Course: CS 4396 – 001 Computer Networks Lab

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Meetings: Fridays at 10am in SLC 2.304

Professor’s Contact Information

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<td>Other Information</td>
<td>• Course web page: <a href="http://www.utdallas.edu/~ksarac/cnlab/">http://www.utdallas.edu/~ksarac/cnlab/</a></td>
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<td>Office Hours</td>
<td>Tuesday/Thursday/Friday at 3pm to 4pm in ECSS 3.217</td>
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General Course Information

Pre-requisites, Co-requisites, & other restrictions

CS 4390 is pre- or co-requisite; working knowledge of a LINUX/UNIX-based operating system would be *helpful*

Course Description

This course will enable students to gain hands-on experience with real networks by building networks in a virtual laboratory environment. Projects may include establishing an intra-domain routing infrastructure in the laboratory; establishing inter-domain network topologies with BGP used to connect the different autonomous systems; running network services/applications on top of this network, including DHCP, DNS, HTTP, and configuring firewalls.

This course covers the technologies and protocols of the Internet. The lectures cover the design principles of the Internet protocols, including the Internet Protocol (IP), Address Resolution Protocol (ARP), Internet Control Message Protocol (ICMP), User Datagram Protocol (UDP) and Transmission Control Protocol (TCP), the Domain Name System (DNS), routing protocols (RIP, OSPF, BGP), and application-level protocols (e.g., FTP, TELNET). In addition to an in-depth study of the Internet protocols in real network settings, you will gain hands-on experience working in a virtualized network environment and acquire useful networking skills. By putting computer networking into practice, this course aims to teach how network protocols work and how networked systems interact.

A major part of the class will be the lab components. Each lab consists of a prelab, lab exercises, and a postlab report. Prelab will be individual work. The lab exercises and postlab reports will be completed in groups of two. The lab exercises are completed without supervision and require on the average 3 hours of work. Please note that this is a lab oriented course and you will spend time doing a prelab work (mostly reading material on the web and/or 4390 textbook, etc); lab exercises (3 hours on the average for each lab); and postlab report.

Learning Outcomes

• Ability to use simple network diagnostic utilities and network protocol analyzer utilities
- Ability to configure a PC for TCP/IP networking
- Ability to configure a static IP routing domain and manually display, edit, and alter routing table information
- Ability to configure a dynamic IP routing domain with RIP and OSPF and detect and debug routing problems
- Ability to understand the transport layer protocol functioning including congestion control, flow control and connection management issues
- Ability to understand the operation of Network Address Translation and Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol
- Ability to understand Domain Name System operation and maintenance
- Ability to detect network anomalies and locate the problems and fix them

**Required Texts & Materials**
- No textbook required. The instructor will provide hard copies of the lab manual during the semester for each lab.

**Suggested Texts, Readings, & Materials**
- Your CS4390 text book or another Computer Networks book

### Assignments & Academic Calendar

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Please see the course schedule page at [www.utdallas.edu/~ksarac/cnlab/Schedule.htm](http://www.utdallas.edu/~ksarac/cnlab/Schedule.htm) for more details

### Course Policies

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<td><strong>Grading (credit) Criteria</strong></td>
<td>Quiz 1&amp;2: 10% each, Lab reports (approx. 11 of them): 80% total</td>
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<td><strong>Make-up Exams</strong></td>
<td>No make-up exams unless in case of an emergency situation such as health emergency or similar un-avoid-able situations and you need to provide convincing documentation for it.</td>
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<td><strong>Extra Credit</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Late Work</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Special Assignments</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Class Attendance</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Classroom Citizenship</strong></td>
<td>Class participation in terms of asking questions is highly encouraged. Please do not hesitate to ask questions no matter how simple you might think the answer could be. This type of interaction helps improve the effectiveness of the class and breaks the monotony.</td>
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<td><strong>Field Trip Policies</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Student Conduct and Discipline</strong></td>
<td>The University of Texas System and The University of Texas at Dallas have rules and regulations for the orderly and efficient conduct of their business. It is the responsibility of each student and each student organization to be knowledgeable about the rules and regulations which govern student conduct and activities. General information on student conduct and discipline is contained in the UTD publication, <em>A to Z Guide</em>, which is provided to all registered students each academic year. The University of Texas at Dallas administers student discipline within the procedures of recognized and established due process. Procedures are defined and described in the <em>Rules and Regulations, Board of Regents, The University of Texas System, Part I, Chapter VI, Section 3</em>, and in <em>Title V, Rules on Student Services and Activities of the university’s Handbook of Operating Procedures</em>. Copies of these rules and regulations are available to students in the Office of the Dean of Students,</td>
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*Course information has been organized into a table format for clarity.*
where staff members are available to assist students in interpreting the rules and regulations (SU 1.602, 972/883-6391).

A student at the university neither loses the rights nor escapes the responsibilities of citizenship. He or she is expected to obey federal, state, and local laws as well as the Regents’ Rules, university regulations, and administrative rules. Students are subject to discipline for violating the standards of conduct whether such conduct takes place on or off campus, or whether civil or criminal penalties are also imposed for such conduct.

### Academic Integrity

The faculty expects from its students a high level of responsibility and academic honesty. Because the value of an academic degree depends upon the absolute integrity of the work done by the student for that degree, it is imperative that a student demonstrate a high standard of individual honor in his or her scholastic work.

Scholastic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, statements, acts or omissions related to applications for enrollment or the award of a degree, and/or the submission as one’s own work or material that is not one’s own. As a general rule, scholastic dishonesty involves one of the following acts: cheating, plagiarism, collusion and/or falsifying academic records. Students suspected of academic dishonesty are subject to disciplinary proceedings.

