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1.1 DISCLAIMER

This book has been generated with [Cyberaide Bookmanager](#).

Bookmanager is a tool to create a publication from a number of sources on the internet. It is especially useful to create customized books, lecture notes, or handouts. Content is best integrated in markdown format as it is very fast to produce the output.

Bookmanager has been developed based on our experience over the last 3 years with a more sophisticated approach. Bookmanager takes the lessons from this approach and distributes a tool that can easily be used by others.

The following shields provide some information about it. Feel free to click on them.

     

1.1.1 Acknowledgment

If you use bookmanager to produce a document you must include the following acknowledgement.

“This document was produced with Cyberaide Bookmanager developed by Gregor von Laszewski available at <https://pypi.python.org/pypi/cyberaide-bookmanager>. It is in the responsibility of the user to make sure an author acknowledgement section is included in your document. Copyright verification of content included in a book is responsibility of the book editor.”

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year =     2019,  
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1.1.2 Extensions

We are happy to discuss with you bugs, issues and ideas for enhancements.
Please use the convenient github issues at

- <https://github.com/cyberaide/bookmanager/issues>

Please do not file with us issues that relate to an editors book. They will provide you with their own mechanism on how to correct their content.

2 SYLLABUS

2.0.1 Syllabus Engineering Cloud Computing



Learning Objectives

- Get a quick overview what the class is about
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2.0.1.1 Instructor

- Gregor von Laszewski laszewski@gmail.com
- Office hours: By appointment

2.0.1.2 Audience

- We recommend you know one programming language.
- Knowledge of python is of advantage but not required. Python is easy.

2.0.1.3 Course summary

This class will introduce you to state-of-the-art cloud computing concepts and engineering approaches. This will include virtual machines, containers and Map/Reduce. The course will have a Lab in which you can practically explore these concepts. You will for example have the option to create a cloud as part of this course and explore cloud computing tools and frameworks.

2.0.1.4 References

The course does not have required readings. We will provide the following references as pointers to what we will discuss:

- [Cloud Computing](#)

- [Linux](#)
- [Python](#)
- [Markdown](#)

However, please remember we will select topics and include material that is or may not be covered in these books. The books will evolve during the semester.

2.0.1.5 Tools

You will be required to have a computer to log into the cloud. We will give you access to an OpenStack cloud. Access to Azure, AWS, Google and others can be achieved through their free tier,

2.0.1.6 Course Schedule

Week	References
1	Course Introduction
2	Cloud Data Centers
3	Python for Cloud Computing, Start of Project Selection
4	Cloud Architectures
5	Virtualization I - OpenStack
6	Virtualization II - AWS, Azure, Google
7	Multi Cloud Environment
8	Cloud Technology Presentation - Project Review
9	Containers - Docker, Kubernetes
10	Map Reduce
11	Messaging
12	REST
13	GO
14	Project Work
15	Projects Due
16	Project Improvements

For each of the topics you will find one or more relevant chapters or sections in our online book.

2.0.1.7 Attendance

Attendance accounts for 10% of your final grade. If you need to skip class for any reason, you need to notify the instructor and TAs

2.0.1.8 Assignments

This course will not have exams. Instead, we have the following graded assignment categories:

- Lab Assignments (pass/fail) are assignments that will be conducted on a weekly basis. They will help you making sure you not only understand the material theoretically, but try them out.
- Cloud Technology Review and Examples (Graded): (This can be substituted for more programming in your project). This is a document about a Cloud technology that is not yet included in our handbook to introduce an interested party to it. It should not contain advertisements but be a rational description of the technology with examples that you have tried yourself. You will have to give a non plagiarized presentation and document about it.
- Project Assignments (Graded): The most important part of the class for which you will be working throughout the semester. Up to three students can work in a project. In case of group projects, the project deliverables are increased.

The project has three submissions that are spread throughout the semester. Each submission builds on the previous one and modifies previous documents into a consistent project report and documentation for your project.

- Project Outline

A description of what your project is about and how it relates to cloud computing and address:

- What is the problem you try to address?
 - What are you doing to address this problem?
 - How are you addressing this problem?
 - What is the architecture that addresses the problem that you will implement?
- Code and Documentation Review
 - You will be asked to have a meeting with the TA's and/or instructor to showcase your code and have at least one review prior to your final submission.
 - This will usually take place through the Lab hours on regular basis.
 - A first project discussion must have been done at least once at midterm time.
 - Final Project Submission
 - All code and documentation must be checked into GitHub well before the semester is over. This allows us to give you feedback for improvements.

Please note that the syllabus is subject to change. Students in this class often come from a wide variety of backgrounds and experiences. As such, the instructor reserves the right to change the content of the course to accommodate the needs and expectations of the students.

2.0.1.9 Grade Breakdown

- 70% Project
- 10% Chapter
- 10% Assignments
- 10% Participation

There is no exam or midterm in this class, however there will be a project review at midterm time.

