Dear students,

Wishing you and yours a prosperous, healthy and Happy New Year!

Welcome to the DB(H) 2022 course!

**Briefly:**

The first live discussion (Q&A session) on the recorded Week-1 lecture on the Database Systems fundamentals and the *famous* Relational Modelling will be on Fri 14th; 10-11 @ Zoom (visit course's Moodle for access to content and Zoom link).

You may watch the pre-recorded lectures *before* our first session. You could also explore the course information, the relational database design with pre-session activities, and book reading in [Week 1] Moodle's section.

Your DB Tutors in the labs are: Francesco (f.perrone.1@research.gla.ac.uk) and Naila (n.naila.1@research.gla.ac.uk).

**Now, some more information regarding the course delivery:**

**Lectures & Live Discussion**

- We are having ten (10) pre-recorded Lectures [Weeks: 1-10]. The recordings can be accessed using the links in each week's section in Moodle.
- We are also having two coursework and revision live Lectures in Week 9 and Week 10.
- You can access all the recordings with the same Passcode: DBH2021!
- Every Friday, we are having a live Q&A discussion 10h00-11h00 @ Zoom:
    - Meeting ID: 917 6999 7381
    - Passcode: DBH
  The Zoom link (LNK) is also available in Moodle. Also, we will be using **sli.do** (https://www.sli.do/) for posting questions/polls, where the event codes will be sent over in advance (or during our Zoom session).
- **Note:** DB Week 1 is the week commencing 10 JAN.


**Labs**

- We are having seven (7) Lab Sessions on Fridays [Weeks: 1 – 7]. There are three Lab Sessions per week:
    - Lab1: 14h00-15h00, Lab2: 15h00-16h00, and Lab3: 16h00-17h00

  The labs will run online and in-person, in parallel. Later you will be assigned to *one* of them along with your DB Tutor. More information will be available later this week.
- In each Lab Session, you will be given the corresponding Lab Task file, which can be downloaded from the corresponding week's section in Moodle.
- **Note 1**: The labs are optional.
- **Note 2**: In the labs, your main point of contact is your DB Tutor. If an issue/question cannot be resolved by them, they will escalate it to me, and we will get back to you in due course.

### MS Teams & Moodle Spaces

- You have been linked to the MS Team *COMPSCI4013: Database Systems*. There is the main channel, *General*, where you can post questions accessible for everyone. You can also post questions regarding the assessed group work.
- **Note**: Announcements and ALL course & lab material are in Moodle space. The MS Teams Channels is only for posts.
- Lecture notes (PDF files), pre-recorded lectures, Lab Tasks files (PDF files), any pre-session/post-session files/activities, and Book Reading can be found on each week's section in Moodle.
- **Formative Assessments** are *entirely optional* and *will not be marked*. They are there for enhancing your understudying in the subject matter and you are encouraged to submit your answers. Notably, based on previous years' student-feedbacks (since 2016), the formative assessments have been characterized as *blessing* by your colleagues 😊

### Assessed Group Work & Exam

- There will be one (1) assessed group work to be submitted by the end of the course (deadline will be officially announced later). The group work's grade percentage is 20% of the final course grade, while 80% is for the exam paper.
- The group size is four (4) members. I encourage you to find out your groups/members where you have been collaborating in the past or you think they are the best colleagues/friends/persons to work with. If you cannot find a group and/or member, please let me know and I will assign you to a group.
- By end of JAN, email me your group, i.e., members (names and GUIDs) and (optional) a group title. There will be a separate announcement for this.

### Dedicated Live Sessions for Assessed Group Work & Office Hour

- We are having two (2) live Coursework & Revision Sessions in Week and 9 Week 10, Fri: 14h00 – 15h00 @ Zoom. We can discuss any questions you might have regarding the assessed group work and past exam questions. These sessions are *optional*.
- Should you need to discuss anything related to the course, I have devoted the slot Fri: 11.00-11.45 [Weeks: 1 - 10] as 'office hour' using Zoom, with
  - Meeting ID: 945 0177 3709
  - Passcode: DBOFFICE
- If you would like to have a chat with me physically in my office, I am at S114 SAWB office.

If you have any questions, please do get in touch, and if not, I'll see you on the 14th!

Chris