CMPT 475 - E100 Requirements Engineering

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Calendar Objective/Description:
Requirements Engineering

Instructor's Objectives:
Software requirements involve both design and understanding of what is needed by the application. This is a creative activity that calls for abstract models to analytically analyze and to reason out requirements. Design decisions and conformance criteria, making sure these are well understood prior to coding. Starting with software requirement analysis methodologies, abstraction principles and specification paradigms. Students will learn how to use modeling as an effective instrument for making software systems more reliable, the requirements gathering process more predictable, and overall improve the quality of the resulting product. Students will evaluate contrasting methodologies and how to ensure high quality requirements be provided to the development stage of software engineering process.

Prerequisites:
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Topics:
- Requirements position in the Software Development Lifecycle (SDLC)
- Scoping
- Methods for requirements analysis
- Design Models
- Functional and Non-Functional Requirements
- Risk Identification and Management
- Requirements Management
- Completeness and Consistency checking
- Formal Specifications
- Importance of User Community to Requirements Engineering

Grading:
assignments/project 50% midterm 20% final 30%
Students must attain an overall passing grade on the weighted average of exams in the course in order to obtain a clear pass (C- or better).

Required Books:
Software Requirements 3rd edition, Karl Wiegers, Microsoft press, 2014, 9780735679665

Reference Books:
Software Engineering, 10th Edition, Ian Sommerville, Addison-Wesley, 2015, 9780133943030, General reference to basic software engineering principles
Facts and Fallacies of Software Engineering, Robert L. Glass, Addison-Wesley, 2003, 9780321117427
The Logic of Failure, Dietrich Dorne, Basic Book, 1996, 9780201479485
Code Complete, Steve mcConnell, Microsoft Press, 2004, 9780735619678
Managing Software Requirenments A Use Case Approach 2nd edition, Dean Leffingwell Don Widrig, addison wesley, 2003, 9780321122476

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