San José State University  
Computer Science Department  
CS259, Advanced Parallel Processing, Section 1, Fall 2016

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Prerequisites: CS159

Faculty Web Page

Course materials such as presentation slides, notes, assignments, etc. can be found on my faculty web page at http://www.sjsu.edu/people/Robert.Chun/courses

Course Description

An advanced hardware architecture and software development class focused on multi-threaded, parallel processing algorithms and techniques. A detailed study of high-performance parallel processing hardware architectures ranging from on-chip Instruction-Level Parallelism to multi-core microprocessor chips to large distributed supercomputing systems including Clusters, Grids, and Clouds. Discussion and hands-on exercises in a broad range of various parallel programming paradigms and languages such as Pthreads, MPI, OpenMP, Map-Reduce Hadoop, CUDA and OpenCL. The class will focus on the fundamental concepts associated with the design and analysis of parallel processing systems. Special emphasis will be placed on avoiding the unique non-deterministic software defects that can arise in parallel processing systems including race conditions and deadlocks. A term project on a topic selected by the student will be required.
Course Learning Outcomes (CLO)

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Understand the Technical and Business motivation and need for current state-of-the-art computing systems to incorporate Parallel Processing into the Hardware and Software Subsystems.
- Explain the Micro-Hardware Architectural Evolutionary Trends leading to on-chip Instruction-Level Parallelism, and Pipelining, SuperScalar, Multi-Function Unit Parallel Processing.
- Understand the Macro-Hardware Architectural Evolutionary Trends leading to Parallel Processing including Flynn’s Taxonomy and the recent progression in high-performance supercomputing architectures from Clusters to Grids and to Clouds.
- Explain data dependency analysis & hazards, and Amdahl’s Law, which limits the amount of practical speedup and scalability that can be achieved with Parallel Processing.
- Perform Design and Analysis Techniques for Parallel Processing Systems including the identification of data vs. task partitioning in algorithms and applications.
- Understand the Different Models for implementing parallelism in Computing Systems such as shared memory and message passing.
- Explain the software challenges associated with Parallel Processing including the difference between concurrent vs. parallel execution models, deadlocks and race conditions.
- Understand a sample of current parallel programming paradigms and languages and be able to write parallel programs using them.

Required Texts/Readings

Textbooks


Course Requirements and Assignments

Assignments include two midterms, one final, a written and oral report, and a set of projects (consisting of a combination of written problems and programming assignments) weighted as follows. Grading is based on a class curve. All assignments (especially the oral presentation) must be completed by the student on the due date specified to receive credit for the class. Late assignments or exams are not accepted. All students must uphold academic honesty, especially for the required term paper, per university policy detailed at http://www2.sjsu.edu/senate/f88-10.htm

Final Examination

The final exam for the class will be held on Wednesday, December 14, 2016 at 1715-1930
Grading Information

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15%  Midterm Exam 1  
     Week 6 (Approximate)

15%  Midterm Exam 2  
     Week 12 (Approximate)

30%  Term Paper/Project & Presentations  
     Weeks 13-15

30%  Final Exam  
     5/23/16  17:15-19:30

10%  Combined total of Three HW/Projects  
     Due as announced in class

Classroom Protocol

Students are expected to attend all classes.

University Policies

Per University Policy S16-9, university-wide policy information relevant to all courses, such as academic integrity, accommodations, etc. will be available on Office of Graduate and Undergraduate Programs’ Syllabus Information web page at http://www.sjsu.edu/gup/syllabusinfo/

CS259 Fall 2016 Tentative Course Schedule

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Data dependency analysis and control hazard analysis including RAW, WAR, WAW, and Branch Prediction

Limitations of Hardware-based, Software-transparent ILP

Software Challenges of Parallel Processing including Concurrent vs. Parallel Execution Models, Amdahl’s Law, Deadlocks, Race Conditions, Semaphores

Models of Parallelism such as Shared Memory, Message Passing

Parallel Programming Paradigms including Unix Process Forking, PVM, MPI, OpenMP, CUDA, OpenCL, Hadoop Map-Reduce, GPGPU Computing, Toolsets for Parallel Program Software Development and Debugging.

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