

Experiment - 03

1) State the purpose of Network Interface card

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Network Interface card (NIC) is a hardware component that is present on the computer. It is used to connect different networking devices such as computers & servers to share data over the connected network. NIC is important for us to establish a wired or wireless connection over the network. It is also known as network adapter or Ethernet card.

2) where Network Interface card is placed in computer.

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Network Interface cards are plugged directly into motherboard either located near the USB ports on back or plugged into PCIe port.

3) state different parameters on the basis of which NIC classified

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The NIC can be classified based on various parameters such as

1) connection Medium:-

- Wired NIC :- These are used for wired networks typically to connect Ethernet

- Wireless NIC :- These are used for wireless networks & connecting using WiFi, Bluetooth etc

2) Data transfer speed :- 10 Mbps, 100 Mbps, 1 Gbps, 10 Gbps

3) Bus type :- USB, PCI, PCIe, ISA

4) Duplexing Mode :-

- Half duplex :- NIC can either send or receive data at particular time

- Full duplex :- NIC can send & receive data simultaneously

5) Number of ports :-

• Single port NICs

• Multiple port NICs

Q) Which types of connector used by interface card for cabling
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Common interfaces mainly include Ethernet RJ-45 interface, thin coaxial cable BNC interface & thick coaxial electrical AUI interface, FDDI interface etc.

S) How to check whether whatever network interface card is successfully installed or not
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Go to device Manager then network adapter, Network adapter/Ethernet card & right click & select properties in general tab under device status see if it's working.

Q) What is difference between MAC address & IP address
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The main difference between MAC & IP address is that Address is used to ensure the physical address of the computer. It uniquely identifies the devices on a network while IP addresses are used to uniquely identify the connection of the network with that device takes part in a network.

Q) A computer MAC address: 02:45:2D:65:02:1E What the first three & remaining three blocks
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The first 3 blocks or 6 digits of MAC address identify the manufacturer called OUI (Organizational Unique Identifier). The other 6 digits represent the network interface controller assigned by manufacturers.

8) Is it possible to replace NIC card? If yes then how?
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Yes it is possible to replace NIC card in system depending upon type of system & NIC.
Firstly turn off the system to remove the power cables.
Remove the NIC carefully, install the new NIC.
Reconnect the power cables. Install the necessary drivers for the NIC which CD/DVD coming with NIC & check if NIC is installed or not.

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