


## ▼ General

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### Rules for the exam (see the attached PDF for details)

- The exam consists of **two parts**: the programming project and the oral exam. Both parts are required to pass the exam.
- Only students who obtain a sufficient mark in the programming project are admitted to the oral exam.
- Every plagiarism on the project will be severely punished according to UNIFI rules.
- The mark assigned by the teacher is not "negotiable", meaning that the mark cannot be increased by taking an additional oral test or completing an extra assignment.
- If a student fails the exam, he/she cannot retake it before the next exam date.
- Students must refrain from mentioning their personal circumstances to influence the exam result.
- The students are strongly encouraged not to request exceptions to the above rules.

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 [GitHub repository with programming exercises](#)

 [Website where to download the textbook "M. van Steen and A.S. Tanenbaum, Distributed Systems, 4th ed."](#)

 [Rules for the exam and the final project](#) ○

## ▼ Introduction to Distributed Systems and Design Goals

### [Introduction to distributed systems](#)

- Examples of distributed systems
- Definition of a distributed system
- Description of the main design goals
  - Resources sharing
  - Distribution transparency
  - Openness
  - Scalability
  - Availability
  - Modularity

### Material to study for the exam

- Chapter 1 of "*Distributed Systems*" by M. van Steen and A. S. Tanenbaum

 [Introduction to the course](#) ○

 [Introduction to distributed systems](#) ○

 [Entrance Test](#)

 [Answers to the Entrance Test](#) ○

## ✓ Introduction to Go Programming

### Programming in Go

- Packages, variables, and functions
- Flow control statements
- Complex types: struct, slices, and map
- Methods and interfaces
- Generics
- Concurrency

### Case study

- Go Pong (see the attached code)

### Material to study for the exam

- [A tour of Go](#)
- [Go Bookcamp](#)
- [Learn Go](#)
- [Go Documentation](#)
- [Go By Examples](#)
- [Go with Visual Studio Code](#)
- [How to write Go code](#)
- [Organizing a Go module](#)
- [Comprehensive Guide to Testing in Go](#)



[Case study: Go Pong.](#) ◯

## ✓ Distributed System Architecture

### Software architectures

- Layered organization
- Distributed objects
- SOA
- REST
- Publish-subscribe
- Tuple spaces

### System architectures

- Client-server
- Peer-to-peer
- Cloud
- Edge
- Blockchain systems

### Case study

- Bitcoin

### Material to study for the exam

- Chapter 2 of "*Distributed Systems*" by M. van Steen and A. S. Tanenbaum



[Distributed System Organization.](#) ◯



[Principles of Blockchain Systems](#) ○



[Case study: Bitcoin](#) ○

## ✓ Network Programming in Go

### Marshal/Unmarshal data structure in Go

- Marshal and unmarshal data in JSON
- Marshal and unmarshal data in XML
- Marshal and unmarshal data in YAML

### [Network programming](#)

- Create a TCP client and server
- Create a UDP client and server
- Perform HTTP requests

### Case studies

- Todo list app (see attached code) --- it uses [dependency injection](#)
- TCP Chat client and server (see attached code)

### Material to study for the exam

- [JSON and Go](#)
- [How to Use JSON in Go](#)
- [Dependency Injection in Go](#)



[Marshaling and unmarshaling of data](#) ○



[Dependency Injection](#) ○



[Network programming](#) ○



[Case study: Todo list app](#) ○



[Case study: gochat](#) ○



[Examples: client and server TCP, UDP, and HTTP client](#) ○

## ✓ Web Programming in Go

### A first of Programming Web Application

- Review of HTTP protocol
- Structure of a Web applications
- Examples of a first web application in Go

## **Handling and processing requests**

- Request handlers, function handlers, and middleware
- Managing requests parameters
- Prepare responses
- Managing cookies

## **Storing and accessing data**

- Connection to databases
- Create tables and insert data
- Performing queries
- GORM relational mapper

## **Display content**

- Creating and parsing templates
- Go Template actions
- Layouts and static files
- Examples of complete web applications

