

# CS341 - Advanced Database Topics @ KAUST

**VENUE: B1-4320** (CS lab - fishbowl room at the middle of level 4)

**TIME:** Sunday, 9:30am-11:00am and Wednesday, 9:30am-11:00am

**Pre-requisites:** Student must have taken CS245 or equivalent course and must have excellent programming experience, preferably in C/C++ and Linux.

**Topics:** The course will focus on Data Management on Parallel and Distributed systems. Topics include: Distributed joins, Distributed Hash Tables, CAN, Chord, the Map-Reduce framework, Eddies, implementation of relational operators on multicore architectures, databases in the Cloud and others. Particular attention will be given to recent research on parallel and distributed systems for Machine Learning and AI.

- Every lecture will focus on one (or at most 2) research paper(s). All students will have to read the paper and write a short review (roughly 150 words).
- One student will present the paper (roughly 30-40min) and then the whole class will discuss the pros and cons of the work.
- Each student must complete a substantial programming project. This year's topic will be the implementation of an algorithm/system related to large graphs. At the very least, the system must run on one GPU; hopefully, it will run on a large number of GPUs. Based on these guidelines, each student must **define their own project**.

**Reading material:** The course will be based on research papers. All papers can be found on the course's wiki: <http://cs341.pbworks.com>. Check the wiki to request access. No textbook is needed. The library has several books on databases that can be used for reference.

**Assessment:**

- Programming project: 40% (deadline: 11-May-2023)
- Oral presentations: 20%
- Paper reviews: 20%
- Class participation: 20%

There will be NO final exam

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## Papers

The schedule below is tentative. It may be rearranged, depending on seminars by visitors. Papers may be added or removed, based on the background of the students and the requirements of the projects.

- MiCS: Near-linear Scaling for Training Gigantic Model on Public Cloud

Zhen Zhang, Shuai Zheng, Yida Wang, Justin Chiu, George Karypis, Trishul A Chilimbi, Mu Li, Xin Jin

<https://www.vldb.org/pvldb/vol16/p37-zhang.pdf>

- DataMUX: Data Multiplexing for Neural Networks

<https://arxiv.org/abs/2202.09318>

- Harmony: Overcoming the Hurdles of GPU Memory Capacity to Train Massive DNN Models on Commodity Servers

<https://www.vldb.org/pvldb/vol15/p2747-li.pdf>

- VARUNA - EuroSys 2022

- DBOS: A DBMS-oriented Operating System

Athinagoras Skiadopoulos, Qian Li, Peter Kraft, Kostis Kaffes, Daniel Hong, Shana Mathew, David Bestor, Michael Cafarella, Vijay Gadepally, Goetz Graefe, Jeremy Kepner, Christos Kozyrakis, Tim Kraska, Michael Stonebraker, Lalith Suresh, Matei Zaharia, <http://www.vldb.org/pvldb/vol15/p21-skiadopoulos.pdf>

[ZeRO: Memory Optimizations Toward Training Trillion Parameter Models](#), Samyam Rajbhandari, Jeff Rasley, Olatunji Ruwase, and Yuxiong He, SC, 2020.

[Near-Optimal Sparse Allreduce for Distributed Deep Learning](#), Shigang Li, Torsten Hoefler, Proceedings of the 27th ACM SIGPLAN Symposium on Principles and Practice of Parallel Programming (PPoPP'22), 2022.

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- p04. [The case for RAMClouds: scalable high-performance storage entirely in DRAM](#), John Ousterhout, et al, *SIGOPS Oper. Syst. Rev.* 43, pp. 92–105, 2010.
- p05. [The Google File System](#). S. Ghemawat, H. Gobioff, S.T. Leung, In Proc. of ACM Symposium on Operating Systems Principles (SOSP), pp. 29-43, 2003.
- p06. [MapReduce: Simplified Data Processing on Large Clusters](#). J Dean and S. Ghemawat, Proc. of Symposium on Operating System Design and Implementation (OSDI), 2004
- p07. [Bigtable: A distributed storage system for structured data](#), F. Chang, J. Dean, S. Ghemawat, W.C. Hsieh, D.A. Wallach, M. Burrows, T. Chandra, A. Fikes, R.E. Gruber, *In Proc. of USENIX-OSDI*, pp. 205-218, 2006.
- p08. [Spark: Cluster Computing with Working Sets](#). Matei Zaharia, Mosharaf Chowdhury, Michael J. Franklin, Scott Shenker, Ion Stoica. *In Proc. of HotCloud*, 2010.
- p09. [C-Store: A Column-oriented DBMS](#), M. Stonebraker, D.J. Abadi, A. Batkin, X. Chen, M. Cherniack, M. Ferreira, E. Lau, A. Lin, S. Madden, E. O’Neil, P O’Neil, A. Rasin, N. Tran, S. Zdonik, *In Proc. of VLDB*, pp. 553-564, 2005.
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- p11. [Matrix Algebra Framework for Portable, Scalable and Efficient Query Engines for RDF Graphs](#), Fuad Jamour, Ibrahim Abdelaziz, Yuanzhao Chen, and Panos Kalnis. In Proc. of EuroSys, 2019.
- p12. [Demystifying Parallel and Distributed Deep Learning: An In-Depth Concurrency Analysis](#), Tal Ben-Nun, Torsten Hoefer, arXiv.org, 2018
- p13. [Exploring Autoencoder-based Error-bounded Compression for Scientific Data](#), Jinyang Liu, Sheng Di, Kai Zhao, Sian Jin, Dingwen Tao, Xin Liang, Zizhong Chen, Franck Cappello, arXiv.org, 2021.
- p14. [Project Adam: building an efficient and scalable deep learning training system](#). Trishul Chilimbi, et al., In Proc of OSDI, pp. 571-582, 2014.
- p15. [TensorFlow: A system for large-scale machine learning](#). M. Abadi et al., In Proc. of 12th USENIX Symposium on Operating Systems Design and Implementation (OSDI), 2016.

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- p17. [Scaling Distributed Machine Learning with In-Network Aggregation](#), Amedeo Sapio, Marco Canini, Chen-Yu Ho, Jacob Nelson, Panos Kalnis, Changhoon Kim, Arvind Krishnamurthy, Masoud Moshref, Dan R. K. Ports, Peter Richtárik, arXiv, 2019.
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- p19. [HOGWILD!: a lock-free approach to parallelizing stochastic gradient descent](#). Feng Niu et al., In Proc. of NIPS, ,pp. 693-701, 2011
- p20. [A domain-specific architecture for deep neural networks](#). N.P. Jouppi, C. Young, N., D. Patterson. In Commun. ACM 61(9), pp. 50-59, 2018. (August 2018), 50-59.
- p21. [Switch Transformers: Scaling to Trillion Parameter Models with Simple and Efficient Sparsity](#), William Fedus, Barret Zoph, Noam Shazeer, arXiv, 2021.
- p22. Scientific Data Compression - Tutorial by F. Capello @ SC21  
Watch all videos and prepare a 500 word summary (no pros/cons)  
Slides: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Rd4dL3tdc1dCL1-X4ul1hhi4W8xW1Wkr?usp=sharing>  
Videos: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pm7RcbPA0tM&list=PL8c70A0sMgXm9yRVrmFAbXCblnNZc43-B>
- p23. [Optimizing Lossy Compression with Adjacent Snapshots for N-body Simulation Data](#), Sihuan Li, Sheng Di, Xin Liang, Zizhong Chen and Franck Cappello, IEEE Big Data, 2018.
- p24. [Kinematic self-replication in reconfigurable organisms](#), Sam Kriegman et al., PNAS, 2021.