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News

ACCREDITATION

The CS dept has been blessed with an ecstatic moment when it was rewarded with **W** status of accreditation from a Pakistani accreditation agency. Of the 4 categories **W** happens to be the best of all and not surprisingly it comes only after a stupendous strings. The inordinate amount of preplanning, implementation and coaxing of faculty has resulted, Thanks Heavens, in a superb sense of achievement.



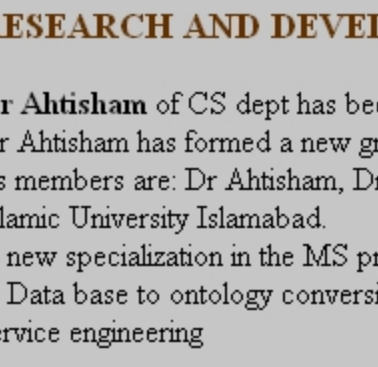
RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

"Characterizing Urdu Vowels for Urdu Recognition"
Dr. J S Mirza
Science International, Vol. 20, No. 3, 2008, pp 185-188.

"A validation of the proposed component-based development process"
Mr. Rizwan Jamal Qureshi and Mr. Sandhu
Science International, April 2009, ISSN: 1013-5316

SEMINARS

Mr. Umar Majeed from Honex Technology Lahore gave a seminar on **Software Development ,Web Site Development and Web Site Optimizing** on 17 April, Friday



Mr Rizwan Jameel Qureshi arranged a seminar on 17/4/2009 to BCS class of software engineering I by Mr. Umar Majeed, CEO of a software development company HoNeX Technologies. The title of the seminar was: **"IT Prospectus on Career Development"**

Mr. Javed Younas from Virtual University gave a seminar on **"Examination System of Virtual University"** On 5 May 2009, Tue from 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM.

The CIIT appreciated the novel and beneficial approach of VU exam system and has formed a view to introduce useful parts of it coming semester. The CIIT faculty has been requested to prepare exam questions in the same format. The coordinator to supervise the task is Mr. Faisal Tehseen Shah of CS department of CIIT Lahore.

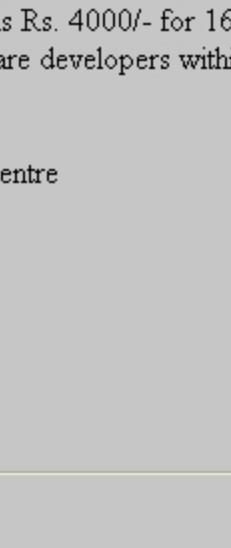
FOREIGN STUDY

Umara Imtihan of CS department CIIT Lahore has been granted a scholarship from Australian Government to complete study of MS leading to PHD at Curtin University, Australia. She will commence her study in Fall 2009. The research will be on information Systems. **Good Luck Umara**



RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Dr Ahtisham of CS dept has been approved by HEC to be PhD supervisor. Dr Ahtisham has formed a new group **"semantic web and service engineering"**. Its members are: Dr Ahtisham, Dr Mirza, Mr Adeel Nawab and some MS students from FAST Lahore, Islamic University Islamabad. A new specialization in the MS program **"Semantic web and service engineering"** will be offered from coming semester. A Data base to ontology conversion and synchronization tool and a protégé (plug in) has been developed by semantic web and service engineering.



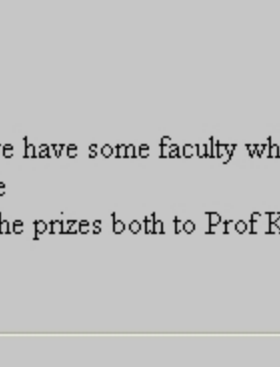
NETWORK OPERATION CENTRE

Dr J S Mirza, CS Dept, CIIT LHR

CISCO COURSES

The CCNA Exploration courses have been revamped at the Computer Science Department of CIIT Lahore. The courses

- Network fundamentals
- Routing protocols and concepts
- LAN switching and wireless
- Accessing the wan



Integrate related engineering concepts and provide students with skills needed to succeed in network related degree program. CCNA Exploration also provides an introduction to advanced technologies such as voice, video, wireless and security

CITC

The CITC section of computer science department is initiating following two courses at the Department.

