



Birla Institute of Technology & Science, Pilani
Hyderabad Campus

SECOND SEMESTER 2020-2021

Course Handout Part II

Date: 16-01-2021

In addition to part-I (General Handout for all courses appended to the time table) this portion gives further specific details regarding the course.

Course No. : IS F462
Course Title : Network Programming
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Scope of the Course:

This course is designed for the students to learn both basic and advanced network programming concepts. The course aims to teach the students most popular internet protocols that are being used while different machines are communicating. The course will introduce students to the development of several network protocols including UDP, TCP, HTTP, SMTP, Telnet, SSH, FTP, etc. The course will be using Python programming language to teach most of the protocols. We will also look for some recent industry trends and discuss some innovative ideas that have recently been developed. By the end of this course, the students will develop the understanding of networking from the perspective of a system/application programmer who is developing a system or an application that requires network-connected services.

Objectives of the Course:

- To gain an understanding of how different machines communicate with each other.
- To understand the network protocols and their use in real-world applications.
- To get familiarity on using the network sockets with Python programming language.
- To understand the client-server architectures and applications.
- To gain hands-on experience with the protocols for interacting with remote systems.

Textbooks:

[T1] W. Richard Stevens, *UNIX Network Programming, The Sockets Networking API*, Pearson Education, Vol. I., 3rd edition.

[T2] W. Richard Stevens, *UNIX Network Programming, Inter-process Communication*, Vol. II, Pearson Education, Vol. II., 2nd edition.

Reference books:

[R1] B. Rhodes and J. Goerzen, *Foundations of Python Network Programming*, Apress, 3rd edition.



Course Plan:

S.. No.	No. of Lectures	Learning objectives	Topics to be covered	Chapter in the Text Book
1	1	- To understand the course components and structure.	Basic introduction to the course, explanation of exams and evaluations, description of semester project.	Class Notes
2	1	- To understand the basic Python concepts required for the course.	Basic Python Concepts for Network Programming	Class Notes
3	2	- To understand the basics of User Datagram Protocol (UDP).	UDP sockets, UDP Client and Server, Unreliability, Backoff, Blocking and Timeouts, UDP bindings, UDP fragmentations	T1: Chapter 2, R1: Chapter 2, Class notes.
4	4	- To understand the basics of Transmission Control Protocol (TCP).	TCP sockets, TCP Client and Server, TCP bindings, Deadlock, Closed and Half-Open connections, TCP algorithms	T1: Chapters 4,5, R1: Chapter 3, Class notes.
5	2	- To understand IP systems, Socket Names and DNS.	Hostnames and Sockets, IPv4 and IPv6, address resolution, DNS protocol	T1: Chapter 11, R1: Chapter 4, Class notes.
6	3	- To get familiar with the components of Network Data and Network Errors.	Bytes and Strings, Framing, Compressions, Network Exceptions.	R1: Chapter 5, Class notes.
7	3	- To understand the Transport Layer Security (TLS) and Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) protocols.	Hashing, Establishing Client/Server Connection over SSL	R1: Chapter 6, Class notes.
8	4	- To understand the Client/Server Architecture and applications.	Single-Threaded Server, Multithreaded Server, Synchronous and Asynchronous servers, Hashing and Sharding, Message Queues.	T1: Chapter 26,30 R1: Chapter 7-8, Class notes.
9	6	- To get familiarity with HTTP protocol and applications of working with web.	Status Codes, Caching and Validation, Content Encoding, Negotiation and Type, HTTP Authentication, Cookies, HTTP Servers, Hypermedia and URLs, Parsing and Building URLs, Hypertext Markup Language, Web application framework, Web sockets and scraping	R1: Chapters 9, 10 and 11, Class notes.
10	2	- To learn Email messaging formats.	HTML and Multimedia in Email, Adding content, Parsing E-Mail, Header Encoding and Parsing Dates.	R1: Chapter 12, Class notes.
11	6	- To understand different protocols for the interaction with remote systems (Part 1): Simple Mail Transport Protocol (SMTP), Post Office Protocol (POP) and Internet Message Access	SMTP protocol, introduction to SMTP libraries, error handling, secured SMTP, POP server, connection and authentication, IMAP clients and messages.	R1: Chapters 13-15, Class notes.



		Protocol (IMAP)		
12	4	- To understand different protocols for the interaction with remote systems (Part II): Telnet, SSH and File Transfer Protocol (FTP)	Overview of SSH, SSH host keys, SSH Authentication, File Transfer over SSH, Downloading and Uploading using FTP, Error Handling, Directory Scanning, Secure FTP	R1: Chapter 16-17, Class notes.
13	4	- To get familiar with the various applications of broadcasting and multicasting.	Broadcast and Multicast addresses, Multicast Socket options, groups.	T1: Chapters 20, 21, Class notes.
	Total number of Lectures: 42			

Evaluation Scheme:

Component	Duration	Weightage (%)	Date & Time	Nature of Component
Mid-Semester Exam	90 Mins	35%	06/03 9.00 - 10.30AM	Open Book
Course Project (with final viva/presentation)	-	30% (5% will be evaluated before the mid-sem)	Details will be announced during 1 st /2 nd week of February.	Open Book
Comprehensive Exam	120 Mins	35%	17/05 FN	Open Book.

Chamber Consultation Hour: Online consultation hours will be announced in the class.

Notices: All notices pertaining to this course will be displayed on the CMS.

Make-up Policy:

- Prior permission of the Instructor-in-Charge is required to get make-up for the Mid-Sem and Comprehensive Exams. Only on producing documentary proof of possible absence, which proves that student would be unable to appear for the exam, the decision of granting the make-up will be taken.

Academic Honesty and Integrity Policy: Academic honesty and integrity are to be maintained by all the students throughout the semester and no type of academic dishonesty is acceptable.

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