
0. Module III: Distributed Systems

Concurrence, Parallelism and Distributed Systems (CPDS)

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Contents

1. Concepts underlying distributed systems
2. Distributed algorithms
 - A. Time and global states
 - B. Coordination and agreement
 - Paxy seminar
3. Distributed shared data
 - A. Distributed transactions
 - Opty seminar
 - B. Consistency and replication

Course organization

- 10 h/week of student work
 1. Face-to-face classes (4 h/week)
 - A. Lecture classes**
 - Objective: Acquisition of theoretical knowledge
 - B. Practical seminar sessions**
 - Objective: Acquisition of knowledge through experimentation
 - See our calendar!
 2. Independent learning (6 h/week)

Lecture classes

- Slide-based lectures
- Exercises (from previous exams)
 - Available in the [Exam documentation](#) area in the 'Racó'
- Online quizzes: **Quizizz**
 - <http://quizizz.com/>
 - Register if you want to keep your history of quizzes

Practical seminar sessions

- We will use **Erlang** programming language
 - Install it in your laptop: <http://www.erlang.org/>
- Lab work in teams of three students
 - Answer the post in the CPDS forum in the 'Racó' to indicate the team members before October, 4th
 - <https://raco.fib.upc.edu/forum/posts/list/951605.page>
- Follow-up work after the seminar
 - Elaborate a **seminar report** (deadline: 1 week)
 - Use Practicals area in the 'Racó' to submit
- Seminars content **WILL** be asked in the exam

Calendar

23/09 - 27/09		(27/09) 1a. Time and Global States
30/09 - 04/10	(01/10) 1a. Global States + 1b. Elections	(04/10) 1b. Multicast & Consensus
07/10 - 11/10	(08/10) 1b. Consensus	(11/10) 1 - Paxy
14/10 - 18/10	(15/10) 1 - Paxy	(18/10) 2a. Distributed Transactions
21/10 - 25/10	(22/10) 2 - Opty	(25/10) 2 - Opty
28/10 - 01/11	(29/10) 2b. Consistency & Replication	

16/12 - 20/12 (17/12) EXAM PREPARATION M3

13/01 - 17/01 (14/01) EXAM M3

Course material

- <https://mwiki.fib.upc.edu/cpds-miri>
 - Lecture slides
 - Practical assignments
 - Seminar report LaTeX template
 - Supporting documentation and references
 - Erlang slides and other reference material
- You have to log in using the same credentials as when you log into 'Racó'
 - Use VPN to connect from outside the UPC network
 - <https://www.fib.upc.edu/en/fib/it-services/vpn-upclink>

Grading

- Grade for M3 = $0,6 * exam + 0,4 * seminars$

A. Written module exam 14/01/2020:

1. Multiple-choice test about the lectures

⇒ Closed-book: you are not allowed notes, books or any other reference material, including electronic devices

2. Exercises about the lectures

⇒ Restricted open-book: you are allowed a **single legible double-sided cheat sheet**

3. Questions/exercises about the practical seminars

⇒ Closed-book

Grading

B. Evaluation of practical seminars:

$$(R_1 + R_2 + Q_1 + Q_2)/4$$

- R_i : grade of seminar report i
- Q_i : grade of question in the exam about practical seminar i

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- F. Hebert. *Learn You Some Erlang for Great Good!*, No Starch Press, 2013