Carleton University
School of Computer Science
COMP 4004A: Software Quality Engineering
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Class Schedule
Mon-Wed 10:05-11:25 SA 417
Office hour Mon-Wed 11:30-12:30

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Detailed Course Description
It is widely acknowledged that software quality is of the utmost importance. Yet, despite recent advancements in program verification, automatic debugging, assertion deduction and model-based testing (MBT), Ralph Johnson (of Gang of Four design patterns fame) and many others still view software verification as a "catastrophic computer science failure". In this course we first and foremost explore the issue of software testing, that is, the execution of software in order to find errors. A pervasive concern will be test automation, which is necessary if testing is to be objective, systematic, and scalable.

In the first part of the course, we will start with topics relevant to a more code-oriented (industry-relevant) approach to testing, focusing in particular on the strengths and limitations of a most popular testing tool, namely JUnit. Then, in the second part of the course, we will move to more state-of-the-art model-based approaches to software testing. Assignments will address both parts of the course.

Time permitting we will discuss other topics in OO Software Quality Engineering (such as runtime verification).

Prerequisites
The student is assumed to have a strong background in object-oriented programming, as provided by COMP 1406, COMP 2402, and COMP 2404. Programming aspects of the assignments are in JAVA (but some examples may be in C#). Also, students are assumed to be familiar with UML 2.0 and Go4 design patterns (from COMP 3004).

Software
Students will have to learn and use by themselves jUCMNav (an Eclipse plugin found at http://www.ohloh.net/p/11712), and JUnit.
2 MBT tools will be discussed in class: Dave Arnold’s Validation Framework (VF) (http://vf.davearnold.ca/) and Microsoft’s Spec Explorer (http://research.microsoft.com/en-us/projects/specexplorer/). They will likely be part of the material covered by the final exam.

**There is NO textbook for this course.**

Some of the material used in class will be posted on the course website.

cuLearn will be used for announcements and assignment submissions.

**Suggested Readings**

1) Robert Binder (good introduction to OOT)
   Object-oriented Testing, Addison-Wesley 2000

2) K. Naik and P. Tripathy (pricey but excellent reference for s/w testing)

**Evaluation**

Students will be evaluated in this course according to the following components:

1) 3 assignments 60% (20% each)
2) Quizzes 10%
2) **Closed**-book final exam 30% (3 hours - formally scheduled)

**NOTES:**

1) There will be NO supplemental or grade raising exam in this course.
2) No mark (or extra work) can be substituted for another!
3) **You MUST pass the assignments AND the quizzes AND the final exam in order to pass the course.**
4) Assignments are to be done **individually or in pairs**. Collaborations between students submitting distinct assignments is NOT permitted.
   The nature of the assignments will be further discussed in the lectures.

**Assignments: Information and Late Policies**

Late projects will *not* be accepted and will automatically receive a mark of 0.
Undergraduate Academic Advisor
The undergraduate advisor for the School of Computer Science is available in Room 5302C HP, by telephone at 520-2600, ext. 4364 or by email at undergraduate_advisor@scs.carleton.ca. The advisor can assist with information about prerequisites and preclusions, course substitutions/equivalencies, understanding your academic audit and the remaining requirements for graduation. The undergraduate advisor will also refer students to appropriate resources such as the Science Student Success Centre, Learning Support Services and the Writing Tutorial Services.

Science Student Success Centre (SSSC)
The Science Student Success Centre is a central advising unit for students in Science courses. We help students achieve their goals by providing access to resources, workshops and activities that enhance their academic and study skills, and help them make key connections with their peers. Mentors can help you customize an individual study plan which includes weekly and semester work or study schedules, and also help when you need information on developing a new study strategy, obtaining summer job opportunities, or clarifying ideas and concepts to better understand and cope with new course content. Science mentors can help you learn how to learn what you need to learn for your classes. Drop by the Science Student Success Centre at 1152 Herzberg Laboratories or visit at www.carleton.ca/science/sssc.

University Policies

Student Academic Integrity Policy
Every student should be familiar with the Carleton University student academic integrity policy. A student found in violation of academic integrity standards may be awarded penalties which range from a reprimand to receiving a grade of F in the course or even being expelled from the program or University. Some examples of offences are: plagiarism and unauthorized co-operation or collaboration. Information on this policy may be found in the Undergraduate Calendar.

Plagiarism
As defined by Senate, "plagiarism is presenting, whether intentional or not, the ideas, expression of ideas or work of others as one’s own". Such reported offences will be reviewed by the office of the Dean.

Unauthorized Co-operation or Collaboration
As mentioned above, collaboration between students submitting distinct assignments is NOT permitted in this course.

Equity Statements
You may need special arrangements to meet your academic obligations during the term. For an accommodation request the processes are as follows:

Pregnancy obligation: write to me with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist. For more details visit the Equity Services website:
http://www2.carleton.ca/equity/
**Religious obligation:** write to me with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist. For more details visit the Equity Services website: [http://www2.carleton.ca/equity/](http://www2.carleton.ca/equity/)

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You can visit the Equity Services website to view the policies and to obtain more detailed information on academic accommodation at [http://www2.carleton.ca/equity/](http://www2.carleton.ca/equity/)

**Medical Certificate**

The following is a link to the official medical certificate accepted by Carleton University for the deferral of final examinations or assignments in undergraduate courses. To access the form, please go to [http://www1.carleton.ca/registrar/forms/](http://www1.carleton.ca/registrar/forms/)