
Distributed Systems

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- ➔ Studies in Computer Science, Techn. Univ. Munich
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- ➔ E-assessment and e-labs
- ➔ IT security
- ➔ Web technologies
- ➔ Mobile applications



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- ➔ Operating systems
- ➔ Programming languages
- ➔ Virtual machines



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- ➔ E-assessment and e-labs
- ➔ Generative artificial intelligence
- ➔ Web technologies

Lectures/Labs

- ➔ Rechnernetze I, 6 CP (Bachelor, summer term)
- ➔ Rechnernetze Praktikum, 6 CP (Bachelor, winter term)
- ➔ Rechnernetze II, 6 CP (Master, summer term)

- ➔ Betriebssysteme und nebenläufige Programmierung, 6 CP (Bachelor, summer term)
- ➔ Parallel processing, 6 CP (Master, winter term)
- ➔ Distributed systems, 6 CP (Bachelor, winter term)



Project Groups

- ➔ e.g., secure cooperation of software components
- ➔ e.g., concepts for secure management of Linux-based thin clients

Theses (Bachelor, Master)

- ➔ Topic areas: secure virtual machine, parallel computing, pattern recognition in sensor data, e-assessment, ...

Seminars

- ➔ Topic areas: IT security, programming languages, pattern recognition in sensor data, ...
- ➔ Procedure: block seminar (30 min. talk, 5000 word paper)
- ➔ Master: attend the lecture “Scientific Working” beforehand!
 - ➔ block course end of Feb. / beginning of March



➔ Lecture:

➔ Thursday, **08:30 - 10:00**, room H-C 6321

➔ Exercises:

➔ Thursday, 10:15-11:45, room H-C 6321

➔ start: 30.10.2025

➔ includes programming exercises (Java, python)



Information, Slides and Announcements

➔ On the course's webpage:

<http://www.bs.informatik.uni-siegen.de/lehre/vs>

➔ If necessary, updates/supplements shortly before the lecture

➔ look at the date!

➔ Exercise sheets will be put online as PDF

➔ please print and process them yourself!

➔ There is also a moodle course

➔ submission of mandatory exercise solutions

➔ self tests

Registration for “Course Achievement” (Studienleistung)

- ➔ Passing the course requires successful completion of homework:
 - ➔ 10 exercise sheets with two mandatory exercises
 - ➔ 6 exercise sheets must be successfully processed
- ➔ You must register for “4INFBA303-S - Coursework Distributed Systems” **before you can submit a solution!** (do it right now!)
 - ➔ independent of the registration to the course and the lab!
 - ➔ if you cannot complete the course work: **deregister** again!



The screenshot shows a list of courses in a registration system. The courses are:

- 4INFBA303 - Verteilte Systeme - empf. FS 4 - Wahlpflicht - 6,0 Credits
- 4INFBA303-VG1 - Verteilte Systeme (Vorlesung) - empf. FS 4 - Pflicht
- 4INFBA303-VG2 - Verteilte Systeme (Übung) - empf. FS 4 - Pflicht
- 4INFBA303-S - Studienleistung Verteilte Systeme - empf. FS 4 - Pflicht - 2,0 Credits
- 4INFBA303-P - Prüfungsleistung Verteilte Systeme - empf. FS 4 - Pflicht - 4,0 Credits

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- ➔ Oral examination
 - ➔ duration about 30-40 minutes

- ➔ Registration:
 - ➔ first register at the campus management system (unisono)
 - ➔ at least 1 week before the exam date (better 3-4 weeks)
 - ➔ then fix a date with my secretary (Ms. Zetzsche, H-B 8403)
 - ➔ at least 1 week before the exam date (better 3-4 weeks)
 - ➔ phone: -4048
 - ➔ email: bsvs.zetzsche@eti.uni-siegen.de
 - ➔ cancellation is possible up to 7 days before the exam
 - ➔ via unisono
 - ➔ please inform me, too!



- ➔ Introduction
- ➔ Middleware
- ➔ Distributed programming (Java RMI, gRPC)
- ➔ Name services
- ➔ Process management
- ➔ Time and global state
- ➔ Fault tolerance
- ➔ Coordination
- ➔ Replication and consistency
- ➔ Distributed file systems

(Some changes compared to last year's lecture!)



- ➔ Understand the properties of distributed systems
 - ➔ absence of a global state
 - ➔ problems with synchronization and with consistency of replicated data
- ➔ Understand the approaches to solve the problems and be able to apply them to given challenges
- ➔ Be able to develop simple distributed programs
- ➔ Distinguish architecture models for distributed systems as well as different types and tasks of middleware and be able to assess their usability for given problems



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- ➔ Robert Orfali, Dan Harkey. *Client/Server-Programming with Java and Corba*. John Wiley & Sons, 1998.
- ➔ Torsten Langner. *Verteilte Anwendungen mit Java*. Markt + Technik, 2002.

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