2.0.1.10 Project Examples

- <https://cloudmesh.github.io/cloudmesh-manual/projects/index.html>

2.0.1.11 Statement on Academic Misconduct

Students will be expected to uphold and maintain academic and professional honesty and integrity as outlined in the Code of Student Rights, Responsibilities, and Conduct. Cases of academic misconduct will be handled according to the student disciplinary procedures described in IU's policies.

3 OVERVIEW

3.1 SUMMARY

Please watch the following video and read this chapter.

-  [Overview Engineering Cloud Computing 2019](#)

3.2 COMMUNICATION

3.2.1 Class Material

Most class material is distributed as ePubs or PDF. ePub renders on many computers nicely, thus we recommend you use ePub instead of PDFs. Please Install an ePub Reader if your system does not have one.

- macOS: Built in use Books
- Windows 10: Built in use edge
- others: [Calibre](#)

Naturally you can read the ePubs also on your tablet computers if you have one with lots of memory. Please be aware that the documents will be updated weekly and you need to download them accordingly. Make sure you clear the cache if your browser prevents the download.

3.2.2 Piazza

This class uses piazza for communication. It is your responsibility to enroll in the Piazza for the class. A link to our Piazza is provided in CANVAS. Piazza works just like a forum in which you can ask questions or post notes. In case of a question students and teachers can formulate answers. A thread system in the question can be used to gather the answer.

- <https://piazza.com/iu/fall2019/e516fall19>

You will get a grade for participation in the class discussions on Piazza. Please note that we do not recommend you go from CANVAS to piazza as CANVAS has a bad layout and in fact does not allow you to see the Piazza Hyperlinks. Instead go to Piazza directly.

3.2.3 Class Resources

All class material will be posted at

- <https://piazza.com/iu/fall2019/e516fall19/resources>

3.2.4 Online Meeting

If you are an online student:

A poll has been posted that you must fill out before Friday of the first week of the semester for possible meeting times.

- <https://piazza.com/class/jzkfveoqwri3e4?cid=8>

The link to the meeting information is at

- <https://piazza.com/class/jzkfveoqwri3e4?cid=7>

3.2.5 Assignments

All Assignments are links in the piazza resource page as a simple link to CANVAS in the resources page:

- <https://piazza.com/iu/fall2019/e516fall19/resources>

3.2.6 Post Your Bio

To assure that you have access to Piazza and can post to it, please, post a formal Bio.

3.2.7 Evolving Document

This document is improved throughout the semester with weekly activities. We recommend that you regularly download a new version. Be aware that some browsers or ePub readers may cache the previous version. Thus make sure to check out the newest version.

3.2.8 Books

This class does not use books from publishers as cloud computing is constantly changing and by the time you place the purchase order, the book may already be outdated. Instead we have prepared online books that are constantly evolving.

We like to illustrate on a simple example on what happened to us in the past. We prepared with great detail information about Azure. However throughout the semester the way on how to interact with it was changed dramatically. Now if you would have had a book, the entire chapter about Azure would have been outdated. However, within less than a week, we were able to replace the content so everyone in class can benefit from our updates very quickly. Not only that, because our material is online you will likely find an updated version in future even after your class is completed. No printed text book can provide this service.

We have the following books in ePub and PDF available. The ePub version is our preferred version:

- [List of Books](#)

The weekly Lecture notes are contained at

- [e516: Cloud Computing Engineering](#)

This page will bring you to the following books that we use as part of e516. It will also clearly specify which assignments you need to do as part of the weekly Lab activities.

- [Cloud Computing](#)
- [Linux](#)
- [Python](#)
- [Markdown](#)

3.2.9 You Get Credit for Improving the Books

Please note that improving the document in GitHub via pull requests will get you credits. This is an easy opportunity for you to get an excellent grade.

3.2.10 Ongoing Agenda

 We will add here on a weekly basis the topics and Labs that we will cover in the coming week(s). Please be aware that just as in regular lectures we add the agenda items and follow the Syllabus. We may change the order of the topics covered in the syllabus as appropriate.

3.3 QUICK TIPS

3.3.1 Requirements

We recommend that you know one programming language. Although most activities are done in Python, this programming language does not have to be Python as it can easily be learned throughout the semester. No background in cloud computing is needed.

3.3.2 Time Commitment

Any class at an university requires a significant time commitment. Due to the different background the students have it is difficult to predict the actual time needed. On average we see that students spend 6 hours on the class if they do participate on a weekly basis. Students with little programming experience spend up to 12 hours.

3.3.3 Course Material List

Course material will be distributed as ePubs, PDF, Video or Presentations. However you will be required to research some topics on the internet as Cloud Computing ia arapidly evolving field and we find the most up to date information on the Web. We also ask you to help us updating the ePub and to use additional resources as appropriate.

The list includes:

- [Cloud Computing \[1\]](#)
- Cloud Technologies, Gregor von Laszewski [\[2\]](#)
- Project Report Format, Gregor von Laszewski [\[3\]](#)
- Introduction to Python [\[4\]](#)
- Linux for Cloud Computing [\[5\]](#)
- Scientific Writing with Markdown [\[6\]](#)

3.3.4 Help

If you take our class, please use piazza to ask for help. This is important as questions may be answered by different Teaching Assistants (TAs) based on expertise. Please, do not send e-mail to the instructors. TAs are not allowed to answer e-mail send to them personally.

