

Title: SE2: Software Design and Architecture.

Course ID: CS 446, SE 464, ECE 452, CS 646

WWW: <http://www.cs.uwaterloo.ca/~rtholmes/teaching/2015winter/cs446/index.html>

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Lectures: Tuesday & Thursday: 10:00 - 11:20, MC 2034

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Course objective:

To introduce students to the software design process and its models. Representations of design/architecture. Software architectures and design plans. Design methods. Design state assessment. Design quality assurance. Design verification. Group design and implementation of an application.

Course expectations:

It is expected that students attend lecture and tutorial and complete the required assignments. Lectures will often include a hands-on activity; participation in these exercises is essential to succeed in the class. Slides will be provided via the course web page before class, along with videos explaining the slides. Any material discussed in class, in the required readings, or in the posted videos will be testable unless otherwise noted.

By the end of the course you should be able to:

- Propose and analyze software architectures.
- Explain the strengths and weaknesses of various architectural styles and design patterns / techniques.
- Communicate and rationalize architectural and design decisions.
- Ideate, justify, and implement software designs.
- Evaluate, compare, and contrast different architectures and designs.

Required text: None.

Required readings: Posted online.

Optional texts:

Taylor, Medvidovic, and Dashofy. Software Architecture. Foundations, Theory, and Practice.

Gorton. Essential Software Architecture.

Brooks. The Mythical Man Month.

Brooks. The Design of Design.

Overview of topics:

- Software architecture, architectural styles, & architectural representations.
- Software design, design patterns, design representations.
- Software architecture and design conception, analysis, and communication.
- Architecture and design recovery / reverse engineering.
- Architecture and design visualization / understanding.
- Cloud / grid computing architectures.

Course schedule / assessment:

Deliverable 0:	Initial Questionnaire	Jan 6 - in class	Pass/Fail
Deliverable 1:	Project Proposal	Jan 26 @ 0800 & in class Jan 27	5%
Deliverable 2:	Architecture Activity	Feb 3/5/10/12	Pass/Fail
Deliverable 3:	Prototype Demonstration	Mar 2 @ 0800 & in class Mar 3/5	5%
Deliverable 4:	Design Pattern Activity	Mar 10/12/17/19	Pass/Fail
Deliverable 5:	Architecture & Design goals	Mar 22 @ 0800 & Mar 23-27 (oral exam)	30%
Deliverable 6:	Project Presentation + Video	Mar 30 @ 0800 & in class Mar 31/Apr 1	10%
Final Exam:		Date set by registrar	50%

The student **must** pass the final exam **and** all pass/fail assignments to pass the course. Grad students will have different assessment requirements; see course web page. Any individual portion of a deliverable **must** be completed individually without collaboration of any kind. Marked materials can be picked up in class.

Grad student assessment: The midterm will be worth 0% for grad students; instead an individually-performed paper-based assignment will be required. This will involve synthesizing 3 or more research papers on a relevant (instructor approved) topic, a short report, and a presentation to the class.

Late policy: No late work will be accepted without *prior* discussion and documentation.

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