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# Course Administrativa

Concurrency and Parallelism — 2017-18  
Master in Computer Science  
(Mestrado Integrado em Eng. Informática)

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# Administrivia — Basic Info

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- Office location
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  - Extension: 10740



# Administrivia — Schedule

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  - Lectures:
    - Wed @ 10:10
    - Fri @ 11:10
  - Labs:
    - Wed @ 11:10
    - Thu @ 14:10
    - Fri @ 9:10
    - Fri @ 14:10

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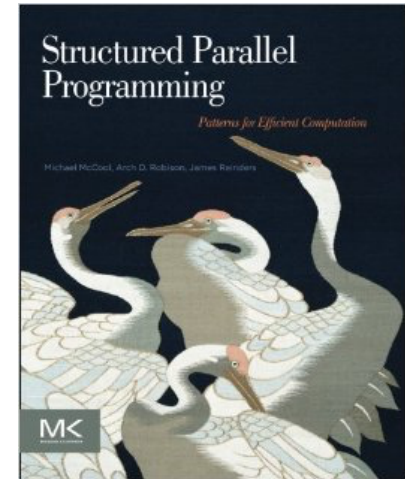
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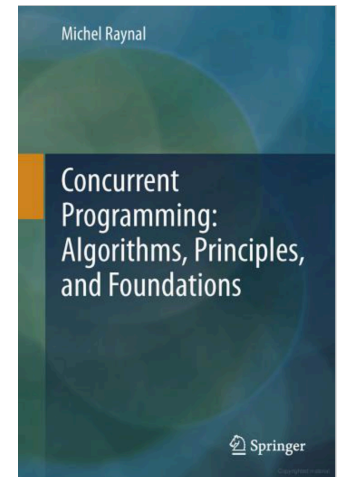
