CS 5123: Cloud Computing and Distributed Systems
Spring 2020

Course Information:
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Classroom: Room 040 Stout Hall
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
   ◆ Fundamentals of Java programming, and linux terminal commands is required

Other information: The class will follow Canvas. All course announcements, assignments and project instructions, and course materials will be posted in Canvas

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, cloud services and tools, data mining algorithms, and distributed clusters and servers to the students.
Topics
Following is the tentative topics for the course. It is intended to change according to students need and availability of time.

1. Distributed Computing
   - Evolution of distributed computing – types and state-of-the-art
   - Hadoop MapReduce
   - Apache Spark
   - Spark MLlib
   - Spark GraphX
2. Applications
   - Web search
   - Basic data mining algorithms
3. Introduction to AWS
4. Security in cloud computing

Course activities and Grading
The course activities consist of programming assignments, occasional quizzes, and a final project. There will be three to five assignments, each 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 at least 4 quizzes – one per each month. Quizzes will be conducted as closed book in-class tests. 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 for the project will be based on grades from all the project phases.

Tentative grading scheme for the course:
- Project: 45%
- Assignments: 35%
- 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.

Lateness Policy: This is tightly organized class with assignments and projects. 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 documentation 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

Alerts and Rescheduling:
If the OSU campus officially closes due to inclement weather or other emergencies, alerts are provided to local news media and posted on the OSU website. Missed exams, classes, or assignments may be rescheduled at times outside the normal meeting schedule. If valid, documented circumstances prohibit students from attending the rescheduled classes, instructors should provide reasonable alternative means for makeup.

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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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