Welcome to TDDD37 / 732A57 Database Technology



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Topics and Intended Learning Outcomes



Course Topics

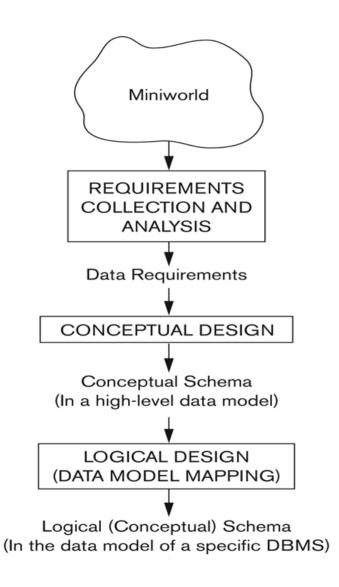
- 1. Fundamental concepts
- 2. Relational databases
- 3. SQL
- 4. EER modeling
- 5. Mapping of EER diagrams to relations
- 6. Functional dependencies and normalization

- 7. Stored procedures and triggers
- 8. Data structures for DBs
- Introduction to Transaction Processing
- 10. Concurrency Control
- 11. Database Recovery
- 12. Query Processing



After the course you should be able to ...

- Design relational databases for different types of example domains by first creating a conceptual schema using the Enhanced Entity-Relationship (EER) model and then translating this conceptual schema into a corresponding logical schema captured in the relational data model.
- Analyze and improve the quality of given relational database schemas based on the formal measure of normal forms.





After the course you should be able to ...

- Employ the SQL language to query and to modify several example relational databases, as well as to create such a database with a given relational database schema.
- Compare the cost of finding and updating records in database storage files when using different approaches to organize and to index such files.
- Apply basic techniques that DBMSs can use to identify and to avoid problems that may occur when multiple users access a database concurrently.
- Apply recovery algorithms that DBMSs use to guarantee persistence of data even in the case of system failures.



Examination



Final Exam

- During the exam period after the course
- Dates: see pointer at the course Website
- Form of this examination still to be decided





Four Assignments

- 1. SQL
- 2. Database design and EER modeling
- 3. Functional dependencies and normalization
- 4. BrianAir project, 4a: initial design, 4b: improved design 4c: implementation, 4d: urkund analysis
- Deadlines on the course Website
 - hard deadlines for assignments 4a and 4b (before assignment 3!)
- To be solved in pairs
 - register with a lab partner in Webreg before the end of this week
- Use MySQL server for assignments 1 and 4c
 - need access to MySQL server provided by LiU IT
 - instructions on the course Website

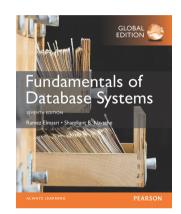


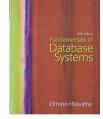
Organization of the Course



Structure of the Course

- Schedule on the course Website
- 12 lecture sessions
 - Some traditional, some in flipped-classroom style
 - Text book: Elmasri and Navathe. Fundamentals of Database Systems, Addison Wesley, 7th edition
- 9 lab sessions
 - First two: focus on assignment #1
 - Third one: focus on assignment #2
 - Remaining six: focus on assignment #4c
 (only three of these six lab sessions will be supervised)
- 1 teaching session
 - Discussion of #4a hand-ins (mandatory!)





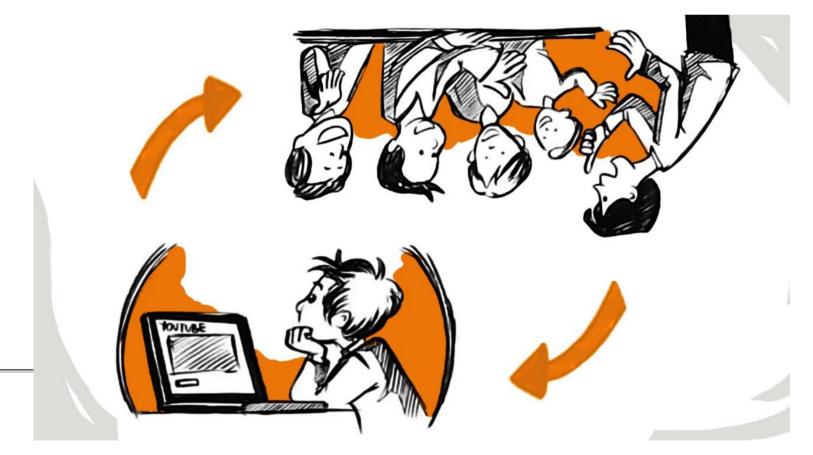




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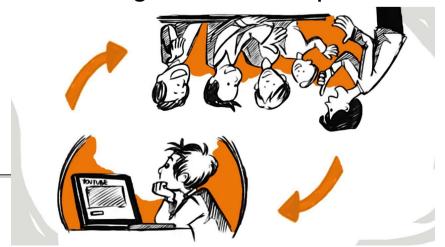




