

**TU-53.J / T-76.5633 Special Course in Software Engineering
3CR (op), P V**

Managing Distributed Projects

Welcome!

3 - 4.5.2006



Schedule

- Lectures:
 - 3.5.2006 at 10.00 (sharp!) - 17.00 (Lunch break 12.15-13.00)
 - 4.5.2006 at 10.00 (sharp!) - 17.00 (Lunch break 12.15-13.00)
- Essay:
 - DL for returning a complete draft 24.5.2006 at 16.00
 - DL for returning the final version 16.6.2006 at 16.00
 - Return by email in pdf format to Maria Paasivaara (email: firstname.lastname@tkk.fi)



Passing the Course

- Passing the course requires you to pass all these four parts:
 - Presence during the both lecture days
 - Writing a scientific, critical essay based on lectures and course material and returning two acceptable versions of this essay: first a draft to get comments and then a final version which is improved according to the comments received.
 - Filling in the course feedback form



Grading

- The grading will be based on the essay
- Grading scale used is 0-5
- Both the draft and the final version will be graded with the following emphasis:
 - Draft 60% of the grade
 - Final 40% of the grade



Course Personnel

- Visiting lecturer: Dr. Roberto Evaristo
- Responsible teachers:
 - Maria Paasivaara (SoberIT)
 - Prof. Eila Järvenpää (TPS)
- Assistant: Eero Uusitalo



Writing an Essay (1/4)

- A critical essay should be based on all the following:
 - lectures by Roberto Evaristo
 - course material (articles)
 - other scientific articles that you should search for
- In addition, if you have experiences e.g., on working in a distributed project you can compare your experiences to the literature and lectures.



Writing an Essay (2/4)

- Topic: choose 3-4 of the main topics presented during the lectures
- On each topic present:
 - some of the most important or interesting themes discussed during the lectures and in the literature
 - critically compare what different authors present
 - give also your own justified comments and opinions
- On each topic you can also try to identify issues that are:
 - especially problematic for distributed projects
 - important to remember when managing distributed projects
 - topics that would need further research
- If possible you can include also your own experiences, even though the literature should play the major role



Writing an Essay (3/4)

- On each topic (3-4 topics) you should find, besides the articles offered by the course, 2 or more scientific articles that you reference to
 - You can search for those articles from the electronic databases of HUT library (www.lib.tkk.fi).
- The length should be 5000-6000 words with line spacing of 1,5 (approx. 15 pages)



Writing an Essay (4/4)

- Pay attention to the way the information is presented, each context should show whether the information in question is
 - based on a literary source (the source must be given as a citation)
 - research result based on empirical data collected by the author
 - based on experiences of the author
 - deduction of the author
 - assumption of the author
 - guess of the author
- Present your personal thoughts, information, assumptions, and guesses whenever possible
 - clearly identify these, e.g. "In my opinion...".



Questions?

