CIW-Networking Fundamentals

Lesson 1: Introduction to Networking

- Retwork: two or more connected computers that share data
- □ Internetworking: networking on the Internet
- Mainframe computing is centralized computing. (e.g. CICS-Customer Information Control System)
- Two liabilities of mainframe computing:
 - mainframe handles all processing work
 - request and response packets between terminal and mainframe occupy lots of bandwidth
- Client/server computing is distributed computing:
 - Client: requests a service from another computer
 - Server: provides information or connections to other computers
- The client/server model contains single database servers and distributed databases.
- Distributed databases reduce bottlenecks.
- The most efficient way to translate human readable language into machine-readable code is SQL (Structured Query Language).
- The key difference between SQL and mainframe retrieval is that the client processes much of the request.
- Client/server benefits include shared processing and a modular approach to computing.
- Heterogeneous systems can work together thanks to open standards such as TCP/IP and ODBC.
- The client/server model gives the ability to adjust to new demands and allow users more control over their own files.
- Workstation: terminal or PC on a network
- □ Web based networking is also called collaborative computing.
- Web based networking uses mainframes and client/server model.
- Extranet: network that connects enterprise intranets to the internet
- □ Web based networking combines the power of mainframe computing with the scalability of client/server computing.
- Three basic elements of a network:
 - Protocols: rules of communication for a network
 - **I** Transmission media: method for elements to interconnect
 - Network Services: resources shared with all users
- Two basic types of network:
 - Peer-to-Peer: does not require dedicated resources
- Server based: consists of nodes dedicated to providing resources to other nodes or hosts
- Enterprise network characteristics:
 - systems are capable of translating packets of one architecture to another using gateways
 - systems that support multiple architectures exist on the network
- Retwork topologies:
 - Bus: requires that all computers tap into the same cable
 - Star: connect through a central device, usually a hub
 - Ring: no central connection point, a cable connects each node until a ring is formed
 - Hybrid: incorporates bus, star, and ring topologies
- The backbone is the highest level in the network hierarchy
 - Mesh topologies connect devices with multiple paths so no redundancies occur.
- A network operating system (NOS) manages all resources on the network.
- Interoperability is the ability of one computer system to communicated with another.

Lesson 2: Networking Protocols

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- Three functions of the OSI/RM (Open Systems Interconnect/Reference Model):
 - gives developers universal concepts to develop perfect protocols
 - explains the framework used to connect heterogeneous systems
 - describes the process of packet creation
- Seven layers of the OSI/RM:
 - **7** Application: interface to the end user
 - 6 Presentation: provides useful transformations to support standard interface
 - **5** Session: establishes and manages connections
 - **4** Transport: provides transparent transport between end points
 - **3** Network: organizes data into datagrams
 - **2** Data Link: provides data transfer across the physical link
 - LLC (Logical Link Control) Layer: error, flow control and timing; manages link control and defines service access points;
 - MAC (Media Access Control) Layer: framing and physical addressing; places data on the transmission media
 - I Physical: responsible for characteristics to establish maintain and deactivate the physical link
- Packet: fixed piece of information sent across a network
- \Box Three elements of a packet:
 - Header
 - Data
 - Trailer
- Cyclical Redundancy Check: mathematical calculation that allows the receiving computer to verify whether a packet is valid
- Application Layer Protocols:
 - SMTP (Simple Mail Transfer Protocol): used to send e-mail from host to host
 - HTTP (Hypertext Transfer Protocol): TCP/IP suite protocol that interconnects Web pages
 - SMB (Server Message Block): allows files to be shared on a Microsoft network
 - NCP (Netware Core Protocol): allows files and printers to be shared on a Netware network
 - **I** NFS (Network File System): allows files and printers to be shared on a UNIX network
- Transport Layer Protocols:
 - TCP (Transmission Control Protocol): TCP/IP suite protocol that provides reliable delivery and manages sessions
 - SPX (Sequenced Packet Exchange Protocol): manages communication sessions
 - NWLink: Microsoft Implementation of IPX/SPX; operates at Transport and Network layers
 - NetBEUI: nonroutable protocol that allows different applications on different computers to communicate with one another; operates at Transport and Network layers
- Network Layer Protocols:
 - IP (Internet Protocol): TCP/IP suited protocol that is responsible for addressing hosts and routing packets
 - IPX (Internetwork Packet Exchange): provides addressing for Novell IPX/SPX suite
 - NWLink (NetWare Link): Microsoft Implementation of IPX/SPX; operates at Transport and Network layers
 - NetBEUI (Network Basic Input/Output System (NetBIOS) Extended User Interface): nonroutable protocol that allows different applications on different computers to communicate with one another; operates at Transport and Network layers
- Data Link Layer Protocols:
 - Ethernet: LAN protocol created by Xerox, Digital Equipment, and Intel; the most popular LAN technology

- □ Major Networking Protocols:
 - TCP/IP
 - IPX/SPX
 - NetBEUI
 - AppleTalk
 - Data Link Control (DLC)
 - Systems Network Architecture (SNA)
- Connection-oriented (stateful) protocols are more reliable but require more overhead than connectionless (stateless) protocols.
- Connectionless protocols rely on a "best effort" technology that sends information in hopes that it reaches the other system. (e.g. IP protocol)
- Routable protocols include:
 - TCP/IP
 - IPX/SPX
- □ Nonroutable protocols include:
 - NetBEUI
 - NetBIOS
 - SNA
 - LAT (Local Area Transport)
 - DLC
- To effectively use a nonroutable protocol, add a bridge to encapsulate the nonroutable protocol within a routable protocol. This method is called tunneling.
- TCP/IP is the official protocol of the Internet.
- TCP/IP suite protocols:
 - TCP
 - **UDP** (User Datagram Protocol)
 - ICMP (Internet Control Message Protocol)
 - ARP (Address Resolution Protocol)
 - II IP
- Five classes of IP addresses:
 - A: used for large networks
 - B: used for medium networks
 - C: used for small networks
 - D: used for multicasting
 - E: experimental
- TCP/IP allows heterogeneous networks to communicate efficiently.
- □ IPX/SPX protocols:
 - IPX
 - SPX
- G Microsoft also supports IPX/SPX but has renamed it NWLink (NetWare Link).
- IBM first developed NetBEUI, but Microsoft has implemented it as a solution for its peer-topeer networks; it is a nonroutable protocol, which limits its usefulness.
- Image: Set the set of the set
- AppleTalk is used only in Apple networks. It divides groups of computers into zones
- □ DLC was developed by IBM to enable client machines to work with mainframes; however, Hewlett-Packard has adopted DLC as a means to connect its laser printers to LANs.
- □ IBM introduced SNA in 1974 as a mainframe network architecture. It includes a network topology and a series of protocols.

Lesson 3: LANS and WANS

- A LAN is a group of computers connected within a confined geographic area.
- A WAN is a group of computers connected within an expansive geographic area.
- A NAP (Network Access Point) is a junction between one high-speed network and another.
- □ NAP connections are usually made by either a router or a switch.
- Backbone: the part of a network that carries the majority of network traffic;
- Segment: part of a larger structure
- Common Network Components:
 - NIC (Network Interface Card): the interface between the computer and the network.
 - > NICs operate at the Data Link Layer
 - Most NICs contain a transreceiver, a device that transmits and receives analog or digital signals.
 - Repeater: low-level device that amplifies the signal on a cable segment
 - > Repeaters operate at the Physical Layer.
 - Hubs: connect computers in a Star network
 - Hubs operate at the Physical Layer.
 - Bridge: filter frames to determine whether it belongs on a local segment or another LAN segment
 - > Bridges operate at the Data Link Layer and use hardware addressing.
 - > Bridges are independent of all upper layer protocols.
 - Router: similar to a bridge, it determines the path along which network traffic should be sent
 - Routers operate at the Network Layer.
 - Brouter: incorporates the functionality of bridges and routers
 - Brouters operate at the Data Link and Network Layers.
 - Switch: directs the flow of information from one node to another
 - Switches can operate at several layers of the OSI/RM.
 - Switches are faster than other network components.
 - Benefits of switches:
 - easy to install
 - higher speeds
 - more bandwidth
 - CSU/DSU (Channel Service Unit/Data Service Unit): terminates physical connections
 - Gateway: protocol converter
 - > Gateways can operate at any level of the OSI/RM.
 - > Gateways are much more complex than that of a router or switch.
 - Modem: a device that enables a computer to communicate with other computers over telephone lines
 - Patch Panel: a group of sockets that switch data manually between inbound and outbound transmissions
- Three options for handling increased LAN traffic:
 - use a bridge
 - use a LAN switch (Layer 2 switch)
 - increase network bandwidth
- Twisted pair cable is the most widely used system in Ethernet networks.
- Twisted pair segments cannot exceed 100 meters.
- Two basic types of twisted pair:
 - STP (Shielded Twisted Pair): metal sheath wrapped around the wires
 - UTP (Unshielded Twisted Pair): less expensive and less secure than STP; prone to electromagnetic interference
- Two varieties of wire in UTP and STP:
 - Stranded: most common; flexible and easy to handle
 - Solid: can span longer distances without as much attenuation but it is less flexible