3.3.5 How to Take this Class

This class is attended by students with greatly different backgrounds and time schedules. To be most flexible and address all students there are two different ways on how you can take this class.

- Way 1: *Free form*. Here you simply look at the Syllabus table for the semester and identify whatever section you feel like reading (when it becomes available). However, make sure you conduct our weekly **Lab activities**.
- Way 2: *Chronological order*. The lecture notes are ordered chronological. Thus you can follow our lecture also in chronological order.

Please note that we have set aside a recommended set of weekly Lab activities. The activities are pass-fail and will be integrated in your grade. You are certainly allowed to work ahead, but please be aware that based on feedback and observation we may make modifications to the Labs.

Typically, Lab activities are supposed to be completed within one week as it alerts us of problems you might have that we can then address. This assures us that we know you will have no issues with your project.

Lab activities will not receive any credit if you are a residential student and the activity has not been completed within one week. However, residential students will get two **Delay a Lab for One Week** passes that you can apply to any of the Labs and still get credit.

If you are an online student we recommend that you finish the Labs also in one week. However, you will get eight **Delay a Lab for One Week** passes that you can apply to any of the Labs.

Please note that if you would need to postpone a lab for two weeks, you need to use two passes. Lab passes expire one month before the last day of class. You will have to complete all labs by that time. No credit will be given at that time if this deadline is missed for any delayed Labs as TAs must focus their attention on project support.

Lab passes do not apply to other assignments and due dates.

3.3.6 Assignments

Besides the Lab's, we have only two main assignments in this class. The Lab's will prepare you towards achieving these assignments.

3.3.6.1 Technology Review

Students doing projects related to cloudmesh are exempt from writing a technology review, but are expected to do more programming and making sure the project has a manual and proper documentation.

As part of cloud engineering you will be exposed to a large set of technologies. To sharpen your skills in analyzing and evaluating these technologies, you will be asked to prepare a technology review that is being added to a class proceedings.

This includes a substantial non-plagiarized document that can be added as a chapter to the lecture notes. The review must be done on a topic that is not yet included in our book. The review will not include advertisement statements from those that have developed the technology, but will qualitatively describe the technology and potentially contrast it to other related technologies. In addition

you will have to develop an example showcasing how to use the technology. The minimal length of a review is about 800 words.

An example for such a section is

- GraphQL in the Cloud Computing book

Alternatively you can prepare several different smaller sections (at least 5) that may not have an example in it but are more of descriptive nature. Sample sections contributed by students include:

- Section Microsoft Nafik Data Center in the Datacenter Chapter
- Section Lambda Expressions in *Introduction to Python*



It is expected from you that you self identify a section yourself, as this shows competence in the area of cloud computing. If however you do not know what to select, you must attend an online hour with us in which we identify a topic with you. Technologies that are not repeatable due to enormous cost or licensing issues need to get prior approval.

3.3.6.2 Project

The objective of the project is to define a clear problem statement and create a framework to address that problem as it relates to cloud computing.

A project is the major activity that you chose as part of your class. This includes a project report* or *manual* and working project code. You will create a significant non-trivial project related to cloud computing and cloud engineering. Up to three students can collaborate. The project could be built on top of a previous project but must have significant additions or modifications. If a previous project is used, a detailed discussion is to be held on what has been improved and is different.

In this class it is especially important to address the reproducibility of the deployment. A test and benchmark, possibly including a *downloadable* dataset, must be used to verify the correctness of your approach.

3.3.6.2.1 License

All projects are developed under an open source license, such as the Apache 2.0 License. You will be required to add a LICENCE.txt file and describe how other software, if used, can be reused in your project. If your project uses different licenses, please add a README.md file that describes which packages are used and what licenses these packages have.

3.3.6.2.2 Project Report

A project report is to be delivered and continuously improved throughout the semester in GitHub. It includes not just the analysis of a topic, but a short description of the Architecture and code, with **benchmarks** and demonstrated use. Obviously it is longer than a term paper and includes descriptions about reproducibility of the application. A README.md is provided that describes how others can reproduce your project and run it. Remember that tables and figures do not count towards the paper length. The following minimal length is required:

- 800 words, one student in the project
- 1200 words, two students in the project
- 1400 words, three students in the project

Projects with more students are expected to do more programming. The report is written in markdown and checked into GitHub. The report will be made available in a class proceedings. A Report could be substituted by a manual and benchmarks. In this case a one page extended abstract has to be written, that includes the link to the manual.

For certain projects, the requirement of a report can be waved or is significantly reduced while replacing it with more programming activities. This includes

- Any project that enhances cloudmesh
- Building a large cloud cluster with Raspberry Pi's
- Any Application project showcasing NIST big data reference architecture use (there is a hard deadline of the NIST project by Dec 1st).

