The University of Southern Queensland

Course specification

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Description: Advanced Web Data Management

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Student contribution band: 2
ASCED code: 020199

STAFFING
Examiner: Zhongwei Zhang
Moderator: Hua Wang

REQUISITES
Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: BINH or GCAC or GCPC or GDAC or GDPC or MCOP or MPIT or MPCP

OTHER REQUISITES
Recommended pre-requisite: CSC3400

RATIONALE
While database systems were already very important to large organizations before the advent of the World Wide Web, the IT revolution of the last decade has made them indispensable. Advanced database features such as transaction support, query optimization, data distribution, semi-structured data management, and information retrieval have all received extended attention to better support data-intensive web-based applications.

SYNOPSIS
This course has two components. The research-oriented component introduces students to advanced web data management concepts such as transaction support, query optimization, data distribution, semi-structured data management, on-line analytical processing, data mining, information retrieval, and web search engine architectures. The practical component involves creating a database-driven dynamic web site.

OBJECTIVES
On completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. demonstrate a general understanding of a number of advanced database management issues. (Assign. 1, 2 & 3)
2. demonstrate an in-depth understanding of one specific topic of choice related to web data management. (Assign. 1 & 3)
3. develop database-driven dynamic web sites. (Assign. 2)

**TOPICS**

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**TEXT and MATERIALS required to be PURCHASED or ACCESSED**

ALL textbooks and materials are available for purchase from USQ BOOKSHOP (unless otherwise stated). Orders may be placed via secure internet, free fax 1800642453, phone 07 46312742 (within Australia), or mail. Overseas students should fax +61 7 46311743, or phone +61 7 46312742. For costs, further details, and internet ordering, use the 'Textbook Search' facility at http://bookshop.usq.edu.au click 'Semester', then enter your 'Course Code' (no spaces).

Connolly, T & Begg, C 2005, *Database systems, a practical approach to design, implementation and management*, 4th edn, Addison-Wesley, Boston.
(http://www.booksites.net/connbegg/)

**REFERENCE MATERIALS**

Reference materials are materials that, if accessed by students, may improve their knowledge and understanding of the material in the course and enrich their learning experience.

On-line lecture notes, tutorial material and resources at http://www.sci.usq.edu.au/courses/csc8417
STUDENT WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS

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ASSESSMENT DETAILS

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IMPORTANT ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

1. Attendance requirements:
   There are no attendance requirements for this course. However, it is the students' responsibility to study all material provided to them or required to be accessed by them to maximise their chance of meeting the objectives of the course and to be informed of course-related activities and administration.

2. Requirements for students to complete each assessment item satisfactorily:
   To complete each of the assessment items satisfactorily, students must obtain at least 50% of the marks available for each assessment item.

3. Penalties for late submission of required work:
   If students submit assignments after the due date without prior approval then a penalty of 10% of the total marks gained by the student for the assignment will apply for each working day late.

4. Requirements for student to be awarded a passing grade in the course:
   To be assured of receiving a passing grade a student must submit all of the summative assessment items and achieve at least 50% of the available marks for those items.

5. Method used to combine assessment results to attain final grade:
   The final grades for students will be assigned on the basis of the aggregate of the weighted marks obtained for each of the summative assessment items in the course.

6. Examination information:
   There is no examination in this course.

7. Examination period when Deferred/Supplementary examinations will be held:
   There will be no Deferred or Supplementary examinations in this course.

8. University Regulations:
   Students should read USQ Regulations 5.1 Definitions, 5.6. Assessment, and 5.10 Academic Misconduct for further information and to avoid actions which might contravene University Regulations. These regulations can be found at the URL http://www.usq.edu.au/corporateservices/calendar/part5.htm or in the current USQ Handbook.
ASSESSMENT NOTES

9 Students must retain a copy of each item submitted for assessment. If requested, students
will be required to provide a copy of assignments submitted for assessment purposes.
Such copies should be despatched to USQ within 24 hours of receipt of a request being
made.

10 The due date for an assignment is the date by which a student must despatch the assignment
to the USQ. The onus is on the student to provide proof of the despatch date, if requested
by the Examiner.

11 Students must retain a copy of each item submitted for assessment. This must be produced
within 24 hours if required by the Examiner.

12 The examiner of a course may grant an extension of the due date of an assignment in
extenuating circumstances.

13 The Faculty will NOT accept submission of assignments by facsimile.

14 Students who have undertaken all of the required assessments in a course but who have
failed to meet some of the specified objectives of a course within the normally prescribed
time may be awarded the temporary grade: IM (Incomplete - Make up). An IM grade will
only be awarded when, in the opinion of the examiner, a student will be able to achieve
the remaining objectives of the course after a period of non directed personal study.

15 Students who, for medical, family/personal, or employment-related reasons, are unable
to complete an assignment, may apply to defer the assessment. Such a request must be
accompanied by appropriate supporting documentation. The temporary grade IDM
(Incomplete Deferred Make-up) will be awarded to such students until the deferred
assignment has been assessed.

16 Students will require access to e-mail and internet access to USQConnect for this course.