CS555 Syllabus—Spring 1997

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Class begins January 9 and ends April 29.

Text: [1].

1 Introduction

Class 0 (Jan. 9), both: Diagnostic exam

Class 1 (Jan. 14), Faber: Introduction Overview/Reading: [2, 3]. Introduction: [4, 5, 6], Text Chapter 2 (Design Goals).

2 Concurrency

Class 2 (Jan. 16), Faber: Monitors and messages [7, 8, 9], for next class: Text Chapter 10 (Time and coordination).

Class 3 (Jan. 21), Faber: Time and RPC [10, 11], Text Chapter 5 (RPC).

Class 4 (Jan. 23), Heidemann: Threads (Memory consistency intro) carry-over: [12], [13, 14].

Class 5 (Jan. 28), Heidemann: DSM carry-over: [15], [16, 17], Text Chapter 17 (DSM). Homework 1 given out. Photographs.

3 Distributed State

Class 6 (Jan. 30), Heidemann: CATOCS [19], Text Chapter 11 (Replication), carry-over from DSM: [18]. Moved from next class: [22].

Class 7 (Feb. 4), Faber: Byzantine Agreement, Virtual Synchrony [21, 20], for next class: Text Chapter 9 (Name Services).

4 Naming/Resource Discovery

Class 8 (Feb. 6), Faber: Classic naming [23, 24, 25].

Class 9 (Feb. 11), Faber: Naming extensions [26, 27, 28]. Homework 1 due, homework 2 given out.

Class 10 (Feb. 13), Faber: Internet naming [29, 30].

5 Security

Class 11 (Feb. 18), Heidemann: Security overview [31, 32, 33], Text Chapter 16 (Security). Homework 1 returned.

Class 12 (Feb. 20), Heidemann: Key distribution, confinement, logic [34, 35, 36]

6 File Systems

Class 13 (Feb. 25), Faber: RAID and HSM [37, 39], Text Chapter 7 (File Service: A Model). Homework 2 due.

Class 14 (Feb. 27), Faber: log-structured filing [38, 40].

Catch-up/review: Mar. 4. Homework 2 returned.

Midterm (Mar. 6). Paper proposals due.

Class 15 (Mar. 18), Heidemann: Distributed file-systems I (NFS, Leases) [41, 43], Text Chapter 8 (File Service: Case Studies). Homework 3 given out.

Class 16 (Mar. 20), Heidemann: Distributed file-systems II (Sprite, AFS) [42, 44] Midterm returned.

Class 17 (Mar. 25), Heidemann: Distributed file-systems III (Locus, xFS) [45, 46]

7 Replication

Class 18 (Mar. 27), Heidemann: Voting, Coda, Ficus [47, 48, 49].

Class 19 (Apr. 1), Heidemann: Lazy consistency, Troupes [50, 51]. Homework 3 due, homework 4 given out.

8 Databases

Class 20 (Apr. 3), Faber: Databases and OS [52, 53], Text Chapter 12 (Shared Data and Transactions), 14 (Distributed Transactions)

9 Kernels

Class 21 (Apr. 8), Faber: microkernels [54, 55], Text Chapter 18.1–6 (Case Studies) Homework 3 returned.

Class 22 (Apr. 10), Heidemann: layering [57, 58, 59]

10 Case Studies and Performance Analysis

Class 23 (Apr. 15), Heidemann: Sprite, Amoeba [61, 64]. Class and professor evaluations. Homework 4 due, homework 5 given out.

Class 24 (Apr. 17), Heidemann: Performance studies [67, 68, 69]

Class 25 (Apr. 22), Faber: Unix, Plan-9, Condor [60, 62, 63]

Class 26 (Apr. 24), Faber: Athena, Emerald [65, 66] Homework 5 due.

Class 27 (Apr. 29): optional review class, subject to student interest and available space. (Originally was [56]; that paper is now optional.)

final exam (May 1), 11am.

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