

The Internet

C20168

30% Project: *History & Structure of The Internet*

The tld – it's development and purpose

Guidelines

- You are required to produce a 4 A4 page assignment dealing with issues specific to the history & structure of the Internet.
- The 1st page is a standard cover page.
- We use common tlds and gtlds each day without a thought.
- These did not always exist, but now that they do they provide a useful and visible structure to internet addressing.
- Discuss the origin of tlds of all kinds on which you can find information, including historical tlds and proposed tlds.
- Discuss the role that ARPA, DARPA and ARPANET played in tlds coming into existence.
- Discuss the involvement of computer scientists such as Jon Postel in the development of the current structure of the Internet.
- What basic advantages to tlds and in particular the DNS system provide to users of the Internet? Could we survive without them?
- **Don't just copy and paste off the Internet; it stands out a mile and gets no marks!**
- If newspaper articles are used, scan and include those *after* the 4th (bibliography) page in the submission as primary/secondary source references.
- The assignment should break down into:
 1. Introduction
 2. Discussion
 3. Conclusionsections. **These sections should be clearly headed/marked.**

- The text should be standard formatted. Use the check-list!
- The completed assignment must be submitted in paper form in Room 15, as well as saved as a web page. You will receive further information on this aspect at a later stage.
- The deadline for this assignment is: **24/10/2008 – 15:15.**

This assignment is worth 30% of the total marks for the module.