

PCCCS601: Distributed Systems

[Course Outcomes]

1. Remember the basics of formal and real distributed systems
2. Understand the the design issues and how to design a new distributed system
3. Apply knowledge to solve the design issues related to the distributed systems
4. Analyze a specific distributed system known as distributed database system (DDBS)
5. Evaluate the specific challenges of DDBS while getting a formal notion of other types of distributed systems
6. Create a new distributed system and protocols

[Module 1]

1. Introduction to Distributed Systems in general
System Models, Nodes, Events, Messages, Channels, Local and Global States. Algorithm writing techniques for distributed systems, Basics of complexity in distributed systems.
2. Clocks and Event Ordering
Global and Logical Clocks; Berkeley Algorithm, Network Time Protocol (NTP); Lamport's Clock, Vector Clock.

[Module 2]

3. Distributed Database Systems
Overview; Distributed Database Design, Semantics Data Control, Processing Issues;
4. Global Snapshots
Definition and Requirement; Chandy-Lamport's Algorithm

[Module 3]

5. Distributed Query Optimization, Transaction Management, Concurrency Control;
6. Leader Election
Definition and Requirement; Hirschberg-Sinclair Algorithm; Spanning Tree Construction; DFS tree construction

[Module 4]

7. Mutual Exclusion
Definition and Requirement; Permission based algorithm: Lamport's Algorithm, Ricart-Agrawala Algorithm, Maekawa's Algorithm; Token based algorithm: Suzuki Kasami Algorithm
8. Distributed File Systems
Definition and Requirement; DFS Architecture, Design Issues; Caching; Network File System (NFS)

[Advanced Topics]

1. Replication
Definition and Requirement; Design Issues in Replication; Consistency models: Sequential, Eventual, Casual;
2. Case study: Kerberos
3. Basics of Fault Tolerance
Definition and Requirement; Types of faults, Types of tolerance; Agreement Problems, Atomic Commits: 2-phase, 3-phase commits; Checkpointing and Recovery

[Books/ References]

1. Advanced Operating Systems by Mukesh Singhal and Nirajan Shivaratri
2. Distributed Systems: Principles and Paradigms by Andrew Tanenbaum and Maarten van Steen
3. Distributed Systems - An Algorithmic approach by Sukumar Ghosh
4. Design and Analysis of Distributed Algorithms by Nicola Santoro
5. Distributed Database Systems by D.Bell and J. Grimson, Addison