

# COMP90015: Distributed Systems



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  - Raj's Consulting Time:
    - After our formal lecture, I will hand around upto 30 minute in case any of you want to clarify or discuss or talk to me.
    - We will offer one possible during a week before the Assignment deadline if required.



# Head Tutor

- Head Tutor: Siddharth Agarwal
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- Consulting Time:
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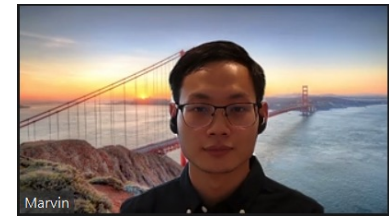
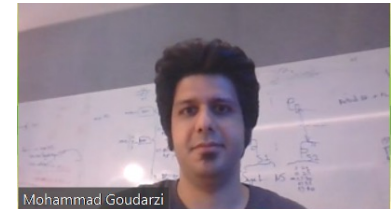


# Tutors (6)

- Handle all tutorials/workshops, assisting with labs/projects and marking of assignments (associated with their tutorials)

- Siddharth Agarwal [siddharth.agarwal1@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:siddharth.agarwal1@unimelb.edu.au)
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- **Note:** Please contact only those who are in-charge of your tutorial.



# Web and Course Schedule

## ■ Course Web Site:

- <http://clouds.cis.unimelb.edu.au/652/>
- Note: LMS gives link to this.
- All announcements, notes, etc. via this page only. LMS can be used for discussions, video lectures, and for assignments.

## ■ Lectures:

- Time:
  - Friday: 3:15-5.15pm - 2 hours – with 5-10 minutes break.
  - Venue: PAR-Old Arts-122 (Public Lecture Theatre - PLT)

## ■ Workshops/Tutorials – 12

- Each session accommodates ~28; Must attend your own Tutorial
- Please make friends in your tutorial!

# Tutorials: Time, Venue and Tutors

## ■ Hybrid - Campus/Online

Tutorial Code ▼▲	Day ▼▲	Time ▼▲	Location ▼▲	Tutorial Status ▼▲	Enrollment	Tutor Name ▼▲
T01/01	Monday	09:00AM	PAR-John Medley-WG05	Scheduled	28	Duneesha Fernando
T01/02	Tuesday	11:00AM	PAR-Kwong Lee Dow-213	Scheduled	30	Siddharth Agarwal
T01/03	Tuesday	05:15PM	X-Online	Scheduled	28	Mohammad Goudarzi
T01/04	Thursday	01:00PM	PAR-Alan Gilbert-102	Scheduled	28	Zhongyi Bai
T01/05	Monday	10:00AM	PAR-John Medley-WG05	Scheduled	28	Siddharth Agarwal
T01/06	Thursday	02:15PM	PAR-Alan Gilbert-102	Scheduled	28	Mashnoon Islam
T01/07	Friday	05:15PM	X-Online	Scheduled	0	
T01/08	Wednesday	03:15PM	PAR-John Medley-EG62	Scheduled	25	Mashnoon Islam
T01/10	Wednesday	09:00AM	PAR-Old Arts-254	Scheduled	29	Duneesha Fernando
T01/11	Tuesday	02:15PM	PAR-David Caro-Podium 207	Scheduled	25	Thanh Hoa Nguyen
T01/12	Tuesday	04:15PM	X-Online	Scheduled	27	Thanh Hoa Nguyen
T01/13	Thursday	04:15PM	X-Online	Scheduled	24	Mohammad Goudarzi
T01/14	Tuesday	05:15PM	X-Online	Scheduled	26	Zhongyi Bai

## ■ Pls choose available slot (if not yet)

Zoom Links for each Tutorial: Please login into LMS/Canvas  
Please join only during your Tutorial slot!

# Wide-Background of Students???

- Master of IT
  - MIT (Comp), MEDC/MIT (DC), MIT (Spatial, CyberSec, HCI, AI)
    - MIT (Distributed Computing) – foundation subject.
- Master of Computer Science
- ME (Software Engineering)
- Master of Data Science
- ++ Students from all over the world joining our Masters programs with varied background.
- So, please understand that we are trying our best to satisfy all of you although it is difficult to please everyone 😊



# Background expectation

- Pre-requisites (All completed):
  - COMP90041 Programming and Software Development (**Java**)
  - COMP90038 Algorithms and Complexity
  - COMP90007 Internet Technologies (**No** Sockets/Threads taught)
  - **OR** Equivalent subjects (with formal evidence)
- If you know “**MORE**” than pre-requisite subjects, then this subject is **NOT** for you.
  - Better take Advanced related/follow-up subject if you know “**More**” than pre-requisite subject coverage (e.g., UniMelb: OS and Network Services).

