2]
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4.1. Correctness under non-determinism [1]
- 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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5. Data Parallelism [1]
5.1. Data-Parallelism
- Vectorization
- Reduction
- General data-parallelism

5.2. Examples
- Image processing
- Cellular automata

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6.1. Problem definition and design space [1]
- Which problems are addressed / solved by scheduling?

6.2. Basic scheduling methods [1]
- Assumptions for basic scheduling
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7. Safety and liveness [2]
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)

7.4. Failure modes
7.5. Idempotent & atomic operations
- Definitions

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- Consistency
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- Name spaces
- Multi-casts
- Elections
- Network identification
- Dynamical groups

8.5. Distributed safety and liveness [1]
- Distributed deadlock detection

8.6. Forms of distribution/ redundancy [1]
- computation
- memory
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Laboratories & Assignments

Laboratories [11]

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%]