

Week 1 – Introduction to Networking Continued

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Recap: Protocol Hierarchies

- Example information flow supporting the virtual communication in layer 5

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Relationship of Services and Protocols

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Relationship of Services and Protocols

- **Service = set of primitives that a layer provides to a layer above it**

- Provided through the interfaces between layers (service provider vs. service users)
- Defines what operations the layer is prepared to perform on behalf of its users
- Abstract: nothing is implemented

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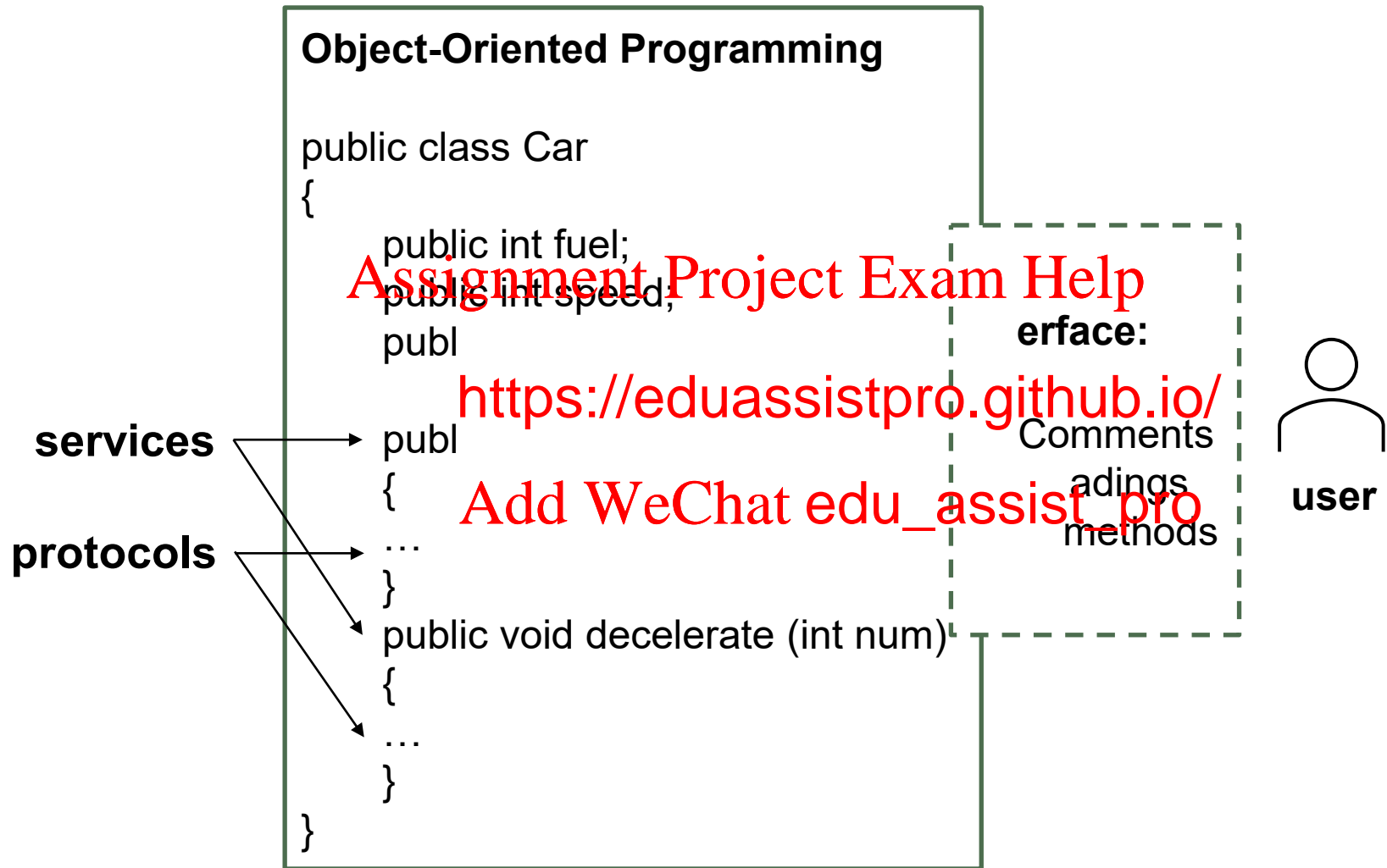
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- **Protocol = a set of rules governing the format and meaning of packets that are exchanged by peers within a layer**

- Packets sent between peer entities

Relationship of Services and Protocols



Reference Models

- The OSI Reference Model
- The TCP/IP Reference Model
- A Comparison of the OSI and TCP/IP Models
- A Critique of the OSI Model
- A Critique of the TCP/IP Model