- G Attenuation: the weakening of a signal as it travels farther from its source
- □ Seven categories of twisted pair:
 - CAT 1: used for voice, not for data
 - CAT 2: 4 Mbps; used for Token Ring
 - CAT 3: 10 Mbps; used for Ethernet
 - CAT 4: 16 Mbps; used for Token Ring
 - CAT 5: 100 Mbps; used for Ethernet and Fast Ethernet
 - CAT 6: 155 Mbps; used for Fast Ethernet
 - GAT 7: 1000 Mbps; used for Gigabit Ethernet
- □ An RJ 45 connector is larger than RJ-11.
- Coaxial cable provides higher bandwidth than twisted pair cable.
- Thick coax (10base5; thicknet) is the Ethernet standard.
- Thicknet works where electromagnetic interference exists.
- Thin coax (10base2; thinnet) is used for smaller networks
- Goaxial cable is connected to NICs with BNCs.
- Fiber optic cable is much faster than coax and twisted pair.
 - Fiber optic cable consists of two small glass strands; one sends and one receives
- Two types of fiber optic cable:
 - Single mode: uses specific light wavelengths
 - Multimode: uses a large number of frequencies
- Synchronous transmission: access device and network device share a clock and a transmission rate (e.g. T1 lines)
- Asynchronous transmission: access device is not synchronized with the network device (e.g. dial up modem)
- Three methods of data transmission flow:
 - Simplex: data travels in only one direction
 - Half duplex: data travels in two directions but in only one direction at a time
 - Full duplex: data travels in two directions simultaneously
- Baseband: uses the entire bandwidth for a single channel; uses time division multiplexing (TDM)
- Broadband: divides bandwidth into multiple channels; each channel carries a separate signal; used only for analog signals; uses frequency division multiplexing (FDM)
- Logical topology refers to the signal's path.
- Physical topology refers to the way devices are connected.
- Carrier Sense Multiple Access/Collision Detection (CSMA/CD), token, and demand priority LAN technologies are all included in the 802 series of the IEEE LAN standards.
- E IEEE 802.2 divides the OSI/RM Data Link Layer into sublayers:
 - LLC
 - MAC
 - > MAC addresses are burned onto a NIC by the manufacturer.
 - > MAC addresses use twelve hexadecimal digits to form 48-bit addresses (6 bytes).
- □ IEEE 802.3 (Ethernet)
 - Ethernet is a predecessor to IEEE 802.3 standard.
 - It is a broadcast system for communication between systems.
 - Ethernet does not totally comply with the 802.2 standard.
 - All Ethernet/IEEE 802.3 use CSMA/CD.
- □ IEEE 802.3u (Fast Ethernet)
 - 100 Mbps; Star topology
- □ IEEE 802.3z and 802.3ab (Gigabit Ethernet)
 - the fastest LAN technology and is primarily used for backbones
 - **8**02.3z uses copper or fiber optic cabling
 - 802.3ab uses CAT 5 UTP
- E IEEE 802.5 (Token Ring)
 - uses token passing instead of CSMA/CD
 - Token Ring networks appear to use Star topology but they actually use an MAU (multistation access unit)

- □ IEEE 802.12 (100VG AnyLAN)
 - supports demand priority
 - hub simultaneously arbitrates when and how systems access the network
- Apple LocalTalk
 - uses CSMA/CD
- 🖫 FDDI
 - token based architecture that uses two counter rotating rings
 - classified as a municipal area network (MAN)
- \blacksquare X.25 is a WAN standard that operates at 56Kbps or slower.
 - X.25 operates at the Network Layer
- Frame Relay is a fast packet switching technology that uses fiber optic and digital cabling
 - uses Permanent Virtual Circuits (PVCs) and variable length packets
 - operates at 64Kbps-1.544Mbps
- ATM (Asynchronous Transfer Mode) is mostly used in Internet backbones
 - uses cell relay technology and fixed length cells
 - operates at 155Mbps-622Mbps
- To connect a T1 line you need:
 - **G** CSU: diagnoses and prepares signals
 - DSU: convert LAN signals to T1
- A router is the interface between LAN and T1
- □ T-Carrier system connection speeds:
 - T1:1.544 Mbps
 - E1: 2.048 Mbps
 - T2: 6.312 Mbps
 - E2: 8.448 Mbps
 - E3: 34.368 Mbps
 - T3: 44.736 Mbps
 - E4: 139.264 Mbps
 - T4: 274.176 Mbps
 - E5: 565.148 Mbps

Lesson 4: TCP/IP and Internet Addressing

- The Internet architecture consists of four layers
 - Application: corresponds to the Presentation and Application Layers of the OSI/RM
 - Transport: corresponds to the Transport and Session Layers of the OSI/RM
 - Internet: corresponds to the Network Layer of the OSI/RM
 - Network Access: corresponds to the Physical and Data Link Layers of the OSI/RM
- The Network Access Layer consists of:
 - operating system's device driver
 - interface card
 - physical connections
- The Network Access Layer transmits higher layer datagrams over the network, handling all hardware details
- Protocols used at the Network Layer:
 - LAN: Ethernet, Token Ring, FDDI, AppleTalk
 - WAN: Frame Relay, serial lines, ATM
- The Internet Layer is responsible for addressing and routing packets.
- Protocols used at the Internet Layer:
 - IP: basic data transfer method throughout the Internet RFC 791
 - ICMP: troubleshooting protocol of TCP/IP RFC 792
 - IGMP (Internet Group Management Protocol): used for multicasting, one sources sends messages to a group of subscribers RFC 1112
 - ARP: translates Internet addresses into Physical addresses RFC 826
 - RARP (Reverse ARP): translates Physical addresses into Internet addresses RFC 903

- The Transport Layer accepts Application Layer data, divides it into packets, and provides flow of information between hosts.
- Protocols used at the Transport Layer:
 - TCP: provides session management between source and destination
 - **UDP:** simple datagram form of communication
- The Application Layer interacts with the Transport Layer to send and receive data
- Protocols used at the Application Layer:
 - HTTP: transports HTML documents across the Internet RFC 1945 and RFC 2616
 - FTP: (File Transfer Protocol): system for transferring files between TCP/IP computers RFC 959
 - Telnet: terminal emulation protocol; allows users at a site to log on and run programs from a remote system RFC 854
 - NNTP (News Network Transfer Protocol): allows Internet sites to exchange UseNET articles RFC 977
 - Gopher: menu based program used to find resources on the Internet RFC 1436
 - SMTP: Internet standard protocol for e-mail transfer RFC 821
 - SNMP (Simple Network Management Protocol): used to manage TCP/IP networks RFC 1157
 - DNS (Domain Name Server): used to translate host names into IP addresses RFC 1034 and RFC 1035
 - BOOTP (BOOTstrap Protocol): an alternative to RARP RFC 951
 - DHCP (Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol): based on BOOTP; assigns Internet addresses to nodes on a TCP/IP network during initialization
- Port Numbers
 - FTP: 21
 - SMTP: 25
 - DNS: 53
 - HTTP: 80
- RFC (Request for Comments): published documents of interest to the Internet community.
- Protocol states:
 - Experimental: only used in laboratory situations
 - Proposed: may be considered for future standardization
 - Draft: being seriously considered to become Internet standards
 - Standard: determined by IESG to be an official standard protocol on the Internet
 - Historic: protocols that have been replaced by recent ones
 - Informational: developed outside of IETF/IESG
- Demultiplexing is the method a destination computer uses to process incoming packets.
- ☐ The Internet Layer performs the routing of protocols:
 - Routing is the process that determines the path that packets travel across a network.
 one of the most important IP functions
- Routing has two classifications:
 - Direct: two computers on the same network
 - Indirect: two computers on separate networks
- Routing involves two key elements:
 - host must know which router to use for given destination
 - router must know where to send the packet
- A routing information table is a database maintained by a router; the table contains the location of all networks
- Hop: link between two network devices
- Static routers contain information that must be built and updated manually.
- Dynamic routers communicates with other dynamic routers using protocol such as RIP and OSPF
- Routing protocols determine how routers share information and report routing tables.
- Interior routing protocols are used within an organization's network. (e.g. RIP, OSPF)
- Exterior routing protocols are used outside an organization's network. (e.g. EGP, BGP)