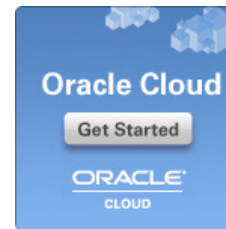


# DS subject is a “foundation” (pre-requisite) for many advanced subjects

- Distributed Algorithms
- Mobile Computing Systems Programming
- Cluster and Cloud Computing
- Distributed Computing Project (for MIT(DC))
- Sensor Networks and Applications
- Parallel and Multi-core Computing
- Some special offerings:
  - Stream Computing?
  - Management and Mining of Spatio-Temporal Data (MapReduce application)

# Why study distributed computing now?

- We have started MEDC, now MIT(DC) degree at a time when distributed systems, particularly the Web and Internet applications/services, are of unprecedented interest and importance.
  - Microsoft .NET
  - Oracle – Oracle 21c
  - IBM – On Demand
  - SAP – enterprise management software
  - Cloud Computing: Amazon EC2, Microsoft Azure, Google AppEngine, Aneka, Force.com, Alibaba China Cloud, Apple iCloud
  - Social Networks: Facebook, WhatsApp, Skype, WeChat....
  - Academic R&D worldwide: Service computing, e-Science, etc.
- MIT(DC) degree and this subject in particular aims to convey insight into, and knowledge of the principles and practice underlying the design of distributed systems.
- The depth covered in this subject enables you to evaluate existing systems or design new ones.



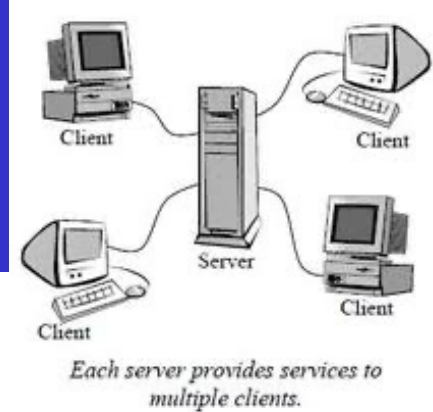
# DS Subject Overview

- Part I: Foundations – approx. 5 weeks
  - Introduction, Inter-process Communication, Socket and Thread Programming, and System Models
- Part II: Programming and Principles – 4 weeks
  - Distributed Objects and Programming,
  - Operating System support services, Distributed Shared Memory Systems
- Part III: Paradigms/Platforms - 3 weeks:
  - RMI, Kerberos, NFS etc. taught during Part I & II
  - Distributed File Systems, Security and Naming Services
- Guest Lectures / Advanced Topics (not in exam)
  - CDN, Cloud, BlockChain, IoT, and industrial applications
- Depth of some parts may be reduced as our School has dedicated subjects on some of these topics:
  - Distributed Algorithms, Software Systems Security, Cluster and Cloud Computing, High-Performance Database Systems

# Course Assessment

- Project work and some short assignments:
  - During the semester worth 40%
    - Assignment 1 (Single): 15%
    - Assignment 2 (Single): 25%
- Written examination:
  - A written examination (three hours) at the end of the semester worth 60%
- All components **must** be completed satisfactorily (50% marks) to pass the subject.

# Assignment 1



## ■ Multi-Threaded Dictionary Server

- Design and Implementation of a Simple Multi-Threaded Distributed System Supporting Access to a Remote Dictionary

## ■ Aim:

- Enhance Understanding of Socket Programming and Multi-Threading
- Gain experience in implementing a simple distributed, client server application.
- “Using a client-server architecture, design and implement a multi-threaded server that returns the meaning of a word as stored in a remote dictionary.”
- Do some smart design/architecture (networking, storage)!

# Assignment 2



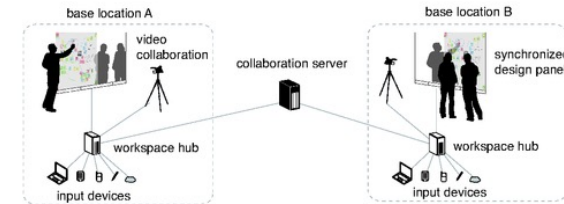
## ■ Distributed Applications Project

### ■ To be decided:

- Distributed, Shared White Board  
OR Net Games along with a chat box.

