

NSF FAQs ver 1.1 (Beta)

What is the purpose of NSF ???

Purpose ??? what purpose ??? This isn't Matrix movie where every program has a purpose !!!

To tell you the truth , the long and short of all the pomp and show is that the sole aim of NSF is to create awareness regarding Networks and Network Security among BITSians.

Is it a part of Computer Science or Information Systems Association???

Good Heavens !!! No No No....What made u think so. you bozo ????

NSF has nothing to do with CS or IS assoc. Its neither an extension nor a branch or a sub-branch of these assocs. It is not aimed to replace CSA or as a matter of fact provide work force to these. NSF is a totally independent , self-generated and self funded organization. Although we have good terms with the CSA assoc members , some of us are members of both and have and will be working for both. Nonetheless , these similarities are purely personal and have nothing to do with the origins , theories and ideologies of NSF.

So those of you who believe that being in CS/IS assoc will give you a passport to lead NSF...forget it !!! Or if you thing being in NSF might earn you some respect in the higher ranks in CSA , that's not gonna work !! If your intentions are such ..then NSF is not the right place for you !!!

I am a neither A7 nor C6 ??? Can I join NSF ??

Ya sure , provided you are interested in computer networks and moreover are interested in joining NSF. Although belonging to one of these disciplines is surely an advantage (provided you are done with course like Disco, DS, CompNet , OS etc) , but nonetheless we are here to help you out !!

I am a First Yearite . Can I register in this course ??

No you cannot !! Frankly speaking even if you had been a CS psenti-semite , you still wouldn't have been able to register in the course !! Why ??? because we are not offering any "course" at all !!! Please keep this in mind that NSF is not like CSD. We are not offering you any courses @ 2500 Rs per semester. NSF is a platform for discussing issues related to Network Security and allied fields . We Come , We discuss and We learn !!! So you are welcome to join NSF , but just don't call it a "course" !!!

How is the course offered by you different from the several On-Campus Courses like Computer Networks, Network Security and Operating Systems?

First of all, as we have already stated , NSF is not offering any sort of course. So you first get your story straight and terminology clear.!!! :-X

Secondly , This Forum is not intended to act as a replacement for the above mentioned on-campus courses. Ya. Although the topics that we will be talking about , the theoretical and practical aspects of certain events that we will be discussing will be based on the above mentioned courses, but the paradigm , the dimensions , the space in which we will be talking will be entirely different. Moreover while some topics will be just skimmed , others will be scratched down to their bones. So In all it may act as a supplement to certain topics but that would again be purely un-intentional.

Do we have to take any test ???

No , No tests at all !! We BITSians are already bogged down with too many tests , tutorials and assignments. So why increase the torture !!

When will the classes start ??

Which classes ??? If you are talking about lectures , they have already started ..

Can I join more than one group ??

Yes you can. Ideally you can join N number of groups . However it is advisable that you concentrate on one group alone. Many a times the study –group meetings of the different groups will be held at the same time. In such cases of clashed-timings , You will be forced to make a choice and Guss a particular session which defeats the whole purpose of NSF!!

I attended lecture #1 . I think we need to know SQL and JavaScript for Web and shell hacking???

Although knowledge of these topics will surely make life easier for you , it is not necessary. You will pick things up gradually. Of course the start might be slow , but you will end up learning a great deal of things.

Any Pre-requisites for joining ?

Apart from High Motivation and fair group-dynamics You got to know the following
Crypto Group :- High School maths
Web and Shell hacking :- CP-! CP-!!
Virii Group :- CP-!, CP-!!

How much is the membership fee ??

A mere 100 INR per semester.

Why do you need to have a membership fee ???

NSF is a self-funded organization. We don't get budget from SWD and we don't intend to get in near future as well !!!

The membership money is primarily used for bearing the expenses of Print-outs , Xerox , Publishing and Printing of the Fortnightly magazine and the Certificates , plus some goodies as prizes for winners of the weekly challenges.

