

CS 6480: Advanced Computer Networks - Fall 2015

Homework Assignment: 0
About you and the course...

Answer the following questions

1. Where did you grow up? (Country, state, town.) - India, Maharashtra, Pune
2. Which high school did you graduate from? - Abhinav Vidyalaya Highschool
3. What has been your most significant achievement to date? - Raised to position of Software Architect in Deloitte.
4. Where do you see yourself career wise in five years' time? - Completing my PhD.
5. And in ten years? - doing more research as scientist with research lab or as a professor with some university or may be as a high school teacher in India - teaching in a practical way and challenging thinking of students, rather than bookish - the way which I missed
6. Why did you decide to study at the University of Utah? - University of Utah has the best research going among the universities where I got the admit.
7. What made you decide to study Computer Science? - I like it.
8. Which CS course has been most meaningful so far? Why? - Security. Its exciting.
9. Did you take an undergraduate course in networking? If, so, what textbook did you use and what was your final grade? - Yes, referred "Computer Networks by Tanenbaum". Grade was A.
10. If you are a masters student, which option (thesis, project, course) are you planning to do? Why? -Thesis. I would like to continue as PhD student.
11. What is your GPA? - Undergraduate GPA is approx 3.4
12. Read the CS 6480 syllabus. Do you have any concerns? If so, please list them here and/or follow up with the instructor (sooner rather than later). - After completing course, will I be able to design working SDN or network for cloud ?
13. What have you heard "from the grapevine" about CS 6480 that you are concerned about? - I completed my under graduation 9 years ago and was not into networking since then. So I need to brush up "existing" knowledge and then further toil for this "research oriented" course. So I am mentally prepared for tough challenge.
14. What have you heard "from the grapevine" about CS 6480 that you are looking forward to? - Labs / Projects in this course are based on real life research scenarios. Looking forward for the opportunity.
15. What do you expect to get out of CS 6480? (List at least three.)
 - (a) My undergraduate course was more theoretical. Hands on programming was limited to Socket programming. So expecting to gain more hands on experience on different flavors of networking.

- (b) Insight into latest developments/research in computer networking and possibly finding out some topic for thesis.
- (c) Expecting this "core" course will help me have better understanding of CS.