



COMP1010

Fundamentals of Computer Science

Session 2, Online-scheduled-weekday 2022

School of Computing

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General Information

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Prerequisites

(COMP1000 or COMP115) or admission to (BActStud or BActStudBSc or BAppFinBActStud or BActStudBProfPrac)

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

This unit studies programming as a systematic discipline and introduces more formal software design methods. Programming skills are extended to include elementary data structures and abstract data types. There is a strong emphasis on problem solving and algorithms, including aspects of correctness, complexity and computability.

Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates>

Learning Outcomes

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

ULO1: apply enhanced problem solving skills to develop algorithms

ULO2: implement programs from algorithms, showing an understanding of the underlying architecture of the computer

ULO3: adhere to standard software engineering practices, including documentation, unit testing and debugging

ULO4: compare different methods available for the same problem in terms of efficiency and other criteria

ULO5: demonstrate foundational learning skills including active engagement in their learning process

General Assessment Information

WEEKLY SUBMISSION HURDLE

You must pass at least 8 out of 10 weekly submissions. Thus, there are 2 grace attempts. Passing criteria for each week will vary and is explained in the practical worksheets. If you get 50 or more marks in the unit but have 7 or fewer hurdles that you pass, your final mark will be capped at 49, and your grade will be FH.

Late Assessment Submission Penalty

From 1 July 2022, Students enrolled in Session-based units with written assessments will have the following late penalty applied. Please see <https://students.mq.edu.au/study/assessment-exams/assessments> for more information.

Unless a Special Consideration request has been submitted and approved, a 5% penalty (of the total possible mark) will be applied each day a written assessment is not submitted, up until the 7th day (including weekends). After the 7th day, a grade of '0' will be awarded even if the assessment is submitted. Submission time for all written assessments is set at **11:55 pm**. A 1-hour grace period is provided to students who experience a technical concern.

For any late submission of time-sensitive tasks, such as scheduled tests/exams, performance assessments/presentations, and/or scheduled practical assessments/labs, students need to submit an application for [Special Consideration](#).

Assessments where Late Submissions will be accepted

In this unit, late submissions will be accepted as follows:

- Weekly Submissions: NO, unless Special Consideration is granted
- Assignments: YES, Standard Late Penalty applies

Assessment Tasks

| Name | Weighting | Hurdle | Due |
|------------------------------------|-----------|--------|----------------|
| Weekly submissions | 20% | Yes | Weeks 2-12 |
| Assignments | 30% | No | Weeks 3, 8, 13 |

| Name | Weighting | Hurdle | Due |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|--------|---|
| End-of-semester exam | 30% | No | Weeks 14, 15 |
| Quizzes | 20% | No | Weeks 6, 10, 12 (First 30 minutes of lecture) |

Weekly submissions

Assessment Type ¹: Practice-based task

Indicative Time on Task ²: 20 hours

Due: **Weeks 2-12**

Weighting: **20%**

This is a hurdle assessment task (see [assessment policy](#) for more information on hurdle assessment tasks)

Weekly submissions from the practice package provided. To clear the hurdle, students must submit **at least 8 out of 10** submissions that satisfy the minimum requirements, which may be different for each week.

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Assignments

Assessment Type ¹: Programming Task

Indicative Time on Task ²: 39 hours

Due: **Weeks 3, 8, 13**

Weighting: **30%**

Take-home assignments during the semester to assess problem-solving skills in the domain of the unit topics.

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End-of-semester exam

Assessment Type **1**: Examination

Indicative Time on Task **2**: 10 hours

Due: **Weeks 14, 15**

Weighting: **30%**

End of semester exam to assess achievement of learning outcomes from the entire session.

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Quizzes

Assessment Type **1**: Quiz/Test

Indicative Time on Task **2**: 16 hours

Due: **Weeks 6, 10, 12 (First 30 minutes of lecture)**

Weighting: **20%**

Online quizzes to assess the understanding of the several topics taught throughout the unit. Students get only one attempt for each quiz.

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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 [Writing Centre](#) 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

CLASSES

Each week you should attend

- two hours of lectures (details to be announced via iLearn),
- two hour practical class

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

Note that Lectures and Practical classes commence in week 1.

You should have selected a practical class during enrolment. **You should attend the practical class in which you are enrolled.** You won't always get the class of your choice. Check availabilities via **eStudent** regularly. If ALL practical classes are full, only then, contact the convenor.

Please note that you are **required** to submit work regularly. You will get the help that you need by attending your practical class. Failure to submit work may result in you failing the unit (see the precise requirements in the "Grading Standards" section) or being excluded from the final examination.