However you still have to do a manual and usage examples, benchmarks and

`pytest`s for them.

3.3.6.2.3 Project Code

You are expected to deliver a **documented** and **reproducible** code with unit tests that allows a TA to replicate the project with ease. In case you use vm or container images, they must be created from **scratch locally** and may not be uploaded to services such as DockerHub. You can, however, reuse approved vendor uploaded images such as from ubuntu or centos or other linux distributions. All code, scripts, and documentation must be uploaded to github.com under the class specific GitHub directory.

3.3.6.2.4 Project Data

Data is to be hosted on IU's Google drive, if needed. If you have larger data, it should be downloaded from the internet. It is your responsibility to develop a download program. The data **must** not be stored in GitHub. You are expected to write a python program that downloads the data either from the Web or IU's data storage.

3.3.6.2.5 Work Breakdown

This is an appendix to the document that describes in a bullet list who did what in the project. If you are a team of one such a section is not needed. This section comes after the references. It does not count towards the page length of the document. It must includes explicit URLs to the git history that documents the statistics to demonstrate more than one student has worked on the project. If you can not provide such a statistic or all check-ins have been made by a single student, the project has shown that they have not properly used git. Thus, points will be deducted from the project. Furthermore, if we detect that a student has not contributed to a project, we may invite the student to give a detailed oral presentation of the project including a demonstration of the examples in real time.

3.3.6.2.6 Bibliography

All bibliography has to be provided in a BibTex file that **must** either be validated with **jabref** or with **emacs**. Please be advised doing references

correctly takes some time so you want to do this early and throughout the semester. What would take less than 5 minutes a week, could quickly add up to multiple hours at the end of the semester. Please note that exports of Endnote or other bibliography management tools do not lead to properly formatted bibtex files, despite their claims of doing so. You will have to clean them up and we recommend to do it the other way around. Hence, the easiest way to manage your bibliography is with *jabref* or *emacs*. Make sure **labels** only include characters from [a-zA-Z0-9-]. Use dashes and not underscore and colons (, :) in the label. Your labels must be meaningful and unique. We will deduct points if you submit an invalid *BibTex* file to GitHub. So please make sure your file is validated. You can even create your own checks with tools such as `biber`.

We will teach you what to do it is easy.

3.3.6.2.7 Reproducibility

In general, any project must be deployable by the TA. If it takes hours to deploy your project, please talk to us before final submission. This should not be the case. Also, if it takes 100 steps, we are sure you can automate them ... as you are likely doing something wrong or have not thought about cloud computing where we tend to automate most of the steps.

You have plenty of time to execute a wonderful project but you need to work consistently on it. Starting one week before the deadline will not work.

The best way to assure reproducibility is to use `pytest`. We will discuss how to do that in class.

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3.3.6.2.8 List of Deliverables

In general your deliverables will include the following (We will address and explain them in a Lab):

- Provide benchmarks.
- Take results in a cloud services and your local PC (ex: Chameleon Cloud, echo kubernetes). Make sure your system can be created and deployed

based on your documentation.

- Each team member must provide a benchmark on their computer and a cloud IaaS, where the cloud is different from each team member.
- We require you to write one or more pytest's that deploys, run, kill, view, clean that deploys your environment, runs application, kills it, views the result and cleans up after wards.
- For python use a requirements.txt file and develop a `setup.py` so your code can be installed with `pip install .`
- For docker use a Dockerfile

We will teach you what to do ...

3.3.6.2.9 Example Outline of a Report

- (If not exempt) write a report that typically includes the following sections:
 - Abstract
 - Introduction
 - Design
 - Architecture
 - Implementation
 - Technologies Used
 - Results
 - Deployment Benchmarks
 - Application Benchmarks
 - (Limitations)
 - Conclusion
 - (Work Breakdown)
- Your report will **not** have a *Future Work* section as this implies that you will do work in future and your paper is incomplete. Hence we would not grade it. Instead, you can use an optional “Limitations” section.
- Do communicate your status and add a *Workbreakdown* section in which you outline which tasks need to be done and by whom in case of a group project. Once you have done a task simply include maker a task as follows

* [done, Gregor] This was gregors task to showcase how to mark it

In case you have an exemption for the project report you need to use `sphinx` and document your code as part of a manual. We will explain the details in one of our labs.

3.3.7 Submission

All submissions are conducted via GitHub if not otherwise instructed. Technology reviews are to be added to the `book` GitHub repo with the help of pull requests. The TA's will work with you to integrate them.

As we are working continuously throughout the semester you must indicate your activities in a `README.yaml` file in your GitHub repo. The GitHub Repo we will define for you in the first 2 weeks of the semester.

