Adapting software engineering course and students' assessment to fully remote mode

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- Organizing reliable remote assessment
- Modification of the exam questions
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- Software engineering course in the new curricula

Current curricula at FCSE

- Accreditation period: 1 October 2018 30 September 2023
- Study programs:
 - Software engineering and information systems (in Macedonian and in English)
 - Internet, networks and security (in Macedonian only)
 - Application of information technologies (in Macedonian only)
 - Computer Education (in Macedonian only)
 - Computer Engineering (in Macedonian only)
 - Computer Science (in Macedonian only)
- Two possible degrees:
 - 3-year studies, 180 ECTS, Bachelor of information technologies
 - 4-year studies, 240 ECTS, Bachelor of computer science and engineering

Status of software engineering course

- 6 ECTS course
- Fourth semester
- Prerequisite: Object-oriented programming
- Compulsory for the following study programs:
 - Application of information technologies
 - Computer Science
- Elective for the following study programs:
 - Internet, networks and security
 - Computer Education
 - Computer Engineering

Course syllabus (theory)

First midterm

- 01. Introduction
- 02. Software quality
- 03. Software process models
- 04. Agile methodologies
- 05. Requirements engineering
- 06. System modeling

Second midterm

- 07. Architectural design
- 08. Component-level design
- 09. User interface design
- 10. Design and implementation
- 11. Software testing strategies
- 12. Software testing techniques
- 13. Software Evolution

Course syllabus (exercises)

First midterm

- 01. Version control systems
- 02. Introduction to Git
- 03. Git 1 (Git real, levels 1-3)
- 04. Git 2 (Git real, levels 4-6)
- 05. Git 3 (Git real 2)
- 06. Git workflows

Second midterm

- 07. UML Use Case
- 08. UML Activity Diagram
- 09. UML Class and Sequence
- Diagram
- 10. Build automation tools: Gradle
- 11. Testing
- 12. Unit testing JUnit 5

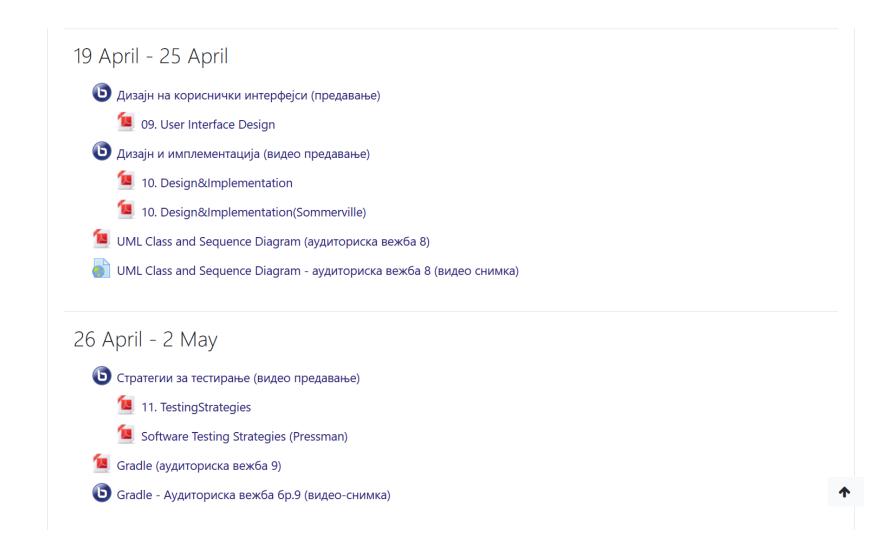
Software engineering course before 2019

- Lectures/exercises
 - Semi-formal lectures on site, slide presentations (lecture room)
 - Exercises organized as demonstration lectures and problem-solving exercises (lecture room / computer laboratory)
 - Moodle as LMS for lecture/exercises materials distribution
- Assessment
 - Combination of multiple choice, short answer and essay questions
 - Moodle quizzes in controlled environment (computer laboratory, no internet access, no phones during the exam)

