Design and Analysis of Algorithms

L01: Overview

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About Myself

- Network/Telecommunication/Systems
 - 30+ years
- Academy
 - KSIT (9+ months)
 - PESIT/PESU (6+ yrs))
 - IITD (non-teaching research faculty)
- Industry
 - Cloud, Telecom, N/W, Systems and Applications
- Current Research Interests
 - Data Centre Networking, SDN
 - Network Security, IoT
 - Hands on Networking

About Yourself

- Your background
 - Mix of different streams
 - Knowledge of mathematics
 - Little bit of probability theory
 - Decent level of programming expertise
- Your expectations
 - Outcome you would like to see
 - After Completion of this semester course
 - Specific goals to be achieved
 - Teaching style
 - Any other inputs

Knowledge and Wisdom

- The course is about learning & experiencing
- It is not about knowing (mugging) algorithms
- Knowledge is knowing
 - How to do something
- Wisdom is knowing
 - What, why, how, and when to do it.
- Knowledge can be acquired by learning
- Wisdom is acquired only out of experience
- Objective
 - I want to set the ball rolling in your mind.
 - Down the line you should start thinking
 - Use your own independent experience to learn

Your Life & This Course

- Teaching belief
 - Nothing to teach something how to use it
 - First experienced it myself
- As a human
 - You are bound to make errors
 - Get used to it
 - Learning: be patient
 - Things have its time and don't force things
- Your assignments are as a group/team
 - Story of 4 people

Story of work

- Story of team of four people
 - Everybody, Anybody, Somebody, Nobody
- An important work was to be done
 - Team was asked to do it
 - Everybody thought somebody would do it
 - Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did
- Result
 - Somebody got angry as it was everybody's job
 - Everybody knew that anybody could do it
 - Nobody realized that somebody wouldn't do it

Story of work

- Summary
 - Job was not done
 - Everybody blamed somebody
 - Nobody did what anybody could have done
- Learning:
 - Don't depend on somebody
 - Be anybody

Apply Commonsense to Complex

- A story between GM customer and customer care executive
 - Pontiac Division of GM received crazy complaint
- Background
 - Customer goes for ice cream after dinner each day
 - Eats different ice cream depending on family mood
- Customer buys a new Pontiac
 - Goes in the new car to ice cream shop
 - When he buys vanilla ice cream, car won't start
 - For other ice cream he buys, car starts just fine.

Commonsense to Complex Problems...

- GM finds it a funny complaint but sends supports engineer
 - With lot of skepticism
 - Engineer goes with the man to ice cream shop
 - Buys vanilla ice cream finds it does not start
 - Next day buys chocolate ice cream, it starts fine
 - Next day buys other ice cream, flavor, car starts fine
 - Next day buys vanilla again, car won't start
- Diagnosis: Vapor Lock in engine
- Summary: What Really matters is attitude and perception

Resource Material

- Text Book:
 - T1: Design and Analysis of Algorithms
 - Anany Levitin
 - T2: Computer Algorithms/C++
 - Horowitz, Sahani, Rajsekharan
- RPR slides
 - github.com/rprustagi/2019-H1-15CS43-DAA
- Other resource material
 - Google guru
 - Udacity
 - Coursera etc.

Goals

- Complete your degree with flying colors
- Get a decent job (or higher studies abroad)
 - Most likely a S/W (or H/W) development job
- Steps to achieve your goals
- Do lot more than statutory (exam, lab) work
 - Don't mug up, understand, be creative/innovative
 - Ensure implementations work in all conditions.
 - No external parameters should crash it
 - Avoid the excuse "It works for me on my PC"

Goals...

- Debug and understand your programs/ configuration/deployment
- Discuss with your colleagues
 - Take initiative in explaining
 - Best way to learn is to teach
 - Do your work yourself
- Be interactive & responsive
 - With teachers, colleagues, other resources
- Have fun while studying this course

Learning

- Work hard to know your limits
 - Regularity pays well
 - It takes time for new things to sink in
- Marks are not the end
 - These are just the beginning
 - Doesn't really matter after a while
- Self gain
 - Acquire surrounding, relevant knowledge
 - Expertise in required tools
 - Know to exploit these
- Challenge the teachers
 - Force them to be provider of recent trends

SWOT (/SWOC) Analysis

- What is SWOT (/SWOC)
 - Strength
 - Weakness
 - Opportunity
 - Threats (Challenges)
- Explain with a fun joke

Learning...

- Clarify your doubt
- Don't ASSUME
- If you do assume, following happens

ASS

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ME

Stop not, allowed to go, or
Stop, not allowed to go

Evaluation Methodology

Exams

- External: as per VTU
- Internal:
 - -30 marks: Assignments (4+)
 - 10 marks: ISA3 (based on VTU, full course)

Assignments

- These are programming assignments
 - To be done in team of size 2 or 3
 - Any team member can be asked to explain
- Submissions online (KSIT Centos server)
 - Program should run on server
- Plagiarism will get 0 marks

Course

- Approach
 - Interactive and inquisitive
 - Ask lots of questions
 - Extra material, information

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Classroom Management

- Absence may be costly (or beneficial?)
 - May miss out on understanding the concepts
- Would like to have outstanding students
 - Not (Out)-Standing students
 - Class doors will be closed (after 5 mins)
 - Be in time in class
 - Late comers disturbs the class hygiene
 - (Adhere to Swachh Bharat)
 - Can move out of class any time
- Learn to have class discipline (no cross talks)
 - Will be given time to discuss during exercises

Classroom Management

- Have interactive sessions
 - Be inquisitive
 - All questions, comments are intelligent
 - When in doubt, open your mouth
 - Don't hijack the session

Classroom Management

- Instructor availability
 - My office in Dept
 - During tea break
 - Lunch break??
 - Non-class hours
 - After college hours (till 5:00/5:30pm)
 - CSE Research center
 - On email only
 - Unlikely on social media
 - Whatsapp, Facebook, Twitter, Linkedin etc.

Course Plan

- Excel sheet provides details
- May deviate few times.
- At times will cover more material than needed
- Concept consoliation
 - Will try to suggest exercises beyond labs.
 - Need to know your interest.
 - Will be done after class hours
 - or Saturday

Concept Consolidation

- Be comfortable with Linux
 - The default deployment server for most companies
- Work out the exercises (at the end of chapter)
 - Helps you consolidate the subject
- Learn programming / java extensively well.
 - Write lots of programs
 - (lot more than mandatory)
 - -Labs, assignments
 - Hone up debugging skills
- Enjoy the roller coaster ride
 - Fasten your seat belts

Some Challenges

- Verbal Accent
 - Incomprehensible, fast
 - Ask to repeat, slow down
 - Maintain silence to be audible
- Need to take care Bottom of pyramid

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Prerequisiters

- Prerequisites for this course
 - Review and overhaul of Data Structure course
 - This course heavily depends upon it.
 - Spend time to understand all the concepts.
 - Do your lab programs without digging into memory repository.
 - Willingness to work hard
 - Try out extra exercises

Summary

- Resource material
- Course plan
- Marks and evaluation
- Activities preparedness

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