## **Material to study for the exam**

- [Writing Web Applications](#)
- [Server-side Web Development](#)
- [Building Modular and Testable Web Application](#)
- [A complete guide to working with Cookies in Go](#)
- [How to manage configuration settings in Go web applications](#)
- [Go database/sql tutorial](#)
- [SQLite tutorial](#)
- [Database Operations in Go using GORM](#)
- [GORM doc](#)



[Introduction to Web Programming in Go](#) ◯



[GoWiki: a simple example of web application](#) ◯



[Handling and processing requests](#) ◯



[Examples: requests handlers, parameters, and cookies](#) ◯



[Storing and accessing data in a database](#) ◯



[Examples on databases access](#) ◯



[Display content using Web Templates](#) ◯



[Examples on display content using Web Templates](#) ◯



[Example of Web Application: GoForum](#) ◯

## ✓ Communication Mechanisms

### Remote Procedure Call

- Basic request-replay model
- Approaches to pass parameters to remote procedure
  - Serialization
  - Global/local references
- Asynchronous RPC
- Multicast RPC

### Message-oriented Middleware

- Queuing model
- Communication properties
- Queue Managers
- AMQP Protocol
- ZeroMQ Framework

### Material to study for the exam

- Chapter 4 of "*Distributed Systems*" by M. van Steen and A. S. Tanenbaum
- [RabbitMQ Tutorials 1 and 3](#)
- [Chapter 1 of "ZeroMQ - The Guide"](#)



[Communication mechanisms](#) ○



[Examples of using ZeroMQ Framework in Go](#) ○

## ✓ Coordination and synchronization mechanisms

### [Coordination and synchronization](#) Mechanisms

- Time synchronization protocols
- Lamport's Logical clocks
- Vector clocks
- Mutual exclusion protocols

### Distributed Algorithms

- [Broadcast problem](#): flooding algorithm
- [Spanning Tree construction](#) problem: SHOUT protocol
- Leader election in static networks: yo-yo protocol
- Leader election in dynamic networks: Bully-algorithm and election in Ad Hoc Networks

### Material to study for the exam

- Chapter 5 of "*Distributed Systems*" by M. van Steen and A. S. Tanenbaum
- [Design and Analysis of a Leader Election Algorithm for Mobile Ad Hoc Networks](#)
- Notes given by the teacher (see files below)



[Coordination and synchronization](#) ○



[Leader Election in Dynamic Network](#) ○

 [Leader Election in Dynamic Network](#) 

 [Broadcast problem](#) 

 [Spanning Tree Construction](#) 

 [Leader election and yoyo protocol](#) 

 [Notes on distributed algorithms](#) 

## ✓ Web Services in Go

### RESTful services

- Write a client to interact with a REST service
- Implementation of a CRUD service
- Example of service

### gRPC services

- Define a service using ProtocolBuffer
- Implement a remote service
- Using a remote service
- Streaming interaction between client and server

### Material to study for the exam

- [Introduction to gRPC](#)
- [gRPC: Core concepts, architecture and lifecycle](#)
- [gRPC in Go: quick start and basic tutorial](#)

 [RESTful Web Services in Go](#) 

 [gRPC in Go](#) 

 [Examples of RESTful Web Services](#) 

 [Examples of gRPC Web Services](#) 

 [Go Polling REST Service](#) 

## ✓ Internet of Things

### Pervasive systems

- Ubiquitous computing
- Mobile computing
- Sensor networks

## Internet of Things

- IoT Architecture
- IoT Protocol stack

## Application-level IoT Protocols

- [MQTT protocol](#)
- Programming MQTT publishers and subscribers in Go through Eclipse Paho library
- [COAP protocol](#)
- Programming CoAP resources and clients in Go through go-coap library

## Material to study for the exam

- Chapter 1 of "*Distributed Systems*" by M. van Steen and A. S. Tanenbaum
- [MQTT Essentials](#)
- [How to use MQTT in Golang](#)
- [The Constrained Application Protocol \(CoAP\) RFC 7252 \(sections 1 and 2\)](#)



[Pervasive Systems and IoT](#) ◦



[MQTT Protocol](#) ◦



[Coap Protocol](#) ◦



[MQTT in Go](#) ◦



[Coap in Go](#) ◦



[Examples of MQTT in Go](#) ◦



[Examples of Coap in Go](#) ◦

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