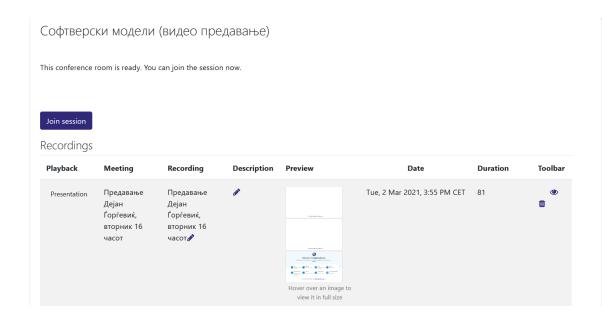
First release of the course in 2019/22

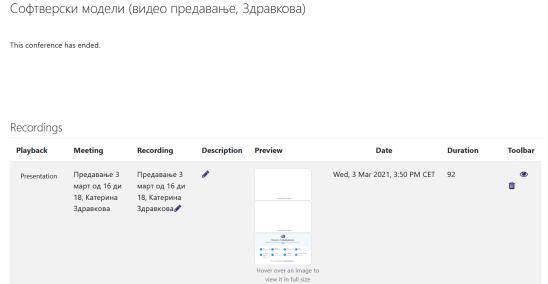
- After 3 weeks of lectures, COVID-19 pandemic was announced
- The course was immediately transformed into a remote mode
- Learning environment: BigBlueButton (Virtual Classroom Software)
- The lectures were pre-recorded
- Interactive Q&A sessions using BBB
- Study pack: chapters by Ian Sommerville and Roger Pressman

Video lectures and supporting study pack



Recorded lectures (one or two versions)





Students' assessment

Assessment environment:

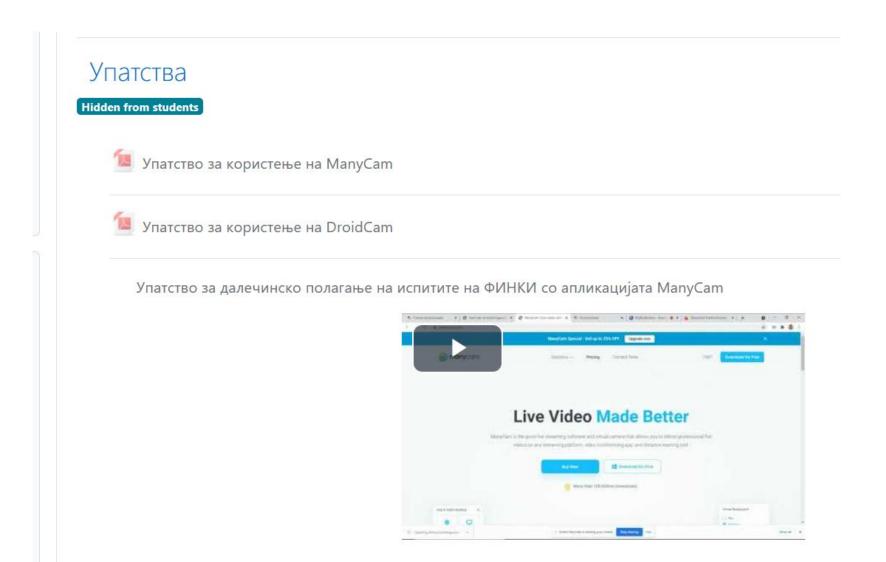
- BBB for communication
- Moodle quiz for the exam

Anti-cheating technologies:

