

Student Guide

Introduction:

NETLAB+® is the premiere remote lab appliance for information technology training and distance learning, developed by Network Development Group, Inc. Students and instructors can share worldwide access to real lab equipment in a training environment that is easy to use and manage.

Depending on how your instructor has opted to use the NETLAB+ system, your may be able to log in, create and edit configuration files, and program one or more lab devices. Because NETLAB+ equipment can be accessed from any PC and browser connected to the Internet, you can perform configuration tasks from virtually anywhere. The NETLAB+ scheduler provides controlled access to the lab equipment. All lab access is by reservation, using the scheduler.

Your instructor may also choose to use the NETLAB+ system within the classroom. The Instructor-led lab features of NETLAB+ provide an effective way to teach new configuration tasks, as instructors lead their class through a lab exercise.

Using NETLAB+, you may be given assignments to complete individually, or as part of an assigned team. Students grouped into teams can work together from different locations.

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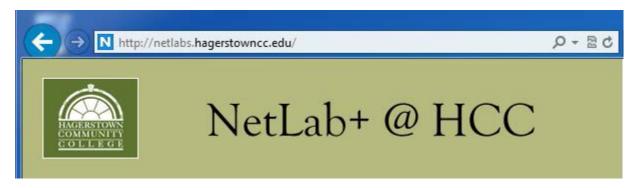
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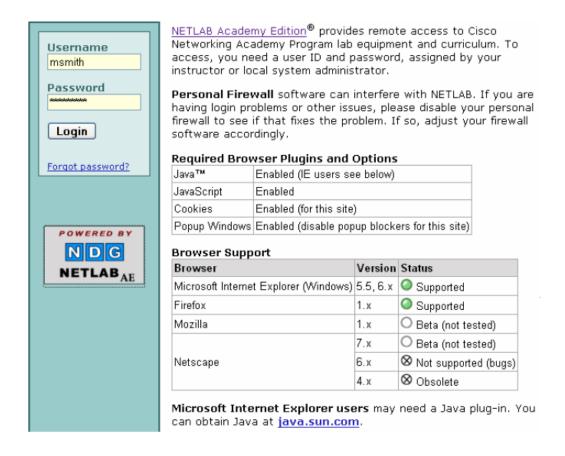
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Initial Login

Students access the NETLAB+ system via the web interface. Type http://netlabs.hagerstowncc.edu into the URL to access NETLAB+. To access Cisco Academy type http://ciscolabs.hagerstowncc.edu. Please review the information on the login page concerning browser support and firewall use.



You will also receive a username and initial password. Enter your username and password in the login box located on the left side of the page.



New Password

On your first login, you will be required to change your password after you successfully provide your Username and initial Password. NETLAB+ enforces strong passwords.

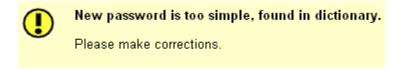
Passwords must meet the following requirements:

- Not found in the English dictionary and not too simple
- Between 7 and 16 ASCII characters
- Contain both numbers and letters

One strategy you may find helpful is to combine a word together with numbers. For example, you could not use the word "airplane" but you could use "airplane789". You may not reuse your initial password.



An error message is displayed if the password entered does not meet requirements. The message will indicate why the password was unacceptable. This example shows an error message displayed when the new password entered is a simple word found in the dictionary and therefore not eligible to be a password on the system.



The MyNETLAB Instructor Interface, described in the next section, will be displayed after you have successfully changed your password.