

## Project Topics for **Distributed System Design**

**One-page proposal due:** Feb. 11 (Feb. 18 for FEEDS students).

**30-minute presentation:** Mid- and late-April.

**Final project due:** April 25 for all students (penalty for late submission: 15%).

Group project (with at most two students) is allowed subject to approval.

1. (Scalability metric)  
Amdahl's law and Gustafson law, time-constrained, efficiency-constrained, and memory-constrained scaling.
2. (Parallel/distributed environment)  
MPI and PVM.
3. (Parallel/distributed system model)  
including criteria to assess their suitability.
4. (Networks of workstations)  
with applications.
5. (Distributed simulation)  
Petri nets and other related models.
6. (Mobile computing)  
routing, checkpointing, and channel allocation.
7. (Information model)  
switch-based LANS and internet.
8. (Routing)  
Optimal, fault tolerant, and deadlock-free.
9. (Scheduling)  
static and dynamic load distribution.
10. (Fault tolerance)  
various applications.
11. (Scalable design)  
interconnection networks.
12. (Survey)  
Database, file, DSM, heterogeneous computing, OS, etc.
13. (Collective communication)  
multicast, broadcast, barrier sync., etc.
14. (RPC and remote message passing)  
different approaches.

15. (Consistency models and applications)  
different weak consistency models.
16. (Peer-to-peer Networks)  
routing, lookup problems, and peer-to-peer applications