Course rules





ARCOS Group

Distributed Systems
Bachelor In Informatics Engineering
Universidad Carlos III de Madrid

Open questions



- ¿Why are you HERE?
- ¿Do you think this course is usefull?
- ¿What do you expect?
- ¿What would you liketo learn?

Course profile

- BACHELOR IN INFORMATICS ENGINEERING
- DISTRIBUTED SYSTEMS
- ▶ REQUIRED
- ECTS Credits: 6
- Hours/week: 3
- The purpose is to understand the basic concepts for designing and developing distributed systems and applications

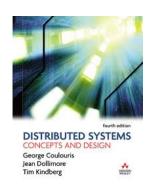
Program



- Unit I. Basic concepts
- Unit 2. Concurence and communication between processes
- Unit 3. Message passing
- Unit 4. Client-server apps
- Unit 5. Sockets communication
- Unit 6. Remote procedure calls (RPC)
- Unit 7. Web services
- Unit 8. Distributed synchronization
- Unit 9. Distributed file systems
- Unit 10. Distributed and fault tolerance applications
- Unit 11. State-of-the-art of distributed systems

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Methodology



- Theory classes: present and explain basic concepts. Students must also consult the textbooks (both for theory and problems); it is possible that the professor may not have time to explain all details during class! Ask anything that is unclear, ideally before exam week!!
- Problem solving in class: the professor will solve exercises to illustrate how to apply the concepts learned in the theory class.
- Problem solving in class: the students will solve exercises to make sure they get practical experience and they understand what concepts are still unclear.
- Lab work: several sets of problems, solved in groups to encourage teamwork.

Schedule



▶ 14 weeks, 26 classes in total:

▶ 4 additional lab classes

Week 6: Sockets

Week 8: RPC

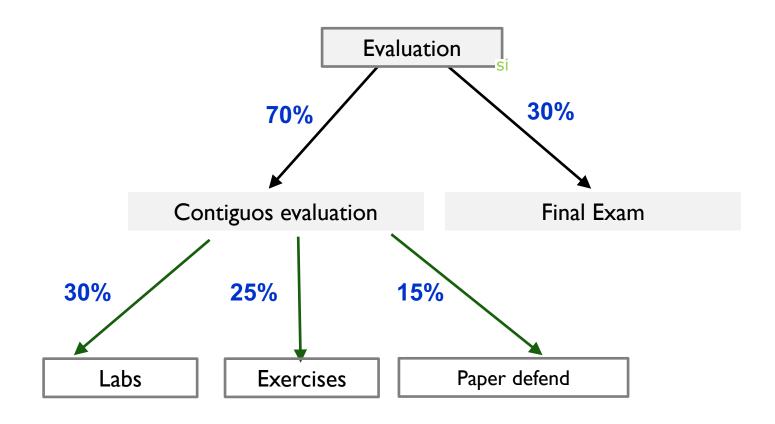
Week 10: Cloud computing

Week II: Web services

▶ Lab room (2.2.C.05)



Ordinary call (1/2):





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▶ Final exam

- All the unit of the course
- Minimun mark to pass is 4

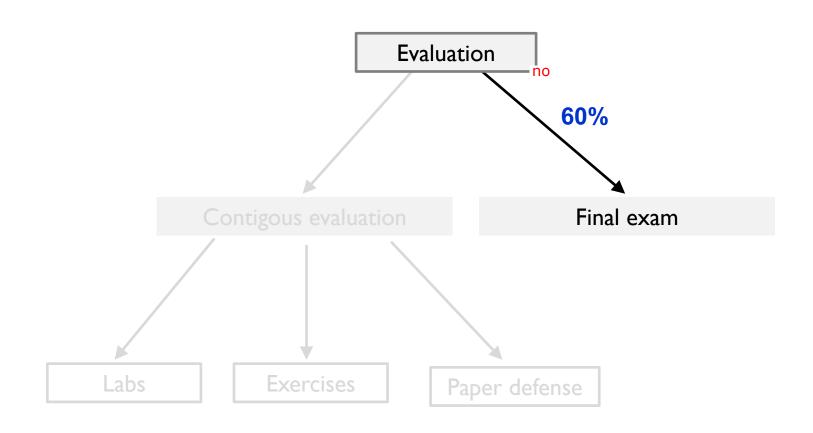
Paper defense:

- Presentation and defense of a research paper.
- Groups of 2 students (max).

