

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

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:

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

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
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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.