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Course Unit Program
Distributed Systems

Academic Year 2024/2025

1. Organic Unit

Faculty of Business and Economic Sciences

2. Course

Computer Engineering

3. Cycle

1st

4. Course Unit

Distributed Systems (L9028)

5. Scientific Area

6. Curricular Year

3rd

7. Type of Curricular Unit / Semester

2nd Semester



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8. Class type and workload (work time)

Theoretical classes:

Practical classes:

Theoretical-Practical Classes 30,00

Tutorial Guidance: 20,00

9. ECTS Credits

6,00

10. Scientific Area Coordinator

11. Regent

Prof. Doutor PEDRO RAMOS DOS SANTOS BRANDÃO

12. Assistants

13. Teaching Language

Portuguese

14. General Objectives

This course unit aims to:

1. Learn what a distributed system is, its characteristics;
2. Know the different implementation models of a system distributed, starting with the fundamental techniques, presenting technologies associated with the remote invocation of objects and service-oriented architectures.
3. At the end, students should be able to implement systems that communicate over sockets, distributed object systems, and websites.

15. Specific Objectives

Understand what distributed computing is.

Learn how to build a distributed virtual network.

Understand the fundamental techniques of distributed systems.

16. Skills to be acquired

Work with distributed computing.

Create distributed virtual networks.

17. Teaching Methodology

Theoretical/practical classes.



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18. Course Unit Program

- 1 Introduction to Distributed Computing
 - 1.1 Characteristics of a distributed system
 - 1.2 Examples of SD.s
 - 1.3 Challenges in implementing SD.s
- 2 Distributed Programming Models
 - 2.1 Shared memory systems versus distributed memory systems
 - 2.2 Messaging communication models
 - 2.2.1 Synchronous communication
 - 2.2.2 Asynchronous communication
 - 2.2.3 Remote procedure call
 - 2.2.4 Ways to create and identify processes
 - 2.3 Architectural models
 - 2.3.1 - Client/Server Model
 - 2.3.2 Multiple servers
 - 2.3.3 - Proxies
 - 2.3.4 Peer Processes
 - 2.4 Fundamental models
 - 2.4.1 Interaction/synchronism model
 - 2.4.2 Failure model
 - 2.4.3 Security
- 3 Communication between processes
 - 3.1 - TCP and UDP Sockets
 - 3.2 Serialization of data structures
 - 3.3 Client/Server Communication
 - 3.3.1 - The request response protocol
 - 3.3.2 Semantics before failures
- 4 Distributed object system
 - 4.1 - The object model
 - 4.2 Remote method invocation of objects
 - 4.3 Java RMI case study
 - 4.4 CORBA case study
- 5 Web Services
 - 6.1 SOAP Protocol
 - 6.2 REST protocol
- 6 Time and Clocks
 - 6.2. clock synchronization
- 6.3. Sorting and logic clocks.
- 7. Virtualization, distributed virtual networks, Hyper-V.

NOTE: Point 7 is taught throughout the semester in a systematic way.



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19. Assessment Methods

Two written assessment tests.

20. Didactic Resources

21. Sustainability Objectives

22. Keywords

Distributed computing,
Distributed systems,
Virtualization



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23. Main Bibliography

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Edition: 5 Year: 2011
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Publisher: Addison Wesley

Author(s): Andrew S. Tanenbaum
Title: Distributed Systems Principles and Paradigms
Edition: 3 Year: 2007
Local: New York
Publisher: Pearson International Edition

Author(s): Jorge Cardoso
Title: Programação de Sistemas Distribuídos em Java
Edition: Year: 2008
Local: Lisboa
Publisher: FCA

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