Course Administration

EE450: Computer Networks
Professor: A. Zahid

Administrative Information I

- **EE450**: Introduction to Computer Networks
- **Instructor**: A. Zahid
- **Office**: EE316 (Temporary), Phone: TBD
- **Office Hours**: TTH, 9:00~10:30 AM, 2:00~3:30 PM
- **Lecture Sessions**:
  - TTH 7:30 ~ 8:50 AM, OHE 132
  - TTH 11:00 ~ 12:20 PM, MHP 105
  - TTH 12:30 ~ 1:50 PM, GFS 101
  - TBA session students can attend any of the above
- **E-Mail** : azahid@usc.edu
- **URL**: http://den.usc.edu

Administrative Information II

- **Discussion Sessions:**
  - W 8:30 ~ 9:20 AM, OHE 132
  - F 11:00 ~ 11:50 AM, GFS118
  - W 5:00 ~ 5:50 PM, GFS 101
  - TBA session students can attend any of the above discussion sessions

- Discussion sessions are used to discuss homework problems, projects, labs, material discussed in class that need further elaborations, etc… It is very important to attend those sessions and interact with your TAs

Administrative Information III

- **Course Prerequisites:**
  - Senior Standing/Programming Skills (C/C++)
  - Passion and dedication to the course
- **Course Textbook:**
  - Computer Networking, 5th edition, Kurose and Ross (ISBN: 978-0-13-607967-5)
  - A list of recommended books will be posted on the course site

EE450 Team Members (Teaching Assistants)

- TA #1 (50% TA): Mr. Dimitrios Antonellis
- E-Mail: dimitria@usc.edu
- Office: RTH 419, (213)-740-3759
- Office Hours: TBD
- TA #2 (25% TA): Ms. Chenqian Jiang (Jessie)
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- Office: TBD
- Office Hours: TBD
- TA #3 (25% TA): Ms. Yun Wang
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- Office: TBD
- Office Hours: TBD

Teaching Assistant Responsibilities

- Responsibilities include:
  - Conducting a weekly discussion session
  - Maintaining the course web site
  - Conducting office hours (open to all sessions)
  - Designing and grading the Socket Programming Project
  - Assisting students with their homeworks and labs
  - Questions via e-mail MUST be addressed to your session TA (to be announced shortly) and CC them to me. You can't e-mail any TA you like, but you can see any TA during their office hours

EE450 Team Members: Graders

- Ms. JianLan Zhu, jianlanz@usc.edu
- Ms. Zhan Zhang, zhanzhan@usc.edu
- Ms. Linjie Wu, linjiewu@usc.edu
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- Ms. Prathyusha Peddi, peddi@usc.edu
- Mr. Mengran Xu, mengranx@usc.edu
- Mr. Chien-Chih Lin, linchien@usc.edu
- Graders Responsibilities: Grading Homeworks and Labs. No office hours. Each grader will put his/her initial on the graded material so you would know who graded your paper in case you have questions.

Course Workload

- Midterm: TBD, Final: TBD
- Midterm/Final will be conducted in two consecutive sessions with the time and place to be determined (most probably Fridays 4 ~ 6 PM and 6 ~ 8 PM)
- There is <u>absolutely no make-up exams</u> no matter what your reasons are.
- Roughly 6~7 <u>Homeworks</u> . Homeworks must be submitted during (or before your session in my office NOT after your session) the lecture of your session. TBA students can submit their homeworks/labs in the session they are attending. No late Homeworks shall be accepted. No electronic Homeworks shall be accepted (DEN students are exceptions. They should e-mail their homeworks to denhw@usc.edu and NOT to the team).
- <u>Project</u>: Client/Server Socket-Programming
- <u>X-credit assignments</u> (Network Simulations and Protocol Analysis) to be <u>added to midterm score</u>

Grading Policy

- **There is absolutely** <u>No curve</u> **in this course**
- **You will get the** *<u>Maximum</u>* **of the following two options**
  - {40% M, 40% F, 10% H, 10% P} or
  - {30% M, 50% F, 10% H, 10% P}
- **Grading Scales:**
  - 85% ~ 100%, A- to A+
  - 70% ~ 84%, B- to B+
  - 50 ~ 69%,   C- to C+
  - 40% ~ 49%, D- to D+

Reference Textbooks

- <u>Computer Networks</u>, Peterson and Davie
- <u>Data and Computer Communications</u>, W. Stallings
- <u>Networks for Computer Scientists</u>, Y. Zheng
- <u>Communications Networks</u>, L. Garcia
- <u>Computer Networks</u>, A. Tanenbaum
- <u>Data Communications and Networking</u>, B. Forouzan
- <u>Internetworking with TCP/IP</u>, D. Comer

Important Notes !

- Lecture charts, homework solutions and other announcements shall be posted on the DEN website. So please do check the site regularly and do read the broadcast emails. It is very important to bring your lecture charts with you during the class.

- Make sure that you have access to DEN website. For any problem in that regard contact your designated TA and she/he will assist you.

- DEN students should e-mail their homeworks to denhw@usc.edu. They could also Fax their HWs to (213-740-9121) or (213-740-8591). All e-mailed homeworks to the team members shall be deleted.

Important Notes !

- **All e-mails concerning lecture notes, text material or general questions should be addressed to the Professor ONLY**

- **All e-mails concerning HWs, Labs and Project should be addressed to your designated TA and CCed to the Professor as follows:**
  - **Session 1: TBD**
  - **Session 2: TBD**
  - **Session 3: TBD**
  - **Session TBA: TBD**

- **All e-mails concerning HW/Labs grading should be addressed to the grader who graded your paper and CCed to your TA**

Important Notes !

- Solutions to the Midterm will be posted and graded midterms will be returned.
- Neither the solutions nor the graded finals shall be posted/returned. You are welcome to check both in my office.
- Solutions to Homeworks shall be posted. No solutions to Labs shall be posted.
- Graded homeworks must be picked up (in lecture or from my office) within 10 days of the posting of the grades otherwise 50% penalty will be assessed. I do NOT want my office to change into a Pig Sty!!!!