

Dependable and Distributed Systems Coursework Assignment 2024-25

Assignment

Fields of scientific research rely on the ability of individuals to find, understand, and relay information about a body of literature. In this assignment you will demonstrate your understanding of a field of research within dependable and distributed systems by writing a literature review of 1,500-2,000 words.

Deadline and Submission

The coursework carries 20% module credit.

The submission deadline is 5pm on Thursday of Week 9, Term 2. Submission is via Canvas.

If you would like feedback on a completed draft, you should email your draft in PDF format to Professor Matthew Leeke (*m.leeke@bham.ac.uk*) at least one week prior to the submission deadline.

Marking Criteria

All submission will be evaluated with regard to five areas: technical coverage, critical analysis, source selection, organisation, and document quality.

Getting Started

To help get started, you should identify a scientific paper relating to dependable and distributed systems. The paper you choose will serve as a starting point for your literature review. You can choose any topic addressed in the paper, provided it is related to dependable and/or distributed systems.

A set of suggested scientific papers is provided on the module Canvas page. You can select one of these paper or identify an alternative paper using resources such as:

- ACM Digital Library (*dl.acm.org*)
- Google Scholar (*scholar.google.com*)
- IEEE Xplore (*ieeexplore.ieee.org*)

If you are unsure anything above, you can find answers to the most frequently asked questions in the release lecture for the coursework. If you can't find the answer to your question, you can always contact Professor Matthew Leeke (*m.leeke@bham.ac.uk*).