

Distributed Information Systems Spring Semester - 2018

CS-423

IN, SC, EL, SV, MES, SIE, Biocomputing Masters

Time and Place

Lecture: Thursday 9:15-11:00 Room CM3

Exercise: Thursday 11:15-12:00 Room CE2

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Distributed Information Systems Laboratory

Goals of the Course

Understand what is a "**Distributed Information System**"?

- e.g. Web Search Engines, Online Social Networks, etc.

Understand which are **key problems** relevant for DIS?

- e.g. modeling, storage, indexing, retrieval, mining, recommending, integration, etc.

Master **common techniques** used to solve these problems

- e.g. vector space retrieval, association rule mining, schema mapping etc.

Assumption: basic knowledge in databases, e.g. from CS-422 Database Systems

Focus of the Course

Master important **Models and Algorithms** for representing and processing information

Data Science

Master the conceptual foundations to practically use tools and platforms for Data Science

- Complementary to *Applied Data Analysis* by Bob West

Other Related Courses

Related courses

- Introduction to natural language processing
- Pattern classification and machine learning
- Social Media

The Course - Lecture

Lecture

- standard ex cathedra lecture
- but feel free to interrupt, ask questions ...

Web platform: Moodle

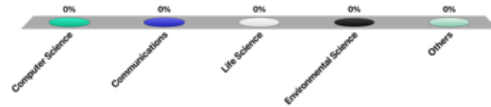
- Course notes and exercises will be published on the Web in advance

Questions using TurningPoint

- Session ID: **DIS2018**
- **Messaging is enabled**

Which section are you from?

1. Computer Science
2. Communications
3. Life Science
4. Environmental Science
5. Others



Did you take Applied Data Analysis

1. Yes
2. No



Exercises

Weekly exercises

- 2-3 problems to solve

Most problems will be (simple) programming exercises (**new this year**)

- Uses Python
- Focus on understanding the techniques (not programming skills, data handling etc)

Exercises and exam questions from previous years will be made available as well

Quizzes – Continuous Control

5 quizzes

- Multiple choice questions on the content covered during the previous two weeks
- At the end of the lecture (15 min)
8.3 / 22.3 / 12.4 / 26.4 / 17.5
- Solutions are presented the next week (15 min)

Plus 1 catch-up quiz

- 31.5
- Only for those that missed an earlier one

Grading

Results of multiple choice quiz will be part of grade: 25%

- When you are excused (e.g. illness) the session is not counted

Final Exam: 75%

- Questions similar to the question in exercises
- will assume you attended the lecture
- will assume you did the exercises
- examples from earlier years (exercises, exams) provided for preparation

Support: to be defined – Likely computer will be admitted at exam

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Schedule

Week	Date	Quiz	Area	Topic
1	22 February 2017		Introduction	Distributed Information Systems - An Overview
2	01 March 2017		Information Retrieval	Text Retrieval Models
3	08 March 2017	YES		IR Processing: Query Expansion and Indexing
4	15 March 2017			Advanced Retrieval Methods
5	22 March 2017	YES		Link-based Ranking, Web search
6	29 March 2017		Data Mining	Frequent Itemsets, Clustering and Classification
7	05 April 2017			<i>Holiday</i>
8	12 April 2017	YES		Classification Pipeline
9	19 April 2017			Social Network Analysis
10	26 April 2017	YES		Recommender Systems
11	03 May 2017		From Documents to Knowledge	Document Classification
12	10 May 2017			<i>Holiday</i>
13	17 May 2017	YES		Semantic Web
14	24 May 2017			Entity and Information Extraction
15	31 May 2017	catch-up quizz		Taxonomy Induction and Integration

Organizational Info

Moodle

- <http://moodle.epfl.ch/course/view.php?id=4051>

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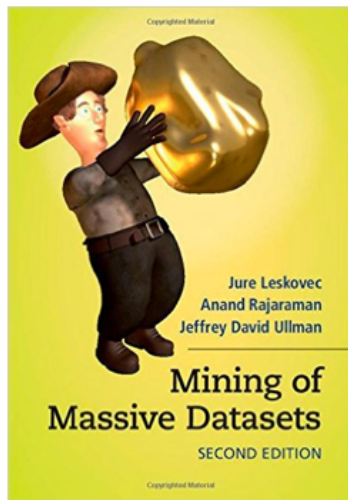
References

Parts of the course are based on the following text books

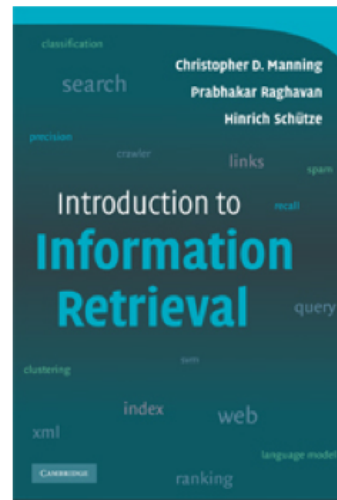
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Further references to the literature will be given during the lecture

Free books



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<http://nlp.stanford.edu/IR-book/>