Student evaluation

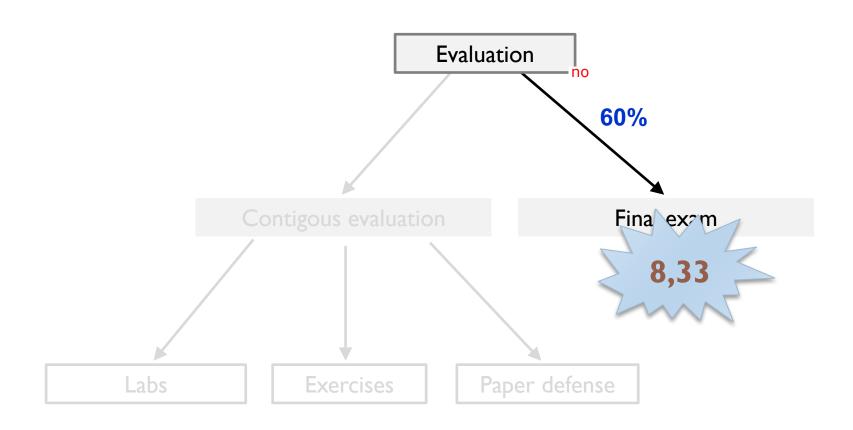


▶ Ordinary call (2/2):



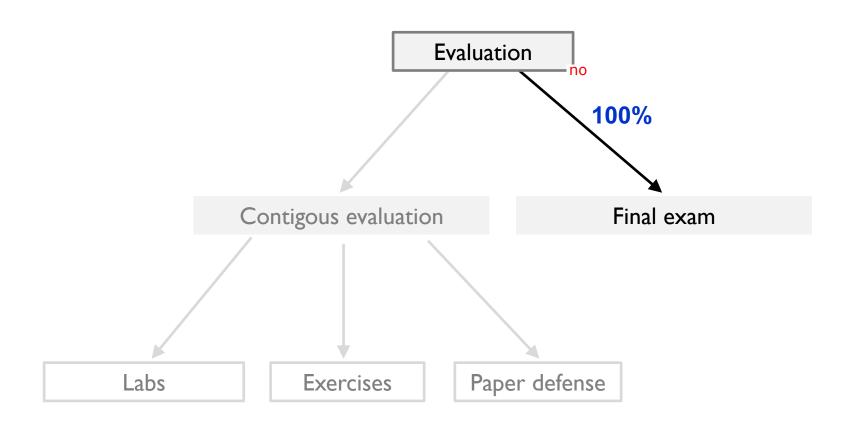


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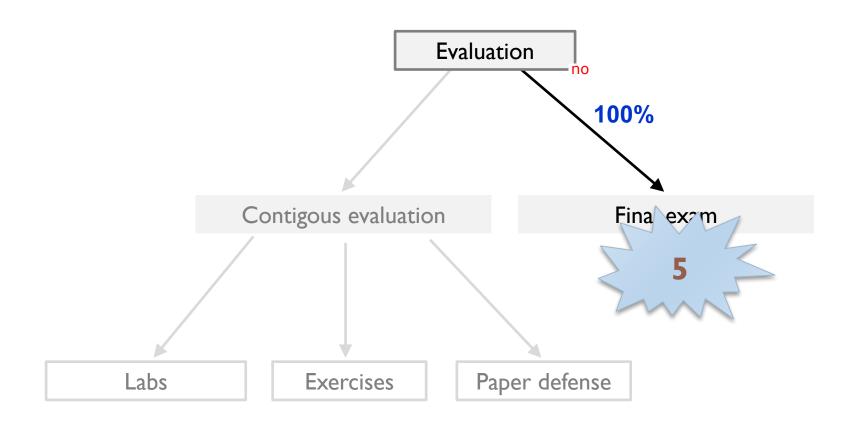


► Extraordinary call (1/2):

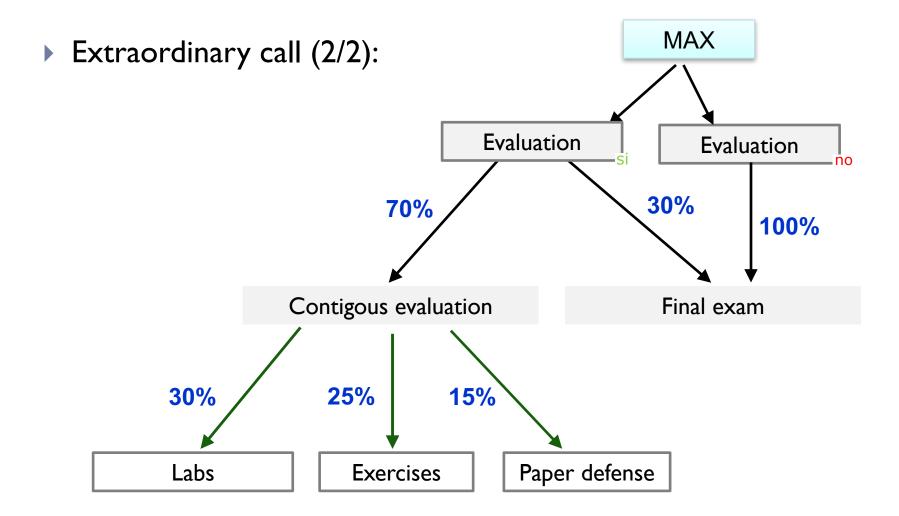




► Extraordinary call (1/2):







