



Universitat de Lleida

DEGREE CURRICULUM
**DISTRIBUTED COMPUTING AND
APPLICATIONS**

Coordination: CORES PRADO, FERNANDO

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Subject's general information

Subject name	DISTRIBUTED COMPUTING AND APPLICATIONS			
Code	102027			
Semester	1st Q(SEMESTER) CONTINUED EVALUATION			
Typology	Degree	Course	Typology	Modality
	Bachelor's Degree in Computer Engineering	4	COMPULSORY	Attendance-based
ECTS credits	6			
Groups	1GG			
Theoretical credits	3			
Practical credits	3			
Coordination	CORES PRADO, FERNANDO			
Department	INFORMATICA I ENGINYERIA INDUSTRIAL			
Teaching load distribution between lectures and independent student work	6 ECTS = 25x6 = 150 hours 40% -> 60 classroom hours 60% -> 90 hours of autonomous student work			
Important information on data processing	Consult this link for more information.			
Language	Preferably in Spanish, in English if there is a foreign student.			
Distribution of credits	Fernando Cores 6.0			
Office and hour of attention	Monday 16h-17h (s3/17) Tuesday 12h-13h (s3/17)			

Teaching staff	E-mail addresses	Credits taught by teacher	Office and hour of attention
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Subject's extra information

The course is eminently practical, so work practices and will have an important weight. Basically we work with two languages, C for parallel programming and Java for distributed objects (RMI). However, when we talk of distributed applications, as important as the program itself is the design of the application, which also intensively apply the concepts of software engineering.

To continue the course is essential for students to have good fundamentals and C programming Java. It is much harder, learn to develop distributed programs and parallel sequential programming if not previously mastered. In the course it is assumed that students are able to design, develop and debug sequential applications of medium difficulty without much trouble.

Learning objectives

- Introduce the basic concepts on Distributed Computing and the organisation of distributed systems.
- Provide an overview of the main architectures of Distributed Computing and his impact on the information technologies.
- Assimilate the fundamental principles and the distinct types of underlying models of Distributed Computing.
- Know the main paradigms of Distributed Computing and understand his strong points, his disadvantages and main fields of application.
- Comprise the technological challenges that represent the utilisation, the design and the implementation of the distributed systems.
- Provide an overview of the distributed systems, analysing different cases of study and applying them to solve real problems in different fields of Distributed Computing.
- Develop the skills of design and analysis of distributed systems that help to comprise, evaluate the quality the solutions proposed
- Encourage the adoption of the distributed model for the resource sharing on large scale, in a transparent form and independently of his physical location.

Competences

Strategic Competences of the UdL:

- CT2. Mastering a foreign language, especially English.
- CT3. Training Experience in the use of the new technologies and the information and communication technologies.

Cross-disciplinary competences:

- EPS11. Capacity to understand the needs of the user expressed in a no technical language.

Specific Competences:

- TI2. Capacity to choose, design, deploy, integrate, evaluate, build, manage, explode and keep the hardware, software and network technologies inside the cost and quality requirements.
- TI5. Capacity to select, deploy, integrate and manage systems of information that satisfy the needs of the organisation, within the cost and quality requirements.

- T16. Capacity to conceive systems, applications and services based in network technologies, including Internet, web, e-commerce, multimedia, interactive services and mobile computation.

Subject contents

1. Introduction to the Distributed Computing

1. Definitions and concepts
2. Distributed Computing Challenges
3. Types of Distributed Systems
4. Distributed Computing systems
 1. Distributed Information systems
 2. Distributed Embedded systems
 3. Distributed Systems Architectures
5. Paradigms of Distributed Computing
6. Message passing
7. Client-server
8. Peer-to-Peer
9. Messages systems
 1. RPC (Remote Procedure Call)
 2. Distributed Objects
 3. Mobile agents

2. Hardware and Software of Parallel Computing

1. Parallel architectures
2. Networks of interconnection
3. Clusters
4. Job Queues

3. Design of parallel algorithms

1. Introduction to parallel programming
2. Performance of parallel applications
3. Design of parallel applications
4. Cases of Study

4. Parallel programming

1. The message passing model
2. The message passing interface
3. Basic routines
4. Point-to-point communications
5. Collective communications
6. Derived data-types
7. Routines for groups and communicators administration
8. Virtual topologies
9. MPI- 2 and MPI -3
 1. Cases of study

5. Distributed Objects

1. Introduction
2. Paradigm of distributed objects
3. RMI: Remote method invocation

4. RMI Advanced
5. Callbacks
6. Security Management in RMI

Methodology

Big-size Group: Theory Sessions (3 credits)

- Lecture: classes based on notes and transparencies where the concepts of the subject will be presented.
- Problems: The concepts of the subject will work through a series of exercises to be resolved collaboratively and help assimilate key concepts.
- Use Cases: It will apply the techniques seen in class to real examples and their impact on application performance will be analyzed.