Plagiarism, especially from the web, from portions of papers for other classes, and from any other source is unacceptable and will be dealt with under the university’s policy on plagiarism (see general catalog for details). This course will use the resources of turnitin.com, which searches the web for possible plagiarism and is over 90% effective.

### Email Use

The University of Texas at Dallas recognizes the value and efficiency of communication between faculty/staff and students through electronic mail. At the same time, email raises some issues concerning security and the identity of each individual in an email exchange. The university encourages all official student email correspondence be sent only to a student’s U.T. Dallas email address and that faculty and staff consider email from students official only if it originates from a UTD student account. This allows the university to maintain a high degree of confidence in the identity of all individual correspondents and the security of the transmitted information. UTD furnishes each student with a free email account that is to be used in all communication with university personnel. The Department of Information Resources at U.T. Dallas provides a method for students to have their U.T. Dallas mail forwarded to other accounts.

### Withdrawal from Class

The administration of this institution has set deadlines for withdrawal of any college-level courses. These dates and times are published in that semester's course catalog. Administration procedures must be followed. It is the student's responsibility to handle withdrawal requirements from any class. In other words, I cannot drop or withdraw any student. You must do the proper paperwork to ensure that you will not receive a final grade of “F” in a course if you choose not to attend the class once you are enrolled.

### Student Grievance Procedures

Procedures for student grievances are found in Title V, Rules on Student Services and Activities, of the university’s *Handbook of Operating Procedures*.

In attempting to resolve any student grievance regarding grades, evaluations, or other fulfillments of academic responsibility, it is the obligation of the student first to make a serious effort to resolve the matter with the instructor, supervisor, administrator, or committee with whom the grievance originates (hereafter called “the respondent”). Individual faculty members retain primary responsibility for assigning grades and evaluations. If the matter cannot be resolved at that level, the grievance must be submitted in writing to the respondent with a copy of the respondent’s School Dean. If the matter is not resolved by the written response provided by the respondent, the
student may submit a written appeal to the School Dean. If the grievance is not
resolved by the School Dean’s decision, the student may make a written appeal to the
Dean of Graduate or Undergraduate Education, and the deal will appoint and convene
an Academic Appeals Panel. The decision of the Academic Appeals Panel is final.
The results of the academic appeals process will be distributed to all involved parties.

Copies of these rules and regulations are available to students in the Office of the
Dean of Students, where staff members are available to assist students in interpreting
the rules and regulations.

| Incomplete Grades | As per university policy, incomplete grades will be granted only for work
unavoidably missed at the semester’s end and only if 70% of the course work has
been completed. An incomplete grade must be resolved within eight (8) weeks from
the first day of the subsequent long semester. If the required work to complete the
course and to remove the incomplete grade is not submitted by the specified deadline,
the incomplete grade is changed automatically to a grade of F. |
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| Disability Services | The goal of Disability Services is to provide students with disabilities educational opportunities equal to those of their non-disabled peers. Disability Services is located in room 1.610 in the Student Union. Office hours are Monday and Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; and Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.  

The contact information for the Office of Disability Services is:  
The University of Texas at Dallas, SU 22  
PO Box 830688  
Richardson, Texas 75083-0688  
(972) 883-2098 (voice or TTY)

Essentially, the law requires that colleges and universities make those reasonable
adjustments necessary to eliminate discrimination on the basis of disability. For
example, it may be necessary to remove classroom prohibitions against tape recorders
or animals (in the case of dog guides) for students who are blind. Occasionally an
assignment requirement may be substituted (for example, a research paper versus an
oral presentation for a student who is hearing impaired). Classes enrolled students
with mobility impairments may have to be rescheduled in accessible facilities. The
college or university may need to provide special services such as registration, note-
taking, or mobility assistance.

It is the student’s responsibility to notify his or her professors of the need for such an
accommodation. Disability Services provides students with letters to present to
faculty members to verify that the student has a disability and needs accommodations.
Individuals requiring special accommodation should contact the professor after class
or during office hours. |
| Religious Holy Days | The University of Texas at Dallas will excuse a student from class or other required
activities for the travel to and observance of a religious holy day for a religion whose
places of worship are exempt from property tax under Section 11.20, Tax Code,
Texas Code Annotated.  

The student is encouraged to notify the instructor or activity sponsor as soon as
possible regarding the absence, preferably in advance of the assignment. The student,
so excused, will be allowed to take the exam or complete the assignment within a
reasonable time after the absence: a period equal to the length of the absence, up to a
maximum of one week. A student who notifies the instructor and completes any
missed exam or assignment may not be penalized for the absence. A student who fails |
to complete the exam or assignment within the prescribed period may receive a failing grade for that exam or assignment.

If a student or an instructor disagrees about the nature of the absence [i.e., for the purpose of observing a religious holy day] or if there is similar disagreement about whether the student has been given a reasonable time to complete any missed assignments or examinations, either the student or the instructor may request a ruling from the chief executive officer of the institution, or his or her designee. The chief executive officer or designee must take into account the legislative intent of TEC 51.911(b), and the student and instructor will abide by the decision of the chief executive officer or designee.

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<td>Off-campus, out-of-state, and foreign instruction and activities are subject to state law and University policies and procedures regarding travel and risk-related activities. Information regarding these rules and regulations may be found at <a href="http://www.utdallas.edu/BusinessAffairs/Travel_Risk_Activities.htm">http://www.utdallas.edu/BusinessAffairs/Travel_Risk_Activities.htm</a>. Additional information is available from the office of the school dean.</td>
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*These descriptions and timelines are subject to change at the discretion of the Professor.*