Evaluation: labs



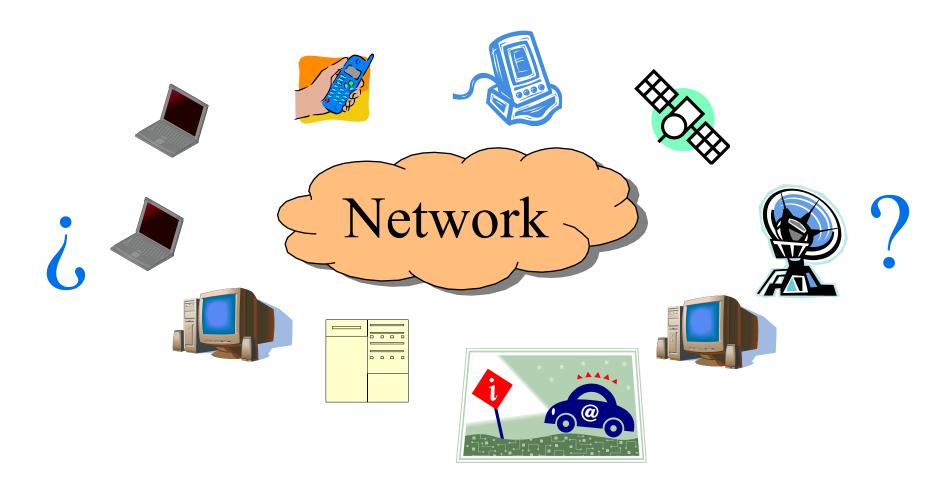
- Two programming assignments (30%)
 - ► Each assigment has a score of 15%
 - Minimun score is 2 over 10
- Attending is not mandatory (but recommendable)
- ▶ Up to 4 students per group (max).

Evaluación: exercises



- Five exercises
 - **25**%
 - Three exercises (homework)
 - Two quizs (paper defense)
- One per student (not collaborative)

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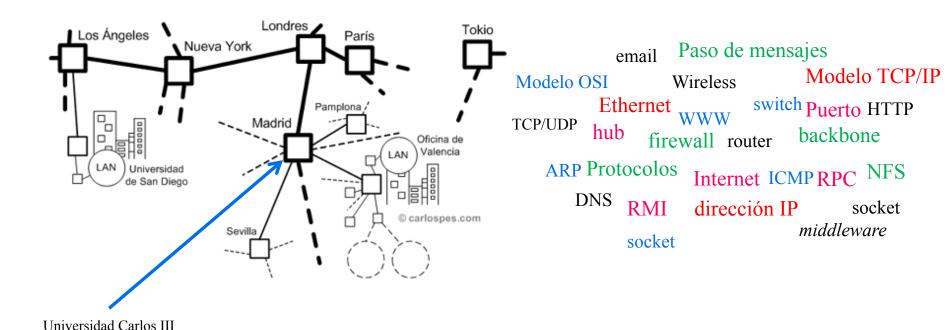


- Study the fundaments and basic concepts of distributed systems
- Design and implement distributed applications using basic concepts such as sockets, RPCs and web services
- Evaluate the performance of distributed applications
- Learn how to solve problems related to distributed systems

Example 1: Recap



- What concepts do we need to learn or recap?
 - **Computer networks**
 - Basic OS concepts (processes and concurrent programming)

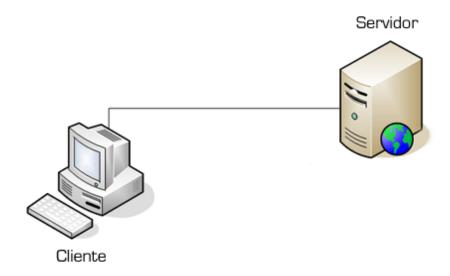


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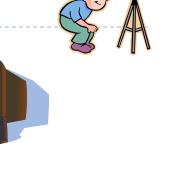
Step 2: Study

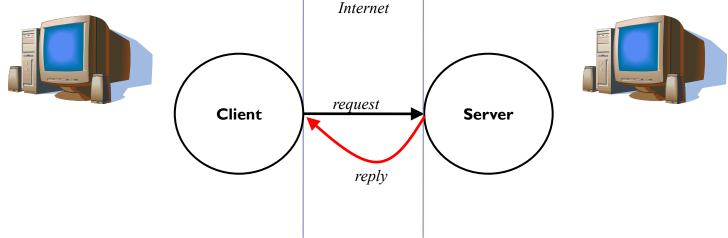


- Communication paradigms for distributed systems
- Which OS services we can use to implement distributed applications
- Design and implement distributed applications using these services



Step 3: Implementation

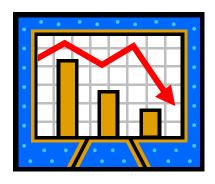




- What requirements does my application have?
- What is the most appropriate communication paradigm?
- How to design a communication protocol?
- What data does the application need to handle?
- What is the naming convention (machines, resources, services)?
- What aspects do we need to consider to realize the end-to-end communication (data representation, byte ordering, etc)?

Step 4: ... evaluate





- Which parameters are relevant for my specific application?
- What is the performance of my application and what is its latency?
- Does the application scale well?
- Does the application need to perform specific error handling?