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COMP1314

Data Management

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# Our Journey

- Data-based operating systems
- Unix and Unix-like
  - Unix fundamentals
  - Scripting for data processing
- Structured data representation
- Databases
  - How they work
  - What they can do
  - SQL and NoSQL
- Putting it all together

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# When?

- <https://moodle.ecs.soton.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=481>
- Always check the Timetable to know what's happening

## Timetable

Lecture	Lecture	Lecture/Tutorial	Lab
Tue. 2pm - 3pm 32/1015	Fri. 10am - 11am 54/4011 Overflow room: 02A/2065	Fri. 11am - 12pm 46/3001 Overflow room: 100/8009	Wed. 10am - 1pm
Capacity: 426	213	354	

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## Livestreaming and Q&A

- If the lecture theatre is full, you can head to the overflow room or a quiet spot (Library, B60 Labs, B100 etc.) to watch the stream.
- Link to the livestream will be available on the Moodle schedule.
- If you have any questions while watching the livestream,
  - Login to MS Teams using your university account
  - Find your class **COMP1314-45772-25-26**
  - Post questions on “Q and A Board” channel
  - Angelos will be monitoring the channel and communicate your questions to the lecturer.

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# Resources for you

- Please bookmark us on Moodle:  
<https://moodle.ecs.soton.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=481>
- The module's Moodle page is where you'll find
  - Lecture notes
  - Pre-recorded tutorials
  - Recordings of lectures
  - Links to Lab scripts
  - and more ....

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# How?

- Lectures
  - To help guide you and start your journey
- Labs (30% from *COMP1300 – the Lab module*)
  - Four assessed labs – D1, D2, D3 and D4 (20%). First lab, D0, is unassessed.
  - Other assessments from COMP1300 (10%)
- Coursework (30%)
  - Putting theory into practice
  - Unix + Databases
- Exam (40%)
  - Making sure you understand the theory

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## UNIX operating system

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## Data-based Operating Systems

- Some operating systems better tailored to handling data
- UNIX and UNIX-like operating systems
  - Base utilities
    - For processing and manipulating files
  - Pipelines
    - From one application into the next
  - Scripting
    - Getting more complex
  - Developer-oriented
    - Open-source libraries and languages at your fingertips
    - Python, R etc.

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# Getting to know UNIX

- The UNIX design philosophy.
- Navigate your way around the UNIX file-system.
- Manipulate UNIX files and data.
- Launch and control jobs (programs) on a UNIX server.
- Write UNIX scripts to automate various tasks:
  - e.g. downloading data from websites and extracting useful information like stock index prices for analysis.

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# Interactive sessions

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login.ecs.soton.ac.uk - PuTTY
Last login: Tue Oct 10 13:30:20 2017 from 2001:630:d0:f111:4c68:6885:d452:68ab
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** This is the staff Login Linux server.
** This machine is intended for light applications plus email/news.
** Unauthorised users should disconnect from the system immediately.
**
** Problems with this service should be reported to ServiceLine.
** ServiceLine@SOTON.ac.uk x25656
**
Key ECS contacts:
**
jpwl15 Business Relationship Manager Jeremy x25676 B59 1211
sysld FFSE Research Systems Manager Lance x22122 B32 4037
sysjkf FFSE Teaching Systems Manager Jules x22817 B59 2217
cm4 iSolutions Systems Manager Mark x23943 176 5007
apl iSolutions Web & Data Manager Andrew x26679 1G3 4001

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shell

IPv6 address

shell-prompt

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## “Classic” Databases with Tom

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I'm Tom

- I'm Tom!
- I was an undergraduate here at Southampton
- Now, I teach!
- I like games, and creative computing



- *Show, don't tell. And better yet, do don't show!*

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# COMP1314

- Teaching approach
  - Learning by doing
  - We'll be mixing practical and theory together
- Mixed sessions
  - We'll have a mixture of lecture and lab sessions
  - But even the lectures will have some interactive bits
- Learn and practice
  - We'll learn some things, try them out, put them into practice, get any help and answer any questions and then move on to the next thing

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## My Part of the Module

- Structured data
  - Why bother structuring data?
  - How to define, create, invent, validate
  - Common formats and languages
- “Classic” Databases
  - Why and where they’re used
  - Some of the maths behind them
  - How to use and manipulate them



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# Relational Algebra & Databases in Practice with Rahman Attar

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Computer Scientist in  
Artificial Medical  
Intelligence

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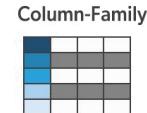
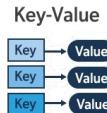
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## What topics will I be covering?