- PHP: My SQL (taught by Mr Mansoor Sheraz)
- Domnet-SQL Server (taught by Mr Mohammad Irfan)

Both the courses started from April, 2009. 14 and 20 students, respectively have already been admitted. The courses are designed to provide skills needed to serve the software industry. Entrepreneurs who aspire to launch their own WEB-related business would find the courses most useful. The courses are offered from 4:30 PM onward. The tuition fee for one course is Rs. 4000/- for 16 lectures each of 1:30 hrs. The courses will be taught by M. Sheraz and M. Irfan both of whom are the software developers within the department.

Following sub domains of CIITLahore have recently been activated for alumni, library, researchers and IT centre
<http://shamsi.ciitlahore.edu.pk>
<http://itc.ciitlahore.edu.pk>
<http://library.ciitlahore.edu.pk>
<http://research.ciitlahore.edu.pk>

A job portal with the help of ministry of IT has also been added for jobs seekers.
<http://comsats.rozee.pk>

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION

Dr J S Mirza, CS Dept, CIIT Lahore

The Electrical Engineering Department of CIIT Lahore arranged a seminar on 6 Mar 2009 at 10:30 AM in Math seminar room. The event opened with a presentation by **Prof Khawar Zia** of Beaconhouse National university, Lahore, the current chairman of IEEE Lahore chapter. It was followed by seminar presented by **Dr Fakhar Lodhi** of FAST University Lahore, on Software Engineering.

The seminar was good and excited many of the listeners to take a plunge into it. Already we have some faculty who are working in this area, for instance Nadeem Ghafoor Chaudhary, wish collaboration with FAST, Lahore. Dr Mirza J S of Computer Science Department CIIT Lahore had the honor to handover the prizes both to Prof Khawar and Dr Fakhar Lodhi.

STUDENT TRIPS

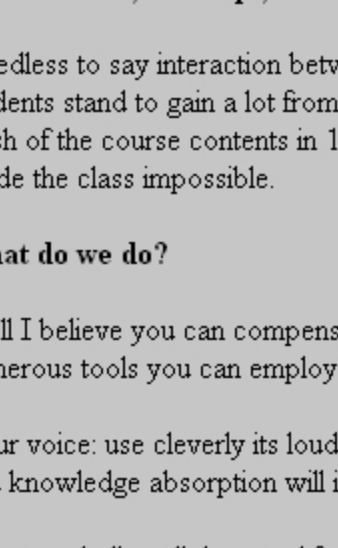
VisionICT (TechnoMoot 2009) competition was organized by CIIT, Abbottabad. We congratulate all the participants of CS dept CIIT Lahore for their excellent performance in VisionICT (TechnoMoot 2009) Competition Abbottabad.

Computer Science Department has secured following positions in this competition.

- 2nd Position in Quiz Competition
- 2nd Position in Speed Programming
- 2nd Position in Graduate Poster Competition
- 2nd Position in Undergraduate Poster Competition

WORLD WIDE WEB

Dr J S Mirza, CS Dept, CIIT Lahore, shortened and reworded The NEWS publications on 15 March 2008. It has been 20 years WWW has been around. Its anniversary is being celebrated. Its inventors Tim Berners-Lee and Robert Callao were at CERN when they invented it. The CERN was then unable to ensure its development. The two drew up global hypertext language http and came up with the first browser in October 1990. Tim still has active hand in its development.



In March 1989 the young Tim handed over to his supervisor at Geneva a document entitled **"Information management: a proposal"**. The supervisor described it as a vague but exciting, and gave a go ahead to implement it. The beauty of the WWW is that regardless of the distance and the computer systems, scientists can swap, view and comment on their research.

Immediately after its inventions there were 26 web servers, now there are 10 11 pages and you can well judge the number of servers. It has spawned research on search engines. Many search engines are competing to be quick and precise. Tim is now a researcher at MIT (USA) and a professor at Southampton University, UK. He heads the WWW consortium (3WC) that coordinates the development of the Web.