- RIP (Routing Information Protocol): maintains only the best route to a destination.
 - RIPv1 RFC 1058
 - RIPv2 RFC 2453
- □ OSPF (Open Shortest Path First): gateway that maintains protocols; overcomes RIPs shortcomings. RFC 2328
- □ OSPF features:
 - various types of service routing
 - load balancing
 - network areas
 - authenticated exchanges
 - defined route support
- Ports 1-1023: well known port numbers
- Ports 1024-65535 : registered port numbers
- Ports 1-1023 are controlled by ICANN.
- □ No process can bind to well known ports unless user id=0.
- B Registered port numbers are non-privileged, which means any process can use them.
- Internet addresses are broken into a Network portion and a Host portion.
- Each dotted quad has one byte of data and there are four fields. (0-255)
- □ Internet Address Classes:
 - A: 0.0.0.0-127.255.255.255
 - B: 128.0.0.0-191.255.255.255
 - C: 192.0.0.0-223.255.255.255
 - D: 224.0.0.0-239.255.255.255
 - E: 240.0.0.-247.255.255.255
- A: first byte is network, last three bytes are host
- B: first two bytes are network, last two bytes are host
- C: first three bytes are network, last byte is host
- D: multicasting, all bytes are network
- E: reserved for future use
- Loopback address: 127.0.0.1; used to ping network
- Broadcast address: 255; send messages to all hosts:
 - Limited broadcast: 255.255.255.255
 - Net-directed broadcast: netid.255.255.255.255
 - Subnet-directed: 255.255.255.255 within a subnet
 - All subnets-directed: not used anymore
- □ Three reserved blocks of IP addresses:
 - **1**0.0.0.0-10.255.255.255
 - **1**72.16.0.0-172.31.255.255
 - **1**92.168.0.0-192.168.255.255
- Subnet mask: 32-bit number with one-to-one correspondence between each of the32 bits in the Internet address
- □ Subnet masks two main purposes:
 - distinguish network and host portions of IP address
 - specify whether destination address is local or remote
- Default subnet masks:
 - Class A: 255.0.0.0
 - Class B: 255.255.0.0
 - Glass C: 255.255.255.0
- □ Ipv6 uses 128 bit addresses instead of 32 bits.
- □ Normal TCP/IP desktop configurations:
 - IP address: 32 bit address unique to the workstation
 - Subnet mask: 32 bit number used to distinguish network and host portion of IP address
 - Default Gateway: local IP address if destination address is remote
 - DHCP Client: alternative to entering static IP address

- □ Name resolution configurations:
 - Host name
 - Domain name
 - DNS server
 - NetBIOS name
 - WINS server
- Diagnostic tools for Internet troubleshooting
 - ping: tests connectivity between source and destination systems
 - **I** tracert: determine the path between source and destination
 - netstat: displays contents of various network related data
 - ipconfig: displays Windows NT/2000 configuration
 - winipconfig: determine network card's IP configuration and Ethernet address
 - arp: resolves software addresses to hardware addresses
- Retwork analyzers allow administrators to analyze data traversing a network:
 - monitor network traffic
 - identify problems and send alert messages
 - identify specific problems
 - test network connections, devices, and cables

Lesson 5: Internetworking Servers

- Retwork services have become more decentralized.
- Gommon servers found on the Internet:
 - File and Print servers:
 - > File servers store data files and programs.
 - Print servers allow multiple users to print to the same printer.
 - LPR/LPD is a printing protocol used by NT/2000 and UNIX.
 - Web server has access to set of documents that it may return to a client in response to a request.
 - > HTTP server can download any type of file.
 - Multipurpose Internet Mail Extensions (MIME) allows HTTP and email attachments to identify the files they must use.
 - > S/MIME is used for secure transactions.
 - > The MIME type identifies the contents of a file.
 - Common Web Servers:
 - Apache
 - Microsoft IIS
 - Netscape Enterprise
 - Proxy servers provide enhanced security, manage TCP/IP addresses and speed access to the Internet by caching server functions for frequently used documents.
 - > Additional services of a Proxy server:
 - ✤ caching web documents
 - corporate firewall access
 - filtering client transactions
 - transaction logging
 - securing the host
 - enhanced administration
 - Caching servers speed data access by storing retrieved data then presenting it to users who later request it.

- Mail servers store and forward e-mail messages.
 - > SMTP, POP, and IMAP all reside at the Application Layer of the OSI/RM.
 - > Two ways to store and access e-mail:
 - ✤ POP3
 - IMAP
 - > MIME is used to transmit files with e-mail.
 - > UUCoding was used to transmit non-text files with e-mail.
 - BinHex: Apple
- Mailing List servers are SMTP servers that forward email to members on a distribution list.
- Media servers offer streaming audio and video
 - > Buffer: cache of memory used to store frequently used data
- DNS Servers contain the application that supports name-to-address translation.
 - > DNS is a decentralized system.
 - HOSTS file is a text file referenced by applications and commands for name-toaddress resolution.
 - > DNS is hierarchical and distributed.
 - > DNS consists of three levels:
 - ✤ root-level domain: contains entries for each top-level domain
 - top-level domain: consists of categories at the end of domain names
 - divides domains into organizations, businesses, and other categories
 - second-level domain: include the businesses and institutions that register their domains with top-level domains
 - can be divided into sub-domains
 - DNS components:
 - name server: supports name-to-address translation and runs the DNS service
 - name resolver: software that uses services of one or more name servers to resolve unknown requests
 - > DNS server types:
 - root server: all top level domains on the Internet
 - primary server: the authority for a domain and maintains DNS databases for its domain
 - secondary server: receives authority and database from primary server
 - > DNS records provide additional routing and resolution information.
 - name server (NS): identifies DNS servers for the DNS domain
 - start of authority (SOA): identifies the DNS server that is best source for information
 - address (A): most commonly used; associates to IP addresses
 - canonical name (CNAME): creates alias for specified host
 - mail exchanger (MX): identifies server used to process and deliver e-mail
- FTP servers allow file transfers between servers in real time and allow for larger files to be sent over the Internet:
- News servers use NNTP to access Usenet databases.
- SSL (Secure Sockets Layer) provides security in a newsgroup.
- Certificate servers validate keys, which are strings of ciphertext generated from a series of algorithms to allow secure communications.
- Directory servers identify all resources on a network.
 - > Two protocols serve as a basis for most directory services:
 - X.500: OSI protocol used to manage user and resource directories; offers scalability, synchronization, and replication
 - Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP): developed from X.500 but easier to implement because it is based on TCP/IP
- Catalog servers provide a single point of access that allows users to search for information across a network.
 - > Robots are catalog servers that automate indexing with the use of algorithms.

- Transaction servers guarantee that all databases are updated when a transaction takes place.
 - replacements for CICS mainframe servers
 - The Internet Daemon: inetd
 - > inetd is a UNIX service that starts other Internet services.
 - Services typically launched by inetd:
 - ✤ smtpd
 - ✤ tftd
 - telnetd
 - > inetd can present security problems because it has a root permission.
- Mirrored servers provide data redundancy to protect data.