## ■ Individual Assignment like A1

- You are given a chance to show some creative thinking / architecture (e.g. you can “use client/server or P2P”, “TCP or UDP”)
- Will recommend as Multi-stage project (even if not assessed at each stage)



# Computational Resources

- Your laptop!
  - Use it for both assignments..
- Uni. Computing Resources:
  - Can also be used for simple assignments and learning
  - For demonstration of assignments (along with your own laptops)
  - Your own computing resources!

# Books and References

## ■ Main Text Book:

- CDK: G. Couloris, J. Dollimore, T. Kinberg, and G. Blair, ***Distributed Systems - Concepts and Design***, 5th Edition, Addison-Wesley, Pearson Education, UK, ISBN 0132-143-011.

## ■ Programming Reference:

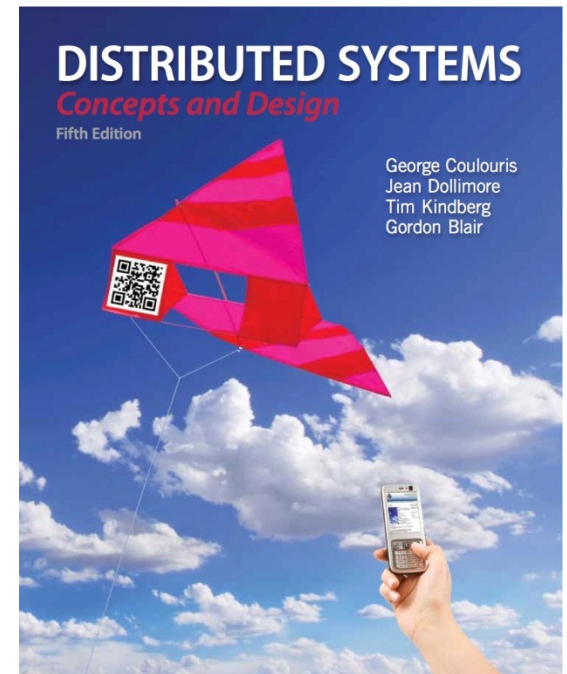
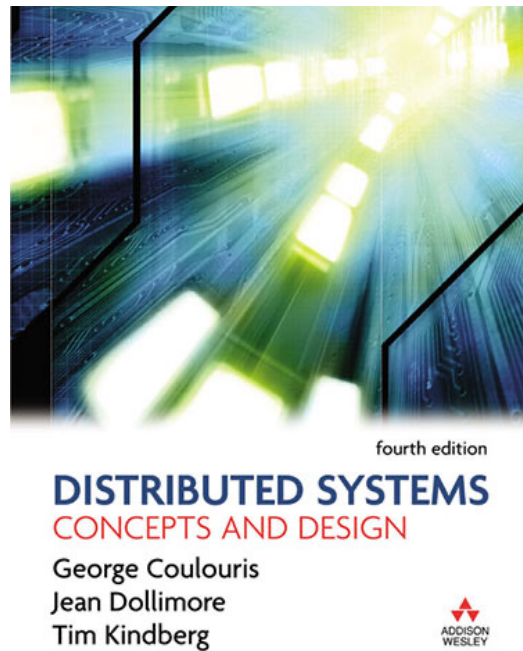
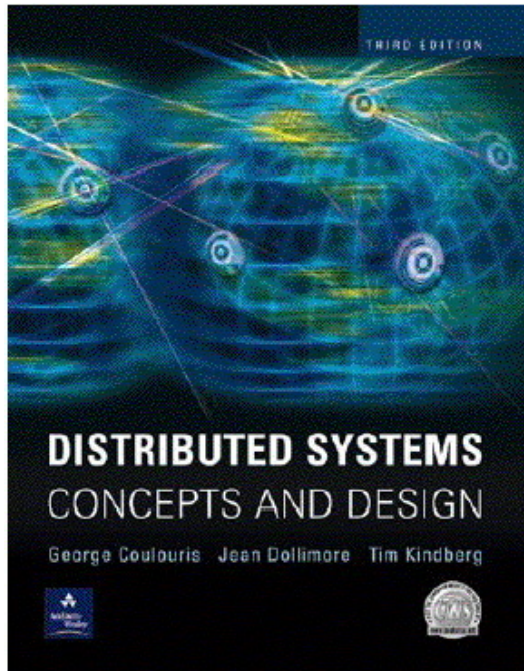
- R. Buyya, S. Selvi, X. Chu, “**Object Oriented Programming with Java: Essentials and Applications**”, McGraw Hill, New Delhi, India, 2009.
- Sample chapters: [clouds.cis.unimelb.edu.au/~rbuyya/java/](http://clouds.cis.unimelb.edu.au/~rbuyya/java/)

## ■ Research Articles:

- To be supplied by the Lecturer (if used)!



