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Unit Guide

Semester 2, 2009

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Introduction

Welcome to FIT2024 Software Engineering Practice for semester 2, 2009. This 6 point unit is core to the Bachelor of Software Engineering and the BITS Systems Development specialization.

Unit synopsis

This unit develops students' understanding of and skills in professional Software Engineering practices at the personal level. Students experience work in a team environment and extend their programming skills by learning a new object oriented language and maintaining a system that is larger than their experience in prior units. Students develop skills in estimating, monitoring, reviewing and reporting on practical projects.

Learning outcomes

Knowledge and Understanding. Students will:

1. Gain knowledge and understanding of the Personal Software Process and its benefits, including the need for planning, estimation, recording time, product and defect metrics, reviews, and reflection;
2. Understand the importance of, and the relationship between, a quality process and a quality product;
3. Reinforce and extend their knowledge of OO programming concepts by learning how they are implemented in another programming language;
4. Acquire an understanding of the Software Engineer's role in software development and maintenance and working with large systems;
5. Understand the Team Software Process and how it relates to the Personal Software Process.

Attitudes, Values and Beliefs:

1. Students will begin to develop a positive professional attitude;
2. Students will recognise the importance of adhering to software engineering principles in designing and implementing systems.

Practical Skills:

1. Students will be able to make personal estimates and work plans, produce work logs and diaries, produce product and defect metrics, and participate in technical review meetings;
2. Students will be able to monitor, reflect upon, and improve their own productivity and effectiveness;
3. Students will be able to use a new object oriented programming language to construct systems consisting of many interacting classes;
4. Students will be able to analyse, debug and perform maintenance on large existing object-oriented programs.

Relationships, Communication and Team Work:

1. Students will be able to produce reports on their plans, progress, and reviews;
2. Students will be able to work effectively in small teams, and cooperatively with other teams.
Contact hours

4 x contact hrs/week

Workload

Workload commitments are:

• two-hour lecture and
• two-hour tutorial (or laboratory) (requiring advance preparation)
• a minimum of 2-3 hours of personal study per one hour of contact time in order to satisfy the reading and assignment expectations.

You will need to allocate up to 5 hours per week in some weeks, for use of a computer, including time for newsgroups/discussion groups.

Unit relationships

Prerequisites

FIT1007 or FIT1008 or FIT1015 or CSE1303 or CSE1203 or BUS2011 or FIT2034

Prohibitions

CFR2128, CFR3042, CSC2050, CSC3020, CSE2201, GCO3811, RDT2231, FIT2025, FIT2037, (Translation for CSE2201)

Relationships

FIT2024 is a core unit in in the Bachelor of Software Engineering, and in the System Development major of the Bachelor of ITS (Caulfield). It is a prerequisite for FIT3057 in the Bachelor of ITS.

You may not study this unit and CSE2401, GCO3811, RDT2231, SFT2201, or CSE2201 in your degree.
Teaching and learning method

Each week there will be a two-hour lecture, and a two-hour tutorial class. During lectures, the lecturer will present the theory underlying the topics in the unit, and illustrate this with concrete examples. During the tutorial classes, students will work on the tutorial exercises provided each week, as well as receiving feedback on their work from the previous week. As the semester progresses, tutorial time will also be devoted to working on, and receiving feedback on, the major assignment. Students are expected to complete most of their assignment work outside tutorial times, so that the tutorial time itself can be used efficiently on the supporting tutorial exercises and getting feedback from the tutor.

Timetable information

For information on timetabling for on-campus classes please refer to MUTTS, http://mutts.monash.edu.au/MUTTS/

Tutorial allocation

On-campus students should register for tutorials/laboratories using the Allocate+ system: http://allocate.cc.monash.edu.au/

Unit Schedule

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Unit Resources

Prescribed text(s) and readings


Recommended text(s) and readings


Further Reading:


Required software and/or hardware

You will need access to:

- EiffelStudio
  - Available for MS Windows, Linux, and Mac OS X
- TortoiseSVN (for MS Windows only)
  - or any other Subversion client
- A tool for creating UML diagrams, such as Visual Paradigm

Software may be downloaded via the FIT2024 Blackboard website.

On-campus students may use this software which is installed in the computing labs. Information about computer use for students is available from the ITS Student Resource Guide in the Monash University Handbook.

Equipment and consumables required or provided

Students may use the facilities available in the computing labs. Information about computer use for students is available from the ITS Student Resource Guide in the Monash University Handbook. You will need to allocate up to 8 hours per week for use of a computer, including time for newsgroups/discussion groups.
Study resources

Study resources we will provide for your study are:

The FIT2024 web site on Blackboard, where lecture slides, weekly tutorial requirements, assignment specifications, sample solutions and supplementary material will be posted.

Other useful web sites are:

- Interactive Software Engineering (ISE) Eiffel Site: http://www.eiffel.com/
- Eiffel newsgroup: comp.lang.eiffel
Assessment

Overview

Examination and unit tests: 50%, Assignments 50%

Faculty assessment policy

To pass a unit which includes an examination as part of the assessment a student must obtain:

- 40% or more in the unit's examination, and
- 40% or more in the unit's total non-examination assessment, and
- an overall unit mark of 50% or more.

