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Fri Feb 25, 2005

Lab Notes 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

CIS 140S Student Tutoring - Michelle required a lot of one-on-one assistance to complete the assignments and challenges in the book. She felt better knowing that she was on the right track as she progressed. I believe part of her difficulty came from not completely reading and understanding the instructions. She wanted the instructions in the book to be literally step-by-step and got confused on a number of occasions.

Posted by: [Doug Tewksbury](#) on Feb 25, 05 | 8:25 am | [Profile](#)

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Thu Feb 24, 2005

Lab Notes 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Wallet Turned Over to Security - The wallet that was turned in last night was turned over to security this morning. See the comment on last night's initial mention of the wallet.

Busy Lab - Two classes were cancelled today so the lab was busier than normal.

Wiki Research - Continued looking for other Wiki's per Jason's request. There is a ton of information available and the features vary considerably. Many of the Wiki's are built from already existing Wiki's making a choice of one over the other subjective.

Posted by: [Doug Tewksbury](#) on Feb 24, 05 | 8:21 am | [Profile](#)

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Posted by: [Jake Reents](#) on Feb 23, 05 | 8:36 pm | [Profile](#)

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Lab Notes 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Wiki research - Compared "Tiki Wiki" and "uPortal" with functions found in Groupware. Specifically, calendar; file server; wiki, blog, or discussion board; web client interface; and public and private space.

Tiki Wiki - Newest release is 1.8.5 which fixes all known security issues. It is based on php and has blogs with public and private space; file storage; forums; and calendar.

uPortal - Is under development by institutions of higher-education. It is based on JAVA and the Java Portal Framework. A calendar is not a part of the Framework. I did not find any other reference to a calendar.

Wireless Network - A student with a new computer tried accessing the wireless network in the computer lab. Her wireless card found the network but would not connect to it. The default configuration on her Dell computer (and probably others) would not allow connection to an un-secure network. Once the setting was changed she was able to use the wireless network.

Posted by: [Doug Tewksbury](#) on Feb 23, 05 | 8:29 am | [Profile](#)

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Fri Feb 18, 2005

VB Scripts and Etc. (1p-5p)

I'm starting to grasp VB better since I began crunching some of the code for the Add User script.

Certain Zip100 disks don't seem to be readable from either of the desk's drives. Either the disk isn't read as being in the drive, or it is read as not being formatted.

Nathon Scovil has three entries in the ELMS system, but he has received his password for the correct address and all is okay.

Posted by: [Jake Reents](#) on Feb 18, 05 | 4:24 pm | [Profile](#)

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Lab Notes 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Monitor Replaced - I replaced the defective monitor at CIT135A6X location. I e-mailed David Peaslee at Disability Services asking if he wants to dispose of the monitor or let us do it. (The monitor has a "Disability Services" sticker on the side. It is a Viewsonic 21 S/N: 5740400484.)

The defective monitor is now in CIT124 "Equip. Room" awaiting a reply from David.

Researched Wiki's using PHP - Jason is interested in making a Wiki

available for on-going projects. A good starting place for php-based Wiki's is <http://c2.com/cgi/wiki?WikiEngines> . The php Wiki's begin about a third of the way down the page.

Posted by: [Doug Tewksbury](#) on Feb 18, 05 | 9:24 am | [Profile](#)

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Thu Feb 17, 2005

software checkout

One person, darald grimwood, checked out a copy of everything in the library, except for onenote, which I could not find a full set off.

Posted by: [Steve Cannady](#) on Feb 17, 05 | 7:50 pm | [Profile](#)

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lost tax returns

Someone left what appears to be their 2004 tax return, along with a blue binder in the lab. Since this contains highly sensitive personal information, I have locked it in the drawer. I have not looked at the name or the return. I am waiting for some one to come in a claim it.

Posted by: [Steve Cannady](#) on Feb 17, 05 | 7:37 pm | [Profile](#)

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Work in progress... 1p-5p

Today was busy with many questions from students in the lab, especially about writing code. I began studying the VB scripts that are being prepared to help manage Windows users and groups.

A student returned a checked-out CD of Windows 2000 Pro with no label. There is only one copy of this product currently checked-out that has not been returned, and this student also checked out other products on the same day (which were returned two days ago). Jason and I felt that this was enough to warrant considering the CD returned.

Posted by: [Jake Reents](#) on Feb 17, 05 | 4:48 pm | [Profile](#)

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Lab Notes 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Continued Working on ICP Database - Changes made per conversations with Jason.

