CSC361

Computer Networking

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Course Introduction

Textbook

Computer Networking: A Top Down Approach

Kurose & Rose (4th ed. or later)

Course Notes

- Textbook notes are available as PDF files on Connex under **Resources** > **Course Notes**.
- These textbook notes are **copyright protected**. You may use them for your personal study, just **don't** post them online.
- I will provide additional **handouts** (created using Marp). to supplement the textbook course notes. (Note: You may use **markdown-preview-enhanced** package in **Atom**, or Typora)

Course Format

- A handout is given out for each unit.
- Online lecture videos (mostly from CSC144 of Stanford University by Professors Philips Levis and Nick McKeown) will be shown in class.
- Homework exercises will be discussed in class.
- A weekly tutorial is designed to help solving homework exercises or labs.
- A weekly lab (ECS 360) is reserved to evaluate your exercises and programming labs in person.

Evaluation Scheme

Category	Times	Weight (%)
Python Labs	3 (7% each)	21
Exercises	9 (1% each)	9
Midterm	1	15
Final	1	55
Total		100

Note: You **must** pass the Final exam to pass this course.

Attendance

- Every student **must** attend **all** lectures during regular class hours MR 11:30am to 1pm.
- You **must** inform the instructor if you can't make it to the lecture, and why?
- If you missed **3** lectures, then you are **not** allowed to write the final exam. Thus, you **failed**!
- We will take attendance at every lecture.

Exercises

- There are in total 9 exercises, 1% each.
- 4 are Wireshark related.
- 4 are short questions related to the lectures.
- 1 is about Python UDP/TCP sockets.
- *Do these exercises at your own pace*. They will be made available the *first day* of class. Submit as soon as you complete them and **before** the deadline. Evaluation takes place in ECS 360.

Programming Labs

- They are about network applications using Python socket API.
  1. HTTP Server (TCP)
  2. Ping Server (UDP)
  3. SMTP server (E-mail)
- Evaluations are done in ECS 360.
- You **must** demonstrate your solutions to your TA and answer a few questions related to the labs.

Stanford Mininet VM

- We **strongly** recommend all students install a copy of the CSC361-Mininet-VM (a localized version of Mininet-VM from Stanford University).
- It is essentially a customized version Ubuntu Linux, preloaded with Firefox, Mininet, Wireshark and a collection of network utilities.
- You need to install a copy of VirtualBox (version 5.2 or later) in order to run the **CSC361-VM**.

Wireshark

- It is a open-sourced packet sniffer and run on all OS platforms.
- It comes preinstalled inside our **CSC361-VM**.
- But, you are recommended to install a copy on your own laptop as well.
- Some Wireshark exercises can be done on your laptop without the CSC361-VM.

Any Questions?

The End