Mid-size group: Problems /Laboratory Sessions (3 credits)

- Tutorials and personalized monitoring by groups of practices.
- Laboratory: technologies and APIs for distributed programming will be presented and worked through tutorials and examples.
- Problems: Making and correcting exercises related to both the theoretical and practical part of the course.

Autonomous work:

- The homework exercises and practices will be completed outside of class time.

Development plan

Week	Description	Classroom Activity GG	Classroom Activity GM	Autonomous work activity
1	Presentation Introduction	Subject presentation T1: Introduction of Distributed Computing	Problems: Distributed computing challenges	Study literature and the program
2	Introduction	T1: Introduction of Distributed Computing	Problems: Distributed computing challenges Practice 1: Presentation	Problems: Challenges
3	Introduction	T1: Introduction of Distributed Computing	HOLIDAY	Problems: Challenges
4	Parallel Computing	T2: Parallel Computing Hardware & Software	Problems: Distributed systems requeriments	Problems: Challenges
5	Parallel Computing	T2: Parallel Computing Hardware & Software Tutorial: SGE	T2: Parallel Computing Hardware & Software Tutorial: SGE	Tutorial: SGE
6	Design of parallel applications	T3: Design of parallel algorithms	T3: Design of parallel algorithms Practice 1: Presentation	Practice 1 Problems: Design
7	Design of parallel applications	T3: Design of parallel algorithms	Problems: Parallel Design	Practice 1 Problems: Design
8	Design of parallel applications	T3: Design of parallel algorithms	Practice 1: Design delivery	Practice 1
9		1^{er} Partial		Study
10	Parallel programming	T4: Parallel programming Tutorial: MPI	T4: Parallel programming Tutorial: MPI	Practice 1 Tutorial MPI

11	Parallel programming	T4: Parallel programming Tutorial: MPI	T4: Parallel programming Tutorial: MPI	Practice 1 Tutorial MPI
12	Parallel programming Distributed Objects	Practice 1: Implementation Delivery	T5: Distributed Objects and Remote Invocation Practice 2: Presentation	Practice 2
13	Distributed Objects	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	Practice 2
14	Distributed Objects	T5: Distributed Objects and Remote Invocation Tutorial: RMI	T5: Distributed Objects and Remote Invocation Tutorial: RMI	Practice 2 Tutorial RMI
15	Distributed Objects	T5: Distributed Objects and Remote Invocation Tutorial: RMI	Practice 2: Delivery	Practice 2
16		2nd Partial		Study
17		2nd Partial		Study
18		TUTORIAS		
19		Recovery		Study

Evaluation

Table. Assessment Activities

Acr.	Assessment activity	Weighting	Minimum Grade	In Group	Mandatory	Recoverable
<i>P1</i>	<i>1st Partial Exam</i>	20%	NO	NO	YES	YES
<i>P2</i>	<i>2nd Partial Exam</i>	20%	NO	NO	YES	YES
<i>PRA</i>	<i>Practices</i>	40%	4	NO	YES	YES
<i>WRK</i>	<i>Works/Tutorials</i>	20%	NO	YES (<=2)	NO	NO
<i>PCL</i>	<i>Class participation</i>	0.5 points	NO	NO	NO	NO
<i>It must be approved all practices individually. A practice is considered suspended if fails to reach 4.</i>						
FinalGrade = 0.20*P1 + 0.20*P2 + 0.4*PRA + 0.2*WRK + 0.1*PCL						

The subject approves with a final mark upper or equal to 5 and having done properly the laboratory practices (all they with at least a mark of 4)

The final mark for the subject it is obtained from the pondered sum of the marks of the two examinations and the practices plus the class participation marks and the continued assessment.

The subject has two partial exams, each one of them with a weight of 20% in the final mark. These exams are mandatory.

The realisation and the overcoming of the laboratory practices is mandatory to approve the subject. The practices will be evaluated with a note that will represent 40% of the final note of the subject. The copy of any one of the practices of the subject will involve suspending the whole practices and the subject.

It does not exist minimum marks in the written exams to obtain the final mark of the subject. Only it exists a minimum note (4) for the laboratory practices.

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