



Course Specification

Course Name: [Data Storage and Retrieval]

Course Code: [IS313]

I. Basic Course Information

Major or minor element of program: Both Major and Minor
Department offering the course: [Information Systems Department]

Academic level: [300 Level]

Semester in which course is offered: [Second (Spring) Semester]

Course pre-requisite(s): [IS211, CS215]

Credit Hours: 3

Contact Hours Through:

Lecture	Tutorial *	Practical *	Total
2.5	0.0	1.5	4.0

* 1.5 hours for **either** Tutorial or Practical

Approval date of course specification: January 2015]

II. Overall Aims of Course

- For students to gain an understanding of large data structures, index design and retrieval issues
- For students to be able to identify fundamental design tradeoff
- For students to be able to apply their acquired knowledge to real world situations
- To properly understand and handle existing implementations of structures, indices and queries]

III. Program ILOs covered by course

Program Intended Learning Outcomes (By Code)			
Knowledge & Understanding	Intellectual Skills	Professional Skills	General Skills
[K1,K10,IS-K17]	[I7,IS-I19]	[IS-P18]	[G2,G7]



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IV. Intended Learning Outcomes of Course (ILOs)

a. Knowledge and Understanding

On completing the course, students should be able to:

- K.1 Describe issues related to data storage and retrieval for search engines.
- K.2 Explain efficient techniques to store semi-structured and unstructured data.
- K.3 Explain indexing structures, methods and techniques.
- K.4 Recognize different types of queries.
- K.5 Discuss how to evaluate and rank data retrieved from queries.
- K.6 Explain web search basics.
- K.7 List the HW and infrastructures related to data storage and retrieval.]

b. Intellectual/Cognitive Skills

On completing the course, students should be able to:

- I.1 Integrate a search engine to an information system.
- I.2 Critique the use of different storage/index/retrieval structures in applications.
- I.3 Analyze enterprise needs to cope to latest storage technologies.]

c. Practical/Professional Skills

On completing the course, students should be able to:

- P.1 Apply the principles of effective information management, organization and presentation to information retrieval of various kinds.
- P.2 Apply computing information retrieval skills in computing community environment and industry.]

d. General and Transferable Skills

On completing the course, students should be able to:

- G.1 Demonstrate ability to work as a team member.
- G.2 Show the ability to efficiently use IT resources and general computing facilities.]

V. Course Matrix Contents

	Main Topics / Chapters	Duration (Weeks)	Course ILOs Covered by Topic (By ILO Code)			
			K & U	I.S.	P.S.	G.S.
1-	Indexing on disk and B-Trees	[1]	[K2,K3]	[I2]	[P1]	[G1]
2-	XML	[1]	[K2]	[]	[]	[G1]
3-	JSON	[1]	[K2,K3]	[I2]	[P1]	[G1]
4-	Information Retrieval Principles]	[1]	[K1,K4,K5]	[I1]	[]	[]
5-	Crawling]	[2]	[K4]	[]	[]	[G2]
6-	Text Processing]	[1]	[K2]	[]	[]	[G2]
7-	Text Indexing]	[2]	[K2,K3]	[I2]	[P1]	[G2]
8-	Search Engine Optimization]	[1]	[K2,K6]	[]	[]	[]
9-	Information Storage Management]	[3]	[K7]	[I3]	[P2]	[]
10-	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]
	Net Teaching Weeks	13				



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VI. Course Weekly Detailed Topics / hours / ILOs

Week No.	Sub-Topics	Total Hours	Contact Hours	
			Theoretical Hours	Practical Hours *
1	Course survey - BTree - Hash tables	2.5	2.5	
2	XML	4	2.5	1.5
3	JSON	4	2.5	1.5
4	IR survey	4	2.5	1.5
5	Crawlers	4	2.5	1.5
6	Crawlers	4	2.5	1.5
7	Midterm Exam			
8	Text Processing	4	2.5	1.5
9	Text Indexing	4	2.5	1.5
10	Text Indexing	4	2.5	1.5
11	Search Engine Optimization	4	2.5	1.5
12	Information Storage Management	4	2.5	1.5
13	Information Storage Management	4	2.5	1.5
14	Information Storage Management	4	2.5	1.5
15	Final Exam			
Total Teaching Hours		51	33	18

* No Practical/Tutorial during the first week of the semester

VII. Teaching and Learning Methods

Teaching/Learning Method	Selected Method	Course ILOs Covered by Method (By ILO Code)			
		K & U	Intellectual Skills	Professional Skills	General Skills
Lectures & Seminars	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	[K1,K3,K4,K5]	[I1,I2]		[G1]
Tutorials	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Computer lab Sessions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			[P1]	
Practical lab Work	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				[G2]
Reading Materials	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Web-site Searches	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Research & Reporting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	[K1,K2,K6]			
Problem Solving / Problem-based Learning	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				[G2]
Projects	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		[I2]	[P2]	
Independent Work	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Group Work	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Case Studies	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Presentations	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Simulation Analysis	<input type="checkbox"/>	[K7]	[I3]		
Others (Specify):	<input type="checkbox"/>				



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VIII. Assessment Methods, Schedule and Grade Distribution

Assessment Method	Selected Method	Course ILOs Covered by Method (By ILO Code)				Assessment Weight / Percentage	Week No.
		K & U	I.S.	P.S.	G.S.		
Midterm Exam	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	[K1 to K6]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	[15%]	7
Final Exam	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	[K1 to K6]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	60%	15
Quizzes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	[K1 to K6]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	[5%]	<input type="checkbox"/>
Course Work	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Report Writing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Case Study Analysis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Oral Presentations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Practical	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Group Project	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	[I1,I2]	[P1]	[G2]	[20%]	<input type="checkbox"/>
Individual Project	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Others (Specify):	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

IX. List of References

Essential Text Books	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> [Search Engines Information Retrieval in Practice. Bruce Croft, Donald Metzler and Trevor Strohman File Structures. Michael J. Folk, Bill Zoellick and Greg Riccardi Information Storage Management slides]
Course notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> [Lecture notes]
Recommended books	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> [] [] []
Periodicals, Web sites, etc ...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> [W3schools.com [] []

X. Facilities required for teaching and learning

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> [Students' usual compilers, internet in labs]
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