Exam Prep II

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Recall from last week that the exam will have two halves, equally weighted:

1. Questions based on the lectures, homework and assignments.
2. Questions based on a scientific paper.

Yesterday, we prepared a bit for the first half. Today, we’re discussing the second half.
Open book policy

The exam will be open book and open world. This means you are allowed to consult any passive resource (e.g. course materials, textbook, websites) at your leisure.

You may not use any active resource; e.g., your fellow students, or asking a question on stack overflow.

You may ask me questions on Ed (if in doubt, make them private). I will be monitoring Ed regularly during the exam, except when I’m asleep (say, 10pm-6am). I will mainly be a clarification resource, not a help resource. If anything is unclear, ask early!
This year, the second half of the exam will be about the following paper:


You can obtain a copy through the UNSW library proxy, or from Lamport’s website: http://lamport.azurewebsites.net/pubs/time-clocks.pdf

You don’t need to be intimately familiar with every detail of the paper before the exam, but I recommend at least skimming it beforehand.
Last year’s exam was about (an early draft of) this paper:


You will find the actual exam, and the pre-publication version used in the exam, on Ed.
Related courses

COMP3153  Algorithmic Verification (PG: 9153)
COMP4141  Theory of Computation
COMP4161  Advanced Topics in Software Verification
COMP6752  Modelling Concurrent Systems
COMP9243  Distributed Systems