CS533 Concepts of Operating Systems

Class 1

Course Overview

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Entrance Exam
About the Instructor & TA

- **Instructor - Jonathan Walpole**
  - Professor at PSU
  - Professor and Director Systems Software Lab at OGI
  - Ph.D. Lancaster University, UK
  - Research Interests: Operating Systems, Parallel and Distributed Systems

- **TA - none**
Course Overview

- Based on ~35 research papers
  - Read them carefully!
  - Submit a written review of each paper BEFORE class!

- Class structure
  - Student presentations
  - Instructor-led discussion

- Course web page
  www.cs.pdx.edu/~walpole/class/cs533/spring2009/home.html
Topics

- Multi-threading and concurrency
- Event-based systems
- Message passing and RPC
- System structuring using layers
- Modular kernels and extensibility
- Virtualization and specialization
- Concurrency and scalability on modern CPU architectures
Grade Structure

- Paper reviews - 20%
  - Email to me before class (walpole@cs.pdx.edu)
- Paper presentations - 30%
- Midterm exam - 20%
- Position paper - 10%
- Final exam - 20%
Paper Presentations

- Your paper assignment is posted on the web page
- Your presentation should last ~20 minutes
- Emphasize key ideas, not irrelevant details
- Do the necessary background reading!
- Prepare a formal presentation with slides
- Send me a draft presentation in time for me to review it and give you feedback
- Make sure your presentation is of high quality!!!
Position Papers

- Short paper (<1500 words)
- Your chance to summarize
  - current OS research trends
  - future directions
- By the end of this class you should have a clear understanding of OS research directions and challenges
- I want to know what you think
  - ... not a straight summary of the papers we have studied
Before Class 2

- Visit the class web page
  www.cs.pdx.edu/~walpole/class/cs533/spring2009/home.html

- Find your first paper assignment
  - I will post them by Wednesday
  - Email me if there is a problem!

- Read class 1 papers and papers for class 2
  - I will present the papers for class 1 and class 2

- Submit paper reviews as directed on the class web site
Entrance exam

- Are you in the right class?
- Answer all the questions!
- Keep your answers concise!
- Clarify what you know, and what you don’t know
- Unless you hear otherwise, you are ok to continue with the class