



Principles of Information Security Start Here Document

You were given this e-mail and attachment because you are either a traditional (in class) or an online student to the Principles of Information Security being offered by Northcentral Technical College (NTC). My name is Gregg Husband and I will be the instructor for this course. When you begin this course on January 23, 2012, the official start date for the spring semester, please access NTC's Blackboard address of <http://elearn.ntc.edu> or access NTC's web site at <http://ntc.edu> and then click on the Blackboard link.

After you are connected to NTC's blackboard, please login to Blackboard using your student ID and the password that was given to you when you registered (probably your student ID). If you were properly registered for the Principles of Information Security class then you should see that class link on your Blackboard's home page. Click on this link.

POIS Course Structure

When you first enter the class in Blackboard you should see the announcement shown in the image below.

Announcements

New Announcements appear directly below the repositionable bar. Reorder by dragging Announcements to new positions. Move priority Announcements above the repositionable bar to pin them to the top of the list and prevent new Announcements from superseding them. The order shown here is the order presented to Students. Students do not see the bar and cannot reorder Announcements.

Create Announcement
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Welcome to the Principles of Information Security (POIS)
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Posted on: Monday, January 16, 2012

If you are reading this message you have likely read my "Principles of Information Security - Start Here" email. If not, that's OK, just click [here](#) now and read this important message and then continue with this welcome announcement.

To begin this course you will be required to read the "Welcome to POIS" message by clicking on the link at the end of this announcement - but wait, please satisfy a few requirements first, read on...

1. Unless otherwise instructed, please use the Mozilla Firefox browser for this course. If you do not have Mozilla Firefox installed, please install it now by clicking here: <http://www.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/new/>.
2. Please install the latest Adobe Reader and Adobe Flash Player. To access the download links for these applications, click the following link: <http://www.adobe.com>. You will find the download links on the right.
3. If you need help with the requirements listed above, please contact NTC's student help desk.

After the above requirements have been satisfied, you can now view the following welcome message by clicking on the following link: [Welcome to POIS](#)

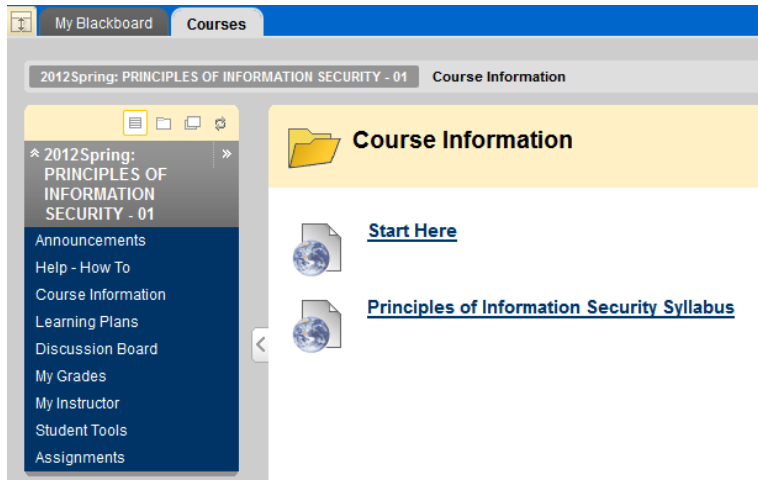
Posted by: Gregg Husband

Posted to: 2012Spring:
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Carefully read the Welcome announcement, satisfy the requirements if necessary and then view the "Welcome to POIS" message. This will introduce you to the structure of the course.

Textbook and Supply Information

Please read the class syllabus from the Course Information section of Blackboard (see image below). Please take note of the textbook that is required for this course and purchase this as soon as possible. The Syllabus will also state what your suggested computer system and software requirements are for the class. Please make an attempt to comply with these requirements. I will be available for your assistance via e-mail. For my e-mail address and contact instructions please refer to the Instructor section in the syllabus. If I am not able to assist you, please contact the student help desk. Student help desk information can be found in the Help – How To section of your Blackboard interface.



Time Management

*As you will see in the class Syllabus, there are **six** competencies for this class. Each competency will take from two to three weeks to complete.*

So, it's time to get started!

Please do not procrastinate. Your instructor and all of the students of the class depend on each one of us to keep up to speed. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact either me or the student help desk. I will see you in class or online.



What you need to do the first week!

Besides getting your computer system up to date for the class, reading the welcome message and the syllabus, you will need to begin the activities in mission plan zero.