

Introduction to Operating Systems

0. Course information
Manuel – Fall 2020



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Course arrangements:

- Lectures:
 - Tuesday 8:00 9:40
 - Thursday 8:00 9:40
- Manuel's office hours:
 - Tuesday 12:15 13:45 (JI-437A)
 - Appointment (TBD)
- TAs' office hours: TBA

- Labs:
 - Tuesday 18:20 20:55
 - Wednesday 18:20 20:55

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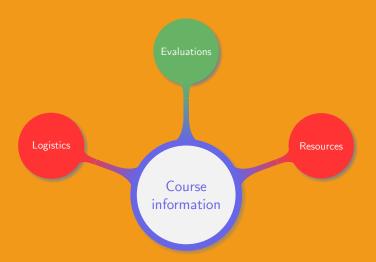
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 - Read and write code
 - 2 Relate known strategies to new problems
 - 3 Perform extra research

Detailed goals:

- Understand the general organisation of an OS
- Understand the hardware organisation
- Be familiar with the concept of process and threads
- Be able to solve common problems related to inter-process communication
- Be able to implement the most common scheduling algorithms
- Be able to analyse, prevent or solve deadlock issues
- Be familiar with the memory management and filesystems
- Be proficient at using Unix systems, spot particular parts of the kernel code, and write clean and well shaped code
- Understand the concept of security in an OS





Homework:

• Total: 8

Content: basic concepts, programming, scripting

Labs:

• Total: 9 + 3

• Content: improve programming skills, work on projects

Projects:

• Total: 3

Content: shell, thread communication, scheduling

Extra: Linux kernel challenges

Grade weighting:

• Homework: 10%

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• Labs: 10%

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Assignment submissions:

Late submission: -10% per day, not accepted after three days

Dirty or hard to decipher: up to -10%

Grades will be curved with the median in the range [B, B+]

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- Allowed:
 - Share ideas and understandings on the course
 - Provide general directions on where or how to find information

Documents allowed during the exams: none

Group works:

- Every student in a group is responsible for his group submission
- If a student breaks the Honor Code, the whole group is sent to Honour Council

Contact us as early as possible when:

- Facing special circumstances (e.g. full time work, illness...)
- Feeling late in the course
- Feeling to work hard without any result

Any late request will be rejected





On Canvas platform:

- Course materials:
 - Syllabus
 - Lecture slides
 - Homework
- Course information:
 - Announcements
 - Notifications

- Labs
- Projects
- Challenges

- Grades
- Surveys

Useful places where to find information:

- Modern Operating Systems, A. Tanembaum
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Never use Baidu in any course

- Work regularly, do not wait the last minute
- Respect the Honor Code
- Go beyond what is taught
- Do not learn, understand
- Keep in touch with us
- Advice and suggestions are always much appreciated



Thank you!