CS 312: Internet Concepts - Fall 2003

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Class: ED0226, TR 9:30 am - 10:45 am

Instructor Contact

The instructor keeps an open house policy. Students are allowed to consult at any time but no guarantees concerning availability or presence can be made outside office hours. Appointments can be made via e-mail or after class. Students are encouraged to contact the instructor via e-mail but are asked to maintain generally accepted standards of e-mail etiquette. This means: proper salutations, no shouting (capitals), no demands or orders, no remarks or comments of a personal nature and the student’s full name and student ID. All e-mails that do not conform to the mentioned requirements will be ignored. Attachments of any nature and HTML code in the e-mail main body are strongly discouraged.

Course Objective

To provide the student with a fundamental understanding of the history, development, architecture and current state of the internet and the World Wide Web. The student will be able to demonstrate basic functional competency in e-mail, FTP, HTML, telnet, WWW, and a range of internet applications, and understand the principles of their operation.

Texts

In-Line-On-Line: Fundamentals of the Internet and WWW by Greenlaw and Hepp

Slides: copies of class slides may or may not be provided. However, these slides do not substitute the student’s class notes or any other material: they serve merely as an educational aid. The instructor will not accept responsibility for failed study attempts using any provided class slides alone or a student’s failure to make adequate notes.

Expectations

Computer time Students must accept that considerable time on the computer will be required to complete the homeworks and projects.
Tools Students must use the required tools. The instructor will not assist in any problems caused by unapproved software or operating systems.
Web site Students are required to visit the course web page at least twice a week.
Attendance is optional but students bear full responsibility for knowing class content including homework, programming assignments and announced or unannounced quizzes. The instructor will not be responsible for providing information concerning missed classes, including homework, programming assignments, announcements, quizzes and notes.
Command-line Students will promise not to fear the command-line.

Evaluation

The following distribution of scores will be used to determine your final grade for this class:
Homework, quizzes, participation: 10%
Two projects: 30% = 2 x 15%
One midterm exam: 30%
Final Exam: 30%
Total: 100%

All scores except final grade will be communicated on a numerical scale ranging from 10 to 100. Quizzes and homework will generally be on a 10 point scale, the midterm exam may be on a 30 point scale, as well as the final exam. All scores will be added at the end of this course, taking into account their corresponding weight, and transformed into a final grade. Grade curving may take place.

Late or inadequate submission
Late or inadequate submissions, i.e. submitted contrary to the stated requirements, will be failed and scored 0/10. This applies to homework, quizzes, projects and all other assignments. Late submissions will not be partially graded or graded according to a penalty. All late submissions will be failed, i.e. no points earned (0/10). Scores will correspond to merit and quality of the delivered work, not necessarily to the student’s effort or desire.

Honor Code
It is a violation of the ODU Honor code to copy files, ideas, other people’s work or to collaborate on individual assignments in order to complete homework and assignments. Copies, or even slightly altered copies, of available materials (e.g. WWW) and other students’ work will be regarded as inadequate submissions and will be failed. Furthermore, serious offenses will be reported to the Honor Code Council and may lead to failing the class and other corrective measures.

Class Interaction
The instructor welcomes lively interaction and appreciates student creativity. Please do not hesitate to ask questions, make comments or voice your opinion in class.

Disclaimer
The instructor reserves the right to alter the number and nature of assignments, quizzes, programming projects, the grade distribution, class presentation and content, and the required development and compilation tools to optimize learning outcomes and course logistics.

I have read, understand and agree with the terms and conditions stated in this syllabus.
Student name:
Student ID:
Signature