An example for the `README.yaml` file is shown next

```
---
owner:
  firstname: Gregor
  lastname: von Laszewski
  hid: fa18-523-00
  community: i523
  semester: fa18
chapter:
  - keyword: IoT
    title: Role of Big Data in IoT
    url: https://github.com/cloudmesh-community/fa18-523-00/blob/master/chapter1/paper.md
    group: fa18-523-00 fa18-523-01
  - keyword: Datacenter
    title: Green IT data centeres in the US
    url: https://github.com/cloudmesh-community/fa18-523-00/blob/master/chapter2/paper.md
    group: fa18-523-00
project:
  - keyword: Cloud Cluster
    title: Raspberry PI Cloud Cluster
    url: https://github.com/cloudmesh-community/fa18-523-00/tree/master/project-report
    group: fa18-523-00 fa18-523-01
    code: TBD
```

You **MUST** run `yamllint` on the `README.yaml` file. YAML errors will cause point deductions. Any invalid yaml file will result in point deductions. Please keep your yaml file valid at any time. Our scripts depend on it. The yaml file will also be used to create a list for TAs to review your deliverables. If it's not in the yaml file it will not be reviewed. Please note that it is not sufficient to just run `yamllint`, but to compare your yaml file carefully with the `README.yaml` examples. Make sure you do the indentation with 2 spaces, do not use the TAB character and make sure you use the list and attribute organization with proper dash placement. Work with the TAs if you have difficulties. If you copy, only copy from the raw content in GitHub. If you work on more

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3.3.8 Bonus Projects

This class will not have any bonus projects, as all additional activities should be put in your project or chapter/review contribution. However, we will recognize extraordinary efforts in these activities.

3.3.9 Participation

In addition to these artifacts, there will also be a participation component in class that will be determined based on your productive contributions to piazza to help others that have questions and contributions to the books to, for example, improve sections with spelling, grammer or content. We can see from the GitHub history if you conducted such improvements. Make sure that technical contributions, work on all OSes and are not just targeting a single OS if the improvement is of general nature (exceptions apply).

4 WEEKLY AGENDA

4.1 WEEK 1: COURSE INTRODUCTION

4.1.1 Assignments

All graded class assignments are posted at

- <https://iu.instructure.com/courses/1822529/assignments>

We provide in this document all activities we do in each week

4.1.2 Online Meeting Recording

The first online meeting for week 1 which will be repeated on Thursday 8-9:30pm has been recorded and is available at

-  [Online Meeting Recording for Week 1](#)

4.1.3 Class Videos

Please watch the following video and

-  [Overview Engineering Cloud Computing 2019](#)

Next, review the following chapters in the book

[Cloud Computing, Gregor von Laszewski, Ed. 2019 \[1\]](#):

- Chapter: Preface, ePUB Readers
- Chapter: Overview
- Chapter: Definition of Cloud Computing (and its videos)

4.1.4 Lab Activities

Summary:

- Post your professional bio to piazza
- Setup your computer
- Create the cloud accounts and fill out the form [Cloud Accounts](#)
- Install python on your computer (python 3.7.3 or 3.7.4)
- Update pip
- Install an ePUB Reader
 - macOS: Build in use Books
 - Windows 10: Build in use edge
 - others: [Calibre](#)

Next we provide some more details. If you have questions ask on [Piazza](#)

4.1.4.1 Account Creation

As part of the class you will need a number of accounts. This includes:

- piazza.com (used for communication)
- github.com (used for project and other class artifacts)
- chameleoncloud.org (free cloud account)
- futuresystems.org (GPU & container)
 - Please join this [project](#)

After you created the accounts, please fill out the following form so we can set up the class accounts and in case of github we create you a class repository for you.

- [Cloud Accounts](#)

Optional accounts (apply once you need them, some are time limited):

- google.com (optional)
- aws.com (optional)
- azure.com (optional)
- Watson from IBM (optional)

- google Iaas (optional)

We will never ask you for your passwords

4.1.4.2 Bio

This activity serves two purposes. First, it tells us we can communicate with you within [Piazza](#), and second, you can introduce yourself to others in piazza to potentially build project or study teams.

4.1.4.3 Python 3.7.4

Please set up a computer on which you can do Python development. We recommend that you use python from <http://python.org>. We will not provide any support for conda, as conda has hundredst of libraries that we are not interested in using. Also note that conda modifies your environment without telling you. Certainly you can use virtualbox, or containers in case you like to isolate your development environment from your other systems. Please remember that conda has significant disadvantages of often working with outdated libraries. As developer of future software you may want to avoid this. If you use python from python.org we recommend that you use venv.

4.1.4.4 Questionnaire

In this activity you will be filling out a form with information about you so we can assess how to best integrate you in this class. It is not important that you know any of the technologies we ask you about.

- [Background Questionnaire](#)

4.2 WEEK 2: CLOUD DATA CENTERS

4.2.1 Online Meeting Recording

The online meeting recording from Tue Sep 3, 2019 is available from this link:

-  [Online Meeting Recording for Week 2](#)

This meeting lasted actually half an hour later, but included duplicated questions that we removed.

