

AIM:

The aim of the course is to convey an insight into the fundamental concepts, principles, and state-of-the-art practice underlying the design of distributed systems.

OBJECTIVES:

- To understand the importance of communication in distributed environment and the actual implementation of various communication mechanisms
- To study how a distributed operating system works and how it differs from the single processor OS.
- To learn how to manage the resources in a distributed environment
- To learn how to make a distributed systems fault tolerant
- To study how the above-mentioned techniques have been used in actual, real-life distributed systems.

UNIT I COMMUNICATION IN DISTRIBUTED ENVIRONMENT 8

Introduction – Various Paradigms in Distributed Applications – Remote Procedure Call – Remote Object Invocation – Message-Oriented Communication – Unicasting, Multicasting and Broadcasting – Group Communication.

UNIT II DISTRIBUTED OPERATING SYSTEMS 12

Issues in Distributed Operating System – Threads in Distributed Systems – Clock Synchronization – Causal Ordering – Global States – Election Algorithms – Distributed Mutual Exclusion – Distributed Transactions – Distributed Deadlock – Agreement Protocols .

UNIT III DISTRIBUTED RESOURCE MANAGEMENT 10

Distributed Shared Memory – Data-Centric Consistency Models – Client-Centric Consistency Models – Ivy – Munin – Distributed Scheduling – Distributed File Systems – Sun NFS.

UNIT IV FAULT TOLERANCE AND CONSENSUS 7

Introduction to Fault Tolerance – Distributed Commit Protocols – Byzantine Fault Tolerance – Impossibilities in Fault Tolerance.

UNIT V CASE STUDIES 8

Distributed Object-Based System – CORBA – COM+ – Distributed Coordination-Based System – JINI.

TOTAL= 45 PERIODS

TEXT BOOKS:

1. George Coulouris, Jean Dollimore, Tim Kindberg, "Distributed Systems Concepts and Design", Third Edition, Pearson Education Asia, 2002.
2. Hagit Attiya and Jennifer Welch, "Distributed Computing: Fundamentals, Simulations and Advanced Topics", Wiley, 2004.

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1. Mukesh Singhal, "Advanced Concepts In Operating Systems", McGrawHill Series in Computer Science, 1994.
2. A.S.Tanenbaum, M.Van Steen, "Distributed Systems", Pearson Education, 2004.
3. M.L.Liu, "Distributed Computing Principles and Applications", Pearson Addison Wesley, 2004.