Lesson 6: Server-side Scripting and Database Connectivity

- Server-side scripting is a piece of code that activates programs on the server.
- Client-side scripting is embedded into HTML files freeing the load on the server.
- HTTP Gateway is the script or mini-application that allows HTTP servers to pass data to a program or database and return the output.
- Application Program Interface: method that allows programmers to make requests of an OS or application
- Guidelines for combining server-side and client-side scripting:
 - access to data on the client should use client-side scripting
 - access to any other data should use server-side scripting
 - changes to HTML layout and properties should use client-side scripting
- HTML Forms and Form Processing:
 - METHOD: sets method by which browser sends form data
 - GET: data is appended to the URL that points to the location where the form is submitted
 - > POST: data is sent separately from the call to the script using standard input
 - ACTION: specifies gateway path used to process form
- Common Gateway Interface (CGI) is the most simple and universal gateway.
- GI scripts are typically located in a folder named CGI-BIN.
- GI is not platform specific.
- Each CGI script runs as a separate process.
- GI Alternatives: Server Programming Alternatives
 - ISAPI: Microsoft proprietary HTTP server extension that allows the server to execute programs and scripts without CGI; favors VBScript
 - NSAPI: supports different languages and has a slightly different environment than ISAPI; favors JavaScript
- GI Alternatives: Scripting Technologies
 - JavaServer Pages (JSP): uses Java servlets and is not proprietary
 - Personal Home Page (PHP): can be embedded into HTML
 - Active Server Pages (ASP): Microsoft proprietary
 - Server-side JavaScript (SSJS): Netscape proprietary
- GI Alternatives: Java servlets
 - complement the HTTP server
 - less platform-specific
- Three types of databases:
 - non-relational (DBMS):
 - hierarchical: only one user at a time can access
 - > network: many users can access
 - relational (RDBMS): uses tables that index the data
 - object-oriented (ODBMS): attempt to mimic real world data relationships

- Two types of database connectivity:
 - ODBC (Open Database Connectivity):Microsoft standard API for SQL to access relational databases
 - JDBC (JavaScript Database Connectivity): allows Java to process SQL statement within Java programs.

Lesson 7: Network Security Essentials

- Security is defined as a means to reduce vulnerability of data and resources.
- Assets: data, applications, and resources on any computer
- Network assets:
 - local resources: workstations
 - network resources: communications media
 - server resources: Web, e-mail, and FTP servers
 - database and information resources: how a company organizes and disseminates information
- Types of attacks by hackers:
 - Spoofing attacks occur when a hacker assumes the identity of a legitimate network device.
 - Man-in-the-middle attacks occur when a hacker captures packets being sent from one host to another.
 - Denial-of-service attacks occur when the host or system cannot perform properly because another program is using all of its resources.
 - Insider attacks are eavesdropping on messages between applications and compromising existing mechanisms.
 - Brute force attacks occur when a hacker attempts to gain access as a legitimate user.
 - Trapdoor attacks occur when hackers establish certain commands that open unauthorized access.
 - Replay attacks occur after a hacker captures and alters a key part of a message.
 - Trojan horse attacks are a variation of Trapdoor attacks that involve hiding an unauthorized command within a commonly used function to cause a breach.
 - Social engineering attacks occur when a hacker attempts to obtain information about a network through simple tricks.
- A virus is a malicious program designed to damage network equipment, including standalone computers.
- □ Viruses affect programs at the Application Layer.
- ☐ Types of viruses:
 - macros: small programs written in macro code for word processing or spreadsheet applications
 - executables: viruses that attach themselves to executables and are activated when the user launches the program
 - boot sector: viruses that copy themselves to the boot sector of hard drives allowing themselves to be loaded into memory each time the system is booted up.
 - stealth: attempts to avoid detection by redirecting hard drive read requests from the scanning software
 - polymorphic: has programming code enabling it to execute differently each time it is activated
- The hacker process:
 - Stage 1 Discovery: hacker gains information about the target system
 - Stage 2 Penetration: hacker chooses a target
 - Stage 3 Control: hacker attempts to control the system

- Defeating attacks:
 - Authentication provides unique identity upon presentation.
 - Access control grants various levels of file or directory permissions.
 - Data confidentiality provides protection of data from unauthorized access.
 - Data integrity provides protection against active threats that attempt to alter messages before they are sent or received.
- Auditing is the process of examining your systems and procedures to determine their efficiency.
 - status quo analysis: current level of security
 - risk analysis: determines which networks are vulnerable
 - threat analysis: determines probable attacks
- Intrusion-detection software (IDS) monitors traffic and shuts down any unsafe activity
- Authentication is the ability to determine a user's true identity.
- Three methods of authentication:
 - What you know (login, password)
 - What you have (key, smart card)
 - Who you are (physical attributes)
- Three types of encryption:
 - symmetric-key: one key is used; 40 or 128 bits
 - asymmetric-key: uses a pair of keys; one encrypts and one decrypts
 - one-way: uses a hash table
- A virtual private network (VPN) allows secure communication across long distances.
- VPNs are tunneling protocols, which means they encapsulate data packets into other data packets.
- RAS (Remote Access Service) requires users to dial-up and log on to a RAS server. (uses a callback feature)
- Point-to-point Tunneling Protocol is a popular VPN protocol.
- L2TP is an IETF tunneling protocol.
- □ IPSec provides packet level encryption.
- SSL allows private exchange over public networks.
- SSL uses digital certificates (asymmetric key).
- Digital Certificates contain digital signatures to ensure that a message has not been altered.
- □ Firewall: a secure system placed between a trusted network and an untrusted one (e.g. Internet)
- Firewalls allow users from a protected network to access a public network while making the protected network available to the public.
- A packet filter is a device that inspects a packet for predefined content; works at the Data Link, Network, and Transport Layers of the OSI/RM.
- A Proxy Server replaces IP addresses on a network with another contingent address.
 - circuit-level gateway: proxy between the Internet and internal systems
 - application-level gateway: can serve as an SMTP firewall
- Firewall Topology:
 - packet filter: inspects only Internet addresses and port numbers
 - single-homed bastion: one computer acts as a firewall and a network interface
 - dual-homed bastion: has two or more NICs with IP forwarding disabled
 - screened subnet (demilitarized): creates a secure space between the Internet and a network

CIW-Internet Fundamentals

- The Internet was formed in 1968 by the Advanced Research Project Agency and was originally called ARPANET.
- In 1989, ARPANET decommissioned and switched over to National Science Foundation (NSFNet).
- The World Wide Web resembles an electronic library; each location is like a book.
- Hypertext Markup Language (HTML): standard authoring language used to develop Web pages.
- The Web is not a network like the Internet, but a set of software programs.
- □ Internet communication is made possible by TCP/IP.
- TCP/IP divides data into packets and sends each packet separately across the Internet.
- Every device on the Internet has an Internet Protocol (IP) address.
- IP address format is referred to as dotted quads.
- Internet Protocol version 6(IPv6) is the new protocol for the Internet.
- □ Ipv6 supports approximately four trillion IP addresses by using 128-bit IP addresses.
- □ Ipv6 solves address shortages as well as a routing table problem inherent with the current Internet Protocol version 4 (IPv4)
- The Client/Server model is a distributed computing system in which tasks are divided between the server and the client.
- Three elements required for the client/server model:
 - client software application on the end user's host
 - server-software application on the information provider's host
 - network hardware allowing communication between the client and server
- The Internet was initially designed to operate on the UNIX operating system.
- Pull technology refers to a computer that requests information from another computer.
- Push technology sends data to a computer without the request.
- □ Six elements are required to support an Internet client:
 - computer
 - operating system
 - TCP/IP
 - client software
 - Internet connection
 - Internet addresses
- Connection types:
 - dial-up: use a modem to connect to the Internet
 - direct: continuous access to the Internet
- Serial Line Internet Protocol (SLIP) has been replaced by Point-to-Point Protocol (PPP) for the following reasons:
 - SLIP only supports IP addresses whereas PPP supports other protocols
 - SLIP does not support authentication
- Direct Internet connection types:
 - LAN
 - ➤ T1: 1.544 Mbps
 - ➤ T3: 44.736 Mbps
 - Cable
 - 512 Kbps-52Mbps
 - DSL
 - 512 Kbps-10Mbps

