CS321: Computer Networks



Course Overview

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What is a computer network?

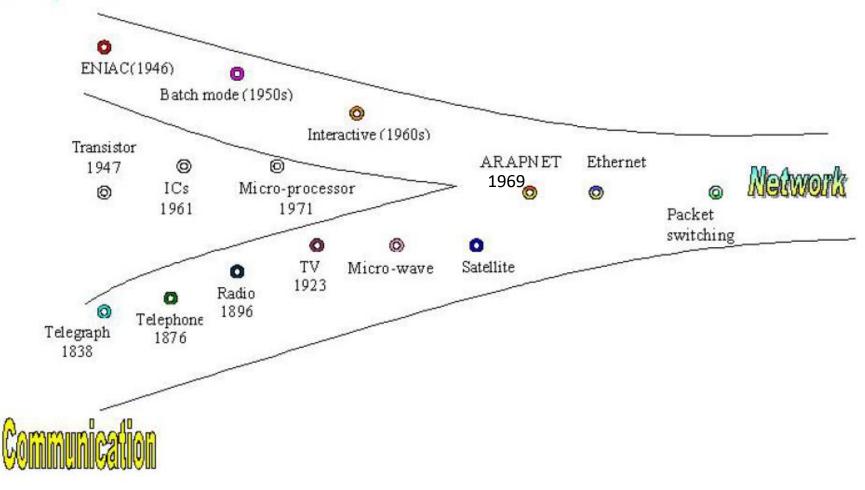


- Network: In simple terms it means an interconnected set of some objects.
 - Radio, Television, Railway, Highway, Bank Network
- Computer Network: an interconnected set of autonomous computers.
- These computers can exchange information with each other through the communication network system.
- It is basically the convergence of two technologies of this century Computer and Communication.

Evolution of Computer Network



Computer



Purpose of a Computer Network



- Transfer data from machine A to machine B
- Facilitate access to remote information
- Facilitate sharing of data
- Facilitates person to person communication
- Facilitate Interactive Environment
- Enable machines of different speeds to communicate with each other

Objective of the Course



To understand the

- organization of computer networks
- factors influencing the performances
- Internet structure
- various protocols of the Internet
- how these protocols address the standard problems of networking and the Internet
- basics of network security

Hands-on experience

networking fundamentals through practical sessions

Lecture Sequence



- Basics: Layer approach, Packet switching techniques, Performance metrics: delay, loss, throughput, bandwidth delay product, latency
- Applications: Network programming, socket abstraction, client server architecture, pear-to-pear communication, naming and addressing, Email, SMTP, POP3, FTP, remote login, WWW, DNS, TELNET
- Transport Layer: TCP, flow control, error control, congestion control, header, services, connection management, timers, UDP
- Network Layer: Internetworking, Tunnelling, Encapsulation, IP Addressing; Submetting, Supernetting, IPv4, Fragmentation Routing algorithms: distance vector and link state Unicast Routing protocols and few related protocols : ICMP, ARP, RARP, DHCP, IPv6, RIP, OSPF, NAT

Lecture Sequence



- Advanced Internetworking, Internet Structure, BGP, Multicast routing, DVMRP, MORPF, Queuing disciplines and buffer management techniques
- Data link layer: framing, medium access mechanisms ALOHA, Pure ALOHA, CSMA, CSMA/CD, CSMA/CA, CDMA, TDMA, Ethernet, WiFi
- Network security: Network Security, Private Key Cryptography, Public Key Cryptography, Digital Signature, Firewall
- Advanced topics, SDN and Open flow Architectures, SDN Applications
- Conclusion

Lab Experiments



- Understanding Network Hardware
- Practice different commands related to networking
- Develop networking applications using socket programming
- Set up LANs and internetworking between networks
- Analyze the performance of a large network
- Implement few protocols in network simulator and observe protocol performance

Evaluation Process



• Mid-Sem 1: 15%

• Mid-Sem 2: 15%

• End-Sem : 35%

• Attendance: 05%

• Class Test : 10%

Lab Work /

Term Project: 20%

Reference Books



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Thanks!