

1. You are encouraged to work in groups of two or three. If you cannot find partners, you may work alone. 2. Please submit **one** copy of the assignment using **subversion**; if you are working with a partner, both names should appear on the assignment. 3. Note that you will get a grade of zero if your program does not run.

In this assignment you are going to write a Python program that implements a *dynamic routing policy mechanism*. More precisely, you are going to implement a routing table management daemon, which maintains a link-state database according to the OSPF (Open Shortest Path First) interior routing protocol.

Call your program **routed** (as in *routing daemon*). Once started in command line, it awaits instructions and performs actions:

1. **add rt** *<outers>*

This command adds routers to the routing table, where *<outers>* is a comma separated list of (positive) integers and integer ranges. That is, *<outers>* can be `6,9,10-13,4,8` which would include routers

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rt4,rt6,rt8,rt9,rt10,rt11,rt12,rt13
```

Your program should be robust enough to accept any such legal sequence (including a single router), and to return an error message if the command attempts to add a router that already exists (but other valid routers in the list *<outers>* should be added regardless).

2. **del rt** *<outers>*

Deletes routers given in *<outers>*. If the command attempts to delete a router that does not exist, an error message should be returned; again, we want robustness: routers that exist should be deleted, while attempting to delete non-existent routers should return an error message (specifying the “offending” routers). The program should not stop after displaying an error message.

3. **add nt** *<etworks>*

Add networks as specified in *<etworks>*; same format as for adding routers. So for example “**add nt 89**” would result in the addition of `nt89`. The handling of errors should be done analogously to the case of adding routers.

4. **del nt** *<etworks>*

Deletes networks given in *<etworks>*.

5. **con** *x y z*

Connect node *x* and node *y*, where *x, y* are existing routers and networks (for example, *x = rt8* and *y = rt90*, or *x = nt76* and *y = rt1*) and *z* is the cost of the connection. If *x* or *y* does not exist an error message should be returned. Note that the network is directed; that is, the following two commands are **not** equivalent: “**con rt3 rt5 1**” and “**con rt5 rt3 1**.”

Important: Two networks cannot be connected directly; an attempt to do so should generate an error message. If a connection between x and y already exists, it is updated with the new cost z .

6. `display`

This command displays the routing table, i.e., the *link-state database*. For example, the result of adding `rt3`, `rt5`, `nt8`, `nt9` and giving the commands “`con rt5 rt3 1`” and “`con rt3 nt8 6`” would display the following routing table:

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      rt3  rt5  nt8  nt9
rt3          1
rt5
nt8  6
nt9
```

Note that (according to the RFC 2338, describing OSPF Version 2) we read the table as follows: “column first, then row.” Thus, the table says that there is a connection from `rt5` to `rt3`, with cost 1, and another connection from `rt3` to `nt8`, with cost 6.

7. `tree x`

This command computes the tree of shortest paths, with x as the root, from the link-state database. Note that x must be a router in this case. The output should be given as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} w_1 &: x, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n, y_1 \\ &: \text{no path to } y_2 \\ w_3 &: x, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m, y_3 \\ &: \end{aligned}$$

where w_1 is the cost of the path (the sum of the costs of the edges), from x to y_1 , with v_i 's the intermediate nodes (i.e., the “hops”) to get from x to y_1 . Every node y_j in the database should be listed; if there is no path from x to y_j it should say so, as in the above example output.

Following the example link-state database in the explanation of the `display` command, the output of “`tree rt5`” would be:

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1 : rt5,rt3
7 : rt5,rt3,nt8
  : no path to nt9
```

Just as it is done in the OSPF (Open Shortest Path First) standard, the path-tree should be computed with Dijkstra's greedy algorithm.

Finally, there may be several paths of the same value between two nodes; in that case, explain in the comments in your program how does your scheme select one of them.

8. `quit`

Kills the daemon.