



CS 537

Advanced Topics in Internet of Things  
Lecture 1 – Introduction  
(Course Organization)

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# Instructor Introduction

## ■ Klara Nahrstedt

- PhD 1995 from Department of Computer and Information Science, University of Pennsylvania
- Research:

- **Networking** (routing, QoS management, pricing),
- **Multi-modal Distributed systems** (overlay multicast, resource management)
- **Mobile computing** – smart phones protocols
- **Operating systems** (soft-real-time scheduling, caching),
- **Multimedia applications** (multi-view 3D tele-immersive systems, multi-camera systems, multi-view 360 Video Streaming)
- **Multimedia and critical infrastructure security** (watermarking, real-time security, anomaly detection)
- **Cloud computing/Edge Computing**
- **Internet of Thing**
- **Systems for AI**

# Course Logistics

- *Office Assistant:*
  - Kristin Irle ([kirle@illinois.edu](mailto:kirle@illinois.edu))
  - If you need to meet with me outside of office hours, please ask Kristin for an appointment. She has access to my calendar and will help you very fast.
- *Teaching Assistant: no TA*
  - Any questions you have, please, email
    - Instructor [klara@illinois.edu](mailto:klara@illinois.edu) with subject line “CS537
- *Class Time: Tuesday and Thursday 12:30-1:45pm*
- *Class Place: 1302 Siebel Center*
- *Zoom link will be available as well*

# Course Logistics

## ■ *Instructor Office Hours:*

- **Time: Tuesday and Thursday 2:00-3:00pm CST**

- UIUC on-campus in-person students (3104 SC or zoom)

- **Time: Thursday 3:00-4:00pm CST**

- Online students (zoom)

## ■ *Class Website – Reading List will be posted on September 23, 2024*

## ■ *Discussion, Announcements, and Postings:*

- *Campuswire app (please, check that you received invitation, can access and post on campuswire app)*

## ■ *Grading Center: Canvas*

# Required Readings for CS 537

## ■ Lecturing

- August 27 – October 4

## ■ Papers in Reading List

- Papers will be posted on September 23
- Students will sign up for papers to present during September 23-26
- Presentations start October 8, 2024

## □ Class website

- <https://courses.grainger.illinois.edu/cs537/fa2024>

# Other Readings for CS 537

## ■ ***IoT Books and Papers***

- *“Internet of Things and Big Data Analytics”, Edited by P. Raj et al, CRC Press, 2020*
- *“Analytics for the Internet of Things (IoT)”, Andrew Minteer, Packt Publishing, 2017*
- *.... Many conference and journal papers from ACM and IEEE professional orgs*
  - *ACM IOTDI (Internet of Things Design and Implementation)*
  - *ACM IPSN (Information Processing of Sensor Networks)*
  - *IEEE MASS (International Conference on Mobile Ad-Hoc and Smart Systems)*
  - *ACM/IEEE CPS-IOT Week, (other symposia)*
  - *ACM SEC (Symposium on Edge Computing)*
  - *ACM SenSys*
  - *Many conferences on cloud computing (e.g., ACM SoCC – Symposium on Cloud Computing)*

## ■ ***Multimedia/Immersive Computing Books and Papers***

- *Media Coding and Content Processing, Ralf Steinmetz, Klara Nahrstedt, Prentice Hall, 2002*
- *Multimedia Systems, Ralf Steinmetz, Klara Nahrstedt, Springer Verlag, 2004 (online book free)*
- *... many other conference and journal papers from ACM and IEEE professional orgs*
  - *ACM International Conference on Multimedia,*
  - *ACM MMSys (Multimedia Systems)*
  - *ACM ICMR, (International Conference on Multimedia Retrieval)*
  - *IEEE ICME (International Conference on Multimedia and Expo)*
  - *IEEE CVPR (International Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition)*
  - *IEEE ICASSP (International Conference on Acoustics, Speech, and Signal Processing)*
  - *ACM and IEEE TMM (Transactions on Multimedia)*
  - *ACM SIGGRAPH*

