New York University Tandon School of Engineering
Computer Science
Course Outline CS-UY 3943 DevOps
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Course Pre-requisites: Basic courses on programming.

Course Description: DevOps is the latest paradigm on how to develop software. It combines lean and agile development methods with the latest suit of operations tools to enable fast, worry-free, and regular shipping of code into production. The focus of the course will be on the DevOps way of working, but we will also survey the wide range of DevOps tools, and use some of them.

Course Objectives
1. Understand the DevOps way of organizing work.
2. Be familiar with the range of DevOps tools.
3. Understand how the tools support the way of work.
4. Become familiar with particular instances of several of the tools.

Course Structure
One lecture per week, and regular development work, reading, and videos.

Readings
Listed here:
http://www.thedevopscourse.com

Course requirements
Release work into production at least twice per week.

A rough grade breakdown, which will be adjusted as the semester proceeds:

Project: Approx. 55% of grade. Regular, incremental releasing of software is the largest component of the student’s grade. Please note that you are graded on the project quality overall, as well as your individual contribution to the project.
Class participation: 5% of grade.

Tests during the semester, Approx. 20% of grade

Final Exam, Approx. 20% of grade

Course Project
Throughout the semester students will work on developing a project of their choice using the core principles and tools of DevOps. The project includes a series of checkpoints, approximately every two weeks of the semester. At every checkpoint, the group of students will be required to demonstrate the MVP of their application which incorporates features learned in class. We will provide several possible projects. Below you can find project breakdown into checkpoints.

Phase 1, due Feb 11
- Form a group of 3 (exceptions can be made if you’d like to form a group of 4 or smaller);
- Set up a Slack channel for communications within your team;
- Set up a GitHub repository for your project;
- Set up a Kanban board for managing workflow within your team using GitHub “Projects” feature.
- Formulate your project proposal

Phase 2, due Feb 25
The purpose of this phase is to develop a template for your application and set up primary tools that you need. You will keep developing each part of your program throughout the semester.
- Setup a running version of your application;

Phase 3, due Mar 11
- Create a Makefile allowing you to run tests locally, as well as push code into production.

Phase 4, due Mar 25
- Keep developing your application;
- Testing: you should be writing tests as you write your code. Testing includes unittest for Python code, Jest for testing React, as well as linters such as flake8 and eslint for Python and React respectively, which enforce proper code styling. Your submission this week must include automated tests!

Phase 5, due Apr 8
- Set up a CI/CD pipeline using Travis CI. Use it to push your code to the cloud.

Phase 6, due Apr 22
- Create a Docker container for your application. Deploy it to a cloud service. Create monitoring.

Phase 7, due May 6
- Final project hand in and presentations.
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