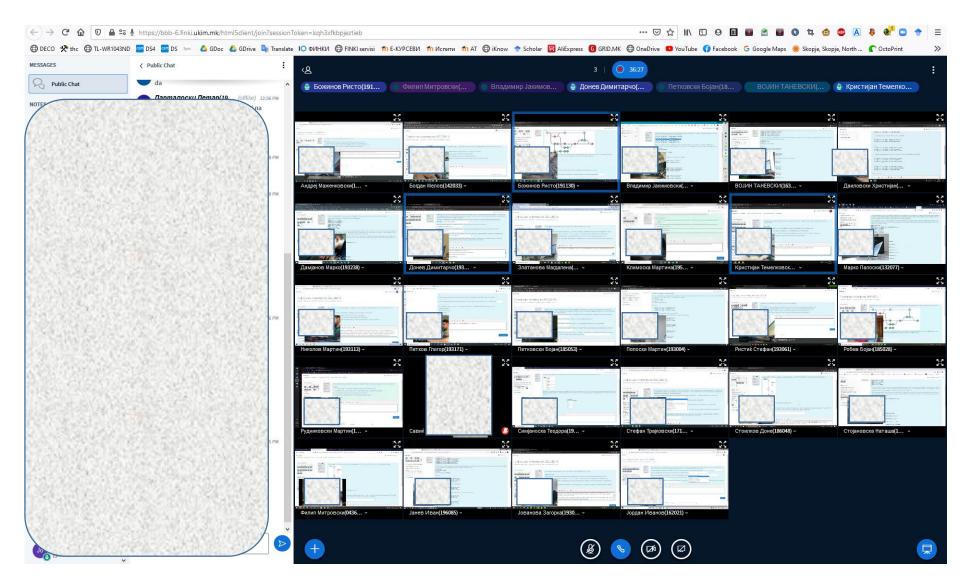
- Preliminary phase (30%, qualifying for the next 70%):
 - Safe Exam Browser
- Advanced phases (40% essentials + 30% more complex questions)
 - Students share their screen and their working environment
 - Their microphone is turned on
 - Sharing of working environment is enabled by ManyCam or DroidCam
 - The exams are recorded to prove the prospective accusation of intentional cheating

Year	Enrolled students on the software engineering course
2022	570
2021	520
2020	680
2019	680

