Revised Exercises for Chapter 4 of Internet and Web Essentials

Your Email

1.   What is your email address? What is the email address of someone at your site to contact if you have questions or problems?

2.   What is the name of the SMTP server for your email? Do you use a POP server? What's its Internet address or name?

3.   Is there a quota or limit on your email? What is it?

Using Email

4.   Send email to yourself with a reminder about something you need to do in the next few days.

5.   Read your email. Reply to at least one message. Delete two messages and forward one message.

6.   Send a message, using multiple addresses, to at least three other people.

7.   Using your email program, save a message to a folder and print the same message.

8.   Create a signature for yourself and test it by sending yourself a short message.

9.   Do the following:

   a.   Find a picture of Salvador Dali on the Internet and send it as an attachment to an email message.

   b.   Find an image of a piece of work by Salvador Dali on the Internet and send it as an attachment to an email message.

10.   Learn how to create a filter or rule for your email system. For each of the parts below, send yourself a message with the subject "testing filters" to demonstrate that you've completed the exercise.

   a.   Create a filter or rule that automatically puts all email with the subject "testing filters" in the Deleted Items or Trash folder.

b.	Create a folder named testing and create a filter or rule that automatically puts all incoming messages with the subject "testing filters" in the folder named testing.

Free Email

11.	Consider the policies of free email systems.

a.	Go to the home page for Hotmail, http://www.hotmail.com, and click on "Why Sign Up?" What does that page tell you?

b.	You'll find a link to Hotmail's privacy policy on the Hotmail home page. What does the privacy policy tell you about what Hotmail may do with the profile information you supply?

c.	Take a look at Yahoo! Privacy Policy, http://privacy.yahoo.com/. Under what conditions does Yahoo! rent, sell, or share personal information about you? What is a Web beacon and how is it used by Yahoo! ?

12.	The Web page "Different Types of Free Email," http://www.emailaddresses.com/guide_types2.htm, gives pros and cons of POP email systems and Web-based email systems. Considering your needs, decide whether POP or Web-based email is better for you. Write a paragraph supporting your choice using some of the points made in the Web page.

Finding Email Addresses

13.	Use Switchboard, http://www.switchboard.com, or InfoSpace, http://www.infospace.com, to

a.	search for an email address for an author of this book

b.	search for your own email address or email addresses of people with the same last name as yours

c.	search for the email address of a friend

Spam Myths

14.	Suppose you receive an email message that says that you look out for emails with an attachment called "Life is Beautiful." Go to "Vmyths.com," http://www.vmyths.com/, to determine whether this is a myth. Write down the steps you followed once you accessed that Web site. Write a paragraph or two describing the virus or myth and its history.