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- In contrast to trying to replicate traditional lectures
 - more flexibility in terms of when you watch the videos (plus, you can pause, repeat, fast-forward, etc.)
 - role of the lecture sessions: give you ample opportunity to ask questions and to reinforce your learning of the concepts



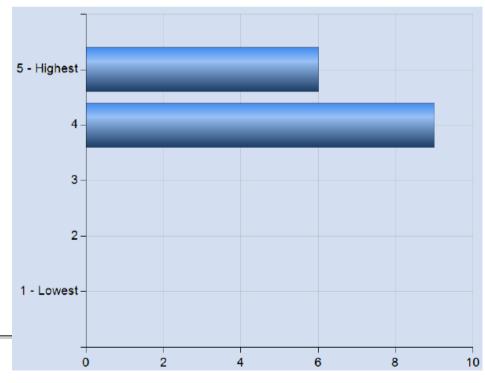


Earlier Versions of the Course



EvalLiUate Evaluations 2019

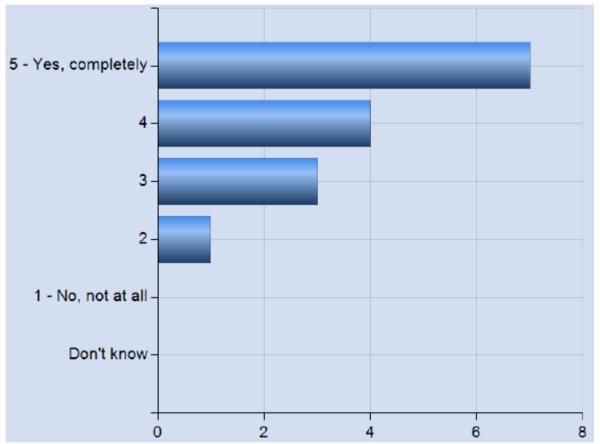
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Overall number of students	16	134
Students who answered	1 (6.3%)	15 (11.2%)
Overall evaluation	5.0	4.4 (±0.51)





EvalLiUate Evaluations 2019 (cont'd)

Question: The educational methods used in the course supported my learning.



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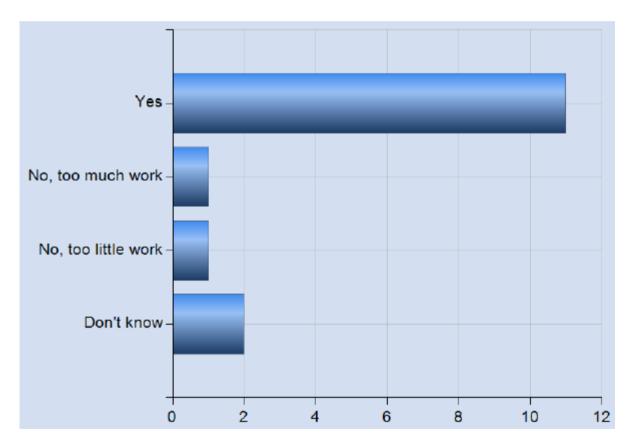
- "Lab session really helps me a lot!"
- "The project and labs were very fun and I learned a lot."
- "The quizes during the lectures forced me to pay attention, which was nice."
- "Can provide more problems to solve"

Let's try the flipped-classroom model for some lectures this year!



EvalLiUate Evaluations 2019 (cont'd)

Question: The time I worked actively on the course (both timetabled hours and independent study) corresponded to the credit value of the course.





More Quotes

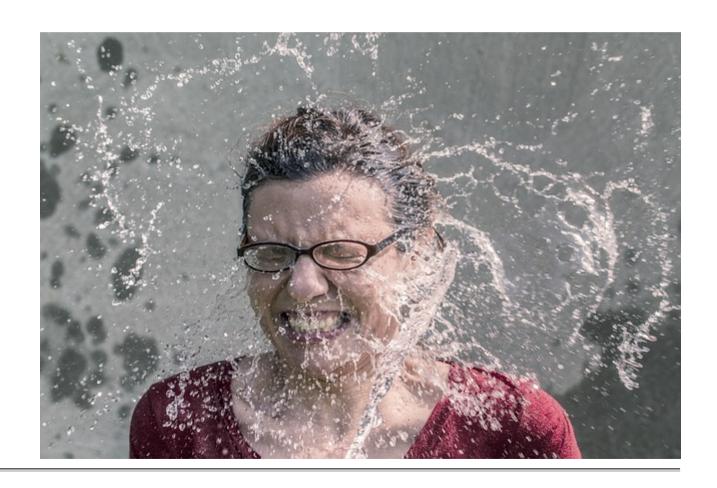
General:

- "I thought the content of the course was very easy since a lot was repetition for a U-student. This could be changed."
- Regarding assignments and lab sessions:
 - "Lab session really helps me a lot!"
 - "The project and labs were very fun and I learned a lot."
 - "I want better chairs in the computer rooms."
 - "I would like the requirements for the lab-assitants to be stricter.
 As it were, the one I had was both pretty bad at communicating,
 (I.E. difficult to understand and not very verbose) and bad att
 providing propper feedback."



Please bear with us!

- Not everything is guaranteed to run smoothly
- We are trying our best





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