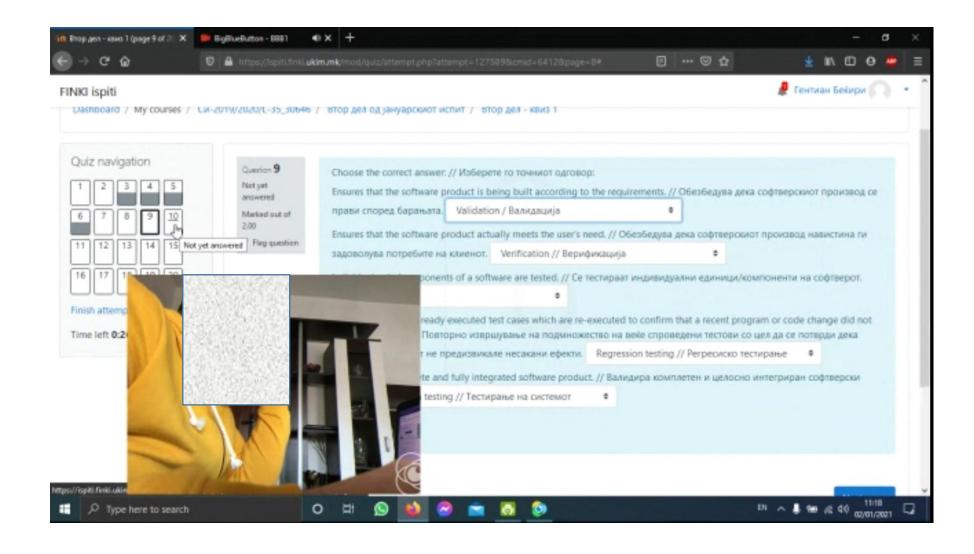
Manuals for using ManyCam & DroidCam



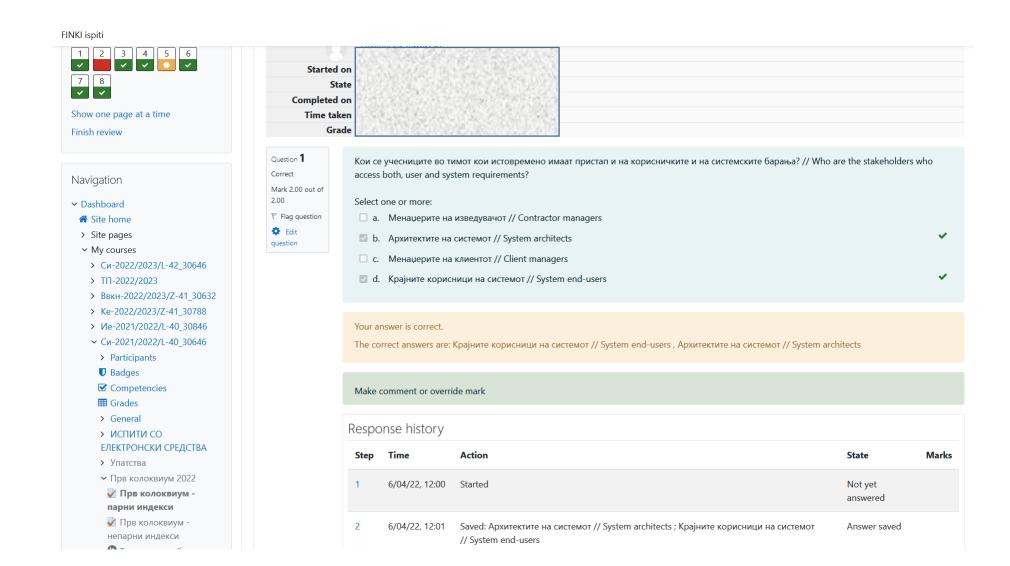
Monitoring of one classroom



Monitoring of one student

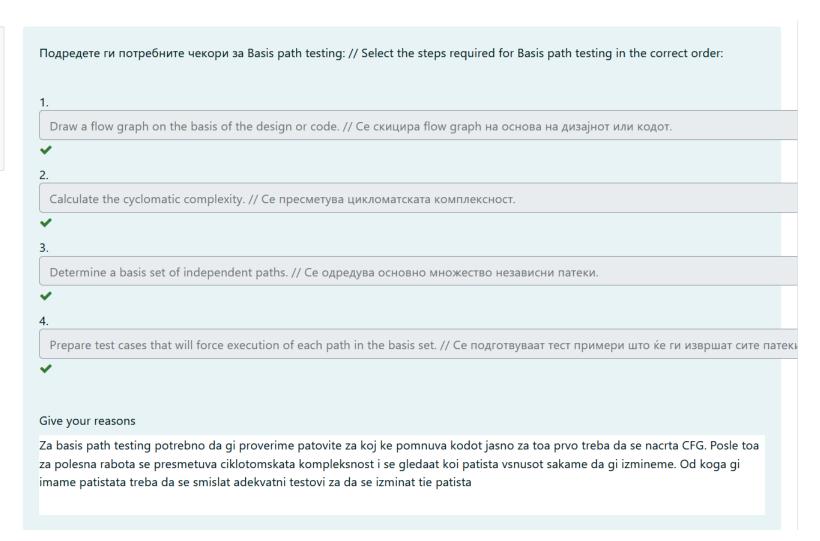


Inside the exam (theoretical question)