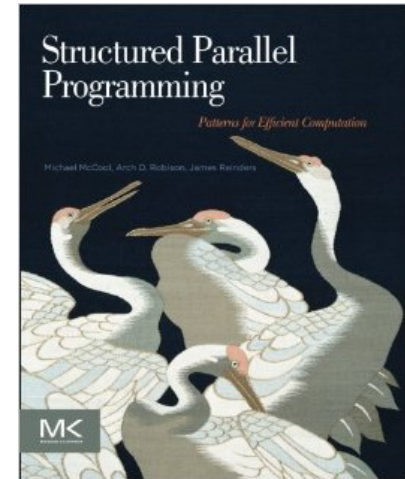
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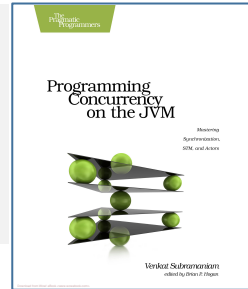
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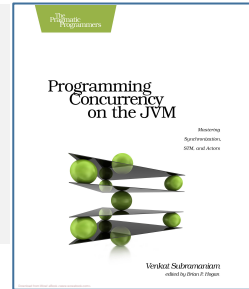
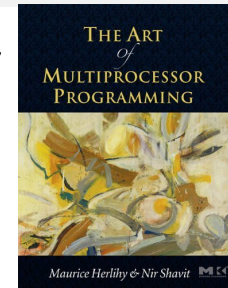
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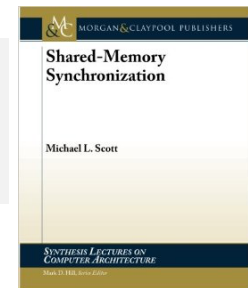
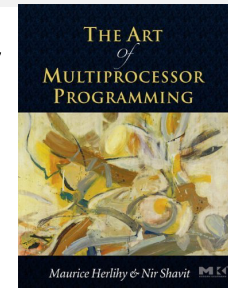
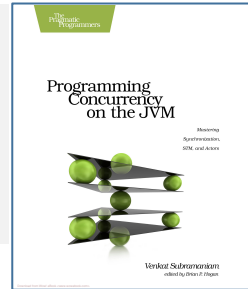
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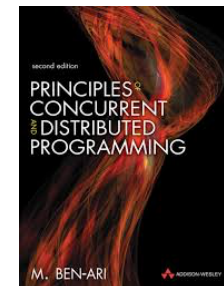
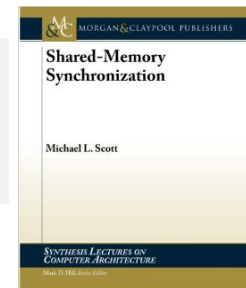
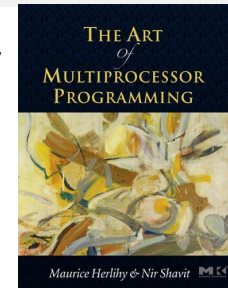
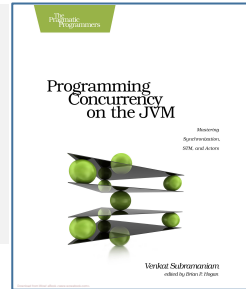
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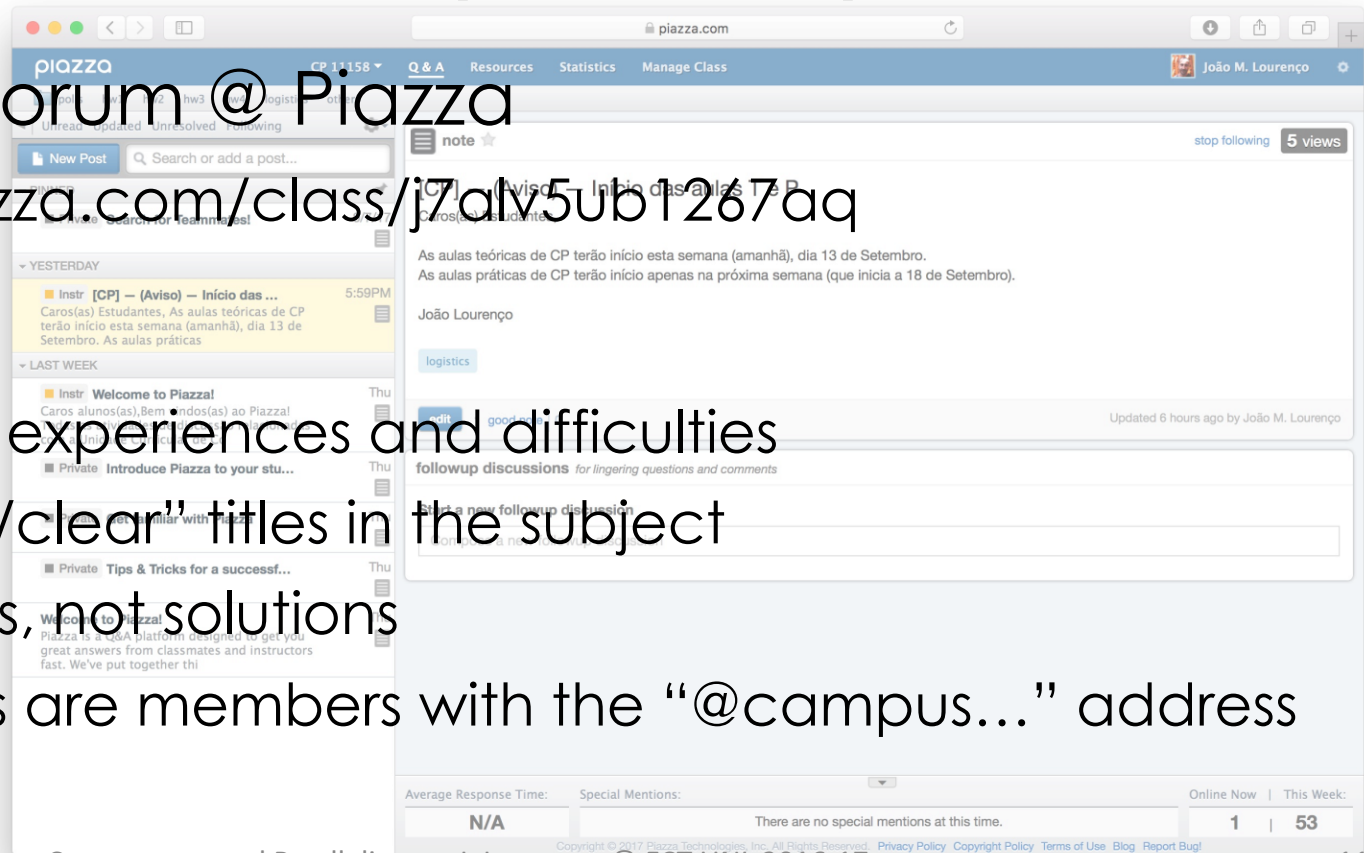
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# Administrivia — Additional Bib.

