CS 5123: Cloud Computing and Distributed Systems  
Spring 2021

Course Information:  
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Lectures: Tuesday, Thursday 10:30am – 11:45am  
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Credits: 3

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Prerequisites:  
- CS 3443 Computer Systems (with ‘C’ or better grade) and  
- CS 3353 Algorithms and Data Structures 1 (with ‘C’ or better grade)  
  OR permission of instructor  
  - Basic mathematical and programming skills are mandatory for assignments and project  
  - Required fundamentals: of Java and Python programming, and Linux terminal commands

Other information: This course will use Canvas. All course announcements, assignments and project instructions, and course materials will be posted on Canvas

Lecture Type:  
This course will follow hybrid approach. Live stream link will be shared with students after January 17, 2021 and it will be available in Canvas. All lectures will be recorded, and students can access lecture videos any time after the lecture. Students can choose to attend lectures in-class or online. Students choosing to attend lectures in-class should follow the course’s COVID guidelines.

No lectures on: March 4 and April 13 (OSU Wellness days)
**Course Description**
The course gives broad ideas and popular methodologies in cloud computing and distributed systems. The course mainly aims to use distributed computing frameworks like Hadoop MapReduce and Apache Spark for complex data-intensive problems like big data processing, web search, and machine learning. Course lectures, assignments and project will be designed to help students to understand the basics of distributed computing frameworks, some data science concepts, cloud tools and services, and trends in the cloud like Serverless, Edge, and Micro-services.

**Topics**
Following is the tentative topics for the course. It is intended to change according to students need and availability of time.

1. Introduction
   - Virtualization
   - Data Centers
   - Types of cloud computing
   - Cloud services
2. Hands-on with clusters
   - OSU-CS cluster
   - AWS
3. Programming models – Batch processing
   - Hadoop MapReduce
   - Apache Spark
   - GraphX
   - MLLib
4. Programming models – Stream processing
   - Spark Streaming
   - Samza/Storm
5. Applications
   - Web search
   - Influence modeling
   - Real-time Data Analysis
6. Edge Computing
   - TBD
7. Micro-services
   - Docker
   - Kubernetes
8. Cloud security
**Course activities and Grading**
The course activities consist of programming assignments, quizzes, and a final project. There will be three to five assignments and each assignment will involve significant amount of programming. Students will have one to two weeks to complete each assignment. All assignments will be due at 11:59:59 pm on the scheduled submission date. There will be 4 - 6 quizzes. All quizzes will be conducted at random during the lecture time. The final course project should be a significant implementation project and should have to be approved by the instructor. Project phases include - proposal, implementation, demonstration, and written summary. Grading of the project will be based on grades from all the project phases.

Grading scheme for the course:
- Group project: 50%
- Assignments: 30%
- Quiz: 10%
- Class participation: 10%

**Attendance Policy:** Students are expected to attend all sessions of the course and are responsible for knowing all materials covered in the class. A part of the student grade will be determined by class attendance and participation.

**Code of conduct:** We follow OSU students code of conduct *extremely seriously*. Standard penalty for students who jeopardize the code of conduct is suspension from the university. We recommend students to form online groups and discuss about assignments and projects. However, each student should write their answers independently along with list of people they discussed with in the submission.

**Lateness Policy:** This is a tightly packed course with assignments and project. So, there will be no extra time given for assignment and project submission. If there is any good reason for extension, please email the instructor in advance.

**Books:**
Books are not mandatory for this course. Use of online materials is highly encouraged. Following are some good books for reading:

3. “Distributed and Cloud Computing: From Parallel Processing to the Internet-of-Things” by Kai Hwang, Geoffrey C. Fox, and Jack J. Dongarra
**University Policies**

**Student Guidance on Wearing Facial Coverings**

All OSU students, employees, and visitors must wear a facial covering (mask) upon entering any campus building and when near or encountering others. This includes during class and in laboratory settings. Please be aware that additional personal protective equipment (PPE), such as a face shield along with a mask, may be required in certain classroom and laboratory settings. Students who fail to wear their facial covering will be asked to leave the room and return after retrieving their facial covering.

Students who continuously fail to comply with this university expectation will be referred to the Office of Student Support and Conduct for the Student Code of Conduct’s Failure to Comply policy.

COVID-19 can be spread when people are asymptomatic, which means they do not know they are sick yet. Wearing facial coverings has been shown to reduce the spread of COVID-19 to others. It is important that OSU is a safe place to work and study, and taking this step creates a safe environment for all of us as advised by the CDC. More on facial covering guidelines. ([https://go.okstate.edu/coronavirus/campus-reopening-plan/plan-at-a-glance/face-coverings.html](https://go.okstate.edu/coronavirus/campus-reopening-plan/plan-at-a-glance/face-coverings.html))

**COVID-19 UPDATES**
[https://go.okstate.edu/coronavirus/](https://go.okstate.edu/coronavirus/)

Please visit this webpage for information regarding the university’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic, answers to frequently asked questions, and other important updates.

**ACADEMIC INTEGRITY**

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**CLASS ATTENDANCE**

Class attendance is a critical component of learning; therefore, you are expected to attend and participate fully in all scheduled class meetings. Many instructors consider attendance so essential that your grade may be affected by your absence. **SOME DEPARTMENTS AND PROFESSORS HAVE MANDATORY ATTENDANCE POLICIES.** If no written attendance policy is provided before the last day to add a class...
without instructor permission, no penalty may be assessed for class absences although you may not be permitted to make up certain in-class activities. If you are ill, you should stay home. If you are required to participate in official university-sponsored activities or military training, you should receive an excused absence unless the written course attendance policy indicates otherwise. If you will be absent from class for sponsored activities, you must provide prior notification of the planned absence to the instructor. You may be required to submit assignments or take examinations before the planned absence.

COURSE SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENTS FOR SPRING
Monday, Wednesday, and Friday courses will be scheduled to meet for 45 minutes each class period to allow more time for students to exit and enter classroom spaces. Instructors will be expected to provide additional contact time for these courses to ensure classes meet the required semester credit hour contact minutes.

PRE-FINALS WEEK POLICY
Final examinations are scheduled at the end of each semester and are preceded by pre-finals week, which begins seven days prior to the first day of finals. During pre-finals week, all normal class activities will continue; however, no assignment, test, or examination accounting for more than 5% of the course grade may be given; and no activity or field trip may be scheduled that conflicts with another class. This excludes makeup and laboratory examinations, out-of-class assignments (or projects) made prior to pre-finals week and independent study courses. No student or campus organization may hold meetings, banquets, receptions, or may sponsor or participate in any activity, program, or related function that requires student participation. For additional information, contact the Office of Academic Affairs, 405-744-5627, 101 Whitehurst.

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According to the Americans with Disabilities Act, each student with a disability is responsible for notifying the University of the disability and requesting accommodations. If you think you have a qualifying disability and need accommodations, contact the Office of Student Accessibility Services to start the registration process and to ensure timely implementation of appropriate accommodations. To receive services, you must submit appropriate documentation and complete an intake process to verify the existence of a qualified disability and identify reasonable accommodations. Faculty have an obligation to respond when they receive official notice of accommodations but are under no obligation to provide retroactive accommodations.