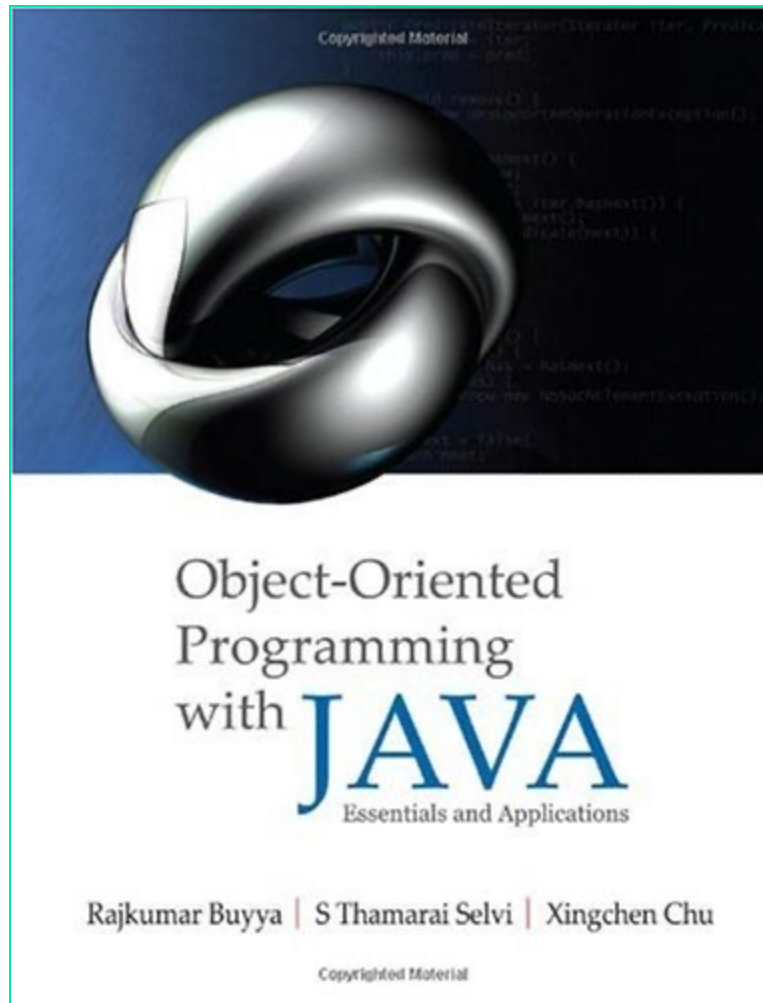
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5th Edition, Addison-Wesley/Pearson Education, UK.



# Programming Reference



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***Object Oriented Programming  
with Java: Essentials and  
Applications***, McGraw Hill, New  
Delhi, India.

Sample chapters at book website:  
<http://clouds.cis.unimelb.edu.au/~rbuyya/java/>

# Presentation Slides

- Usually on the web before the lecture
- They may be fine tuned/updated slightly a day before the lecture to reflect latest developments
  - No need to read Today's lecture content beforehand!
  - You only need to read & understand previous lecture!
  - Do online Quiz (Multiple choice test) on previous lecture topic prior to tutorial –ask Q on difficult topic from quiz.
- Mostly derived from the textbook.
  - *Please procure (or own) the prescribed textbook.*
- Good ideas and figures from alternative textbook or reference may also be used.

# What do we expect from you?

- 1. Regular attendance of lectures
  - Pay full attention, be enthusiastic, fully committed to learn new things, ask questions during the class (especially in Tutorials), participate in discussion.
  - If the class overlaps with others, please choose one subject. This is a great **favour you can do** for yourself.
- 2. Review previous lecture material before coming to the class. – read material from the Textbook
- 3. Start working on assignments right from the day they are announced and submit on time.
- 4. If you have some problem with the lectures/subject/??, please discuss with us **early**.
  - Don't take out your frustrations on me during QoT/SES😊

# QoT (Quality of Teaching) / SES (Subject Experience Survey)

- # I had a clear idea of what was expected of me in this subject

5. Strongly agree :

4. Agree :

3. Neutral :

2. Disagree :

1. Strongly disagree:

Mean :