

# **Course Administration**

**EE450: Computer Networks**

**University of Southern California**

**Professor: A. Zahid**

# Administrative Information I

- EE450: Introduction to Computer Networks
- Instructor: A. Zahid
- Office: PHE418, (213) 740-9058
- Office Hours: TTH, 9:00~10:30 AM, 2:00~3:15 PM,  
5:00 ~ 5:45 PM, 7:30 ~ 8:00 PM
- Lecture Sessions:
  - TTH 7:30 ~ 8:50 PM, OHE 132 (Session 1)
  - TTH 11:00 ~ 12:20 PM, SOS-B46(Session 2)
  - TTH 12:30 ~ 1:50 PM, SOS-B46(Session 3)
  - TTH 3:30 ~ 4:50 PM, KAP 144 (Session 4)
  - THH 6:00 ~ 7:20 PM, KAP 140 (Session 5)
- E-Mail : [azahid@usc.edu](mailto:azahid@usc.edu)
- URL: [courses.uscdcn.net](http://courses.uscdcn.net)

## Administrative Information II

- **Discussion Sessions:**
  - W 8:30 ~ 9:20 AM, OHE 132
  - W 5:00 ~ 5:50 PM, THH 116
  - F 11:00 ~ 11:50 AM, SSL 150
  - M 5:00 ~ 5:50 PM, THH116
  - 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, 6<sup>th</sup> edition, Kurose and Ross
  - A list of recommended books will be posted on the course site

## EE450 Team : Teaching Assistants

- TA #1: Mr. Nachikethas Jagadeesan
  - E-Mail: [nanantha@usc.edu](mailto:nanantha@usc.edu)
- TA #2: Mr. Pradipta Ghosh
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- TA #3: Ms. Shangxing Wang (Stella)
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- TA #4: Mr. Sucha Supittayapornpong
  - E-Mail : [supittay@usc.edu](mailto:supittay@usc.edu)
- Office & Office Hours of Teaching Assistants are to be announced shortly.

# Teaching Assistants 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 designated 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: Graders

- Graders Names and E-mails will be listed on Course website (9~ 10 Graders!!) in the Staff Information Page
- 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. When you e-mail the grader, make sure to CC it to me (NOT to the TA) so that I would have a record of it.

## Course Workload

- Midterm: Friday, October 16, Final: Friday December 11
- Midterm/Final will be conducted in two consecutive sessions on Friday 4:30 ~ 6:30 PM and 6:30 ~ 8:30 PM. Room: TBD
- There is absolutely no make-up exams no matter what your reasons are.
- Roughly 5~6 Homeworks . Homeworks must be submitted during (or before your session in my office NOT after your session) the lecture of your session. No late Homeworks shall be accepted. No electronic Homeworks shall be accepted (DEN students are exceptions. They should e-mail their homeworks to ----- and NOT to the team).
- Project: Client/Server Socket-Programming
- X-credit assignments (Network Simulations and Protocol Analysis) to be added to midterm score



## Grading Policy

- There is absolutely No curve in this course
- You will get the Maximum 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+
  - 35% ~ 49%, D- to D+

# Reference Textbooks

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

# Important Notes !

- Lecture charts, homework solutions and other announcements shall be posted on the Course Website 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 Course website. It is NOT Blackboard. It is a new System called **Desire to Learn** (D2L). Please familiarize yourself quickly with the site. For any problem in that regard contact your designated TA and he/she will assist you.



## 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 well.
- All e-mails concerning HW/Labs grading should be addressed to the grader who graded your paper and CCed to the Professor

## 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 (applies to both on-campus and DEN students). 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 from my office within 2 weeks of the posting of the grades otherwise 50% penalty will be assessed. I do NOT want my office to change into a Pig Sty!!!!