- HTTP is the protocol used to transfer Web pages from a Web server to a Web client.
- **FTP** is the protocol used to transfer files between computers.
- SMTP is the protocol used to send e-mail.
- POP is the protocol used to receive e-mail.
- IMAP is the protocol used to sort e-mail once it arrives on the server; it forwards the e-mail to the correct SMTP client.
- Telnet is the protocol used with shell accounts (text only).
- Usenet newsgroups use NNTP.
- Gopher is an older menu-based program in UNIX based systems.
- Domain Name System translates IP addresses into recognizable names.
- A fully qualified domain name (FQDN) is the complete domain name of an Internet computer.
- □ Top-level domains:
 - .com
 - edu .edu
 - .gov
 - .mil
 - .org
 - .net
 - int .int
- □ Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN): verifies which companies can serve as domain name registrars.
- Internet Network Information Center (InterNIC): the company that registers domain names on the Internet.
- □ Virtual domain: provides a private Web address, regardless of where the Web site is hosted
- Uniform Resource Locator (URL): text string that supplies the Internet address, and the method by which it can be accessed.
- Intranet: an in house Web site used by employees within a company
- Extranet: a Web site provided for existing customers, not available to the Internet public

Lesson 2: Browsing the World Wide Web

- Tim Berners-Lee created the World Wide Web at the European Laboratory for Particle Physics (CERN).
- The Worldwide Web Consortium (W3C) promotes standards and encourages interoperability among Web products.
- Legacy applications are applications that have existed for many years.
- The History folder allows easy access to previously viewed Web pages in your Web browser.
- Browser cache is a folder on your hard drive that stores downloaded files.
- Two situations when image loading should be disabled:
 - when conducting research
 - when there is a slow Internet connection
- G Wireless Application Protocol (WAP): standard protocol for wireless devices
- Wireless Markup Language (WML): markup language that allows text portions of Web pages to be presented to wireless devices

Lesson 3: E-Mail

- □ All e-mail addresses use the following format:
 - name@domain
- E-mail is sent using SMTP
- In order to send e-mail you must configure the following:
 - an SMTP server address
 - an e-mail address
- E-mail is received using POP or IMAP.

- □ In order to receive e-mail you must configure the following:
 - a POP server address
 - an account name
 - an account password
- Retiquette is common sense, politeness, and general rules for Internet etiquette.
- An e-mail signature is a few lines of text at the bottom of each of your sent messages.
- An employer has legal ownership of any e-mail created at your job.
- E-mail is a written record
- Almost any kind of file can be attached to an e-mail message.
- ☐ Mailing lists allow hundreds of people to discuss tightly focused topics.

Lesson 4: FTP, Telnet, and Newsgroups

- FTP is a TCP/IP suite protocol that allows the transfer of files between computers.
- Two types of resources available by FTP are:
 - large text files
 - binary files: a file made up of ones and zeros
- The GET command is used to download a file using FTP.
- The PUT command is used to upload a file using FTP.
- Rewsgroups are loosely part of a bulletin-board system called UseNET (User Network).
- □ 10 Internet wide categories of newsgroups:
 - biz: entirely commercial topics
 - comp: topics related to computers
 - news: topics related to Usenet news
 - rec: topics related to recreation
 - sci: scientific topics
 - soc: social discussions
 - talk: controversial topics
 - humanities: humanities
 - misc: miscellaneous topics
 - alt: adult-oriented; alternative topics
- Rewsgroups have a standard tree structure.
- Telnet is similar to a dial-up shell account.
- Telnet is a protocol used on a UNIX operating system.

Lesson 5: Objects, Plug-Ins, and Viewers

- Objects enable Web authors to include numerous multimedia effects, also called active content, into Web sites.
- C is a programming language used primarily to create operating systems.
- Object-Oriented Programming (OOP) is a programming concept based on objects and data instead of logic and action.
- □ C++ is a superset of C that uses OOP.
- Java is an OOP that is cross-platform functional.
- Java applets are programs written in Java and designed to run within a web browser.
- □ Java applets can be dynamic and interactive
- □ Java applet special effects include:
 - inline video, changing text, and animation: dynamic objects that can be embedded in Web pages without the need for external applications or plug-ins
 - audio: sound files that play when an applet is invoked
 - user interaction: interaction between the user and a displayed applet
 - real-time data feeds: feeds that maintain an open connection between the server and an applet on a Web page
- JavaScript was the first scripting language developed exclusively for online content design.
- JavaScript is an event driven scripting language.
- Java is an object-oriented programming language.

- Java can create stand-alone applications and Java applets.
- JavaScript must reside within HTML documents to run.
- JavaScript adds interactivity to Web pages without the need for specialized server-based programs.
- □ Jscript is the Microsoft version of JavaScript.
- ActiveX is an open set of technologies for integrating components on the Internet and within Microsoft applications
- ActiveX objects can play sounds, show video clips, animation sequences, or demonstrate 3-D reality simulations.
- UBScript is Microsoft's response to JavaScript.
- UBScript can manipulate objects in two categories:
 - standard HTML object: display button, radio button, check box, or password field ActiveX control: more powerful and flexible; invoked by user action
- A Plug-In is a program installed as part of the Web browser to extend its functionality.
- Three ways in which a plug-in can appear:
 - full-screen: the plug-in completely fills the browser
 - embedded: the plug-in appears as part of a larger document
 - hidden: the plug-in is not visible but running in the background
- Two types of plug-in installation are:
 - online: installed with the browser open
 - offline: requires download and installation
- Types of plug-ins:
 - RealPlayer: used for streaming audio and video
 - Shockwave and Flash: a group of multimedia players that deliver animation, sound, and graphics
 - QuickTime: method of storing video and audio files in digital format
- Windows Media Player: standards based plug-in that plays streaming audio and video Sintual Reality Modeling Language (VRML) is a three dimensional authoring language that features the following:
 - high performance viewing: 3-D spaces can be accessed at high speeds
 - animation: VRML accommodates objects with lifelike behaviors
 - navigation: VRML enables 3-D navigation via simulated walking, flying, or pointing
- Uiewers are scaled-down versions of applications; designed for viewing and printing files.
- Types of viewers:
 - Microsoft PowerPoint Viewer: allows you to view Microsoft PowerPoint slides presentations
 - Adobe Acrobat Reader: allows you to view files created in Adobe Acrobat
 - portable document format: a general file format that can be created and read on any \geq computer, regardless of the operating system
- B Moving Pictures Expert Group (MPEG): a standard for digital audio and video compression that provides extremely high quality and resolution
 - MPEG plug-ins allow browsers to view MPEG video that has been formatted with proprietary software.
 - MPEG video files are not inherently bandwidth-friendly and do not stream well on slower connections.
- MPEG-1 Audio Layer-3 (MP3) is a standard for compressing audio files that uses the MPEG-1 standard; it compresses audio files to one-twelfth its original size.
- MP3 files are non-streaming in that users download them before playing the files.
- LiveVideo is Netscape's built-in support product for standard Audio Video Interleave (AVI) files; it allows users to instantly view AVI movies embedded in Web pages, without downloading the files for later playback.
- RealTime Streaming Protocol (RTSP): streaming format that can be embedded and directly executed within the Netscape Navigator browser; it is fully cross-platform.

- Types of audio files:
 - Audio Interchange File Format (AIFF): high quality audio format developed by Apple
 - AU: audio format used by UNIX servers
 - A MIDI
 - Waveform (WAV)
- Encapsulated PostScript (EPS) is a file format that can be used to import and export graphic files between operating systems and applications.
- EPS provides three preview formats:
 - PICT: Macintosh
 - TIFF: IBM-compatible
 - EPSI: platform-independent
- Tagged Image File Format (TIFF) is a popular customizable graphic format commonly used for medical imaging and desktop publishing.
- TIFF supports grayscale, 8-bit and 24-bit color, and monochrome formats.
- Rich Text Format (RTF) is a portable text file format created by Microsoft that allows image insertion and text formatting.
- RTF is a level above simple DOS text formatting.
- \square RTF is a near-universal format.

