COMP3210
Big Data
Session 1, Special circumstances 2021
Department of Computing

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Notice
As part of Phase 3 of our return to campus plan, most units will now run tutorials, seminars and other small group activities on campus, and most will keep an online version available to those students unable to return or those who choose to continue their studies online.

To check the availability of face-to-face activities for your unit, please go to timetable viewer. To check detailed information on unit assessments visit your unit’s iLearn space or consult your unit convenor.
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Credit points
10

Prerequisites
130cp at 1000 level or above including COMP2200 or COMP257

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description
Even simple tasks like counting elements can seem impossible when the amount of data to process is huge. This unit explores some of the key aspects related to processing and mining information from large volumes of data. We present technology commonly used in industry such as map-reduce, and show how a range of data processing methods can be realised using map-reduce. Special emphasis will be placed in the adaptation of data mining techniques for large volumes of data and for data streaming.
Important Academic Dates
Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at https://students.mq.edu.au/important-dates

Learning Outcomes
On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

- **ULO1**: Explain the key Big Data concepts and techniques.
- **ULO2**: Apply techniques for storing large volumes of data.
- **ULO3**: Apply Map-reduce techniques to a number of problems that involve Big Data.
- **ULO4**: Apply techniques for handling high-dimensional big data.

General Assessment Information

Assessment Tasks

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Late Submission
No extensions will be granted without an approved application for Special Consideration. There will be a deduction of 10% of the total available marks made from the total awarded mark for each 24 hour period or part thereof that the submission is late. For example, 25 hours late in submission for an assignment worth 10 marks – 20% penalty or 2 marks deducted from the total. No submission will be accepted after solutions have been posted.

The final mark of the unit will be obtained by summing the marks of all the assessment tasks for a total mark of 100. In order to pass the unit, the raw mark needs to be 50 or above.
Assignment 1
Assessment Type: Programming Task
Indicative Time on Task: 30 hours
Due: Week 7-8
Weighting: 20%

In this assignment you will implement MapReduce techniques for the processing of Big Data. You will build your assignment on top of Hadoop.

On successful completion you will be able to:
- Explain the key Big Data concepts and techniques.
- Apply techniques for storing large volumes of data.
- Apply Map-reduce techniques to a number of problems that involve Big Data.

Assignment 2
Assessment Type: Programming Task
Indicative Time on Task: 30 hours
Due: Week 13
Weighting: 20%

In this assignment you will implement a non-trivial problem that processes Big Data.

On successful completion you will be able to:
- Explain the key Big Data concepts and techniques.
- Apply techniques for handling high-dimensional big data.

Final Exam
Assessment Type: Examination
Indicative Time on Task: 15 hours
Due: TBA
Weighting: 60%

The final exam will focus on the theoretical aspects of the unit, including algorithms and implementation issues.
On successful completion you will be able to:

- Explain the key Big Data concepts and techniques.
- Apply techniques for storing large volumes of data.
- Apply Map-reduce techniques to a number of problems that involve Big Data.
- Apply techniques for handling high-dimensional big data.

1 If you need help with your assignment, please contact:

- the academic teaching staff in your unit for guidance in understanding or completing this type of assessment
- the Learning Skills Unit for academic skills support.

2 Indicative time-on-task is an estimate of the time required for completion of the assessment task and is subject to individual variation

**Delivery and Resources**

For details of days, times and rooms consult the [timetables webpage](#).

**Required and Recommended Texts**

Some of the contents of the unit will be based on the following books:

- C. Coronel, S. Morris. Database Systems: Design, Implementation and Management. 13th edition. Chapter 14 is the most relevant chapter. This chapter will be made available to students attending the classes.

Additional material including lecture notes will be made available during the semester. See the unit schedule for a listing of the most relevant reading for each week.

**Technology Used and Required**

The following software is used in COMP3210:

- Java 8
  - Installation instructions to set JAVA_HOME:
• https://docs.oracle.com/cd/E19182-01/820-7851/inst_clj_dk_javahome_t/

• Python 3.7 (Anaconda version)
  • Download: https://www.anaconda.com/download
  • Installation instructions: https://docs.anaconda.com/anaconda/install/

• MongoDB
  • Installation instructions: https://docs.mongodb.com/v3.2/tutorial/install-mongodb-on-windows/

• Studio 3T
  • Here is an online tool to access MongoDB and MapReduce. It has a 30 day Trial but if you need more time you can also apply for a student licence.
  • Download: https://studio3t.com/download/

• Hadoop
  • Download: https://hadoop.apache.org/releases.html
  • Installation instructions: https://wiki.apache.org/hadoop/Hadoop2OnWindows

This software is installed in the labs; you should also ensure that you have working copies of all the above on your own machine. Note that some of this software requires internet access.

Many packages come in various versions; to avoid potential incompatibilities, you should install versions as close as possible to those used in the labs.

Unit Web Page

The unit web page will be hosted in iLearn, where you will need to login using your Student One ID and password. The unit will make extensive use of discussion boards also hosted in iLearn. Please post questions there, they will be monitored by the staff on the unit.

Unit Schedule

Note: Lectures will be online.

Week 1: Data and Big Data
Week 2: Organizing Big Data
Week 3: Curating Big Data
Week 4: Processing Big Data (Cloud Computing)
Week 5: Processing Big Data (MapReduce)
Week 6: Big Data Platforms (Guest Lecture)
Week 7: Big Data with High Dimensions
Week 8: Indexing Big Data
Week 9: Searching Big Data
Week 10: Multidimensional Divide and Conquer
Week 11: Grid Decomposition in Big Data
Week 12: Advanced Topic in Big Data (Guest Lecture)
Week 13: Unit Review

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from Policy Central (https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

- Academic Appeals Policy
- Academic Integrity Policy
- Academic Progression Policy
- Assessment Policy
- Fitness to Practice Procedure
- Grade Appeal Policy
- Complaint Management Procedure for Students and Members of the Public
- Special Consideration Policy (Note: The Special Consideration Policy is effective from 4 December 2017 and replaces the Disruption to Studies Policy.)

Students seeking more policy resources can visit the Student Policy Gateway (https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/student-policy-gateway). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

If you would like to see all the policies relevant to Learning and Teaching visit Policy Central (https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central).

Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: https://students.mq.edu.au/admin/other-resources/student-conduct

Results

Results published on platform other than eStudent, (eg. iLearn, Coursera etc.) or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in eStudent. For more information visit ask.mq.edu.au or if you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au
Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit http://students.mq.edu.au/support/

Learning Skills

Learning Skills (mq.edu.au/learningskills) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to help you improve your marks and take control of your study.

- Getting help with your assignment
- Workshops
- StudyWise
- Academic Integrity Module

The Library provides online and face to face support to help you find and use relevant information resources.

- Subject and Research Guides
- Ask a Librarian

Student Enquiry Service

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at ask.mq.edu.au

If you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

Equity Support

Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the Disability Service who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/.

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy. The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.

Changes from Previous Offering

Compared to Semester 1 2020, three assignments are reduced to two assignments. There is no hurdle any more.
## Changes since First Published

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