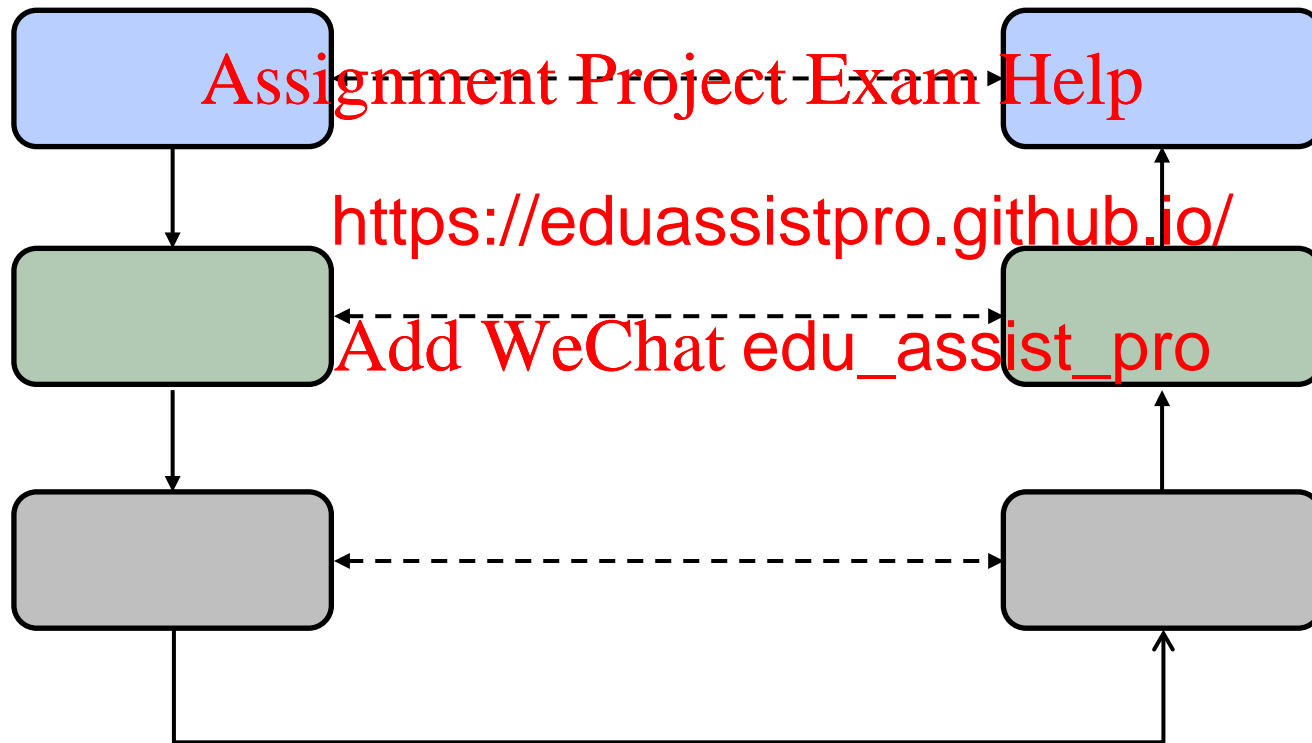
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Reference Model

- Concepts and their relationship



Why Do We Need a Reference Model?

- A reference model provides a **common baseline for the development** of many services and protocols by independent parties
- It's engineering an **"abstract reference model"** and corresponding implementations are always required for valid services
- Since networks are very complex systems, a reference model can serve to **simplify the design process**

OSI Reference Model

- Open Systems Interconnection (OSI)
- ISO, John Day (revised 1995)
- 7 Layers
- Layer division decisions

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OSI Layer Division Principles

1. A layer should be created where a **different abstraction** is needed.
2. Each layer should **perform a well-defined function**.
3. The layer boundaries should be chosen to **minimise the information flows**.
4. The number of distinct functions need not to be **enough that** same layer out of necessity; **enough that** the architecture does not become unwieldy.
5. The function of each layer should be chosen with a view toward defining **internationally standardised protocols**.

OSI Reference Model

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TCP/IP Reference Model

- Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol
- Vint Cerf & Bob Kahn (1974)
- 4 layers

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TCP/IP Reference Model (2)

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TCP/IP Reference Model (3)

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Comparing OSI and TCP/IP Models

- Different numbers of layers
- OSI distinguishes the following three concepts explicitly
 - Services
 - Interfaces
 - Protocols
- TCP/IP has successful p

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A Critique of the OSI Model

Why OSI did not take over the world?

- Bad technology
- Bad implementations
- Bad timing
- Bad politics

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A Critique of the OSI Model: Bad Timing

- When is good timing for a standard?

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A Critique of the TCP/IP Model

Problems:

- Not a general model
- Service, interface, and protocol not distinguished
- Did not split 7 layers
- Minor protocols replaced, hard to replace

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Hybrid Model

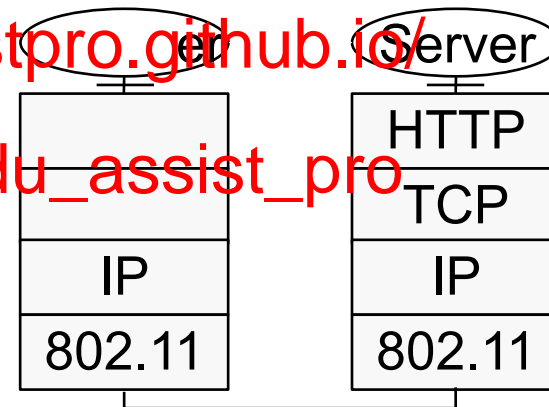
- The hybrid reference model to be used in this subject

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A typical network scenario

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Origins of Internet: The ARPANET

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- (a) Structure of the telephone system.
- (b) Baran's proposed distributed switching system.

The ARPANET

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- Growth of the ARPANET (a) December 1969. (b) July 1970.
- (c) March 1971. (d) April 1972. (e) September 1972.

Architecture of the Internet

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Network Standardisation

| Body | Area | Examples |
|--|--------------------|------------------|
| ITU (International Telecommunication Union) | Telecommunications | ADSL MPEG4 |
| IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers) | | Ethernet WiFi |
| IETF (Internet Engineering Task Force) | Internet | HTTP/1.1 DNS |
| W3C (The World Wide Web Consortium) | Web | HTML5 standard |