

# Programming Assignment 3

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*CST 311, Introduction to Computer Networks, Spring 2020*

**READ INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE YOU START THE ASSIGNMENT.**

This programming assignment is due on Sunday, April 19, 2019.

Assignment must be submitted electronically to iLearn on <https://ilearn.csumb.edu> by 11:55 p.m. on the due date. Late assignments will not be accepted.

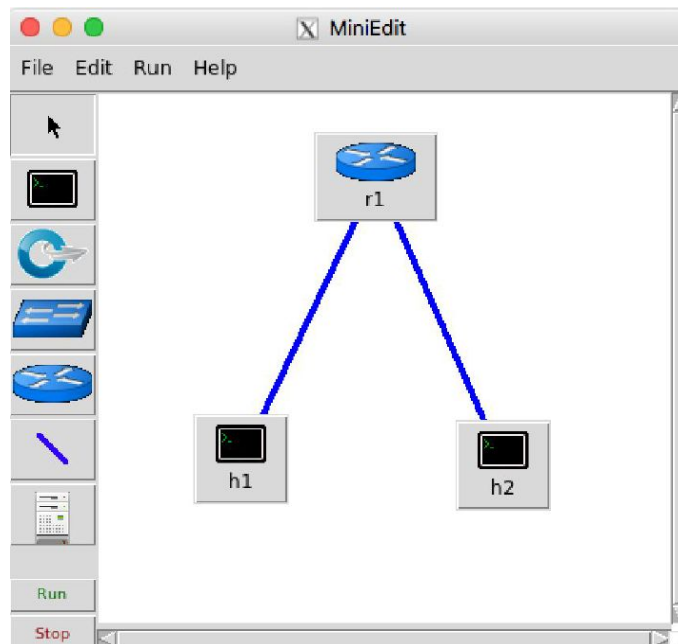
The assignment requires you to submit modified `legacy_router.py` program and another file containing items listed in the section “**Grading objectives and What to turn in**” below. You do not need to demo this programming assignment in person. You will be working in teams of two on this assignment. **Put your names in the program as well as the document with answers that you turn in.** Your program must have sufficient comments to clearly explain how your code works. This assignment is worth 100 points.

## Subnet addressing in Mininet

In this assignment you will start with Python code that builds a 2 host network connected by a legacy router. You will modify it such that the two hosts can send packets to each other. It requires that you understand subnet addressing and the function of a router.

The network built using Miniedit on a Mininet virtual machine:

`python mininet/examples/miniedit.py`



In order to run miniedit.py, you must install X server (XQuartz for MAC and Xming for Windows), if it is not already installed and setup X11 forwarding on your machine.

<https://uisapp2.iu.edu/confluence-prd/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=280461906>

The code generated by exporting it as a Level 2 Script: (unused imports and code added by Miniedit have been removed):

```
#!/usr/bin/python
# File: legacy_router.py

from mininet.net import Mininet
from mininet.node import Host, Node
from mininet.cli import CLI
from mininet.log import setLogLevel, info

def myNetwork():

    net = Mininet( topo=None,
                  build=False,
                  ipBase='10.0.0.0/8')

    info( '*** Adding controller\n' )
    info( '*** Add switches\n' )
    r1 = net.addHost('r1', cls=Node, ip='0.0.0.0')
    r1.cmd('sysctl -w net.ipv4.ip_forward=1')

    info( '*** Add hosts\n' )
    h2 = net.addHost('h2', cls=Host, ip='10.0.0.2', defaultRoute=None)
    h1 = net.addHost('h1', cls=Host, ip='10.0.0.1', defaultRoute=None)

    info( '*** Add links\n' )
    net.addLink(h1, r1)
    net.addLink(h2, r1)

    info( '*** Starting network\n' )
    net.build()

    CLI(net)
    net.stop()

if __name__ == '__main__':
    setLogLevel( 'info' )
```

```
myNetwork()
```

Executing this code and trying a ping results in “Destination Host Unreachable”:

```
mininet@mininet-vm:~$ sudo python legacy_router.py
*** Adding controller
*** Add switches
*** Add hosts
*** Add links
*** Starting network
*** Configuring hosts
r1 h2 h1
*** Starting CLI:
mininet> h1 ping h2
PING 10.0.0.2 (10.0.0.2) 56(84) bytes of data.
From 10.0.0.1 icmp_seq=1 Destination Host Unreachable
From 10.0.0.1 icmp_seq=2 Destination Host Unreachable
From 10.0.0.1 icmp_seq=3 Destination Host Unreachable
```

Your task is to modify this program (perhaps using different IP addresses) such that the legacy router is able to forward packets between the two hosts. You will need to understand Internet addressing, subnets, and the function of a router as described in the “IPv4 Addressing” Section of Kurose and Ross (4.3.3 in 7th Edition, 4.4.2 in 6th Edition). You may also find the example Python programs in mininet/examples helpful; in particular linuxrouter.py . I suggest executing that program and studying it to understand how you will need to modify legacy\_router.py.

As you modify the program commit those changes using the ‘git’ version control software – use meaningful commit messages. Before committing and modifying the above program initialize your local repository with your name, e.g.:

```
git init
git config user.name "Jane Student"
```

## Grading Objectives and What to turn in:

1. (25 points) Screen capture of successful ‘h1 ping h2’ and ‘h2 ping h1’ commands at the mininet> prompt.
2. (25 points) Your modified legacy\_router.py program as a separate test file.
3. (20 points) Output of ‘git log’ command, showing changes you made to the program above.
4. (30 points) Answers to these questions:

- a. Why didn't the original program forward packets between the hosts?
- b. Is the line `r1.cmd('sysctl -w net.ipv4.ip_forward=1')` required?
- c. Intentionally break your working program, e.g.: change a subnet length, IP address, or default route for a host. Explain why your change caused the network to break.