San José State University  
Department of Computer Science  
CS 267 – Topics in Database, Section 1, Fall 2017

Course and Contact Information

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Prerequisites: CS 157B (Database Management Systems II) with a grade of C- or better, or instructor's consent. The Department of Computer Science strictly enforces prerequisites. The instructor may drop any student who does not show up for the first two class meetings without providing a valid excuse ahead of time.

Grader: TBD  
Email: TBD

Course Description

Operating Systems: The curse covers the following topics with Big data: NoSQL data modeling, Large-scale data processing platforms, HDFS, MapReduce and Hadoop. Scalable algorithms used to extract knowledge from Big data. Advanced scalable data analytics platforms.  
Prerequisite: CS 157B (with a grade of "C-" or better). Computer Science, Applied and Computational Math or Software Engineering Majors only; or Instructor Consent

Course Learning Outcomes (CLO)

Upon completion of this course, students would achieve the following:

- Explain key concepts, algorithms, techniques related to Big Data.
- Become familiar with Mining data streams.
- Become familiar with Apache Hadoop architecture, and Map-Reduce.
- Become familiar with the different data models used by NoSQL Big Data platforms.
- Become familiar with tradeoffs between SQL and NoSQL: Data model, Query language, guarantees provided.

Required Texts/Readings


• **Cassandra: The Definitive Guide**, Eben Hewitt, O’Reilly,  

**Online Reading Material:**

• **Publications for relevant algorithms in Big Data:**  

• **Strong vs. Eventual Consistency Models:**  

• **Balancing Strong and Eventual Consistency**—case study:  

• **Apache Hadoop:**  

• **Hadoop HDFS:**  

• **MapReduce Overview:**  

• **Analytics Overview:**  

• **Mahout - Scalable Data Mining Algorithms Over Hadoop:**  

• **Apache Hive Home Page:**  

• **Apache Pig Home Page:**  

• **Hbase Home Page:**  

• **Cassandera Home Page:**  

• **CouchDB Home Page:**  

• **MongoDB Home Page:**  
  [http://mongodb.org/](http://mongodb.org/)

**Course Requirements and Assignments**

All the assignments and related documents must be handed in the classroom on due date. Students will lose 10% of the homework or project grade for each day delay, and after 5 days, homework or projects will not be accepted.

Homework and Project descriptions are available on Canvas.

• **Homework-1:**  
  Assignment is on Sept. 12, 2017, and is due back on Sept. 21, 2017.

• **Homework-2:**  
• Homework-3: Assignment is on Nov. 7, 2017, and is due back on Nov. 23, 2017.

• Group Paper: Assignment is on Aug. 29, 2017, and is due back on Nov. 28, 2017.
• Group Project: Assignment is on Aug. 29, 2017, and is due back on Nov. 30, 2017.

Exams or Evaluation
The midterm and final examinations will be closed book and no notes. There will be no laptops, or any personal digital devices allowed. There will be no make-up exams. If a student misses an exam without a legitimate excuse, a grade of zero will be recorded. If a student missed an exam with a legitimate excuse then the grade for that exam will be prorated. More details can be found on final examination in University Policy S06-4 (http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S06-4.pdf) which states that “There shall be an appropriate final examination or evaluation at the scheduled time in every course, unless specifically exempted by the college dean who has curricular responsibility for the course.”

Grading Information
Your individual class grade will be weighted as follows:

• Three HW Assignments 15% 15 points Individual
• Project 15% 15 points Group score
• Research Paper 10% 10 points Group score
• Class Quizzes 10% 10 points individual score
• Midterm 25% 25 points individual scores
• Final exam 25% 25 points individual scores

Each assignment, project, and exam will be scored (given points) but not assigned a letter grade. The mean score for the Midterm will be announced after the exam.

Important NOTE:
In some occasions, the instructor may decide to administer evaluations where students are allowed to use their “paper notes”- (NO BOOK OR ELECTRONIC COPIES), so it is in your best interest to attend to class and take good notes; they may be handy in such situations. These individual in-class quizzes are not scheduled in-advance and they and class participation account to 10% of the overall class grade.

Determination of Grades
Final individual class letter grades will be assigned based on the class curve (i.e. relative grading). Your final class grade can be adjusted up or down depending on your level and quality of participation on your project team.
Classroom Protocol

It is expected that student attend classes, be active and participate in the class by asking/answering questions, arrive in time and leave only after the class is ended. No eating is allowed in the classroom, and it is expected to turn your cell off before entering the classroom.

University Policies
General Expectations, Rights and Responsibilities of the Student

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/

CS 267, Topics in Database, Section 1, Course Schedule

Any changes in the schedule will be sent to registered students through SJSU email 1 week earlier.

Tentative Course Calendar

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<td>Lecture: Introduction to Big Data</td>
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