- Class web page @ CLIP
  - All assignments, handouts, [lecture notes]
- Discussion forum @ Piazza
  - <https://piazza.com/class/j7ol5ub1267aq>
- Rules
  - Share your experiences and difficulties
  - Use “smart/clear” titles in the subject
  - Share ideas, not solutions
  - All students are members with the “@campus...” address



# Administrativa —

## Course Goals: Knowledge

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- To understand the concepts of concurrency and parallelism, and how they can be explored when designing software;
- To identify the models used for problem solving in multiprocessors and highly-parallel systems;
- To know the paradigms used in the development of algorithms for multiprocessors and highly-parallel systems;
- To know the languages, libraries and tools used in the development of concurrent and parallel programs;
- Be familiar with common concurrency problems, and how to mitigate or avoid them.

# Administrativa —

## Course Goals: Application

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- Be able to identify and exploit opportunities for concurrency and parallelization within a software system;
- Be able to partition a problem into multiple tasks to be executed in a parallel system;
- Be able to reason about the behavior of concurrent and parallel programs;
- Be able to build correct and efficient concurrent and parallel algorithms;
- Be able to use the Java/C-like programming languages and parallel libraries to develop parallel software systems;
- Be able to use programming tools in the development of concurrent and parallel applications, including the design, implementation, debugging and deployment stages;
- Be able to predict and measure the performance characteristics of a parallel system.

# Syllabus: Concurrency

## 1. **Parallel programming**

The spectrum of high-demanding computational problems; regular and irregular problems; strategies for problem decomposition and their mapping to programming patterns; the transactional and map-reduce models.

## 2. **Parallel architectures**

Flynn's taxonomy; performance theory (including Amdahl's and Gustafson's laws).

## 3. **Concurrency control and synchronization**

Competition and collaboration; atomicity; linearization; monitors; locks; semaphores; barriers; producer-consumer; multi-reader single-writer locks; futures; concurrency in practice in Java and C.

## 4. **Safety and liveness**

Safety vs. liveness; progress; deadlock; deadlock prevention, avoidance, detection, and recovery; livelock; livelock avoidance; priority inversion; priority inheritance. Lock-free algorithms.

## 5. **The transactional model**

Composite operations; transactions (serializability), optimistic concurrency control (OCC) and transactional memory.

## 6. **Concurrency without shared data**

Active objects; message passing; actors.

# Lab classes

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- In the class
  - Design and implement parallel and concurrent programs
- Two Home Works / Projects
  - One addressing parallelism
  - One addressing concurrency
- Rules for grouping
  - Group members must be enrolled in the same lab class
  - Groups of 2 students
    - **\*\*All exceptions\*\*** require explicit authorization
    - Non-authorized individual projects **\*\*will not\*\*** be graded

# Administrivia — Evaluation

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- [70%]      three tests (individual)  
[ average  $\geq 9.5$  points ]
- [30%]      two HW/projects (groups of 2 students)  
[ each  $\geq 7.5$  points ]  
[ average  $\geq 9.5$  points ]
- [up to +5%]      participation in lectures and labs



# Administrivia — Frequency

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- Frequency:
  - Project  $\geq 9.5$  points  $\Rightarrow$  FREQUENCY ACQUIRED
- Frequency from 2016-17?
  - If used, considered as 30% of the final grade  
(must be required explicitly)
- Frequency from 2015-16 or before?
  - You have to acquire frequency again this year!

# Administrivia — Grading

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- Grading the HW / projects
  - [80%] based in the written report on the project
  - [20%] passing tests / demonstration / discussion
- Distribution of work in group
  - I don't care who does what, as long as everybody does something technically relevant / meaningful for the project
    - **Work division must be reported** in the project report
- Any attempt of fraud => all groups members will fail the course immediately

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- Cite any source that inspired your work
  - As long as you cite what/who you used, it's not cheating
  - Worst case I will deduce some points if it undermines the assignments

# Administrivia — Important Dates

Year 2017-18 - 1<sup>st</sup> semester

**Setembro 2017**

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**Outubro 2017**

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**Novembro 2017**

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**Dezembro 2017**

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**Janeiro 2018**

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**Fevereiro 2018**

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# Remember...

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- Clip is the official source of information for the course.
- Confirm @Clip all the administrativia related topics.
- If yours is a special case where the rules are unclear or do not apply, please let me know (so *that we can handle it appropriately*)!

# The END

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