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Distributed Systems Undergraduate Program

Overall Schedule - Laboratory and Project

Week	Laboratory Presentation	Laboratory Evaluation	Project Presentation	Project Evaluation
1	 Lab Resources Assignment 1 presentation Laboratory work 1.1: 3 – tier REST services 		 Project requirements 	
2	 Laboratory work 1.2: Micro-services Development 			
3	 Laboratory work 1.3: React App Development 			
4	Q&A		 Laboratory work P1: Deployment using Docker 	
5	 Assignment 2 presentation Laboratory work 2.1: Indirect Communication Using Queues 	Assignment 1 – full application		Assignment 1 – deployed on docker
6	 Laboratory work 2.2: Indirect Communication Using Topics 			
7			 Laboratory work P2: Deployment using Docker Load balancer and reverse proxy 	
8	Q&A		 CI/CD on Cloud (optional for the extra point) 	
9	 Assignment 3 presentation Laboratory work: Web Sockets and Security 	Assignment 2 – full application		Assignment 2 – deployed on docker with load balancing and reverse proxy

10			 Laboratory 	
			work P3: Basic	
			Security	
11	Q&A		Q&A	
12		Assignment 3 –		Assignment 3 -
		full application		deployed on
				docker with load
				balancing and
				reverse proxy
13				Late evaluations
14				Late evaluations

Detailed Description - Laboratory and Project

Lab Resources

Key Technical Skills	Setup Software Stack
	Version Control (Git and Gitlab)
	CI/CD Tutorial
	Deployment on cloud (any cloud provider account is accepted) for 1
	bonus point at the exam

Assignment 1 – tier REST services and React App

Basic DS Concepts	Client - Server Architecture
	Request-Reply Communication Paradigm
	HTTP Protocol and Methods
	HTTP state management mechanisms
	URI-based resource access (REST Services)
Key Technical Skills	HTTP state management mechanisms on Client Side (Session
	storage, Cookies)
	Authorization and Authentication Process (Roles)
	Custom Queries for fast DB access (eager vs lazy load)
	Deployment of web application in Tomcat Server and Node server
Conceptual Architecture	Client application - 3-tier REST Server-side services
Technologies	React (Angular) + Spring REST
	Hibernate + Mysql/PostgreSQL
Useful Links	https://biblioteca.utcluj.ro/files/carti-online-cu-coperta/329-5.pdf

Assignment 2 - Indirect Communication Using Queues and Web sockets.

Basic DS Concepts	Message Oriented Middleware
Key Technical Skills	Using Queues as Message Buffers for Client-Server communication
	Using Web Sockets for Asynchronous Client-Server Communication
	Deployment of client, server and middleware applications
Conceptual Architecture	Queue-based Message Oriented Middleware
	Bi-directional, full-duplex, real-time client/server communications
Technologies	RabbitMQ
	JSR 356 or the Java API for WebSocket
Useful Links	https://www.baeldung.com/java-websockets
	https://biblioteca.utcluj.ro/files/carti-online-cu-coperta/329-5.pdf

Assignment 3 – Web sockets and security

Basic DS Concepts	Web sockets and security
Key Technical Skills	Securing Communication using SSL
	Converting server side to REST services
	Web sockets-based communication
	Spring security
	Deployment of server and client applications as individual
	executables
Conceptual Architecture	Authentication and authorization component integration, chat
	microservice with WebSocket communication
Technologies	Web sockets and security
Useful Links	https://spring.io/projects/spring-security
	https://spring.io/guides/gs/messaging-stomp-websocket/

Final Project

Basic DS Concepts	Architecture of large heterogeneous distributed application
	Non-Functional requirements of Distributed Systems
	Virtualization
	CI/CD Pipeline
Key Technical Skills	Scalability: Deployment using Dockers
	Security: HTTPS and JWT over REST SSL
	Setting Time zone and keeping time consistent within application
	Deployment in Docker, network configuration, port forwarding
	Load balancing and reverse proxy
Conceptual Architecture	Service-based architecture of large distributed system
Technologies	Spring REST + React (or Angular)
	Hibernate + MySql / PostgreSQL
	RabbitMQ
	JSR 356 or the Java API for WebSocket
	HTTPS and JWT over REST and SSL, WS Security
	Docker for resource virtualization
Useful Links	https://www.guru99.com/security-web-services.html
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