4.2.2 Lecture Material

A new version of the following books have been released:

- [e516 Lecture Notes Engineering Cloud Computing, Gregor von Laszewski, Ed. 2019 \[7\]](#):
- [Cloud Computing, Gregor von Laszewski, Ed. 2019 \[1\]](#):

Please read the section in [Cloud Computing\[1\]](#): about **Data Centers**. We decided not to do a video as the material in this section frequently changes and videos became too quickly outdated.

Do the following assignments:

- E.Datacenter.2.a
- E.Datacenter.2.b
- E.Datacenter.3
- E.Datacenter.4
- E.Datacenter.5
- E.Datacenter.8

Optional:

- E.Datacenter.9

4.2.3 Lab Activities

- Make sure you have completed the application for the chameleon cloud as we will use that in our lab soon.
- Make sure you have Python set up. Read up on virtualized python environments as used in python 3.7.4. Its super simple. Understand what the command

```
$ cd ~  
$ python -m venv ENV3  
$ source ENV3/bin/activate
```

Those using Windows, please find out how to do it on Windows, provide a document venv-windows.md in your HID directory describing it.

Those using conda/anaconda, please find out how to do it with conda/anaconda, provide a document venv-conda.md in your HID directory describing it.

Make sure you create a separate venv for this class called ENV3 that we will use for this class and should not be used for other classes as we do not want to create side effects. Please also be aware that at times it may be necessary to delete your python environment in case you do something wrong and it would be unwise to combine all your python activities into one python install.

You will not receive any points for just installing python, without being able to create a virtualized python deployment.

Our Python book and the internet will help. This feature is built into Python 3! so it is super easy to use.

4.2.3.1 Receive your HID

Make sure you have received an HID on github. Look it up at

- <https://github.com/cloudmesh-community>

Make sure to accept the github invitation and try add a file. You can use either the GUI way with *Create new File* or if you are familiar with github use the command line tools. Next week we will introduce you to convenient tools so you can develop your programs more easily in github.

4.2.3.2 README.yml

Make sure the information in your README.yaml file is accurate. Make sure to change the value in community and use your class number. This will be either 516 or 649. Please note when we ask you for your hid number it is the entire hid number not just the last three digits.

```
---  
owner:  
firstname: Gregor  
lastname: von Laszewski  
hid: hid-000  
community: 516  
semester: fa19
```

4.2.3.3 Optional: Plagiarism Certificate

When writing contributions that can be integrated into the class material, it is important that it is not plagiarized. It is most important that you not just copy content from Web pages, but make appropriate modifications and provide credit to where you found this information.

As you certainly will have learned from other classes what plagiarism is and how not to plagiarize you will probably be fine. However, we often find one or two students in a class that do not know what it is. Therefore we **STRONGLY RECOMMEND** that you take the plagiarism certificate offered by IU. This has the advantage that you can show it in other classes and show you are informed. Please also read the code of conduct rules at IU.

For this reason we included this material also in part in the Book

- Scientific Writing with Markdown

Please read the chapter about Plagiarism.

Please be aware that we may conduct superior plagiarism tests. Our tests are even better than “Turn-it-in” while we are able to identify “translations” from other languages, copies of text from non-public external university servers, and company archives that turn-it-in does not check. IU has a strict policy that we must follow. Plagiarism/cheating could lead to expulsion from the university. The argument *I did not know what plagiarism is* does not count according to IU rules. You must know what it is prior to you taking a course at IU.

It is not subject of this class to teach you what plagiarism is. We do this just to remind you to avoid any uncertainty about it.

4.3 WEEK 3: CLOUD COMPUTING ARCHITECTURES

Start of Project Selection

4.3.1 Online Meeting Recording

This meeting will take place Sep 10, 2019, 8-9pm EST

4.3.2 Lecture Material

A new version of the following books have been released:

- [e516 Lecture Notes Engineering Cloud Computing, Gregor von Laszewski, Ed. 2019 \[7\]](#)
- [Cloud Computing, Gregor von Laszewski, Ed. 2019 \[1\]](#)
- [Introduction to Python for Cloud Computing, Gregor von Laszewski, Ed. 2019 \[4\]](#)

Reading Assignments:

1. Read in the book [Cloud Computing \[1\]](#) the chapter about Cloud Architectures.
2. Read in the book [Introduction to Python for Cloud Computing \[4\]](#) the chapter about Cloudmesh

4.3.3 Lab Activities

We have the following goals

- install python 3.7.4 on your computer. YOU can either use `python.org`, `conda`, or `pyenv`. Which you chose is your choice. For this class the preferred way of installing python is from `python.org`.

4.3.3.1 Ungraded Activities

For the ungraded activities, no submission is needed.

4.3.3.1.1 Review: venv in python 3

This Lab is inly to be chose by those using python 3 from `python.org` which is

our preferred environment.

```
python -m venv ~/ENV3
```

Please understand the following concepts (no submission needed):

- How do you activate the virtual env in your OS?
- How do you modify your `.bashrc` file?
- Why do you need to use `venv` for this class?

4.3.3.1.2 Review: Conda

This Lab has only to be done by those using anaconda/conda.

