

Tutorial letter 101/3/2018

Operating Systems Practice

ICT2631

Semester 1&2

School of computing

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Please activate your *myUnisa* and *myLife* email addresses and ensure you have regular access to the *myUnisa* module site for ICT2631-18-S1 or ICT2631-18-S2 as well as your group site.

Note: This is an online module, and therefore your module is available on myUnisa. However, in order to support you in your learning process, you will also receive some study materials in printed format.

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1 INTRODUCTION

Dear Student

Welcome to the module operating Systems Practice (ICT2631). We would like to welcome you to ICT2631 and hope that you will find this module, as well as your online learning experience, interesting and rewarding. We will do our best to make your study of this module successful, and recommend that you start studying early in the semester and resolve to do all the assignments to the best of your ability.

Do not hesitate to contact your lecturer (by email or by telephone) if you are experiencing problems with the content of this tutorial letter or any aspect of the module. I sincerely hope that you find this module, as well as your online learning experience interesting and rewarding and trust that you will complete the module successfully.

Because this is a fully online module, you need to use *myUnisa* to study and complete the learning activities for this course. It is imperative that you work through the Learning units on the website. You need to visit the website on *myUnisa* for ICT2631 frequently. The website for your module is:

ICT2631-18-S1 for the first semester

or

ICT2631-18-S2 for the second semester.

1.1 To get started

Because this is a fully online module, you need to go online to see your study materials and read what to do for the module. You can start at the main Unisa website at <http://www.unisa.ac.za> and then click on the myUnisa orange block. This will take you to the myUnisa website. To go to the myUnisa website directly, go to <https://my.unisa.ac.za>. If you have not done so for another subject already you can click on the **Claim UNISA Login** on the right-hand side of the screen on the myUnisa website. You will then be prompted to give your student number in order to claim your initial myUnisa details as well as your myLife e-mail login details. Otherwise go to the website here: <https://my.unisa.ac.za> and login with your student number and password. You will see ICT2631-18-S1 or S2, depending on the semester, in the row of modules in the orange blocks across the top of the webpage. Remember to also check in the -more- tab if you cannot find it in the orange blocks. Click on the module you want to open.

We wish you success on your journey!

2 MODULE FORMAT: ICT2631

2.1 Online module

Please note that this module is offered online only.

All study material for this module will be available on *myUnisa*. **It is thus very important that you register on *myUnisa* and access the module site on a regular basis.** You must be registered on *myUnisa* to be able to access your learning material, submit your assignments, gain access to various learning resources, “chat” to your lecturer or teaching assistant and fellow students about your studies and the challenges that you might encounter, and to participate in online discussion forums and blogs. Importantly, *myUnisa* contains the **Learning Units** tool from which you will only be able to access the study material for this module if you have registered and have access to *myUnisa*.

2.2 Printed materials to support the online module

No other material with the exception of this tutorial letter 101 will be available in print. It is very important that you log in to *myUnisa* regularly. We recommend that you log in at least once a week or every 10 days to do the following:

- **Check for new announcements.** You can also set your *myLife* e-mail account to receive the announcement e-mails on your cellphone.
- **Do the Discussion Forum activities.** When you do the activities for each unit, we want you to share your answers with the other people in your group. You can read the instructions and even prepare your answers offline, but you will need to go online to post your messages. This is primarily a tool for students and the lecturer may intervene. **If you need to bring something to the attention of the lecturer, please do so using the contact information on the subject’s site. Do not just make a remark on the forum and leave it at that.**
- **Do other online activities.** For some of the unit activities you will need to post something on the **Blog**, take a quiz or complete a survey under the **Self-Assessment** tool. Do not skip these activities because they will help you complete the assignments and the activities for the module.

To get the most out of the online course you **MUST** go online regularly to complete the activities and assignments on time.

In other words, you may start studying immediately without having to wait for any material.

3 LECTURER AND CONTACT DETAILS

3.1 Lecturer

When you contact the Lecturer, please do not forget to always include your student number. This will help the Lecturers to assist you.

The Primary Lecturer for this module will be announced on the *myUnisa* module site at the start of each semester.

3.2 Department

Should you have difficulty in contacting your lecturers, you may phone the general number of the School of Computing at 011 670 9200. Your message will then be conveyed to the relevant lecturer. Remember to provide your student number together with the relevant module code.

3.3 University

To contact the University follow the instructions in the brochure ***Study @ Unisa***. Remember to have your student number available whenever you contact the University.

4 ASSESSMENT

4.1 Assessment plan

There are two assignments per semester. The first contributes 40% to the year mark and the second contributes 60% to the year mark. You must at least submit 1 assignment for exam admission. You are strongly advised to do your best in both as your year mark contributes 20% to your final mark and the assignments will assist in your preparation.

4.2 Assignment due dates and unique numbers.

Please ensure that you use the correct unique number for your assignment.

Here is a break-down of the formal assignments, as they occur in the 1st semester.

Ass. Nr.	Group	Format	Unique Nr.	Due Date	Type
1 View	formative(F)	MCQ	837042	20180302	Individual
2 View	formative(F)	Written	694022	20180329	Individual

Here is a break-down of the formal assignments, as they occur in the 2nd semester.

Ass. Nr.	Group	Format	Unique Nr.	Due Date	Type
1 Edit	formative(F)	MCQ	794715	20180730	Individual
2 Edit	formative(F)	Written	840515	20180824	Individual

Because this is an online module, the assignments are not provided in this letter. Instead, you are given the assignments within the learning units on the website. They will be under the heading marked “Assignments”

Do not hesitate to contact your lecturer by email if you are experiencing problems with the content of this tutorial letter or any aspect of the module. I wish you a fascinating and satisfying journey through the learning material and trust that you will complete the module successfully.

Enjoy the journey!

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