

MIS 333K - Computer System Utilization in Business
(Web design using ASP.NET)
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Overview

MIS 333K is designed to teach students how to develop custom web applications in today's business world. We have switched to Visual Studio 2005 and you MUST have this version of the software. You will also need SQL Server 2005 as well. The labs at the McCombs School of Business have all been upgraded for the 2005 versions of the software.

Prerequisites

The prerequisites for this class are MIS 304 (VB.Net version) AND MIS 325 (SQL Server version). If you do not have both of these prerequisites you will be automatically dropped from the class. If you have the courses, but did not have the current version, see Professor Byars after class.

Textbooks

- Murach's ASP.NET 2.0 Web Programming with VB 2005 by Lowe and Boehm, ISBN 1-890774-32-4
- Class Packet available only at Abel's Copies, University Towers, 715D West 23rd Street
Phone: (512) 472-5353, Directions: http://www.abelscopies.com/Location_Map/location_map.html

Software

We have switched to Visual Studio 2005 and you MUST have this version of the software. You will also need SQL Server 2005 as well. You can work in the lab without buying any software, but if you want to work from home, you must purchase the Visual Studio.Net 2005 version from the UT Computer Store (located in the Flawn Academic Center).

Grading

3 tests	15% each	
System Project	25%	
Pop Quizzes	4%	(no make-ups or excuses)
Homework Exercises	26%	(individual points for assignments to be announced later in the semester)

Course Website

UT's Blackboard System at <http://courses.utexas.edu/> will be used for all course material. You should be able to find everything for this course within Blackboard including the syllabus, assignments, class slides, grades, and more.

Turning in work

We will use Blackboard's Assignment Manager for turning in the first VB.Net assignment. Assignments may NOT be e-mailed to either your instructor or the teaching assistant, as they will NOT be accepted via e-mail. You MUST use the proper naming convention for your files or 10 points will be deducted. Your zipped file MUST be named

LastName_FirstName_Assignment#. An example of this is Smith_Mary_VB1.zip. ASP.Net assignments will be graded directly via a URL that will be specified in the individual assignments.

ASP.NET assignments do NOT have to be turned in, as the instructor, TAs, and graders will use internet explorer to run and grade your homeworks. We will check the date stamp on the files to determine the date and time of completion, so be CAREFUL not to open or run your ASP projects after you turn them in and BEFORE the grader has time to grade them. If you develop your project on your local computer, be sure and install it on classweb2 and test that it works properly.

Late Points

Assignments are due at the start of the class period. Any work turned in after class begins will be considered late. If you finish the assignment after class on the day it is due, you lose 25 points. No work will be accepted after midnight on the day the assignment is due. Due dates will not be adjusted due to technical problems or server issues. It is your responsibility to start the assignment early enough to allow for additional time should problems outside of your control arise.

Cheating

Anyone caught cheating in this course will be given the harshest penalty possible, including an F in the class, and being reported to the Dean of Students.

Project Teams

The project will consist of teams of 4 class members. If you fail to keep up with your teammates, you will be kicked off the team, and you will have to do the entire project by yourself.

Exams

Exams are scheduled well in advance. There are NO makeup exams. If you miss an exam, you will be given a zero, period! If you are ill, or have some other legitimate reason for missing an exam, you must contact the instructor by e-mail or phone BEFORE the time the exam starts. All exams will be held in the Mod Labs.

Topic Outlines

The semester will be divided into three sections, and an exam will be given at the end of each unit. Topic outlines for each third will be available at the start of each unit or section.

VB.NET/ASP.NET Consultants

VB.NET/ASP.NET consultants are available in the Millennium lab (5th floor CBA). Their hours are roughly 11:00 AM until 10:00 PM. Their job is to help you with VB.NET and ASP.NET problems. They are NOT supposed to write your code for you, but help you debug it.

VPN connection

In order to access your SQL server database and ClassWeb2 web publishing space on the McCombs servers, you will need to set up a VPN (Virtual Private Network) connection on your home computer. Directions for using UT's VPN can be found at <http://www.utexas.edu/its/vpn/start.html>

Helpful website for this class

<http://www.asp.net/learn/>

<http://aspnet.4guysfromrolla.com/>

<http://www.programmingtutorials.com/aspnet.aspx>