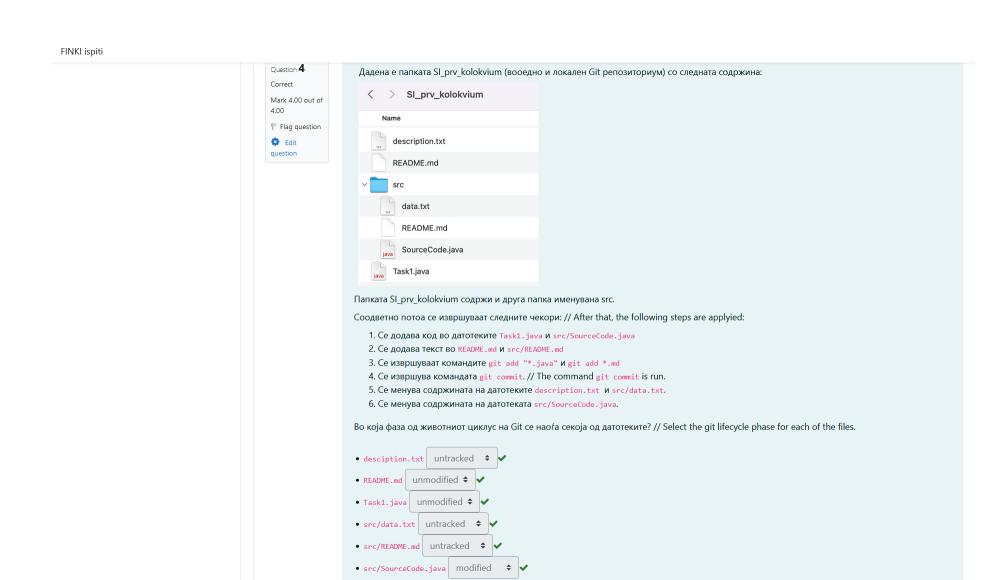


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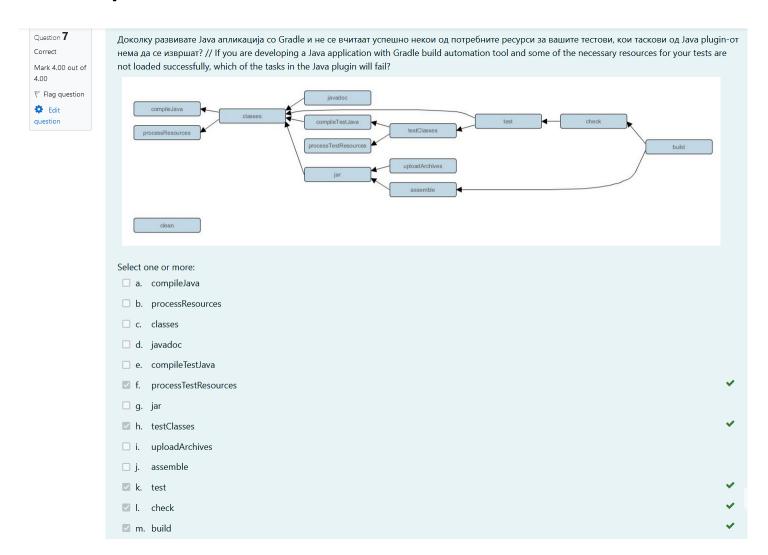
Question 2
Correct
Mark 2.00 out of 2.00
Flag question
Edit
question



Inside the exam (practical question)



Practical questions in the advanced phases need an explication too



Return to new normal

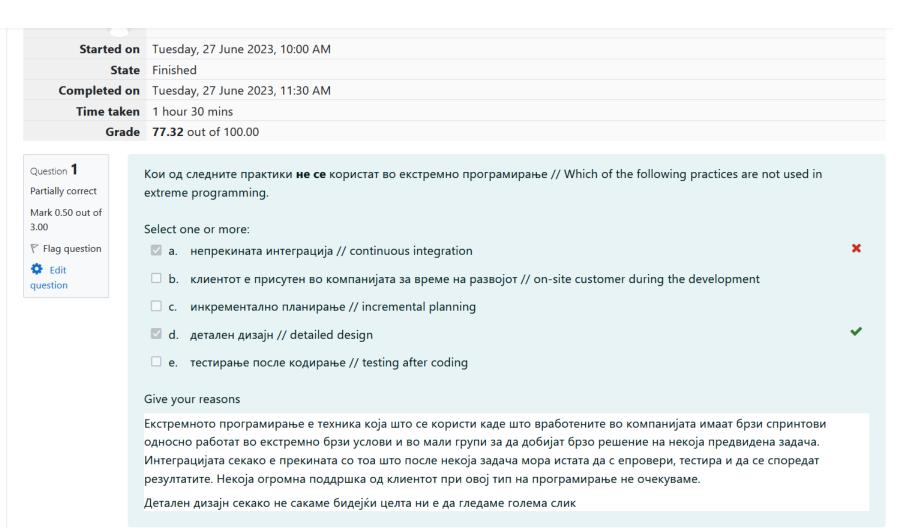
- The course was enrolled by 540 students divided into 5 study groups
- We decided to organize face-to-face "thematic lecturing"
- The introductory lecture is presented by all teachers to the study group they are responsible for
- In the following weeks, one teacher presents the same lecture to all the study groups
- Exhausting for the teacher
- All students get the same information (more or less) about the same theme

Face-to-face assessment

- The browser accesses only the exam site, disabling searching for the answer on the course site or on the Web
- The exam site cannot be accessed from an IP different from laboratory IP addresses
- Cell phones are collected and kept until students leave the lab
- The exam is integrated, with no qualifying and advanced phases
- The division is the following:
 - Questions with explanation
 - Theoretical questions
 - Practical questions

