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Course Evaluation

CSE 486: Distributed Systems

This course evaluation is part of an effort to evaluate the courses that are being developed as part of a grant from the National Science Foundation. Your participation in this course evaluation will provide important information to help improve the course. In addition, your comments will benefit students taking this course in the future.

We appreciate your taking the time to read each question carefully and answer them as fully as possible.

Instructions for Completing the Course Evaluation

- Do not put your name on any form. Survey responses will remain anonymous.

- Please respond to items 1–35 on this survey by circling the appropriate number. Responses to items 36–39 should be reported in the spaces provided.

- When you have completed the survey, please place the forms in the envelope supplied by your instructor.

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CSE 486 — Distributed Systems I — Fall, 2003

Please respond to of the following questions by circling the number between one and five which most nearly represents your feelings. As indicated below, we use the scale: (1) Strongly Agree, (2) Agree, (3) Neutral, (4) Disagree, (5) Strongly Disagree. **Please read each question carefully**.

Course Information Please indicate the degree to which you feel	**Strongly Agree**	**Agree**	**Neutral**	**Disagree**	**Strongly Disagree**
1. the objectives of this course were clearly stated.	1	2	3	4	5
2. this course increased your interest in distributed systems.	1	2	3	4	5
3. this course increased your interest in grid computing.	1	2	3	4	5
4. you learned a lot about distributed systems, including both concepts and implementation.	1	2	3	4	5
5. you learned a lot about grid computing and its future potential.	1	2	3	4	5
6. adequate time was allotted to cover the course content.	1	2	3	4	5
7. the topic areas were sequenced in an appropriate manner.	1	2	3	4	5
8. the instructions for exercises and assignments were clear and easy to understand.	1	2	3	4	5
9. the lab exercises and assignments reflected the content of the course.	1	2	3	4	5
10. the lab exercises and assignments helped you learn the course material.	1	2	3	4	5
11. the grading of the lab exercises and assignments was fair.	1	2	3	4	5
12. the questions on tests reflected the content of the course.	1	2	3	4	5
13. the grading of the tests was fair.	1	2	3	4	5
14. adequate time was given to complete the tests.	1	2	3	4	5
15. the textbook was helpful and a good information resource.	1	2	3	4	5
16. the textbook, course materials and handouts were sufficient for you to understand all the topics covered.	1	2	3	4	5
17. the course website was useful for obtaining course materials and information.	1	2	3	4	5
18. the instructor or TA provided help when you needed it.	1	2	3	4	5
19. you are prepared for an advanced course on distributed systems.	1	2	3	4	5
20. the topics covered will be useful to you in the future, beyond CSE 486-586.	1	2	3	4	5
21. the course met your expectations.	1	2	3	4	5
22. Overall, how would you rate this course? (1=excellent, 2= good, 3=average, 4=poor, 5=bad)	1	2	3	4	5

Course Objectives

Please indicate the degree to which you feel you

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
23. understand the fundamental components and operation of a distributed system.	1	2	3	4	5
24. can design and implement a distributed application.	1	2	3	4	5
25. are able to analyze a distributed system for its architecture, algorithms, protocols and services.	1	2	3	4	5
26. have good understanding and working knowledge of grid computing.	1	2	3	4	5
27. are able to program using Web services.	1	2	3	4	5
28. are able to program using the Globus grid computing framework.	1	2	3	4	5
29. are able to demonstrate the ability to design, implement, and deploy distributed systems based on Java technology and Grid Technology.	1	2	3	4	5

Computer Resources (Hardware and Software)

Please indicate the degree to which you feel

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
30. the type of hardware computer resources provided by UB were appropriate for the course.	1	2	3	4	5
31. the type of software computer resources provided by UB were appropriate for the course.	1	2	3	4	5
32. the computer resources provided by UB were adequate to do the lab exercises and assignments.	1	2	3	4	5
33. the computer resources were available and accessible when you needed or wanted to use them.	1	2	3	4	5
34. the computer resources enabled you to gain "hands on" experience with distributed systems.	1	2	3	4	5
35. the computer resources enabled you to gain "hands on" experience with grid computing.	1	2	3	4	5

Please take the time to answer each of the following questions.

36. Why did you take this course?

37. What was the most valuable aspect of the Distributed Systems course? What did you like about it?

38. What was the poorest aspect of the course? In what ways could this course be improved?

39. What other comments would you like to make regarding any aspect of this course?