APT 2040: OPERATING SYSTEMS

Pre-requisites: IST 1020: Introduction to Information Technology

3 Credit Units

Course Rationale

To develop an understanding of the concepts which underline both single CPU and distributed operating systems. The course also provides the students with an understanding of human computer interface existing in computer system and the basic concepts of operating system and its working. The students will also get hand-on experience and good working knowledge to work in DOS, Windows and UNIX environments. The aim is to gain proficiency in using various operating systems after undergoing this course.

Course Description

The course covers the concepts and architecture of a stored program digital computer system and provides an understanding of the characteristics and the operating principles of the main hardware components of a computer system. In addition, the course covers the concepts and fundamentals of the operating systems. These fundamentals include process management, memory management, and device management and file management. This course enables students to understand how the interface between users and machine is achieved through system utilities and programs. Development of operating systems is also discussed.

Learning outcomes

On completion of this course the student will be able to:

- 1. Identify and describe the structure of operating systems;
- 2. Illustrate and explain the process concept and the way in which processes are managed;
- 3. Critically evaluate the techniques used in storage management;
- 4. Describe the concepts and principles of distributed operating systems.
- 5. Apply the learned operating systems skills in systems administration;

Course Content

Review of types of Operating systems, UNIX O.S Fundamentals, Processes and Process Management, Thread, scheduling algorithm, Dead lock principle, Process Synchronization, Memory Management, File Management, Input and Output Management, Distributed Operating System, Operating System Security

Teaching and Learning Methodologies

Classes for the course consist of a series of theory and practical lectures, Assignments. Group Projects.

Instructional Materials/Equipment

Course text, Handouts, White board, Presentation slides, Journals; Linux platform

Method of Evaluation

Laboratory Work 20%

Project 20%

Assignments 10%

Mid-semester 20%

Final semester exams 30%

Total 100%

Course Text

Operating Systems by Sibsankar Haldar, Alex A. Aravind – 2009

Recommended readings

- 1. Operating System Concepts (7th edition) Silberschatz, Galvin & Gagne Wiley ISBN 0-471-69466-5 2004
- 2. Modern Operating Systems (3rd Edition) Tanenbaum Prentice Hall, 2007
- 3. Operating Systems: A Modern Perspective (3rd edition) Nutt, Addison-Wesley, ISBN 0-321-18955-8
- 4. Operating Systems: Internals and Design Principles (4th edition or later) , Stallings, Prentice Hall ISBN: 0-130-27837-1
- 5. Operatings Systems (Concurrent and Distributed Software Design), Jean Bacon and Tim Harris, Addison-Wesley, ISBN: 0-321-11789-1
- 6. Understanding Operating Systems (3rd edition or later), Flynn & McHoes, International Thomson Publishing, ISBN 0-534-37666-5
- 7. Operating Systems and Middleware, Hailperin, International Thomson Publishing' ISBN 0-534-42369-8
- 8. Operating Systems: Internals and Design Principles by William Stallings 2008
- 9. Operating systems by Achyut S Godbole, Achyut 2005