- What problems may you encounter when using anaconda as python developer?
- Let us assume you use anaconda on your virtual machines in the cloud. Let us assume you start 1000 vms all using anaconda. What is the overhead in wasted space on these machines if you just wanted to use a simple regular python program on these VMs?
- How do you find out how much space is used by your program and its libraries?
- How do you switch between anaconda and regular python 3.7.4
- What is the difference between conda, miniconda, anaconda?
- Why do you want to use a virtual environment even for conda/anaconda?

4.3.3.1.3 Dicts

We like to remind you about dicts in python.

Read up upon dicts and experiment with them.

- How do you merge the content of two dicts?

4.3.3.1.4 f-Strings in Python 3

Python 3 provides some very nice way of using variable names as part of string manipulations.

- Locate the PEP 498 and study it:
<https://docs.python.org/3/whatsnew/3.6.html#whatsnew36-pep498>

Try out the following

```
test = "Gregor"
msg = f"This is a test {test}"
print (msg)

def f(test):
    msg = f"This is a test {test}".format(**locals())
    print (msg)

from cloudmesh.common.debug import VERBOSE
d = {"test": "Gregor"}
VERBOSE(d)
```

In one of the examples `locals()` is used.

- What does `locals` do?
- What does `**` in the `format` statement do?

4.3.3.1.5 Classes

This can be completed at a later time

- What is `self` in classes?
- Why does `self` needs to be used in regular method definitions in classes?
- What can I do with `init` and why is it used?
- What is `cls` and `@classmethods`?
- Why would one use `@statusmethod`?

4.3.3.1.6 Python Modules

This can be completed at a later time

- What is a `setup.py` file
- What is the difference between `pip install .` and `pip install -e .`
- How do I uninstall a python module?
- My python virtual environment is broken, What do you do now?

We will be discussing these question in the Labs (online/and residential).

4.3.3.2 Graded Activities

In the book [Introduction to Python for Cloud Computing](#) [4] please do the following assignments

- E.Cloudmesh.Common.1
- E.Cloudmesh.Common.2
- E.Cloudmesh.Common.3
- E.Cloudmesh.Common.4
- E.Cloudmesh.Common.5
- E.Cloudmesh.Shell.1
- E.Cloudmesh.Shell.2
- E.Cloudmesh.Shell.3

4.3.4 Project selection

You will be selecting a cloud related project over the next 2 weeks that you will be conducting till the end of the semester. The project must have the following requirements:

- Programming is conducted in python if another programming language is used, please contact us and motivate the use. You will also have to do part of your programming to for example coordinate the deployment or the benchmark likely in python.
- The project must use OpenAPI 3.0 to define a REST service. We will teach you how to do that in a future activity.
- The project must use connexion to automatically generate the rest service (please do not use swagger codegen). We will teach you how to do that in a future activity.
- The project must use at least $1 + n$ clouds for each team member. Where n is the number of team members with maximum 3 team members. We will teach you how to do that in a future activity.

- The code must use pytests. We will teach you how to do that in a future activity.
- The code must use `cms sys generate`. This is one of the lab assignments for this week.
- The code must use the `cloudmesh benchmark/stopwatch` class. This is one of the lab assignments for this week.
- If an AI service is used we recommend to use scikit-learn or Kearos and contrast it with AI services offered by cloud providers. This will be discussed in upcoming lectures.
- You must provide a report with meaningful benchmarks.
- You will have to write a report. We will discuss with you how to do that in a future lecture.

Please note that the above requirements also hold true if you use technologies such as Hadoop, spark, kubernetes, AWS, Azure, Google, OpenStack, ...

Certain projects will have custom deliverables that we will refine with you once you have chosen such a project. For example if you were to choose a cloudmesh project you will be asked to develop a manual instead of a report.

A preliminary list of projects is available at.

- <https://cloudmesh.github.io/cloudmesh-manual/projects/>

We will add additional project ideas once they become available. Please note that we consider the cloudmesh related projects easy as we introduce you gradually in all aspects as part of the class to deliver a successful project.

Those wanting to choose the Raspberry PI Cluster or the Robot Boat, please contact instructors via piazza. We want to set up a meeting in MESH to better discuss this project.

When it comes to the scope of the project, remember a project takes up to 12 weeks to be completed. It is not allowed to just search on `github` or another book

and “replicate” a project done by someone else. Your project must have a novel component. Please note this class is called Engineering Cloud Computing we must see clearly an aspect that you engineer the cloud, e.g. the setup of a reproducible cloud environment is mandatory. Please ask questions and understand this. While you are able to use all services, all images must be created from scratch and we must be able to reproduce them. We will decline all projects that point us to images that you ask us to download and uploaded by you on github, dockerhub or similar. Instead you must provide us with scripts, dockerfiles, makefiles or similar that create the images. You are allowed to use images hosted by major vendors such as an ubuntu19.04 image or on chameleon cloud the images starting with cc-* and so on ...

4.3.5 Working Ahead

Obviously we will be introducing you to some more advanced concepts that are not yet finalized in the books. You can certainly use documents from the internet to learn about such concepts.

