Lab 1 answers

Welcome to CS140U

This class and all CS courses do contain a lab component that will require the submission of an email to the instructor, or a posting in the discussion board or use the dropbox folder. Do not worry if you see a series of 10 labs in the dropbox, as explained, some labs will be submitted in a different manner and the grades will be kept in my spreadsheet. Some labs may require group participation. For the campus students, the course is labeled in the schedule as CLWEB (classroom meetings with lab component online)

Your labs will count towards 10% of your final grade. The labs are scheduled to be 3 hours long but in many cases you will probably finish the activity earlier. The labs will have due dates and once the submission period ends, you will not be able to submit it.

It is understood that a few students may not be able to be present during a lab session due to several reasons. If this is your case, you will need to submit your lab activity prior to the lab meeting. These lab meetings will be announced via email and in the "New material available Announcement" Topic section in the discussion board. Please make sure to ask questions so you do not miss out on the lab activities.

Instructions for Lab 1

On the top of all your documents, always include these items:

your name:

date:

Lab number

During this lab, I will give an overview of the lab activities, class, answer your questions about the class and place your answers in the dropbox (uploading a .txt files with your answers) under "Lab 1 submission".

By the end of the lab time you should upload the questions and answers in this format:

- 1- Make sure that you read the syllabus. (nothing to submit)
- 2- Answer the following questions and upload a .txt file (using notepad or another app that creates ascii files) with the answers under "Lab 1 submission" with the following:
- A. What is the proper subject to be used when submitting email to your instructor?

The proper subject to use when submitting email to my instructor is: CS140U Online – Your name - <Subject of my email>

B. If you are submitting late assignments, D2L dropbox will be closed. Where do you find copies of the assignments and what is the penalty for late submission?

(this information was under E-Mail heading in the syllabus) Since the D2L site will "close" for assignments after their due date, you may still obtain a copy of the assignment at professor Morales's website which is at: http://spot.pcc.edu/~wmorales/cs140u/homework.htm

Additionally, any late assignments (past the scheduled due date), may be turned in for 50% of the value (up to 1 week). The D2L dropbox is closed after the due date, the prescribed method of submitting them would be via email.

C. What are the lab hours this term for our class?

It is online under D2L's "Online Rooms" "Linux Live" on Wednesday's 7-9pm, but it will vary depending on the term. For those students, who can not attend these labs, the content for them will be made available the weekend prior for them/all to begin working on.

D. If you can't login to our Linux system what could be reason?

(this information was on week1 & 2 material available posting) Read ALL the instructions. As you type your password (Your Gnumber with G in upper case) our Linux system (SUSE) syccuxas01.pcc.edu does not echo back on the screen, so do not worry, it is not an error. If you change your password (command passwd), SAVE it in a safe place, DO NOT forget it. If you make a mistake where you try to login incorrectly a few times, the system will lock you out using your IP address, there is nothing that I can do about it. You will need to try to login from another computer using a different IP or wait a couple of days to be unlocked, so, be VERY careful following the instructions. Also, the instructions to login are pretty basic, IF you can't login, most likely the issue is at your end. This means, firewall settings, your aintivirus program, your company's network that does not allow you do connect outside, etc. Try logging in from different systems/locations and you should be successful, if not, AFTER trying those alternatives contact me.

E. What is the difference between Unix/Linux?

Instead of copy/paste a summary, it would be more relevant for you "student" to see the answer in more detail http://www.cyberciti.biz/faq/what-is-the-difference-between-linux-and-unix/

- 3- Under the discussion board topic "Your Introduction" post the following:
- a. What is your major and why are you taking this course.

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b. If you work and do not mind sharing it with the class please let us know (again, only if you feel comfortable sharing this information)

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c. If you have/do work with Linux/Unix what is your favorite distribution.

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1. Anything else that you would like to share with the class.

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