If a student does not achieve 40% or more in the unit examination or the unit non-examination total assessment, and the total mark for the unit is greater than 44% then a mark of no greater than 44-N will be recorded for the unit.

Assessment in this unit has two components:

Component A: 50%

- Final Exam (30%)
- Unit Test and Exercises (20%)

Component B: 50%

- Software Engineering Team Assignment, including Planning, Programming & Documentation (50%)

To pass this unit you must:

- Attain 50% overall, and
- Attain at least 40% of the available marks in both Components A & B, and
- Attend at least 10 out of the 13 tutorials.

If a student does not meet these criteria then a mark of no greater than 44-N will be recorded for the unit.

Assignment tasks

Assignment coversheets

Assignment coversheets are available via "Student Forms" on the Faculty website: http://www.infotech.monash.edu.au/resources/student/forms/
You MUST submit a completed coversheet with all assignments, ensuring that the plagiarism declaration section is signed.

Assignment submission and return procedures, and assessment criteria will be specified with each assignment.
• Assignment task 1

Title:
Individual Exercises

Description:
Four (4) programming exercises will be set in weeks 1 through 4. Each of the first four exercises are due at the following week's tutorial, where they will be briefly assessed. Students must attend tutorials to submit your work and receive feedback. The exercises are designed to improve object-oriented programming and testing skills, and knowledge of Eiffel, prior to the commencement of the major assignment work. The Personal Software Process (PSP) will be introduced as part of these exercises, and a Process Improvement Proposal (PIP) will be due with the final exercise in week 5.

Weighting:
5%

Due date:
Each exercise is due one week after the tutorial in which it is set.

• Assignment task 2

Title:
Unit Test

Description:
The Unit Test will be conducted online during tutorial time in week 6, using Blackboard. It will be open-book. It will consist of two sections. The first section will examine knowledge of Object-Oriented Software Engineering principles, and their implementation in Eiffel, using both multiple choice and short answer questions. For the second part, the student will have to examine an Eiffel program (provided during the test), answer questions about the code and its design, and then to extend it to provided new functionality.

Weighting:
15%

Due date:
Week 6

• Assignment task 3

Title:
Team Project

Description:
Teams will be provided with an existing system written in Eiffel. The project has two (2) stages. In the first stage, they will be required to debug the existing code, and extend it to implement some new functionality. In the second stage further requirements will be added, and students will have to design and implement changes to the system to meet these new requirements. All work must be planned, measured and tested according to the Personal Software Process (PSP). Each stage consists of a software engineering planning and design component, and an implementation component. These components are submitted and marked separately:

♦ Stage 1 Planning and Design, 10%, week 7
♦ Stage 1 Implementation and Testing, 10%, week 8
♦ Stage 2 Planning and Design, 15%, week 10
♦ Stage 2 Implementation and Testing, 15%, week 12

Weighting:
10 + 10 + 15 + 15 = 50%

Due date:
As above.
• Assignment task 4

Title: 
Team Assignment Stage 2 - Planning & Design

Description:

Weighting: 
15%

Due date:

• Assignment task 5

Title: 
Team Assignment Stage 2 - Implementation & Team Interview

Description:

Weighting: 
15%

Due date:

Examination

• Weighting: 30%
  Length: 2 hours
  Type (open/closed book): Closed book

See Appendix for End of semester special consideration / deferred exams process.

Due dates and extensions

Please make every effort to submit work by the due dates. It is your responsibility to structure your study program around assignment deadlines, family, work and other commitments. Factors such as normal work pressures, vacations, etc. are not regarded as appropriate reasons for granting extensions. Students are advised to NOT assume that granting of an extension is a matter of course.

Students requesting an extension for any assessment during semester (eg. Assignments, tests or presentations) are required to submit a Special Consideration application form (in-semester exam/assessment task), along with original copies of supporting documentation, directly to their lecturer within two working days before the assessment submission deadline. Lecturers will provide specific outcomes directly to students via email within 2 working days. The lecturer reserves the right to refuse late applications.

A copy of the email or other written communication of an extension must be attached to the assignment submission.

Refer to the Faculty Special consideration webpage or further details and to access application forms: 

Late assignment

Assignments received after the due date will be subject to a penalty of:

• 15% for work handed in after 10 minutes into the lecture but within 24 hours;
• Zero (0 ) marks for work handed in more than 24 hours late.
• Work handed in after 24 hours will not normally be accepted, so students will not be assessed on it.
This policy is strict because comments or guidance will be given on assignments as they are returned, and sample solutions may also be published and distributed, after assignment marking or with the returned assignment.

**Return dates**

Students can expect assignments to be returned within two weeks of the submission date or after receipt, whichever is later.
Appendix

Please visit the following URL: http://www.infotech.monash.edu.au/units/appendix.html for further information about:

- Continuous improvement
- Unit evaluations
- Communication, participation and feedback
- Library access
- Monash University Studies Online (MUSO)
- Plagiarism, cheating and collusion
- Register of counselling about plagiarism
- Non-discriminatory language
- Students with disability
- End of semester special consideration / deferred exams