

Tentative Syllabus for Advanced Computer Systems (ACS)

Date	Person	Subject	Readings & Refs (All submissions via Absalon)
Nov 22, 2022	PROGRAMMING ASSIGNMENT 1 RELEASED		Available by 9:00
Nov 22, 2022	Dmitriy Traytel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Course Overview - Fundamental Abstractions & Design Principles 	Compendium [1]: Part 1
Nov 24, 2022	THEORY ASSIGNMENT 1 RELEASED		Available by 9:00
Nov 24, 2022	Dmitriy Traytel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Modularity through Clients and Services, RPC - Techniques for Performance 	Compendium: Parts 2 and 3 Video: Netflix's service architecture [13] (optional) Paper: Scalability! But at what COST? [14] (optional)
	TAs	- Assignment Introduction + Java Best Practices	A Certain Bookstore ☺
Nov 29, 2022	Dmitriy Traytel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Concurrency Control: Two-Phase Locking (2PL) - Concurrency Control: Introduction to Schedules and Serializability 	Compendium: Part 4 Franklin's chapter [3]: concurrency control (optional)
Dec 1, 2022	Dmitriy Traytel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Concurrency Control: Serializability and Deadlocks - Concurrency Control: Advanced Topics 	Compendium: Part 4 Video: 2PL [4] Franklin's chapter [3]: concurrency control (optional) STM papers [5,6] (optional)
	TAs	- Exercises + Q&A + Feedback	Refs above
Dec 1, 2022	PROGRAMMING ASSIGNMENT 1 DEADLINE		Submission before 23:59
Dec 2, 2022	PROGRAMMING ASSIGNMENT 2 RELEASED		Available by 9:00
Dec 6, 2022	Dmitriy Traytel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Experimental Design - Recovery: Basic Concepts 	Compendium: Parts 5 and 6 Jain's book [8] (optional)
Dec 8, 2022	Dmitriy Traytel	- Recovery: ARIES, normal operation, assumptions	Compendium: Part 5 Franklin's chapter [3]: recovery (optional) RAID paper [7] (optional)
	TAs	- Exercises + Q&A + Feedback	Refs above
Dec 8, 2022	THEORY ASSIGNMENT 1 DEADLINE		Submission before 23:59
Dec 9, 2022	THEORY ASSIGNMENT 2 RELEASED		Available by 9:00
Dec 13, 2022	Dmitriy Traytel	- Recovery: ARIES, recovery procedure	Compendium: Parts 4 and 5
Dec 15, 2022	Dmitriy Traytel	- Review and wrap-up of first half + Fun stuff + Q&A	Course materials and your judgment
	TAs	- Exercises + Q&A + Feedback	Refs above
Dec 15, 2022	PROGRAMMING ASSIGNMENT 2 DEADLINE		Submission before 23:59
Dec 16, 2022	PROGRAMMING ASSIGNMENT 3 RELEASED		Available by 9:00

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Dec 20, 2022	TAs	- Exercises + Q&A + Feedback	Refs above
Dec 22, 2022	THEORY ASSIGNMENT 2 DEADLINE		Submission before 23:59
Dec 23, 2022	CHRISTMAS BREAK		
Jan 2, 2023			
Jan 3, 2023	Yongluan Zhou	- Reliability: Basic Concepts - Reliability: Replication	Compendium: Part 7 Dean's keynote [10] Video: James Hamilton's at Velocity 2010 [9] (optional)
Jan 5, 2022	THEORY ASSIGNMENT 3 RELEASED		Available by 9:00
Jan 5, 2023	Yongluan Zhou	- Reliability: More on Replication - Topics in Distributed Coordination	Compendium: Parts 7 and 8 Video: Facebook's scaling challenges [11] (optional)
	TAs	- Exercises + Q&A + Feedback	Refs above
Jan 5, 2022	PROGRAMMING ASSIGNMENT 3 DEADLINE		Submission before 23:59
Jan 5, 2023	RESUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR PROGRAMMING AND THEORY ASSIGNMENTS 1 + 2 (ONLY AFTER A REASONABLE FIRST ATTEMPT FOR THE REGULAR DEADLINE)		Submission before 23:59
Jan 6, 2023	THEORY AND PROGRAMMING EXERCISE 4 RELEASED		No hand-in required
Jan 10, 2023	Yongluan Zhou	- Topics in Distributed Transactions - Communication: Message Queues	Compendium: Parts 8 and 9
Jan 12, 2023	Yongluan Zhou	- Data Processing: Basic Concepts and External Sorting	Compendium: Parts 10 and 11 Alphasort paper [12] (optional)
	TAs	- Exercises + Q&A + Feedback	Refs above
Jan 12, 2023	THEORY ASSIGNMENT 3 DEADLINE		Submission before 23:59
Jan 17, 2023	Yongluan Zhou	- Data Processing: Implementation of Relational Operators	Compendium: Part 11
Jan 19, 2023	Yongluan Zhou	- Data Processing: Parallelism - Course evaluation + wrap-up + Q&A	Compendium: Part 12 Course materials and your judgment
	TAs	- Final Q&A + Feedback	Course materials and your judgment
Jan 26, 2023	You :-)	ACS WRITTEN EXAM	

References

- [1] Advanced Computer Systems (ACS): DIKU Course Compendium 2015/2016. Collected references from sources cited therein, organized by Marcos Vaz Salles and Michael Kirkedal Carøe.
- [2] Amazon Web Services, AWS Educate. <https://aws.amazon.com/education/awseducate/>. DIKU is part of AWS Educate, which can be used to obtain credits for starter accounts. Students can use a cloud platform for experimentation (optional).
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- [14] F. McSherry, M. Isard, D.G. Murray. Scalability! But at what COST? HotOS 2015. Available at: <https://www.usenix.org/system/files/conference/hotos15/hotos15-paper-mcsherry.pdf>.