Politecnico di Milano – V Facoltà di Ingegneria 088924 – Tecnologie di middleware per sist. dist. (Ord. 270) Prof. G. Cugola - February 25, 2011

Rules:

- You are not allowed to use books, notes, or other material.
- You can answer in Italian or English.
- Total time for the test: 1.5 hour.
- 1. Implement a DoubleBuffer class in Java. The class encapsulates two arrays of integers: Alpha and Beta (size determined at class instantiation time) and offers four methods: addAlpha and addBeta to add data (they suspend the caller if the arrays are full), clear, to clear both arrays, and compute that applies a complex and time consuming computation that involves the elements of both arrays alpha and beta (imagine a static method void Foo.calc(int[], int[]) exists that performs such computation and writes the result on screen). Put your synchronization code to maximize parallelism in case the four methods would be called by different threads. Notice that it is the caller of the compute method which executes the complex computation, not an additional, ad-hoc thread.
- 2. Describe the main differences between RMI and Corba as two middleware systems offering a RPC-like form of communication.

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- 3. Suppose you have to implement a videogame organized in rounds (like a table game, e.g., monopoly). Imagine the different participants have to share some state (e.g, who owns what, where is each participant on the table, etc.). Which middleware would you prefer among those described during the course? Why? Provide also an architectural sketch of the solution (use UML, fragments of code and any other notation you think may help your description).
- 4. Write in Erlang a process (i.e., a function to be spawned) that receives some data, spawns a new process to compute it (the new process executes the pre-defined function foo), and receives back the result (an integer), which it accumulates (i.e., sums) and prints every 10 results received.