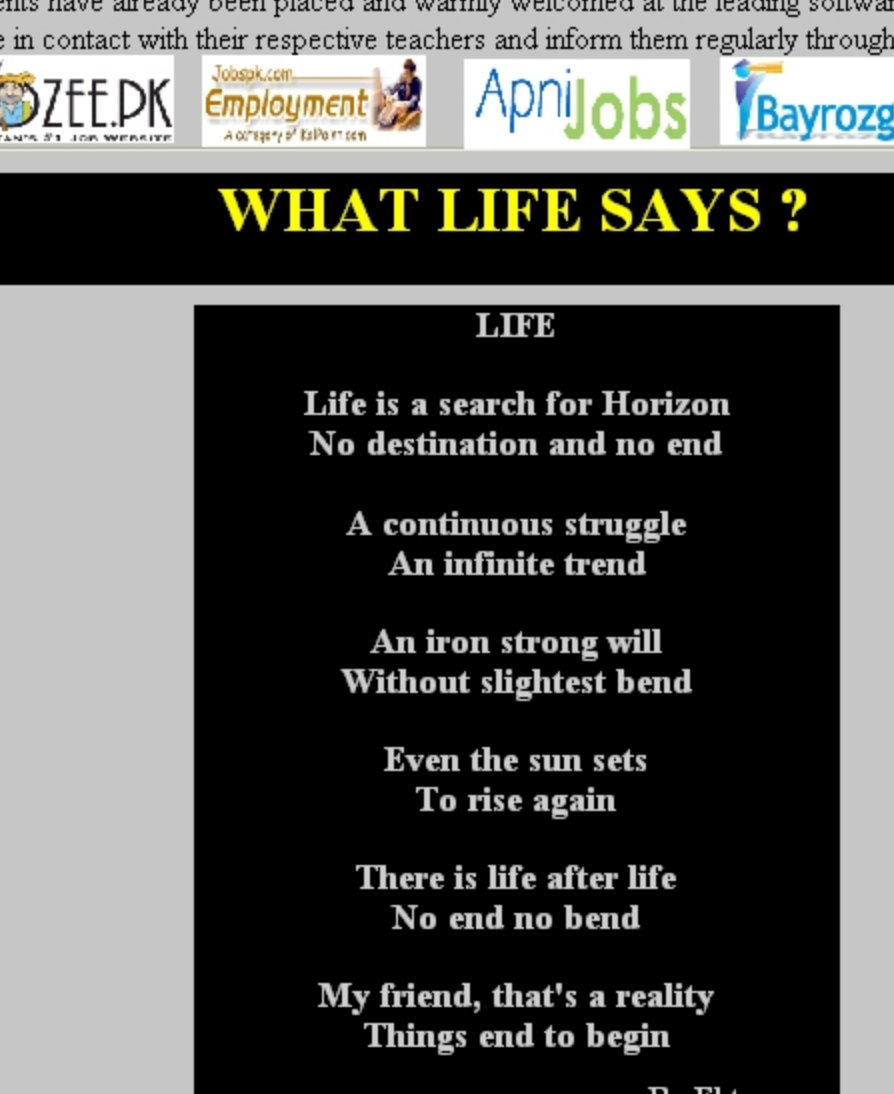
WORKSHOP ON NEXT GENERATION COMPUTING PARADIGMS

Dr. Mirza attended a whole day workshop on: **Cloud Computing; Map Reduce; Parallel Programming; Multi-core Architecture; Virtualization, Configware** May 09, 2009

Al-Khawarizmi Institute of Computer Science (KICS), UET, Lahore

The increased complexity and heterogeneity of hardware resources and the ineffectiveness or inability of existing computing and programming paradigms to exploit the technology are leading to the emergence of parallel and distributed programming paradigms and computing systems. The introduction of multi-core technology and cloud computing are some of the examples. Although parallel and distributed computing and systems have existed for many decades, parallelism within a single system using nanotechnology and virtualization, and its usage in a distributed environment has revived the art of parallel and distributed computing. High Performance Computing & Networking Lab (HPCNL) at KICS-UET, Lahore presents this workshop the need for next generation computing paradigms along with the demonstration of some of the leading techniques. The workshop will begin with the not so clearly understood concept of cloud computing as a computational model which is also referred to as a cluster computing. From there we will move to another interesting cluster based parallel programming model called 'Map Reduce'. Map Reduce is a simplified but very powerful parallel programming paradigm invented by Google later championed by Amazon and Yahoo. The complications of parallelism are hidden from the end user, but this simplicity is at the cost of lost generality. i.e. Map Reduce cannot solve all of parallel problems. From here we move to more generic (and complicated) parallel programming paradigms. At this point you will be able to appreciate the simplicity - generality tradeoff clearly. Then we move to the domain of multi-core benchmarking. These benchmarks serve as the yardstick to measure system component performance and to find any hot spots. Then we present an area where cluster / cloud based systems are heavily used. This area is virtualization. Current surge of many-core systems have revitalized this old idea of virtualization. Towards the end we will introduce configure which provides an alternate perspective to software parallel computing. The workshop will provide a forum discuss these interesting ideas.

COMSATS University is a place of light, of liberty, and of learning.