Lesson 6: Search Engines

- A search engine is a powerful software program that searches the Internet for specified information.
- G Keywords are used to find information on a specific subject.
- A "relevancy" is used to determine how closely a Web site matches your topic.
- The <META> tag is used to embed information for searches into a Web page.
- □ <META> information can be:
 - keywords
 - an expiration date
 - author of the web site
 - a site description
- Three types of search indexes:
 - static index/site map: allows users to manually search through directories to located indexed information
 - keyword index: allow users to enter keywords into a search engine to query an index
 - full text index: allows users to enter any text string that might exist within a file into the search engine
- ☐ Yahoo finds three types of information:
 - alphabetized hypertext categories that match the keywords entered into the search engine
 - sites that match the keywords entered into the search engine
 - Yahoo categories that list those end sites
- AltaVista was originally designed to index the entire Internet.
- Lycos is one of the largest and most complete databases.
- B WebCrawler was started as a private project to offer free searching to Internet users.
- Excite not only allows keyword searches, but also contains a cross-referencing field for conceptual searches.
- Boolean operators allow users to narrow their searches by requiring important keywords or excluding keywords that may not be pertinent to a search. (AND, OR, NOT, NEAR)
- A static index search for graphic files is located at Surf Madison Public File Libraries.
- People search databases are created through:
 - Internet activity (people who are online)
 - A registration process, whereby the individual must submit his or her personal data before listed.
 - Traditional telephone books, proprietary phone listings, and other public directories that list people who are not necessarily connected to the Internet.

- Sites devoted to mailing list searches are:
 - Listz
 - Publicly Accessible Mailing Lists (PAML)
- Deja.com is a way to search for Newsgroups according to subject.
- Archie conducts searches on FTP sites using a Telnet or Archie client.
- B Web search engines have almost replaced Archie.
- Gopher allows users to navigate and search computers without the addresses of the servers that store the information.
- Gopher uses a search method called tunneling.
- Service Servic

Lesson 7: Security

- Cookies are small text files created by a Web server that resides on a client's computer.
- Cookies allow Web site managers to gain marketing information about their visitors, and can customize their Web site to a visitor's preferences.
- Cookies are saved in different locations, depending on which browser you are using.
- Encryption is used to scramble data between your computer and a secure web server.
- A secure Web site is identified by using the protocol https://.
- Authentication means verifying the identity of the user who logs on to a system. It is also used for verifying integrity of transmitted data.
- Types of authentication:
 - anonymous access: no user name or password is required
 - basic authentication: user name and password are required but no information is encrypted.
 - secure authentication: user name and password required and encrypted
- digital certificates: you must have the proper digital certificate to gain access to the site
- A digital certificate is a digital ID issued by a certificate authority to authenticate and validate Internet data transfers.
- Each browser offers its own security features.
- Encryption is the encoding or scrambling of information using algorithms known as a key.
- A key is a string of numbers used by software that scrambles plain text messages into encrypted text.
- Typical encryption uses either 40-bit or 128-bit keys.
- A virus is a malicious program designed to damage computer systems.
- □ Virus updates are important for anti-virus software because not even the best virus program will not protect if the anti-virus files are outdated.
- A proxy server is an intermediary between a LAN and the Internet.
- A proxy server provides enhanced security and caching functions.
- Proxy servers provide the following services:
 - caching of Web documents reducing network traffic
 - corporate firewall access providing safe passage for users through a firewall
- A firewall is the collection of hardware, software, and policy that protects a LAN from the Internet.
- □ A firewall performs the following functions:
 - restricts unauthorized users
 - retains control of private information
 - prevents unauthorized export of data and information
- The most common type of firewall is called a screen. It blocks traffic on specific routes of access, but allows designated travel to specific sites.

Lesson 8: E-Commerce

E-Commerce is the integration of communications, data management, and security capabilities to allow the exchange of information related to the sale of goods and services.

- Three main elements of e-commerce:
 - communication: support the transfer of information from buyer to seller
 - data management: define the exchange format of information
 - security: authenticate the source of information and guarantee integrity and privacy
- Two types of e-commerce:
 - business-to-business: high volume, low price
 - business-to-consumer: high price, low volume
- Electronic Document Interchange (EDI): interorganization exchange of documents in
- standardized electronic form directly between participating computers.
- The goals of EDI:
 - to enable easy and inexpensive communication of structured information throughout the lifetime of an electronic transaction
 - to reduce the amount of data capture and transcriptions
 - to ensure faster handling of transactions to get an equivalent increase in cash flow
- EDI is encoded in a format governed by ANSI X12, and UN/EDIFACT.
- Companies that should use EDI:
 - handle a large volume of repetitive standard transactions
 - operate on a very tight margin
 - face strong competition, requiring productivity improvements
 - operate in a time sensitive environment
 - received requests from partner companies to convert to EDI
- Secure Electronic Transactions (SET) a standard protocol used on the Internet to secure online credit card payments
- Principal features of SET:
 - enhanced identification
 - merchant never sees the credit card number
 - all sensitive information must be encrypted and signed
 - designed to support credits, returns, reversals, and charge backs
- A payment gateway is a system that interfaces between the merchant and the merchant's bank to perform credit card authorizations
- Unicode is a text and script character standard that can interchange, process, and display text of all languages.
- Three models of payment processing:
 - cash model: the hardest to implement
 - check model: funds are not transferred in real time
 - credit model: immediate response for all transactions
- A smart card replaces the magnetic strip of a credit card with an integrated circuit for storing and processing data.
- Smart cards enhance authentication.
- Secure Sockets Layer is a technology embedded in Web servers and browsers that encrypts traffic.
- Copyright laws protect original works fixed in a tangible medium of expression; elements include expression and originality.
- The Information Infrastructure Task Force (IITF) codifies copyright laws.
- The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) is a specialized UN agency formed to protect worldwide intellectual property.
- In order to license someone else's copyrighted material, you must contact the owner and ask for permission.
- A trademark is a word, slogan, symbol, name, package design, or device that marks and distinguishes a product from other products in trade.

- Two ways to implement a storefront:
 - in-house solution:
 - complete control of the hardware and software infrastructure
 - > easier integration into existing back-end enterprise systems
 - instant storefront:
 - > quick and easy to implement
 - less expensive
 - online: uses the service provider's infrastructure
 - offline: build and maintain the storefront offline and publish the contents to the Internet
- Project management is a set of techniques, practices, and principles that assist in controlling the main elements of a project.
- A project is a temporary effort to create a unique product such as an e-commerce site.
- The main elements of a project are:
 - project schedule
 - costs
 - performance risks
- Scope is the size of a project
- Scope creep is gradual changes in the scope.
- The Design Development Project Cycle is as follows:
 - business process/functionality design: the overall goals of the project
 - > business requirements document: identifies the customers' needs
 - scope matrix document: lays out the project scope
 - technology/architecture design: plans the project's design
 - technical architecture document: contains design and formal specifications of the product
 - implementation/development: developing the product according to the project plan
 - pilot/parallel: inspecting and testing the product
 - testing hot links: make sure all links function properly
 - testing different browsers: make sure the Web pages render in as many browsers as possible
 - testing for e-commerce site failure and corruption: make sure the e-commerce aspects of the site function properly
 - testing heavy traffic: make sure the Web servers can handle many simultaneous users
 - testing various connection speeds: make sure all users can download pages and content in a reasonable amount of time
 - cutover/live: live release of the product
- Two key resources of Project Management are:
 - Project Management Institute (PMI) is a non-profit membership organization that publishes standards and offers education regarding the project management profession.
 - The International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 9000 series is a worldwide grouping of national standards bodies from more than 120 countries.