Concepts we will need are listed in the Syllabus.

On the python side, we will introduce you to

- pytest
- github API as an example for a REST service
- Libcloud
- Azure python API
- AWS boto
- ...

On the cloudmesh side (still developed by current set of students we will introduce you to

- cloudmesh.yaml as preliminary documented in the cloudmesh manual
- cloudmesh cloud bundle (untested)
- cloudmesh storage bundle (untested)

4.4 WEEK 3 - 16

The agenda for the next weeks will likely follow the Syllabus. Adjustments may need to be made based on pace of the class.

We will try to release new material on Tuesdays's before midnight. Assignments will than be due on Tuesday the follwoing week at 9am in the morning. If things are unclear please ask questions on Piazza.

5 APPENDIX

5.1 FAQs

5.1.1 Where do I find the material for this class?

- <https://piazza.com/class/jzkfveoqwri3e4>

5.1.2 Where to find the weekly agenda?

We have a lecture notes (likely the documentation you just read). If you have not yet created a shortcut in your browser for this document, please do so now. As we posted it in CANVAS, piazza and als send you email about it there should not be an issue finding the document However if you have you can use the following methods can not find this document:

- A. CANVAS: go to canvas, go to our course, go to assignments, look for the week, you will find the link to the Lecture notes, which brings you to C)
- B. PIAZZA: go to <https://piazza.com/iu/fall2019/e516fall19/resources> look for Weekly Agenda, this will bring you to C
- C. URL: <https://laszewski.github.io/book/e516/>

We recommend to bookmark the url in your browser

5.1.3 When do the online meetings take place?

The online meetings take place

- Tue 8-9pm EST, Staffed by Gregor and Niranda
- Sun 8-9am EST, Staffed by Bo
- <https://piazza.com/class/jzkfveoqwri3e4?cid=7>

Online meetings are for residential students not a substitute for the Friday Meetings.

5.1.4 Where can I find the recordings of the online meetings?

The meeting recordings will generally be available on Thursday evening. However so far we were able to post them the next morning on Wednesday.

The Sunday meeting recordings will be available Tuesday Evenings.

You can find the link to the recordings in the Weekly lecture notes that are published as epub or pdf.

5.1.5 Can I search in the ePub reader?

Yes, consult the help in your epub reader

5.1.6 I could not find an answer to an assignment?

In some cases it will take you a considerable effort to research the answer. An example is the Datacenter question about energy consumption or cost. It is not expected that google may return a result. You may need to consider other publications such as google scholar, or professional journals. If you after some hour you have not found an answer, maybe the answer there exists not such information. Check what other students have done and ask them how they found the information. Remember this class is a community.

5.1.7 How much time do I need to spend for each question?

This question can not be answered as it depends on the question. Some questions may take hours. The total time students typically spend on this class is 6 hours. However, sometimes it may be less or more dependent on your background. Please be reminded that this class is attended by many students with a lot of different background. For example if we ask you to do some python programming, and you have no background in python that task may take you longer than someone who has python background. However after you have done some python tasks the next python task will be easier. Let us assume you do not

know python, but it took you only 1 hour to do the assignments for teh week, we recommend that you do the rest of the time to learn python. THis way when the python assignment starts you are a python expert also.

5.1.8 I do not understand Piazza?

Atetnd the online hours and ask questions there or watch the recorded online meetings as we explained it there also.

5.1.9 Where do I find the github directory?

See <https://github.com/cloudmesh-community> and search for your name.

5.1.10 Where can I find the hid directory?

We often refer to the github directory as the hid directory, see *Where to find the github directory?*

5.1.11 Why you should not read the Piazza mail but use click here instead?

Piazza sends you e-mails. The frequency can be controlled by you in the piazza settings. However, sometimes we do make corrections to the post after you received the e-mail. To prevent any issues, we do recommend that instead of reading the e-mail you just use the click here feature which is placed on top of each mail.

This way you are up to date instead of looking at a potentially outdated e-mail. I activated e-mail notifications so you have the best f these two modes.

5.2 EPUB READERS

This document is distributed in ePub format. Every OS has a suitable ePub reader to view the document. Such readers can also be integrated into a Web browser so that when you click on an ePub it is automatically opened in your browser. As we use eBooks the document can be scaled based on the user's preference If you ever see a content that does not fit on a page we recommend

you zoom out to make sure you can see the entire content.

We have made good experiences with the following readers:

- **macOSX:** [Books](#), which is a build in ebook reader
- **Windows 10:** [Microsoft edge](#), but it must be the newest version, as older versions have bugs. Alternatively, use [calibre](#)
- **Linux:** [calibre](#)

If you have an iPad or Tablet with enough memory, you may also be able to use them.

Sometimes you may want to adjust the zoom of your reader to increase or decrease it. Please adjust your zoom to a level that is comfortable for you. On macOS with a larger monitor, we found that zooming out multiple times results in very good rendering allowing you to see the source code without horizontal scrolling.

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