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Re: Evaluation of DM830:

The course, DM830, Network Security, taught by Joan Boyar, was offered the fourth quarter of the 2011–2012 academic year. It is an elective course for computer science students, taken both by bachelor and master level students. Since this was the first time it was offered, a course evaluation was performed at the end of the course. Thirteen students filled out evaluation forms, though there were twenty-two students signed up for the exam. A summary of the responses has been prepared and is attached.

The evaluation of DM830, shows that many of the students thought that the project did not prepare them for the exam. This is not disturbing, since that was not the purpose of the project. The purpose was to give them a chance to investigate a subject in depth on their own and to practice giving presentations.

There were some comments from students suggesting that more slides should have been used and less blackboard presentation. If I teach this course again, I will use more slides.

I would agree with the students who mentioned problems with the textbook, but this was the most up-to-date one I could find. The copyright was 2011. If I teach it again, there will presumably be a new edition by then.

There were also comments suggesting that less breadth and more depth in some subjects would be preferred. If those students would like to make concrete suggestions, I would consider them, but I had the impression that many students would not have liked more depth in the more theoretical topics.

Overall the evaluation of DM830 gives no indication of the need for major

changes to the course.

Sincerely,

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