CIW-Internet Fundamentals

Lesson 1: Introduction to Web Page Authoring

- HTML is the standard authoring language used to develop Web pages.
- G Wireless Application Protocol (WAP): standard protocol for wireless devices
- Wireless Markup Language (WML): markup language that allows text portions of Web pages to be presented to wireless devices
- Text editors require that you write HTML code manually.
- GUI editors allow you to create HTML pages without touching the actual code.
- Accessible Web pages have two characteristics:
 - a user friendly interface "front-end"
 - easy download to visitor's computers "back-end"
- An accessible Web page should:
 - incorporate attractive images and graphical elements
 - contain constantly updated content
 - use tables wisely
 - present carefully designed forms
 - use the most current technologies appropriately
 - use images sparingly
 - be easily navigable
 - provide alternate navigation links
- Design and branding standards focus on:
 - target markets
 - market messages
 - media choices
 - color combinations
 - sales strategies
 - technologies to use
- Because HTML pages require a relatively small amount of disk space, they are easy to download over a network.
- □ Any file downloaded over a network requires bandwidth.
- HTTP 404: the requested file does not exist on the server

Lesson 2: Hypertext Markup Language (HTML)

- Tim Berners-Lee of MIT created HTML, along with his colleagues from CERN, as a means of distributing nonlinear text to multiple points across the Internet.
- Hyperlinks are embedded instructions within a text file that link it to a separate file.
- Hypertext was originally conceived by Ted Nelson in 1965.
- HTML files are plain text files that have been "marked up" with tags.
- Tags are code that is enclosed in angle brackets that provide instructions to programs that interpret HTML.
- The World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) is a standards organization that controls the evolution of HTML.
- HTML 3.2 is an older but still functional standard.
- HTML 4.01 is the latest version of HTML, which allows cascading style sheets and support multiple languages.
- Cascading Styles Sheets (CSS) is a technology that uses embedded information to define fonts, colors, and phrase elements used on an HTML page.
- Three flavors of HTML 4.01:
 - transitional: allows developers to insert formatting using CSS or traditional layout instructions
 - strict: requires exclusive use of CSS
 - frameset: required for pages that use frames

- Stress XHTML combines HTML and Extensible Markup Language (XML).
- $\hfill\square$ XHTML uses the same flavors as HTML 4.01.
- A Web Browser is an application designed to render hypermedia.

Lesson 3: HTML Coding

- HTTP is the protocol used for transporting HTML files over the Internet.
- Two types of HTML tags:
 - container tags: used in pairs; has an opening and closing tag
 - empty tags: stand-alone; does not have a closing tag
- Tags are not case-sensitive.
- A tag can consist of three items inside the wickets:
 - element: the main instructions of the tag
 - attribute: specifies the quality or describes certain aspects of the element
 - value: gives value to the element and its attribute
- □ All HTML 4.01 documents must contain a <DOCTYPE>, <HEAD>, <TITLE>, and <BODY> tag.
- □ <HTML> identifies the document type as HTML.
- Image: Section of the document. The title of the document will appear in this section.
- □ <TITLE> encloses the text that will appear in the browser title bar when the page is loaded.
- SODY> encloses the BODY of the document. Text typed in the BODY section will appear in the browser window when that page is loaded.
- □ The Document Type Declaration (DTD) or <!DOCTYPE> tag describes the nature of the HTML code.
- Two reasons for using the DTD tag:
 - consider the future and how code might be used
 - use DTD as an HTML validator
- $\ensuremath{\mathbbm G}$ Using the DTD tag improves the ability to work with browsers
- □ DTD statements are placed before the <HTML> tag.
- \square The <META> tag describes the contents of a page.
- Block-level elements are HTML elements that affect an entire paragraph or multiple paragraphs.
- Text-level elements are HTML elements that affect something as small as a character or a word.
- The <P> tag is a text-level element that defines the start of a new paragraph. It can be an empty or container tag.
- The
 tag specifies that a line break is to be inserted wherever the tag occurs;
 is always an empty tag.
- HTML uses six Heading Levels:
 - \blacksquare <H1> through <H6> are container tags and block-level elements.
- The <PRE> tag allows all line breaks and spacing to be displayed in a browser exactly how they are in the original text.
- The <DIV> container tag is used for indenting paragraphs.
- The <BLOCKQUOTE> container tag is used to center and indent text.
- The <CENER> container tag can also be used to center and indent text, but the HTML 4.01 recommendation deprecates this tag in favor of the <DIV> tag.
- Text-level elements include:
 - **-------------------------------**
 - STRONG>
 - **H** <|>
 - **E**
 - <U>
- \square and <I> are text-level elements. and are phrase elements.
- Lists are compound block-level elements used to create bulleted and numbered lists.

- ☐ There are two types of HTML lists:
 - ordered: a numbered list that uses the container tag
 - unordered: a bulleted list that uses the container tag
 : the empty tag used to specify items in a list
- The syntax for including a comment within your document is as follows:
 - <!- comment >

Lesson 4: HTML Horizontal Rules and Graphical Elements

- The <HR> empty tag is used to create a horizontal line in an HTML document.
- Attributes of the <HR> tag:
 - ALIGN: used to align the horizontal rule on the left, right, or center of the page
 - NOSHADE: used to remove the 3-D shading from the line
 - SIZE: specify the size in pixels of the line
 - WIDTH: specify the percentage of the window or the width in pixels of the line
- The empty tag displays a graphic image.
 - The key attribute is SRC, this is the source of the image to be displayed.
 - Image file formats:
 - Graphics Interchange Format (GIF): supports fewer colors than JPEG
 GIF 87a
 - ↔ GIF 89a: supports transparency, interlacing, and animation
 - Joint Photographic Exports Group (JPEG): supports more colors and file compression
 - Portable Network Graphics (PNG): proposed as a future standard; compresses the image further than JPEG; combines technology of GIF and JPEG
 - ALIGN attributes for the tag:
 - ➢ BOTTOM
 - > MIDDLE
 - ➤ TOP
 - > LEFT
 - > RIGHT
 - The ALT attribute designates alternate text to appear in the browser while the graphic is loading or in non-graphical browsers.
- HTML used to create special characters:
 - ©: © or ©
 - B: ® or ®
 - e: é
 - **e** <: <
 - ₩ >: >
 - no breaking space:
- There are currently 216 Web safe colors.
- Dithering is the ability of computers to approximate a color by combining the RGB values.
- BGCOLOR: attribute that adds color to the background of an HTML document
 - hexadecimal values: 00-FF
 - RGB values: 0-255
 - color names: blue, green, etc.
- TEXT: attribute used to designate text color
- ALINK: used to specify the color of a hyperlink upon mouse press
- LINK: used to specify the color of an unvisited hyperlink
- ULINK: used to specify the color of a visited hyperlink
- BACKGROUND: attribute used to specify a background image of an HTML document
- The container tag allows the change of font size, color, and typeface in an HTML document.
 - size: 1-7
- □ CSS has deprecated the tag in HTML 4.01.

Lesson 5: HTML Hyperlinks

- \Box Links are created using the <A> anchor tag; this is a container tag.
- HREF: attribute used to specify the target of a link
- Internal links require internal bookmarks to be specified within the document; this is done with the anchor tag.
- Two steps for creating internal links:
 - use <A> with the name attribute to define an area as a target
 - create a link that points to that target

Lesson 6: HTML Tables

- Tables were first introduced in HTML 2.0.
- The <TABLE> container tag is used to create tables in HTML.
 - Attributes for the <TABLE> tags:
 - > BORDER: thickness of the outside line
 - > CELLSPACING: spaces between cell border and text
 - > CELLPADDING: distance between cells
 - > WIDTH: width in pixels or percentage
- The <CAPTION> container tag is an optional tag that can be used to add an attached caption.
- The <TR> container tag is a required tag that contains all data from the current row.
- The <TH> container tag is an optional tag that can be used to designate that top row or left column.
- The <TD> container tag is a required tag unless you are using the <TH> tag. This tag encloses all table contents.
- The ALIGN attribute specifies the horizontal alignment in an HTML table.
- The VALIGN attribute specifies the vertical alignment in ah HTML table.
- Elements that can use the VALIGN attribute:
 - right
 - TH>
 - <TD>
- Elements that can use the ALIGN attribute:
 - TABLE>
 - d <TR>
 - d <TH>
 - d <TD>
 - CAPTION>
- ROWSPAN and COLSPAN allow rows and columns to be span across multiple rows or columns.

