What is SAM?

- SAM is an online skills assessment manager. Cengage Unlimited has SAM. When you create a SAM account, you will be able to use it for many years to come. SAM does not expire until Cengage no longer maintains it on the Cengage server. (Cengage Unlimited expires at the end of the subscription, but SAM does not expire.)

- Each student must have their own SAM account.

- If you purchased a used textbook and it didn't come with a NEW SAM access code, You must purchase Cengage Unlimited. Stand-alone SAM cost is the same as Cengage Unlimited. Cengage Unlimited will give you SAM <u>and</u> the textbook(s) required for your class.

- Please watch [SAM presentations](#) to learn how to use training, projects, and exams in SAM. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU USE SAM CORRECTLY. Otherwise your scores will not be recorded for me to see.

- SAM will score your exams, training, and projects and record the scores inside your SAM gradebook. You may view the scores at any time in SAM. You will not send me your SAM scores because I will be able to see your scores once they are recorded in SAM.

- Exams, training, and projects are online in SAM and are considered assignments. Exams, training, and projects are correlated with the material in your textbook.

- For CIS 111, there are multiple choice quizzes in SAM. They cover the chapter readings in the <u>DISCOVERING COMPUTERS</u> textbook. Quizzes and due dates will be listed in the weekly schedules for your class.

- All SAM assignments are listed in the weekly schedules. The weekly schedules tell you when to do training assignments, project assignments, practice exams, and 'real' exam assignments.

- Practice exams are provided in SAM and I strongly recommend that you use the practice exams BEFORE you attempt the 'real' exams. Students who use the practice exams score much better on the 'real' exams.

- Practice exams are not required but are highly recommended for better grades on 'real' exams.

- Due dates are listed in the weekly schedules and in SAM. You are responsible for knowing the due dates and making sure your assignments are completed on time.

- SAM assignments (exams, training, projects) are late if not completed by their due dates.