# Course Prerequisites

- It is helpful if you have taken at least one of these classes in your undergrad studies
  - CS 425 (distributed systems undergrad) and/or
  - CS 438 (networking systems undergrad)
  - CS 437 (Internet of Things systems undergrad)
  - 400-level computer vision class



# Goal of the Course

- **Expand breath of knowledge** in the area of multi-modal IoT systems through
  - Learn new Multi-Modal IoT-specific system and networking concepts
  - Learn new mathematical and design tools to model and design complex systems that run multi-modal IoT systems
- **Learn scientific tools for your MS/PhD theses**
  - Learn how to evaluate scientific papers
  - Learn how to prepare and present a scientific work as lecture
  - Learn how to present related work
  - Learn how to prepare project proposal
  - Learn how to prepare project presentation and final project report

# Class Format

- Class will consist of partially
  - lecturing by instructor, guest lecturer and
  - lecturing by students based on reading list
  - paper discussions
- Students' responsibility
  - Attend lectures
  - Read papers!!
  - Work on presentations, take-home midterm exam, project, lectures
  - Look for new material and **post on campuswire** when you find interesting papers, tools, other material to share

# Workload (1)

## Lecturing and Q&A

- Student presents paper(s) (1-2 papers) – depending on the size of class by September 24
- There will be a sign-up sheet to sign up for presentation(s)
- Instructions regarding sign-up sheet and selection will be placed on ***campuswire***.
- Paper assignment will be on a **first-come-first-serve policy**
  - Student presents the papers synchronously
  - Instructor evaluates the lectures, and discussions

# Workload (2)

## ■ Take-Home Midterm Exam

- Questions will be asked from Lectured material and papers presented prior to exam
- Problems will include material covered in papers and lectures to answer the midterm questions

# Workload (3)

- **Final project** will include three parts:
- 1. project proposal
- 2. project presentation in class
- 3. project paper

# Lecturing

- Each student needs to present paper(s)
  - Each student selects choice of papers in sign-up sheet
    - Details about sign-up sheet will be posted on campuswire
    - Selection of papers will be based on **First Come First Serve**
    - Assignments will be posted on the class website in the **Reading List**
- The **sign-up sheet** will open on **September 23** and close on **September 26, 2023**

# Lecture Format for Papers' Presentation

- Paper presentation should be **20 minutes maximum** (depending on the class size)
- You should plan 1-2 minutes per slide, so having around 15-20 slides
  - Use simple strong contrast colors
  - Do not make the slide too busy
- **Post your slides on campuswire before lecture or send it to instructor**

# Lecture Format (2)

- Your presentation should include
  - **Motivation of the problem** (why are we looking at this issue? What is the environment where the problem resides?)
  - **Problem Description** (What is the problem and what are the challenges of the problem?)
  - **Background** (How did other people solve this problem and why isn't this enough?)
  - **Novel approach** (solution described in the paper)
  - **Validation of approach**
  - **Conclusion with Pros and Cons of Paper**



# Take-Home Midterm Exam

- Midterm exam will be
  - Posted on October 21 (Monday 11:59pm )
  - Due on October 28 (Monday 11:59pm)
- Use lectures, web material and papers to find answers
- Submit midterm-exam solutions in pdf format to [klara@illinois.edu](mailto:klara@illinois.edu), subject line: “CS537 – Midterm”

# Final Project (1)

- Each student must work on a **class project** in multi-modal/IoT system/network area
  - Consider continuation of your research projects if it has IoT context
  - Consider exploring new topic towards your research
  - Come and see instructor during office hours if you need suggestions for class project (or setup a meeting via Candice with the instructor)
  - **You can work alone, or in group of 2-3 students**
    - **Depending on the size of the project group, corresponding complexity of the project and clear division 'who does what' is required and expected.**

# Final Project (2)

- The project should have research flavor (so no survey for final project)
- You are encouraged to
  - develop new data analytics algorithms, IoT protocols and/or IoT applications and/or
  - improve existing algorithm/protocol/ application
  - validate IoT approaches via comparative simulation or real implementation
  - run QoE experiments on IoT data
  - develop analysis tool for public IoT data
  - evaluate/measure existing multi-modal IoT system/tool
  - evaluate existing analytics tools on existing IoT data
  - .....