The exam in June 2023



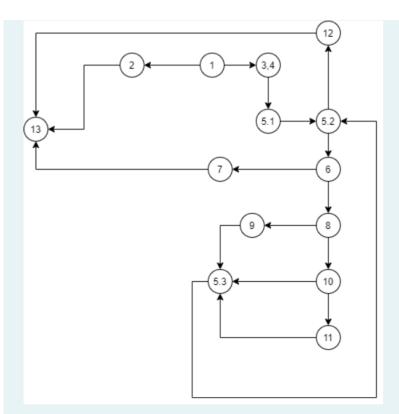


Practical question (part 1)

Question 24
Correct
Mark 8.00 out of 8.00
Flag question
Edit question

Дадена е класата "JunePart3" со методот "public static int getHomeAndAwayDifference(int[][] scores)", каде врз основа на внесените резултати од фудбалски натпревари, се враќа разликата помеѓу бројот на победи на домашниот и гостинскиот тим. За истиот метод е даден и Control Flow Graph.

There is a class "JunePart3" with a method "public static int getHomeAndAwayDifference(int[][] scores)", which returns the difference between the number of wins of home and away teams based on the entered football scores. For the same method, there is a Control Flow Graph.



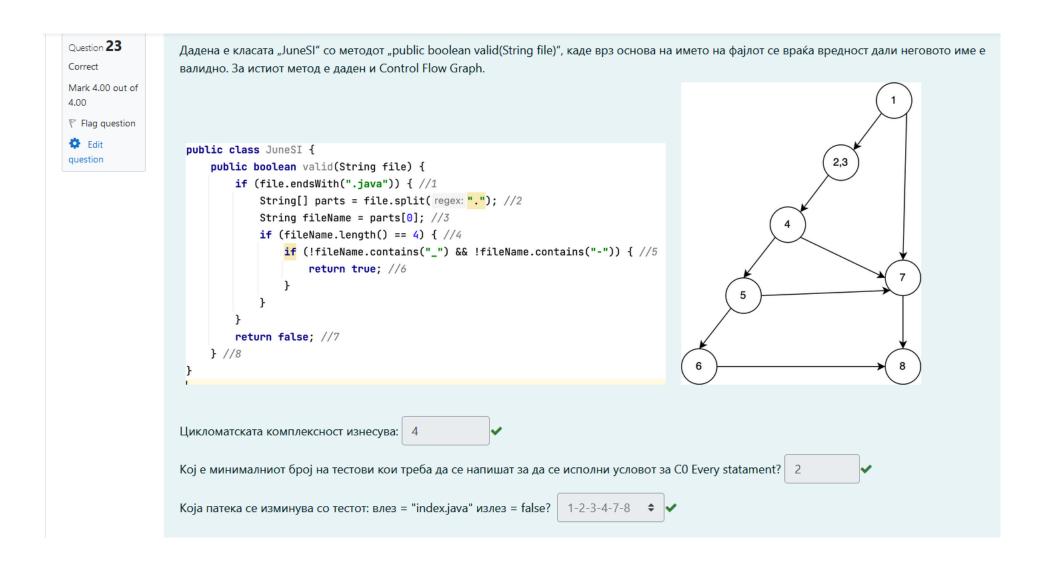
Одговорете на следните прашања: / Answer the following questions:

Кој е минималниот број на тестови кои треба да се напишат за да се исполни условот за:

/ What is the minimum number of test cases that need to be written to meet the requirement for:

- C0 Every statement методата / C0 Every statement method 3 + C1 Every branch методата / C1 Every branch method 3 + V
- Koja е цикломатската комплексност? / What is the cyclomatic complexity?

A question that lacks an English translation ©



Software engineering course in the new accreditation

- Accreditation period: 1 October 2023 30 September 2028
- All the academic study programs and the status of the course remain unchanged
- New professional 2-year and 3-year study programs start attracting students
- Software engineering course is compulsory for 3-year studies and elective in the 2-year studies

Thank you for your attention

Questions ???