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Question:

(a)

Briefly describe Data Link Layer.

Answer:

In the OSI Model, the data link layer is a 4th layer from the top and 2nd layer from the bottom.

The communication channel that connects

the adjacent nodes is known as links,

and in order to move the datagram, the datagram must be moved across an individual link.

The main responsibility of the Data Link

layer is to transfer the datagram across an individual link.

- The Data link layer protocols are Ethernet, token ring, FDDI and PPP.
- An important characteristic of a data link layer is that, datagram can be handled by different link layer protocols on different links in a path, for example, the datagram is handled by ethernet on the first link, PPP on the second link.

(b)

Question: Functionality of Data-link layer.

Answer: Data link layer does many tasks on behalf of upper layer. These are:

* Framing: Data-link layer takes packets from network layer and encapsulates them into frames. Then, it sends each frame.

bit-by-bit on the hardware. At receiver end, data link layer picks up signals from hardware and assembles them into frames.

* Addressing: Data-link layer provides

layer-2 hardware addressing mechanism.

Hardware address is assumed to be unique on the link. It is encoded into hardware and is at the time of manufacturing.

* Synchronization: When data frames are

sent on the link, both machines must be synchronized in order to transfer to take place.

* Error control: Sometimes signals may have encountered problem in transition and the bits are flipped. These errors are detected and attempted to recover actual data bits. It also provides error reporting mechanism to the sender.

* Flow control: Stations on same link may have different speed or capacity. Data-link layer ensures flow control that enables both machine to exchange data on same speed.

* multi-access: When host on the shared link tries to transfer the data it has a high probability of collision. Data-link layer provides mechanism such as CSMA/CD to equip capability of accessing a share.

Ans: to the ques: no: 02

(a)

Question: What is Data-link control?

Answer: Data-link control is the service provided by the Data Link Layer to provide reliable data transfer over the physical medium. For example, In the half-duplex transmission mode, one device can only transmit the data at a time. If both the devices at the end of the links transmit the data simultaneously, they will collide and leads to the loss of the information.

(b)

Question: Explain briefly flow control and error control mechanism.

Ans: Data-link layer is responsible for implementation of point-to-point flow and error control mechanism.

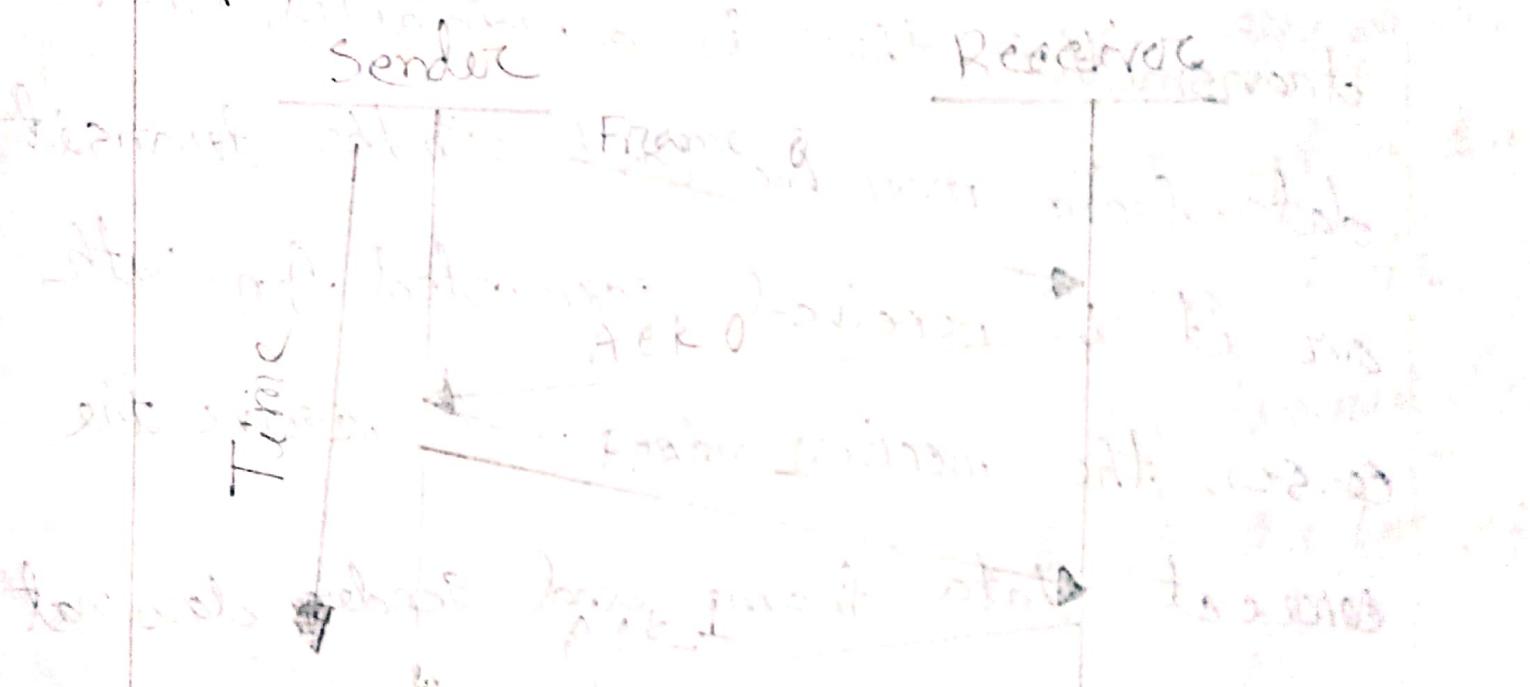
Flow control

When a data frame (Layer-2 data) is sent from one host to another over a single medium, it is required that the sender and receiver can process and accept the data. What if the speed (hardware/software) of the sender or receiver differs? If sender is sending too fast the receiver may be overloaded (swamped) and data may be lost.

