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Distributed and Concurrent Systems, 5cr (J175219)

- 1) Why network protocols are defined and built in layers? (4points)
- Consider an email system with a www-interface (web-mail) which keeps the emails at the server and
 is used through browser client. How it covers the transpacency goals of a distributed system. Describe shortly how the system reflects each transparency goal of a distributed system. (7p)
- What are the benefits and drawbacks of using thin client and network computer -architectures in implementation of a distributed system? (5p)
- Define logical time and logical clock. Define a system of totally ordered events and describe how it can be achieved with logical clocks. Given an example of a need for total ordering of events in a distributed system. (8p)
- Compare (benefits and drawbacks of) different methods to delimiter messages (detect the end of each message) in connection oriented (e.g., TCP) protocols. (6p)