# Project Proposal Format (1)

## ■ Format:

- ACM format, single column, font 11 Arial (or Times New Roman), pdf
- Specify name, title, class number
- Length: max 4 pages;

## ■ Proposal: **Introduction**

- Motivation and description of problem
  - explain why it is a problem
  - How did others solve the problem?
  - How do you plan to solve the problem?
  - What is broader impact of your solution?

# Project Proposal Format (2)

- Proposal: **Possible Approaches** you consider to take
  - Picture of framework/architecture you want to explore
  - Algorithm you want to explore and compare/ improve
  - Experiment(s) you want to conduct
- Proposal: **Action Plan**
  - By when you want to do what?
- Proposal: **References**
  - Papers you want to read and use in your research (at least 3 references must be included – read related work before you propose a project)

# Project Presentation and Report Formats

- **Presentation format** should be similar to the lecture format
  - Talk about your problem, challenges, solution and validation.
  - Conclude with lessons learned
- **Report format** should be written like a scientific conference/workshop paper in ACM format (available on web)
  - Read and review papers carefully

# Project Deadlines

- **Project Proposal: October 8 (Tuesday), 11:59pm**
  - Submit to [klara@Illinois.edu](mailto:klara@Illinois.edu)
  - Subject: cs537: Project proposal
- **Meet with Instructor for Project Proposal feedback:**
  - October 10, 2-4 pm (Office Hours)
  - October 11: 2-4 pm
  - October 15: 2-4 pm
  - Sign-up sheet will be provided

# Project Deadlines

- **Project Presentations:**
  - At the end of the semester
  - Based on the number of projects, we will have either a poster session or individual presentations
  - Sign-up sheets will be provided if individual presentations



# Project Deadlines

- **Final Project Report Deadline: December 18, 11:59pm** (Wednesday)
- Depending on the size of the project group
  - 1 person project: min **6 pages** – double column ACM Format paper (with references, pictures, tables)
  - 2 person project: min **8 pages** – double column ACM Format paper (with references, pictures, tables)
  - 3 person project: min **10 pages** – double column ACM Format (with references, pictures, tables)

# Facilities and Equipment

- Engineering workstations-linux machines
- Use laptop cameras or mobile-phones cameras
- Software: **gstreamer, ffmpeg, GPAC, kvazaar (HEVC encoder), MATLAB, Jupyter Notebook, Python, Graphana, MQTT** (and other pub/sub systems), other IoT and vision software packages
- Data: papers point to various data sources or ask instructor for dataset pointers
- If you have any further questions regarding the software, please, contact instructor
  - More software can be installed based on project demands – email for help to [engrit-help@illinois.edu](mailto:engrit-help@illinois.edu) (and instructor)

# Grading

- **Take-Home Midterm Exam: 35 %**
- **Paper(s) Presentation : 15 %**
- **Final Project : 50%**
  - Project Proposal (5%)
  - Project Poster or Presentation (15%)
  - Project Final Report (30%)

# Grading policy

- Gradebook system: canvas
- It is your responsibility to **check** *announcements* in
  - Lectures
  - Campuswire – postings and lecture/paper presentation slides
  - Class website
  - Media space – lectures will be recorded and posted on media space
  - Canvas grade book

# Re-grading policy

- Students have **1 week** (after the grade is released into the gradebook) to request for re-grading
- Re-grading requests need to be in **writing** to the instructor
- After the re-grading period, **no** re-grading request will be granted.

# Summary

- Lectures: August 27-October 4
- Paper Selection: September 23-26
- Paper Presentations start: October 8
- Project Proposal Deadline: October 8
- Project Proposal Feedback: meet with instructor
  - October 10, 2-4 pm (Office Hours)
  - October 11: 2-4 pm (extra time)
  - October 15: 2-4 pm (Office Hours)
- Take-Home Exam: October 21-28
- Project Presentations: end of semester (TBD)
- Project Reports: December 18
  
- Any questions you may have, please, email [klara@illinois.edu](mailto:klara@illinois.edu)
- **Have a great semester Fall 2024!**