

# Middleware Architectures 1

## Motivation and Course Overview

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## Overview

- Course at a Glance
  - *Motivation and Scope*
  - *Requirements and Organization*
- Assessment
- Communication and Resources

## What is Middleware?

- Say anything you think has something to do with middleware
  - *Architecture*
  - *Technology*
  - *Tools*
  - *Concept or style*
  - *Methodology*
  - ...
  - *No worries, there is no bad answer!*

## Motivation in Brief

- Systems rely on complex infrastructures
  - *A lot of data and many processes, internal and external*
  - *As people communicate, underlying systems must too*
  - *But:*
    - *variety of data formats, technologies, protocols*
    - *variety of architectures, client-server, peer-to-peer, ...*
- Rapid changes in applications' functionalities
  - *modular development*
  - *reuse of application logic*
  - *low costs – do it now and quickly!*
- Good performance
  - *frequent changes in applications' loads, peak hours*
  - *scalability – effective load balancing*
  - *low costs – cheaper to outsource?*

## Scope

- Architectural and conceptual basis
  - *What is an architecture – methodology, global, software*
  - *Service concepts, integration patterns, microservices, middleware*
- Backend technologies
  - *Communication protocols – HTTP, TLS, HTTP/2*
  - *Application backend and requests handling*
  - *Advances of REST, gRPC*
  - *Kubernetes*
- Performance and Scalability
  - *Performance tuning*
  - *Load balancers*

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## Prerequisites

- Operating systems
  - *Basics of Linux*
- Computer Networks
  - *Basics of networking concepts*
- JavaScript
  - *Code examples will be in JavaScript*
  - *Lab work will be in JavaScript*
- Web Architecture
  - *Basics of REST, HTTP, URI/URL*

## Organization of Lectures

- 12 Lectures
  - Czech: Mon 9:15-10:45, JP:B-571
  - English: TBA
- Plan
  1. 22.09.2025 – Motivation and Course Overview
  2. 29.09.2025 – Information System Architectures
  3. 06.10.2025 – Introduction to Service Architecture
  4. 13.10.2025 – Microservices and Cloud-Native Architectures
  5. 20.10.2025 – Communication protocols, HTTP, TLS
  6. 27.10.2025 – HTTP/2 and HTTP/3
  7. 03.11.2025 – HATEOAS, Caching, Concurrency Control
  8. 10.11.2025 – gRPC
  9. 17.11.2025 – No Lecture
  10. 24.11.2025 – Synchronous and Asynchronous I/O
  11. 01.12.2025 – High Availability and Performance
  12. 08.12.2025 – Performance Tuning
  13. 15.12.2025 – Reserve

## Organization of Labs

- Individual work (no teams!)
- Labs every second week
- Number of labs: 6
  1. *Introduction - FIT Workspaces, setup*
  2. *REST – Basics, development of a REST service*
  3. *Security, TLS*
  4. *Messaging systems*
  5. *Load balancers, nginx*

## Methodology for Lab Work

- No app development, not directly related assignments
  - *assignment every second week*
  - *be prepared for the lab!*
  - *work alone, ask others for advices*
  - **Results:**
    - *5 completed tasks*
    - *you will submit results to FIT GitLab*

## FIT Workspaces

- All work you will do in **FIT Workspaces**
  - *Cloud-native Development Environment running in Kubernetes*
  - *Each student has an access to their own workspace*
  - *Workspace is ready for the **lab work***
- Access
  - *You use your FIT username and a key (stored in GitLab)*  
→ `ssh vitvatom~am1@fit-workspaces.ksi.fit.cvut.cz`
  - *You can use SSH CLI, VSCode or IntelliJ with Remote SSH plugin*
  - *You have sudo access if you want to add packages*
  - *For more Information see [FIT Workspaces Wiki](#)*

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## Assessment

- Labs
  - Every task gives you the maximum of 6 points = 30 points in total
  - Activity in labs gives you the maximum of 10 points
  - Total maximum points = 40, **to pass:** 20 points minimum
- Final exam
  - Written exam: 3 exercises, 1 hour
    - each gives you a max. of 20 points, the total is 60 points
    - To pass, you need to have at least 50% from each exercise!
  - Final score:
    - 100 points maximum

## Final Marks

Mark	Points	In words
A	100–90	výborně
B	89–80	velmi dobře
C	79–70	dobře
D	69–60	uspokojivě
E	59–50	dostatečně
F	49–0	nedostatečně

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## Communication

- Language
  - *Text: English (slides, tweets, posts, instructions, etc.)*
  - *Voice: Czech and English (English version of the course)*
- Direct
  - *you can always contact me directly at [tomas@vitvar.com](mailto:tomas@vitvar.com) or  
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# Overview of Resources

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Item	URL
Course slides	<a href="http://mdw.vitvar.com">http://mdw.vitvar.com</a>
Courses@FIT	<a href="https://courses.fit.cvut.cz/NI-AM1/">https://courses.fit.cvut.cz/NI-AM1/</a>
Lab projects	<a href="https://gitlab.fit.cvut.cz/">https://gitlab.fit.cvut.cz/</a>
Assessment	<a href="https://grades.fit.cvut.cz/courses/NI-AM1/">https://grades.fit.cvut.cz/courses/NI-AM1/</a>

- Books

- L. Richardson, S. Ruby: *RESTful Web Services: Web services for the real world*, O'Reilly Media, May 2007, ISBN 9780596529260.
- I. Grigorik: *High Performance Browser Networking*, O'Reilly Media, May 2013, ISBN 978-1-449-34476-4.
- Thomas Erl: *Service-Oriented Architecture: Concepts, Technology, and Design*. Prentice Hall, Aug 2, 2005.

# About Slides

- Humla – Open Source HTML5 Presentation System
  - every slide has a unique URL
  - all figures linked with Google drawings
  - auto-generated PDFs (1 and 2 slides per page) using travis-ci
  - running local (with local nodejs-based http server), and in github pages
  - Suggest edits or correct errors by pull requests at mdw github repo

- Keys

- 1 default browsing mode
- 2 slideshow mode (automatically scales to fullscreen)
- 3 grid (overview) mode
- 4 print mode, 2 slides per page
- ← slide left
- slide right