- Overview of traditional relational databases
- Limitations of relational databases
- Introduction to NoSQL databases
- Types of NoSQL databases
- Basic operations and queries in NoSQL databases
- Schema design in NoSQL databases
- Challenges and considerations in choosing NoSQL databases

## NoSQL



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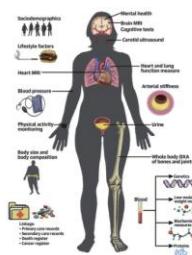
## Why are these topics important?

- The UK Biobank contains a vast amount of health-related data, imaging data, genetic information, and more from a large number of participants. A combination of technologies is used to efficiently manage and query such a diverse and extensive dataset.

- UK Biobank utilises a complex and comprehensive data storage infrastructure to manage its vast dataset. The UK Biobank doesn't rely on a single type of database but rather employs a combination of databases.



one of the world's largest population studies



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## COMP1314 Coursework

Counts for 30% of this module

Write UNIX scripts to extract useful data from a very large dataset.



Then structure this data as a database and write queries to efficiently access it.

Write a report on the project in LaTeX

Coursework will be set in the end of Week 2 of the module.

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## The COMP1314 exam

- 40% of the module
- Testing the underlying theory to the practice
  
- An entirely computer-based multiple-choice exam
  - However, testing not just memorisation, but **understanding**
  - Type of MCQ you can expect will be covered in revision lectures.

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# What you need to know for your labs with Angelos Nikolopoulos

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## A little bit about me...



- Currently a 3rd Year PhD Student within ECS
  - **Research Group:** Electrical Power Engineering (EPE)
  - **Research interests:** Solar Forecasting and Statistical Analysis.
- Have been a lab demonstrator for:
  - Student ECS Mentoring Program
  - Machine Learning Technologies (COMP3222)
  - Data Management (COMP1314)
- Senior demonstrator for COMP1314
  - Feel free to approach me and **ask questions!**

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# Lab Sessions

- Wednesday - B59/3229 ECS Computing Lab
- Please check the schedule for your cohort slot

## Schedule

This is a provisional schedule and is subject to change - always check this page to see what's coming up!

Week	Lecture Topics	Lab session - Cohort B	Lab session - Cohort A
1	Tue: Introduction to module, Webcast stream. Fri-1: Unix Fundamentals. - UNIX philosophy. - Introduction to File system Fri-2: Typesetting with LaTeX.		
2	Tue: Processes, pipes and filters. Fri-1: Bash scripts. Fri-2: Grep, sed and awk - Part-1.	Lab D0: Getting familiar with the shell	
Coursework released			
3	Tue: Grep, sed and awk - Part-2. Fri-1: Grep, sed and awk - Part-3. Fri-2: Wildcards and file permissions.		Lab D0: Getting familiar with the shell
4	Tue: Process management Fri-1&2: Structured Data	Lab D1: Pipes and filters	
5	Structured Data Relational Models		Lab D1: Pipes and filters
6	Relational Algebra	Lab D2: Structured data and XML	Lab D2: Structured data and XML
7	Normalization		

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# Lab Structure

- D0 – Introduction, setting up your UNIX environment.

- D1 – UNIX bash scripts, pipes and filters.

- D2 – Structured data

- D3 – SQL databases

- D4 – NoSQL databases

Assessed labs

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## Assessed labs

- Each lab D1-D4 assessed based on four equally weighted criteria:
  - **Preparation** – How well are you prepared for the lab. Questions released a week before the scheduled lab.
  - **Progress and Understanding** – Assessed during the lab.
  - **Logbook** – Note down answers to lab exercise in your logbook.

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## A word of caution regarding lab environment and CW

- Some of you are already familiar with Linux/other UNIX systems
  - That's great!
- Some of you probably have your own Linux boxes up and running
  - That's also fantastic!
- In this module, we expect you to use a specified Linux distribution, and not any other environments!
- There are occasional subtle differences between implementations of core tools, so make sure your code works on the environment provided!

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# What's next!

- Today: Introduction
- Friday lecture: UNIX philosophy + file-system introduction.
- Friday tutorial: LaTeX typesetting system.
- Next week, *D0* lab session on Wednesday (for Cohort B): Getting Started
  - Setting up your environment
  - Becoming familiar with the tools
  - Getting ready for the coursework