TEXTS AND/OR MATERIALS

Lecture notes, Practical classes and Video tutorials: details to be announced via iLearn

Recommended Textbooks:

1. **T. Gaddis, Starting out with Java: From control structures through objects (Pearson), Global edition (6th). ISBN 9781292110653**
 - [Online edition](#) of this book is available through MQ Library. There can be up to 5 simultaneous accesses. Click on "Full text available at: [2018 eTextbooks](#)" and login with OneID and password.
2. **Kathy Siera, Bert Bates, Head First Java, 2nd edition. ISBN 9780596009205**

TECHNOLOGY USED AND REQUIRED

Audio and Video Lecture

Digital recordings of lectures are available from within iLearn via **Active Learning Platform**.

Technology

- [Java SE](#) - download the latest Java SE to be compatible with the labs.
- [Eclipse](#) (preferred, troubleshooting provided) or [Visual Studio Code](#) (if you are proficient, independent) - the IDEs we shall be using during the session.
- Learning Management System [iLearn](#).
- <https://code2flow.com/> for better understanding of control flow.
- <http://codingbat.com/> for programming exercises.

Discussion Boards

The unit makes use of forums hosted within [iLearn](#). Please post questions there, they are monitored by the unit staff.

Unit Schedule

Note that three important themes will pervade the entire unit:

1. **Problem-solving.** A crucial skill for all of the weekly topics will be to write appropriate code to meet a given problem specification. This theme relates to the first two learning outcomes for this unit.
2. **Software development.** The use of JUnit testing framework is an important development practice that will be taught from the beginning and used throughout the unit. This theme relates to the third learning outcome of this unit.

3. **Comparing different solution methods.** Very often different algorithms are available for the same problem. Another important skill to develop throughout this unit is the ability to compare different algorithms in terms of efficiency and other criteria. This theme relates to the fourth learning outcome of this unit.

Unit Schedule

NOTE: This is a tentative schedule and subject to minor changes.

| Week | Topic | Pre-lecture readings from Lecture Notes (COMP1010) | Assessments Due | Weekly submission |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|--|--|-------------------|
| 1 | Programming environment | 1, 2 | | No |
| 2 | Problem-solving, JUnit testing | 3, 4 | | Yes |
| 3 | Classes and Objects - 1 | 5, 6, 7 | Assignment 1 (Arrays) - 5% | Yes |
| 4 | Classes and Objects - 2 | 8, 9, 10 | | Yes |
| 5 | Recursion - 1 | 11, 12 | | Yes |
| 6 | Recursion - 2 | 13, 14, 15 | Quiz 1 (Classes) - 5% First 30 minutes of lecture | Yes |
| 7 | List Interface, ArrayList class | 16, 17, 18 | | Yes |
| 2 weeks' recess | | | | |
| 8 | Sorting Algorithm(s) | 19 | Assignment 2 (Classes) - 10% | No |
| 9 | Stacks and Queues | 20 | | Yes |
| 10 | Recursive data structures - 1 | 21 | Quiz 2 (Recursion) – 7% First 30 minutes of lecture | Yes |
| 11 | Recursive data structures - 2 | 22 | | Yes |
| 12 | Assembly Programming | TBA | Quiz 3 (ArrayList class) - 8% First 30 minutes of lecture | Yes |

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|-----------|-----------------------|--|----|
| 13 | No lecture/Practicals | Assignment 3 (Recursive data structures) - 15% | No |
| 14, 15 | | Final Exam – 30% | No |

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central \(https://policies.mq.edu.au\)](https://policies.mq.edu.au). 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](#)
- [Assessment Procedure](#)
- [Complaints Resolution Procedure for Students and Members of the Public](#)
- [Special Consideration Policy](#)

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

To find other policies relating to Teaching and Learning, visit [Policy Central \(https://policies.mq.edu.au\)](https://policies.mq.edu.au) and use the [search tool](#).

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

Academic Integrity

At Macquarie, we believe [academic integrity](#) – honesty, respect, trust, responsibility, fairness and courage – is at the core of learning, teaching and research. We recognise that meeting the expectations required to complete your assessments can be challenging. So, we offer you a range of resources and services to help you reach your potential, including free [online writing and maths support](#), [academic skills development](#) and [wellbeing consultations](#).

Student Support

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

The Writing Centre

[The Writing Centre](#) provides resources to develop your English language proficiency, academic writing, and communication skills.

- [Workshops](#)
- [Chat with a WriteWISE peer writing leader](#)
- [Access StudyWISE](#)
- [Upload an assignment to Studiosity](#)
- [Complete the 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 Services and Support

Macquarie University offers a range of [Student Support Services](#) including:

- [IT Support](#)
- [Accessibility and disability support](#) with study
- Mental health [support](#)
- [Safety support](#) to respond to bullying, harassment, sexual harassment and sexual assault
- [Social support including information about finances, tenancy and legal issues](#)

Student Enquiries

Got a question? Ask us via [AskMQ](#), or contact [Service Connect](#).

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 since First Published

| Date | Description |
|------------|--|
| 31/07/2022 | Consultation time changed to "Please see iLearn" |
| 19/07/2022 | Weekly submission due dates fixed. |