

Full Title	Operating Systems and Cloud Computing		
Status	Uploaded to Banner	Start Term	2012
NFQ Level	08	ECTS Credits	05
Module Code	INFO08009	Duration	13 weeks - (13 Weeks)
Grading Mode		Department	Comp Science & Applied Physics
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Module Description

This module is part of a conversion course for qualified level 8 graduates or equivalent to immerse them in the fundamentals of operating systems and Cloud Computing (with a specific focus on virtualisation as a fundamental enabling technology for the Cloud).

Learning Outcomes

On completion of this module the learner will/should be able to:

1. Demonstrate an understanding of the internal process management used in modern Operating Systems.
2. Demonstrate an awareness of Operating System problems such as deadlock, memory management and interrupt handling and the different approaches taken to resolving
3. Demonstrate an understanding of the installation and practical setup of a range of modern operating systems.
4. Demonstrate a competency in the role and application of virtualisation technologies in Cloud Computing.
5. Critically evaluate design and configuration aspects of local, host-based and network operating systems

Indicative Syllabus

Introduction to Operating Systems 40%

Definitions, Key Terms and Concepts

Historical Context

Classifications

Local

Host-based

Networked

Storage Management

Real Storage, Virtual Storage, Memory Paging and Segmentation

System Software

Compilers, Assemblers, Linkers, Compression and Decompression

System Calls

Context Switching, Process Management, Queue Management, Coordination and communication, Concurrent Programming, Semaphores, Deadlock, Shared Variables and Memory

Using the Operating System(s)

Network / Multi-user features and consideration

Security Considerations

Backup / Restore Considerations

System Installation 10%

Minimum System Requirements
 Disk / Storage Considerations
 Partitions
 File Systems
 Performance
 Installation Considerations
 Media (Disc, Network, Saved Image)
 Automation through Scripting
 Installation and Configuration

Windows (various)

Unix (various)

Introduction to Virtualisation Technologies 30%

Platform Abstraction
 Resource Sharing / Virtualisation
 Dual-boot v's Virtual Machines
 Virtualisation Tools
 Performance Characteristics

Systems Management Considerations 20%

Ongoing Operating System Maintenance and Upgrade.
 Installing Applications
 Security Considerations
 Backup / Restore Considerations
 "Ghosting" / Imaging
 Security Considerations
 Backup / Restore Considerations

Teaching and Learning Strategy**Assessment Strategy****Repeat Assessment Strategies**

Indicative Coursework and Continuous Assessment:		100 %		
Form	Title	Percent	Week (Indicative)	Learning Outcomes
UNKNOWN	Other Exam	100 %	Any	1,2,3,4,5

Full Time Delivery Mode Average Weekly Workload:			4.00 Hours		
Type	Description	Location	Hours	Frequency	Weekly Avg
Lecture	Lecture	Not Specified	2	Weekly	2.00
Practical	Lab Session	Not Specified	2	Weekly	2.00

Literary Resources

Understanding Operating Systems - Ann McIver McHoes & Ida M. Flynn
 Principles of Operating Systems - Brian L Stuart

Other Resources

None

Additional Information

None

Programme Membership

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