Subject: preliminaries, upcoming Santa Monica College CS75 class
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Hi,

You are enrolled in the upcoming Santa Monica College CS75 Network Protocols class that I teach. I want to call you attention to two things you can attend to before the class starts. One is the textbook. The other is the virtual machine environment we will use to perform hands-on exercises.

The textbook is TCP/IP Protocol Suite by Behrouz A. Forouzan. Here is a publisher's web page about it:

https://www.mheducation.com/highered/product/tcp-ip-protocol-suite-forouzan
/M9780073376042.html

Second, since covid I have been using VirtualBox virtual machines that students install on their own computers. Information and instructions about it are on the web page for my CS70 basic networking class. Please visit it and locate, toward the bottom, the section under the heading "A virtual machine (VM) for you." The page is here:

http://classpage.dmorgan.us/cs70/cs70.htm

Visit the links there and try to install VirtualBox, and thereafter import into in my provided machine. I held a zoom video session with past students helping them with this process. To view it please go here:

http://classpage.dmorgan.us/cs40/zoom-recordings-cs40-fall21.htm

and click the link entitled "September 17, 2021."

In this class I want to be able to assume knowledge of the material taught in the CS70 basic networking class. I recognize about a third of the students enrolled in CS75 as past CS70 students. If you have equivalent experience that's fine. Since I directed you to the CS70 class website above, you can take a look around and see what that material consists of. See in particular the link entitled "Course outline" in the upper left, and its contents.

I may be in touch with you further before class begins. Currently I'll be out of town for a few days. I look forward to the class.

David Morgan