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VIEWES

Teaching Style

Dr J S Mirza, CS Dept, CIIT Lahore

Needless to say interaction between teacher and students in a class is highly beneficial. Concepts clarification and satisfaction for students stand to gain a lot from this interaction. But given the short supply of time in which provision has to be made for timely finish of the course contents in 15 weeks, assignments and quizzes preparation and their marking make this coveted interaction inside the class impossible.

What do we do?

Well I believe you can compensate this elusive interaction by adopting the following tools. Have you ever wondered you have numerous tools you can employ to achieve what you lose in interaction.

Your voice: use cleverly its loudness, pitch and stops to administer your instruction. Downers will get jolted out of their inattention and knowledge absorption will increase.

Your eye-balls: roll them and focus them more on less interested students.

Your facial muscle: twitch them to bring about smile on your face.

Your torso in fact your entire body: curve it and twist it dramatically. Wow

Your arms: wave them, curl them.

I tell you, you can gain a lot.
But do not overdo it: too much of everything is bad



ASK YOURSELF AT THE END OF YOUR LECTURE, did you get what you aimed at. Even the most seasoned movie actor has to go through a grueling trial of his voice and face control to impress spectators. I am sure you will appreciate there is still a lot of room for your improvement.

MS RESEARCH PROJECT

Dr J S Mirza, CS Dept, CIIT Lahore



I heard some universities plan to offer a course instead of a project in their MS class. What a novelty. I was initially vociferous critic of the idea, but not now. Because I believed as a dogma that project is a kind of a melting pot where your entire knowledge is put to achieving a target that you single handedly produce, embellish and defend it. It is your branchchild.



But during one discussion some body said what about those MS students who are destined to perform poorly however hard you may supervise. Who are by nature laggard and whoever you may prod them they will not lift themselves. They simply are unable to finish their projects satisfactorily. Beautiful. I demolished my dogma there and then and became a convert.

But look at its dark side. Project-worthy students may also queue up with their laggard counterparts to have easy life. Would you like it?

SOFTWARE INDUSTRY IN PAKISTAN AND JOB OPPORTUNITIES

By Mr Rizwan Qureshi, Asstt prof, CIIT lahore

Visa Restrictions and high cost of doing business in USA and European Markets are the main factor that is causing the Pakistan software industry to establish and groom. Job placement cells in most of the leading institutes and universities of Pakistan (offering IT programs) are formed to facilitate their passing out students by arranging interviews with many companies like Net Sol, Descon Infos, System, CresSoft and several multinationals companies to hire good students. The starting salary that is offered to IT and computer science students is very attractive and usually more than the starting salary of a regular government employee of Pakistan. CIIT LHR graduated students have already been placed and warmly welcomed at the leading software companies of Pakistan mentioned above. They are in contact with their respective teachers and inform them regularly through emails about the job opportunities.



WHAT LIFE SAYS ?

LIFE

Life is a search for Horizon
No destination and no end

A continuous struggle
An infinite trend

An iron strong will
Without slightest bend

Even the sun sets
To rise again

There is life after life
No end no bend

My friend, that's a reality
Things end to begin

By Ebtesam

LAUGHTER THERAPY THROUGH COMPUTER SCIENCE TOOLS

TECHNOLOGY For Country Folk

 Log On Makin' the stove hotter	 Log Off Coolin' 'er down	 Monitor Keepin' an eye on 'er
 Download Gitten the farwood off'n the truck	 Mega hertz When yer not keenful gitten the farwood	 Floppy Disk Whitcha get from tryin' to tote too much farwood
 RAM That thar thang what splits farwood	 Hard Drive Gitten hard in the winter time	 Windows Whut ta shut when its cold outside
 Screen Whut ta shut when its black fly season	 Byte Whut dem dang flys do	 Chip Munchies fer the TV
 Micro-Chip Whut's in the bottom of the mouche log	 Modem Whitcha dots the hay fields	 Dot Matrix Dot Coms name after she got hitched ta Dan Matrix
 Laptop Whar the kittie naps	 Keyboard Whut ya hang the dang truck keys	 Software Them thar plastic forks 'n knives
 Mouse Whut eats the grain in the barn	 Mouse Pad Thats jes hippie talk fer where the mouse lives	
 Mainframe Holds up the barn roof	 Port Fancy schmantele flattander wine	 Enter Dubl' How ya git in the house
 Click Whut ya hear when ya cock yer gun	 Double-Click Whut ya hear when ya REALLY mean bizness	 REBOOT Whut ya have ta do right before the bedtime when ya have ta gotta the outside