Posted by: [Doug Tewksbury](#) on Feb 17, 05 | 8:12 am | [Profile](#)

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Wed Feb 16, 2005

Lab Notes 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Worked on ICP Database - Changes have been made as per the "What to do Next.txt" file. Additionally, some other format changes have been completed.

Linux Thumb Drive - Gary Bricher supplied the following which does work in both the student and root accounts.

1. Login as root
2. At shell command prompt enter `mkdir /mnt/flash`
3. At shell command prompt enter `gedit /etc/fstab`
4. Add `/dev/sda1 /mnt/flash vfat noauto,rw,user 0 0` at the end of the fstab file

Once logged in

1. Insert the thumb drive
2. At shell command prompt enter `mount /mnt/flash`

Added by me:

To remove the thumb drive safely

1. On the desktop workspace, right-click the flash drive
2. Select unmount.

Posted by: [Doug Tewksbury](#) on Feb 16, 05 | 8:27 am | [Profile](#)

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Tue Feb 15, 2005

1pm - 5pm shift

Had several CS179 students ask about sub-net masks.

Worked on documentation for Student Access Network.

Posted by: [Jason Seaman](#) on Feb 15, 05 | 5:27 pm | [Profile](#)

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elms entry

Nathon Scovil was added to the list of elms users at about 12:30. there may be two entries since I couldn't read his writing very well and spelled his name with an "a" the first time.

Posted by: [Steve Cannady](#) on Feb 15, 05 | 12:33 pm | [Profile](#)

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cd burner

researching methods of writing simple instructions in a DOS batch file for students to burn their own cd's, rather than checking them out. Several web sites are under my folder in explorer if anyone wishes to examine them.

Posted by: [Steve Cannady](#) on Feb 15, 05 | 10:47 am | [Profile](#)

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Mon Feb 14, 2005

ICP by Account Rollup work continues...

Kile and I worked more on the ICP by Account Rollup this evening. With some pointers from Mary, we have almost finished it (gotten it to the point that Jason desires). I placed the ZIP disk in the locked drawer along with a printout of what we did.

Posted by: [Jake Reents](#) on Feb 14, 05 | 8:54 pm | [Profile](#)

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Fri Feb 11, 2005

Lab Notes 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Extra Security - Due to the lost keys reported yesterday, additional security measures are now in place.

Until the door locks can be changed and new keys issued, there will probably be a special locking device on the doors to CIT124 and CIT135. There were only two devices available so it was decided to use them on rooms with single doors.

Mark Williams has the key to the special devices.

Database Project - Created a query and designed a report based on information from Jason. The report still needs some formatting work and the addition of subtotals. I copied my file onto Jason's zip disk.

Posted by: [Doug Tewksbury](#) on Feb 11, 05 | 9:09 am | [Profile](#)

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Thu Feb 10, 2005

lost floppy

I found a floppy disk in room 120 after class had let out. the name on it is "Blake Standen" and it is locked in the drawer.

Posted by: [Steve Cannady](#) on Feb 10, 05 | 8:31 pm | [Profile](#)

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lost hard drive

I found last night at about 8:15, after Ron's 288 class had let out a removeable HD still in the computer. its number 124, and I have looked it in the drawer.

Posted by: [Steve Cannady](#) on Feb 10, 05 | 8:26 pm | [Profile](#)

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Lab Notes

Wrote a new schematic for the MSDNA ELMS tasks and procedures. Everything was fairly quiet today.

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Lab Notes 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Downloaded MWSnap - Jason indicated it is a useful graphic capture tool. I experimented with it while creating my next project on the Request Tracker (RT) system.

Request Tracker (RT) System - Started writing the instructions for using the RT system. Several graphics were captured from the screens using the MWSnap program.

Weblog Usage Procedure - Based on changes being made to the system by Jason, I will need to replace some of the screen shots but the text should be okay.

Missing Cable - This morning I noticed there are only 2 network cables available for students to connect their laptops in CIT135. There had been 3 cables.

Security Issues - Helen sent out an e-mail this morning cautioning everyone about the need for added security. Her message reads, "Two days ago CIT Advisor, Shirley Lukcas, had her bag stolen in the PE Staff area. Her keys to the three buildings she works in, were in the bag."

Last week in Business Tech. a workstudy had her wallet stolen.

Please do not leave your office doors open when you are not there!

Please check to make sure the classroom doors are shut and locked when you leave.

Also, do not leave personal valuables out where they can be seen. The day Shirley was robbed, another locker was robbed."

