CSCI 44 Networking II - Routers and Switches  Spring  2013

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Textbook:  Cisco Certified Network Associate Study Guide 4th Ed. by Todd Lammie. Sybex

This course is a continuation of CSCI 434 (Networking I, Local Area Networks). This course is designed to instruct students in the detailed operation of the Cisco 2500 series router and the 1900 series data switch. Students will learn how to program and configure network routers and data switches. Laboratory exercises will be provided. Also, such common network security techniques as Virtual Local Area Networks (VLANs) and Access Control Lists will be presented along with other network security topics. Students will have the opportunity to work with equipment in the laboratory as they learn to design and configure network devices in the implementation lab exercises. During this class, the student will receive over 45 contact hours, which is the usual number of contact hours for a 3 semester hour course. While a portion of these contact hours will be in the form of lecture, the course is designed to be a laboratory course with about 45% of these contact hours in the form of individualized instruction in the Router/Switch lab. Looking at the schedule below, students may have 2 hours of lecture one week and 4 hours of lab the next week. It is therefore important to keep up with the current schedule and to know when and where you need to be.

LABS: The formal class schedule is W 12:30 PM - 3:10 PM. However, Labs will be scheduled in 4-5 hour blocks at various times in the weeks when there is no lecture. There will be approximately 3-5 lab sections with 6-10 students each. Multiple lab sections are provided to so students can easily fit a lab into their schedule. The student may sign up for any lab that meets his or her schedule. However, the students cannot transfer from one lab to another. Once a student signs up for a lab, this will be their permanent lab time for the entire semester. There will be no more than 8 students per lab. The approximate schedule for lecture and labs are listed below. However, this will be adjusted as the semester progresses. Although a handout of the lecture notes will be given out at the beginning of the semester, the course will basically follow the text book.

Grade Determination:
Test #1       20%
Test #2       20%
Test #3       20%
Lab Grade  10%
Final Exam  30%

Extra Points from Pop quizzes may be added to the Test scores. To enhance the importance of the Final Exam, and to encourage improvement in performance over the semester, 10 points will be added to a Final Exam score of 77 or better. Five (5) points will be deducted from the student’s final average for each unexcused absence from lecture. Five (5) points will be deducted from the student’s final average for each unexcused absence from the lab. If any student has 3 or more unexcused absences combined in any lecture or lab, they will be dropped from the class. In order for an illness to be excused, the claim of illness must be accompanied with a Doctor's written
Student Learning Outcomes:
1) Students will be able to use subnets and routing protocols, to design and configure a router network.
2) Students will be able to design and configure a switched network and VLANs.
3) Students will be able to utilize the concepts of an Access Control List in configuring a router for ACLs.
4) Students will learn the basic concepts of Wide Area Networks and WAN components, and integrate the knowledge of subnets, routers, switches, VLANs, ACLs and WANs, into an understanding of modern digital computer networks.
5) Students will gain practical laboratory experience working with routers and switches in a modern network.

WEEK 1 January 16 Lecture:
Class Lecture and Lab Organization
Ch1. Review this chapter on your own Ch.2 Read P 56-77.
Review TCP, UDP, port numbers, IP,ICMP,ARP,RARP

WEEK 2 January 23 Lecture:
Review subnetting.
Ch.3 Classful/Classless IP subnetting
Ch.5, Ch 6. Routing protocols, routed protocols, Distance-vector protocols, Link -State Protocols.

WEEK 3 January 30 Lecture:
Continue Ch.5, Ch 6. Routing protocols, routed protocols, Distance-vector protocols, Link -State Protocols.

WEEK 4 February 6 LAB:
Ch. 4 Configuring the Cisco Router
Cabling considerations

WEEK 5 February 13 LAB:
LAB #1: Making Cables, Configuration of the Cisco Series 2500 Router

WEEK 6 February 20 Lecture:
LAB #2 More of Router Configuration
LAB TEST: Router Configuration

WEEK 7 February 27 Lecture:
TEST #1 - Routing Protocols; Router Configuration

WEEK 8 March 6 Lecture:
Ch. 7 Switching
  Spanning Tree Protocols and associated terms; Configuring a switch
  Switch types: Cut-through, Fragment Free, Store and Forward;

WEEK 9 March 13 LAB:
Review of configuration of the CISCO 1900 Series Switch
Virtual Local Area Networks (VLANs)
WEEK 10 March 20 Lecture:
LAB#3: Configuration of Switches; Configuration of VLANs

WEEK 11 March 27 Lecture:
TEST #2 - Switches, VLANs

WEEK 12 April 3 LAB:
Standard and Extended Access Control Lists ACLs

WEEK 13 April 10
LAB#3: ACL's

WEEK 14 April 17 Lecture:
TEST#3 ACLs

WEEK 15 April 24 Lecture:
Wide Area Networks (WANs)
Course Review

WEEK 16 May 1 Free Lab
Free Lab (optional) - Practice for CCNA, Help sessions

WEEK 17 May 8 Final EXAM

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All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment." (See Student's Guide Handbook, Policies and Procedures, Conduct)

Students with Disabilities:
The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact:

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