Lesson 7: HTML Forms

- Truly functional HTML forms use Common Gateway Interface (CGI).
- GI can use server-side or client-side scripting.
- GI scripts on the server perform two functions:
 - receives data from the Web browser
 - processes and formats the data
- The <FORM> container tag is used to create an HTML form.
- The <FORM> element has two attributes:
 - METHOD: specifies which method the browser will use to send the form data to the server
 - GET: data is appended to the URL for use in a query string
 - > POST: data is posted to the URL that is specified in the code
 - ACTION: specifies the name and location of the CGI script used to process the form

- The <INPUT> empty tag is used to create text boxes, check boxes, radio buttons, and the Submit and Reset buttons in an HTML form.
- The <SELECT> container tag is used to create lists and multi-select lists.
- The <TEXTAREA> container tag is used to create a text area.
- INPUT> and <SELECT> use the TYPE attribute to designate whether you want a text box, radio button, select list, and so forth.
- The NAME attribute identifies information from a user and associates it with the value specified.
- A text box is used to collect a single line of data. It is the most common form field.
 - SIZE: specifies the width of the text box in pixels
 - MAXLENGTH: restricts user entries to the specified number of characters
- The Submit button sends data processed by the ACTION attribute.
- □ The Reset button resets all fields in the form.
- Radio buttons are never stand-alone items. They are reserved for two or more mutually exclusive options and they share the same NAME attribute.
- Check boxes are use for non-exclusive choices. You can check more than one item if you choose.
- Select lists are drop-down lists of predetermined options
 - The value passed on when the user clicks Submit is contained within the <OPTION> element.
 - The MULTIPLE attribute allows for multiple options.
 - The SIZE attribute determines how many items will appear in the list box.
- The textarea element is used to gather more than one line of text from a user.
 - <TEXTAREA> is a container tag.
 - Attributes of the <TEXTAREA> element:
 - COLS: width of the text box
 - ROWS: number of rows of text to display
 - WRAP: "none" means the text will continue on one line of the text box: "virtual" means the text will wrap as it approaches the border of the text box

Lesson 8: HTML Image Techniques

- □ An image map is a set or coordinates that creates a "hot spot" on a particular image. The "hot spots" act as hyperlinks once they are clicked on.
- An image map can use client-side or server-side scripting. Server-side image maps require a CGI script.
- The USEMAP attribute indicates that an image is being used with a map.
- \square <MAP> is the container tag used to define an image map.
- <AREA> is the empty tag used to specify what coordinates and shape the "hot spots" are going to be.
- The SHAPE attribute can be any of the following:
 - rect: any two points can define a rectangle
 - circle: defined by two coordinates and a radius
 - polygon: defined by each individual point of the polygon; up to 100 pair of coordinates
- GIF 89a supports transparency.
- PNG files can also be transparent.
- Interlacing allows an image to progressively display as it is downloaded into the browser.
- An interlaced image scans left to right:
 - 1st pass: 13% 2nd pass: 25%
 - pass: 25%
 - \mathbf{a} 3rd, 4th, and 5th pass: 25%
- GIF 87a, 89a, and PNG support interlacing.
- GIF 89a supports animation.

Lesson 9: HTML Frames

- □ Frames are panes created in HTML in which individual pages can be displayed in separate scrollable regions; a single element of a frameset is also known as a frame.
- A frameset document is a Web page that defines a set of frames in which other pages are displayed in each frame.
- Frames combine static and dynamic information.
- The <FRAMESET> container tag allows a defined region in the browser window and assign separate files to each region; requires the COLS and ROWS attribute.
- The COLS and ROWS attributes designate the number and size of each frame in a browser window.
- The <FRAME> empty tag defines the content in each frame and is contained within the <FRAMESET> tag.
- The SRC attribute specifies what file appears in each frame.
- □ In a frameset document, <FRAMESET> replaces the <BODY> tag.
- The <FRAMESET> tag is placed immediately after the closing </HEAD> tag.
- The <FRAMESET> tag must contain the ROWS or COLS attribute but both attributes cannot appear in the same <FRAMESET>.
- The <NOFRAMES> container tag is used to display text in browsers that do not support frames.
- The TARGET attribute is used to specify which frame to open a hyperlink in.
- □ The <BASE> empty tag allows you to specify the URL and default TARGET frames to use for all hyperlinks in a file.
- □ The <BASE> tag goes in the <HEAD> section of an HTML document.
- The FRAMEBORDER attribute designates the appearance of a border around each frame.
 - 0: no border
 - 1: border
- The MARGINWIDTH and MARGINHEIGHT attributes designate the space in pixels between the frame's contents and the left and right or top and bottom margins.

Lesson 10: Graphical User Interface (GUI) HTML Editors

- WYSIWYG (wiz-ee-wig): an HTML editor with a GUI interface.
- Page editors only allow the design of individual Web pages.
 - Netscape Composer
 - Microsoft FrontPage Express
- Site management editors provide page creation and site management functionality.
 - Macromedia Dreamweaver
 - Microsoft FrontPage
 - Allaire HomeSite
- Some basic features offered by most GUI editors include:
 - Templates and Wizards: create custom pages to meet your specifications
 - Text Style Options: insert text in different styles, alter and apply formats
 - Icon Bars: perform the same function as those in text-based toolbars
 - Inline Images: easily insert graphics into a Web page
 - Hypertext Links: created links to other pages and files
 - Import HTML Pages: import Web pages from the Internet and save them to a local drive
 - **Table Creation: add tables to arrange data and organize page layout**
 - Publish Documents: post pages to a Web server with the click of a button

Lesson 11: HTML Extensions

- Cascading Style Sheets: a specification for creating lists of formatting instructions with which you can customize your Web pages.
- HTML 4.01 strict demands the use of CSS.

- **CSS** is broken down into four elements:
 - selector: any HTML element you want to include
 - declaration: the Property and Value assigned to the selector
 - property: the customization of the selector
 - value: defining the property (color, size, font)
- The HTML element is the selector in CSS.
- ☐ You should separate each declaration with a semicolon.
- □ CSS1 can be applied in four ways:
 - inline style: modify the HTML inside the <BODY> of an HTML document using the container tag or the <STYLE>empty tag.
 - embedded style sheet: use the <STYLE> tag within the <HEAD of an HTML document
 embedded styles remain in force until overridden with an inline style
 - external (linked) style sheet: ensures that all pages have the same look and feel; uses a two part strategy:
 - create a text file separately from the HTML document
 - <LINK> the created file within the <HEAD> tag of an HTML document
 - imported style sheet: a link to an external file that contains the @import url(filename.css) at the beginning of the document
- JavaScript is an object-oriented scripting language that allows interactivity to Web pages.
- ☐ JavaScript must reside within an HTML document.
- Given Department of Programming: programming that links data to the processes that manipulate it.
- The <SCRIPT> container tag is used to embed JavaScript into an HTML document.
- The alert () and prompt () functions allow the author to communicate with the user.
- The document.write () function places output text to the window.
- JavaScript can be used for copyright protection.
- Dynamic HTML (DHTML) is an HTML enhancement that allows for animation, interaction, and dynamic updating in Web pages.
- Some features of DHTML:
 - automatic adjustment of font sizes
 - absolute positioning
 - new document content without refreshing the page
 - granular control over animation, audio, and video
- Three technologies need to be mastered in order to use DHTML:
 - HTML 4.01
 - CSS
 - Document Object Model (DOM)
- The Document Object Model (DOM) describes the elements within a document rendered by a Web browser.
- To use the DOM for any Web browser, you must use a scripting language.
- Extensible HTML (XHTML) is a combination of XML and HTML.
- □ XML allows you to create your own markup language by describing the function and context of the content within a document.
- SGML).
- Two characteristics of XML:
 - it must be well formed
 - it must be valid
- Well formed XML:
 - must contain the DTD: defines the validity of all subsequent tags
 - root element: a container tag that surrounds all others
 - property declared container tags (there are no empty tags in XML)
 - think ahead and define every element
 - tree structure
- Use a style sheet to format XML, either:
 - CSS
 - XSL (Extensible Style sheet Language): can transform XML into an HTML document