I am registered in cryptography group?? Can I attend a lecture on virii ???

As per the NSF policy , the lectures are open to all ..Irrespective of the fact whether he/she is a NSF member or not . So yes, You can

I am interested in cryptography only?? Do I need to attend a lecture on virii ???

No u need not !! But it will be better if you attend. Being a part of NSF , its better if you know what the right arm of the body is up to while left arm is doing its work . Anyway Knowledge never kills anyone. Does it ??? So attend the lecture. You will understand some of it if not all of it and thereby enrich your database. Moreover if tomorrow you decide to switch over to virii group, catching up with the guys would be easier.

The other day you gave a lecture on Web and shell hacking. Today I saw you in Crypto Group?? What are you upto ?? what's going on ????

Okkk...one thing that needs to be understood is that irrespective of the fact that NSF comprises of 3 different groups each of which focuses on a different aspect of network security , there is no sense OR concept of competition , rivalry or jealousy among the members. NSF is a close knit organization wherein we all work in perfect harmony to meet our intended goals. So there is no such thing called “confined within the group boundaries”. The group boundaries are thin and you will find people from one group arranging lectures for other group as well. because in effect we all work for NSF... Infact we are NSF !!!

I Joined Web and Shell hacking group at the start . Can I switch to crypto now ???

Yes , by all means. However You will have to work hard in order to catch up with the current trends in crypto. Arranging special lectures only for you so that you can understand what ever parts you missed during the time you were in web and shell hacking group , will be difficult. So , in case you aren't sure about the group you have joined, make it a point that you attend all the lectures if not all the group-meetings.

Will You people be offering these “courses” next semester as well ???

Essentially this means , whether NSF will be existing next semester as well.. ☺
Hope so...In case it is ...(which depends on you people especially 2nd and 3rd yrtes)the lectures will continue...

The site www.nsf.com is not working ???

It won't because it is not supposed to!!!! The correct URL is <http://csis/assoc/nsf>

What are your expectations from us ???

Just that you are motivated enough and do your work sincerely.

We are not begging you to join !!! Mind it !! if you are not interested its fine with us. But if you say you are , you better be !!!

The Study-group sessions will be informal , but it doesn't mean that people can take liberties. If you are asked to read a particular topic , make sure you read it irrespective of whether India-Pakistan Cricket match is the other day !!! Your work will be closely monitored, the sincere people might be rewarded with posts next semester and at the same time we won't hesitate to chuck the defaulters out of the forum. If you can't continue ...just say it!!! If you have any problems... just say it !!!

We are happy to continue with 5 motivated and sincere people than some 50 odd morons who joined NSF just for the heck of it!!

Best of luck....Hope you enjoy being in the forum.

You mentioned in the lecture that One of the benefits in Joining NSF would be a slightly better resume when it comes to appearing for companies like Cisco , MacAfee , Symantic etc . But then these companies only allow A7 junta and I am A3 ???

Okkk..point taken , but don't you think that the fact that you are not A7 / C6 and still want to join such companies makes it all the more important for you to join NSF.

If you are A7 , joining NSF to get into Symantic is not necessary but if you are Non-A7 , joining NSF might be helpful.

That way , when you apply Off-campus , You will have enough reasons to suggest that you were so much interested in Networks and Network security @ your college level that in spite of your discipline you still took pains to join a forum which dealt with these things (so as to improve your understanding of the topic)

What other benefits are there which differentiate a NSF-Member from a Non-member (who attends lectures regularly)

- Bridges the “Geometric-fall ” Gap !!
- You will get NSF Certificates at the end of the Semester.
- You will get to learn and thereby Improve the theoretical as well as Practical Concepts related to Networks , Network Security and Allied fields...Improves Understanding.
- Hands-on Experience in Work-shops
- As a by-product it also Improves Your Public-Speaking Skills(technical and Non-technical ..About 1 presentation / week /person..)
- You Learn , Learn and Learn !!!!!
- You Improve , Improve and Improve !!!

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