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Course Information

Instructor: Bonan Liu

Meeting Time: Wednesdays 5:35PM - 8:15PM

Room: ThomHunter 502

Prerequisite: CSCI 23500

Textbook: No Textbook Required. The links to the reading assignment will be published before each lecture.

No midterm exam. No final exam.

Course Overview

The course's audience is undergraduate-level students who completed courses of CS Fundamentals, Data Structures, Algorithms and and who have learnt at least one major programming language. The course will be conducted mainly in lectures. A final course project needs to be submitted.

The course will be divided into two separate modules. The distributed system module introduces the basic concepts, techniques and patterns in traditional distributed systems. The cloud computing module will leverage Google Cloud Platform (GCP) as the cloud computing platform to learn the skills in the cloud computing world.

Learning Outcomes

After successfully completing the course, the students should achieve the following goals.

- Understand the basic concepts of distributed systems and cloud computing.
- Be aware of the established patterns of high-performance and large-scalable systems.
- Be able to leverage major cloud computing products to build a service rapidly.
- Be prepared for system design interview questions.

About Instructor

Bonan Liu

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Office Hours:

- By appointments only.
- Meet virtually via Google Hangout. <http://bit.do/csci49378-meet>

Grading

Attendance: 8%

- Attendance is required for the course.
- No penalty in grading if the absence is notified in written before the class.

Assignments: 32%

- The system design challenges are simulating the system design process in the industry.
- Complete at least 2 of the 4 system design assignments. The highest 2 scores will be used.

Group project: 60%

- Each group (2-5 students) will develop a cloud-based service in your preferred language(s). Detailed requirements will be announced separately.
- Grading will be based on
 - design document
 - design presentation
 - final presentation/demo
 - source code
 - peer review

Proposed Syllabus

Date	Lecture	Note
01/29/2020	Course Overview	
02/05/2020	Key Concepts and Techniques	
02/12/2020	NO CLASS	No classes scheduled per Hunter College calendar.
02/19/2020	Synchronization, Consistency and Replication	Assignment 1
02/26/2020	Distributed File Systems Review Assignment 1	
03/04/2020	Distributed Web-based Applications	Assignment 2
03/11/2020	CANCELLED due to COVID-19	

03/18/2020	NO CLASS	Instructional Recess
03/25/2020	Cloud Computing Concepts Review Assignment 2	
04/01/2020	Final project design presentation	
04/07/2020	NO CLASS	Recalibration Period for Educational Equity.
04/08/2020	NO CLASS	Spring Recess per Hunter College calendar.
04/15/2020	Cloud Systems and Infrastructures I	Assignment 3
04/22/2020	Cloud Systems and Infrastructures II	Assignment 4
04/29/2020	Cloud Storage and Databases Review Assignment 3	
05/06/2020	Monitoring and Logging Advanced Topics Course Review Review Assignment 4	
05/13/2020	Final Project Presentation	final project submission due on your presentation date.

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CUNY Policy on Sexual Misconduct Link: <http://www.cuny.edu/about/administration/offices/la/Policy-on-Sexual-Misconduct-12-1-14-with-links.pdf>

Syllabus Change Policy

This syllabus is a guide for the course and is subject to change with advance notice. Any changes will be announced in class and/or posted on Blackboard.