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## Seminar with Practical: Scalable Computing Systems and Applications in AI, Big Data and HPC

## Seminar with Practical: Learning Objectives

- Describe approaches for the development of scalable systems and apps
- Sketch efficient algorithms and concepts
- Analyze and summarize state-of-the-art concepts, tools and research papers
- Deliver a technical presentation for a professional audience
- Explore and apply concepts or tools to improve scalability for a use case
- Quantify efficiency and scalability of selected use cases

# Seminar with Practical

- The module consists of the parts:
  - ▶ Topic Introduction Presentation 15 min, not marked
  - ▶ Practically working on the topic (individually)
  - ▶ Topic Result Presentation 25 min (30% of grade)
    - + 5 min Q&A + 5 min feedback
    - Leeway of  $\pm 5$  min
  - ▶ Report about topic and your results (70% of grade)
    - 10-15 pages (core content, without preamble/appendix)
- We aim to publish all presentations and reports on our webpage
  - ▶ You can disagree without any disadvantage
- Please check also [organisational remarks](#)
- A supervisor for formative assessment will be assigned per student
- Today, you can pick topics from the webpage!

## Practical Aspect

- You'll look deeper into the selected topic, various options:
  - ▶ Evaluate practically a tools (on GWDG system and/or your Laptop)
  - ▶ Write your own use case to demonstrate framework/tool
  - ▶ Perform a performance analysis, write a benchmark
  - ▶ Compare different tools (theoretically and practically)
  - ▶ Extend the existing tool(s)
- Create a presentation and report from your findings with content such as:
  - ▶ Your problem description
  - ▶ Background (tool, context), existing knowledge
  - ▶ Your methodology
  - ▶ Your results
  - ▶ Your conclusion
- For best results, involve your supervisor:
  - ▶ Discuss proposal of activities
  - ▶ Discuss results

# Schedule for Preparation of Presentation/Report

- 3 Weeks **before** presentation
  - ▶ Submission of a structure/rough sketch of the presentation to the supervisor
  - ▶ Receive feedback and optional discussion with the supervisor
- 2 Weeks **before** presentation
  - ▶ Sketch of the slides, feedback of the supervisor
  - ▶ Recommendation: practice the slides to find gaps
- 1 Week **before** presentation
  - ▶ Send slides to Jonathan to confirm that you can present in following week
    - If not done, your presentation will be **cancelled!**
  - ▶ Recommendation: practice slides for smooth transitions
- **Before** the end of the semester
  - ▶ Receive feedback on structure, style and content of report from supervisor
  - ▶ Submission of the report as PDF per email to [Jonathanjonathan.decker@uni-goettingen.de](mailto:Jonathanjonathan.decker@uni-goettingen.de)

# Course Organization

- 2024-10-24 Meeting: Introduction & Scientific Presentation
- 2024-11-01 You have submitted your topic to Jonathan by email
- 2024-11-07 Meeting: L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X Crash Course & Scientific Writing
- 2024-11-08 You are assigned a supervisor and presentation date
- 2024-11-14 Meeting: Effective Literature Search
- 2024-11-24 Meeting: And following weeks, 2 student presentations per week
  - ▶ Project topic presentations in first half of semester
  - ▶ Project result presentations in second half
- 2025-03-31 Deadline for submitting reports

## Additional Remarks

- It is your responsibility to contact your supervisor
  - ▶ They might take a few days to answer
- If you get stuck/need help ⇒ ask your supervisor
- Ask for feedback for the direction of your work, presentation, report
  - ▶ Be specific in your questions and feedback requests to get faster responses
- If you have a problem with your supervisor, contact Jonathan  
jonathan.decker@uni-goettingen.de
  - ▶ If you have a problem with Jonathan, escalate to Prof. Kunkel  
julian.kunkel@gwdg.de
- Remember to submit slides one week before the presentation
- If you are unhappy with your topic, discuss with your supervisor
  - ▶ Switching early on is possible
- We will inform you when FlexNow registration is open

# Expectations

You will be graded based on

- Quality of presentation
  - ▶ Form/Style
  - ▶ Content/Depth
  - ▶ Present the results you have (not necessarily final)
- Quality of report
  - ▶ Form/Style
  - ▶ Content/Depth
  - ▶ Project Structure
- Requires in-depth work on topic
  - ▶ Even if desired results are not achieved
  - ▶ Write about what you have done and learned
- Bonus: Scientific context via reading (recent) papers



*"Students shouldn't go into life without the ability to communicate.  
Your success in life will be determined largely by...*

- your ability to speak,*
  - your ability to write, and*
  - the quality of your ideas,*
- in that order."***

— Prof. Patrick Winston