Posted by: [Doug Tewksbury](#) on Feb 10, 05 | 8:10 am | [Profile](#)

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Wed Feb 09, 2005

Lab Notes 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

CSW Returned Equipment - A viewsonic flat panel monitor, SN: 910021603534, was returned along with 2 computers, P4 - 2.8 Ghz SN: 0704125 and P4 - 1.7 Ghz SN: 080263. An Invoice for \$40.00 was included to cover the cost of RAM in the older computer. All the paperwork received is at the front desk in CIT135.

Write Procedure for Weblog Usage - Jason asked me to write up a first draft of how to create a Weblog entry. I left a copy of the draft at the front desk in CIT135.

Toner Cartridge Replaced - I replaced the toner cartridge in room 130's default printer.

Posted by: [Doug Tewksbury](#) on Feb 09, 05 | 9:25 am | [Profile](#)

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Mon Feb 07, 2005

Lab Notes 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Training - Training of Steve Cannady one of the new Lab Assistants.

Out of 4100 Toner Cartridges - I notified Helen that we are completely out of 4100 toner. The printer in room 130 is running low on toner and will need to be replaced soon. Helen has ordered more toner and it will arrive today. All that is necessary is to sign for the delivery - it is already paid for.

Java Books - Linda Loft brought in 6 books for student reference use only. The books are in the drawer with the Linux and Access books. They are not to leave the lab. Each book has a number on the front. Talk to Jason about any procedure he wants to use regarding these books.

Posted by: [Doug Tewksbury](#) on Feb 07, 05 | 12:10 pm | [Profile](#)

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Fri Feb 04, 2005

Lab Notes 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Defragging the Ghost Server - Jason asked me to try defragging drive "D" on the Diamond server. This partition has the ghost images. At Jason's request, I moved 2 files from "D" into a folder named "From fall 2004 mages" on the desktop of the Diamond server. I would have moved more but there was no room left on the "C" drive. When the files had been moved, I started the defrag of "D" drive.

Defrag completed but is still not fully compacted. Jason is working on getting another drive installed in the server so larger files can be pulled off the "D" drive.

Download Installer Program - Jason asked me to begin downloading the installer programs based on the updated Software Inventory New.xls.

I started with the sheet named 1st Class.

Posted by: [Doug Tewksbury](#) on Feb 04, 05 | 8:54 am | [Profile](#)

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Thu Feb 03, 2005

Lab Notes 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Prepared CIT135FRONTX for Service - Jason asked me to start working on getting the front desk computer ready to be sent out to have the main board replaced in hopes of getting the zip drive to work correctly.

I did not have enough free space on the hard drive to defrag the drive so Jason removed Visual Studio .NET. I ran defrag prior to uploading the computer image to the Ghost server. Total fragmentation dropped from 29% to 17%. I uploaded the complete disk image, drive "C" and "D", to the ghost server.

I replaced the CIT135FRONTX computer with a new computer that had the current Ghost image installed. I then brought down the image of the "C" partition and over-wrote the current "C" drive.

I deleted the Linux partitions and then formatted drive "D" as a FAT32 partition. Finally, I downloaded the "D" partition image from the Ghost server.

Posted by: [Doug Tewksbury](#) on Feb 03, 05 | 9:34 am | [Profile](#)

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Wed Feb 02, 2005

Lab Notes 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Computer Parts Picked Up - Faten, a woman from the Electronics department, came by to pick up the computer boxes and components this morning about 8:50 a.m.

Student Textbook Found - Helen indicated that a student textbook, CS179 Networking Essentials, was found in room CIT128 after Mohammad Maleki's class last night. The textbook is in Maleki's mail slot.

Clock is Wrong - Again - Seems like the replacement clock is malfunctioning again. The time is currently off by approximately one hour.

Edited the Ghosting Procedure - Jason had me update the Ghosting procedure to the steps we currently use. I completed the project.

Posted by: [Doug Tewksbury](#) on Feb 02, 05 | 8:10 am | [Profile](#)

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Tue Feb 01, 2005

Lab Notes 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Updating the Software Inventory - Jason said it was time to search for the latest version of the application we are using. I copied his zip disk file to a floppy disk and have completed working on the update to the Software

spreadsheet.

Linux Boot Labels - I applied the new label to all available boot disks in rooms CIT135 and CIT120.

Posted by: [Doug Tewksbury](#) on Feb 01, 05 | 8:09 am | [Profile](#)

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