Two types of mechanisms can be deployed to control the flow:

To Stop and wait:

This flow control mechanism forces the sender after transmitting a data frame to stop and wait until the acknowledgement of the data-frame sent is received.



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In this flow control mechanism, both sender and receiver agree on the number

of data-frames after which the acknowledgement should be sent. As we learnt, stop and wait flow control mechanism wasted resources, this protocol tries to make use of underlying resources as much as possible.

Error control: when data-frame is transmitted, there is a probability that data-frame may be lost in the transit or it is received corrupted. In both cases, the receiver does not receive the correct data-frame and sender does not know anything about any loss.

Requirement for error control mechanism:

- * Error detection:- The sender and receiver, either both or any, must ascertain that there is some error in the transit.
- * positive Ack- When the receiver receives a correct frame, it should acknowledge it.
- * negative Ack- When the receiver receives a damaged frame or a duplicate frame, it sends a NACK back to the sender and the sender must retransmit the correct frame.

Question: Services of Data Link layer.

Answer: Services of Data link layer are:-

1) framing and link access

2) Reliable Delivery

3) Flow control

4) Error detection

5) Error correction

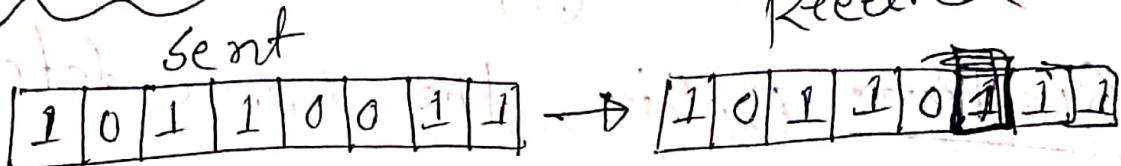
6) Half-Duplex and full-Duplex

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Question: Describe simply Types of Errors.

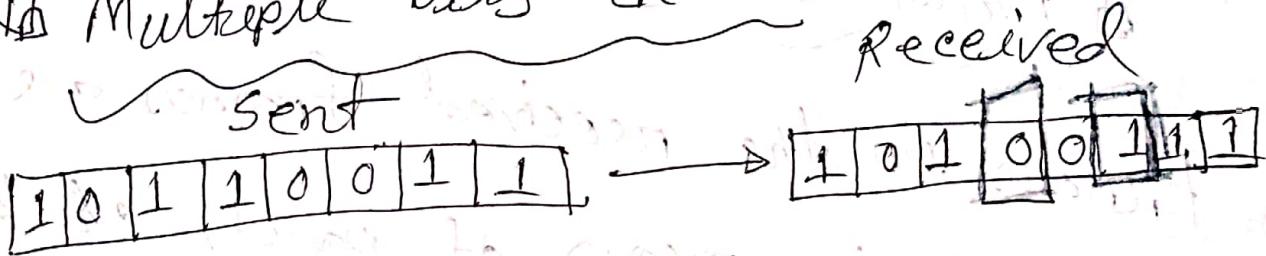
Answer: There may be three types of errors:

① Single bit error:



In a frame, there is only one bit anywhere though, which is corrupt.

② Multiple bits error:



Frame is received with more than one bits in corrupted state.

Burst error:

Sent
1 0 1 1 0 0 1 1

Received

1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1
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Frame contains more than 1 consecutive bits corrupted.

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Question: Explain the Error-detection and Error correction.

Answer:

B Error detection

Errors in the received frames are detected by means of parity check and

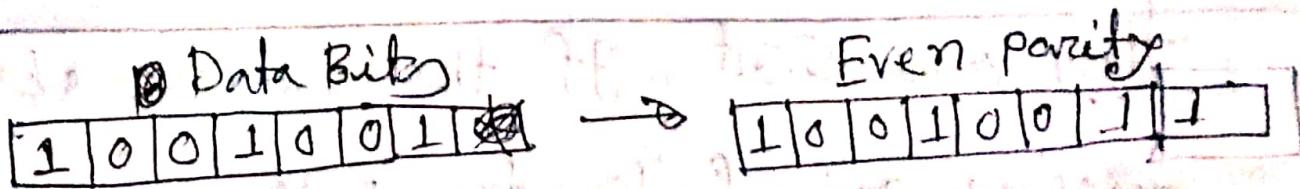
Cyclic Redundancy check (CRC). In both cases, few extra bits are sent along with actual data to confirm that bits received at other end are same as

they were sent, if the counter-check at receiver's end fails, the bits are considered corrupted.

Parity check

one extra bit is sent along with the original bits to make number of 1s either even in case of even parity, or odd in case of odd parity.

The sender while creating a frame counts the number of 1s in it. For example if even parity is used and number of 1s is even then one bit with value 0 is added. This way number of 1s is odd to make it even a bit with value 1 is added.

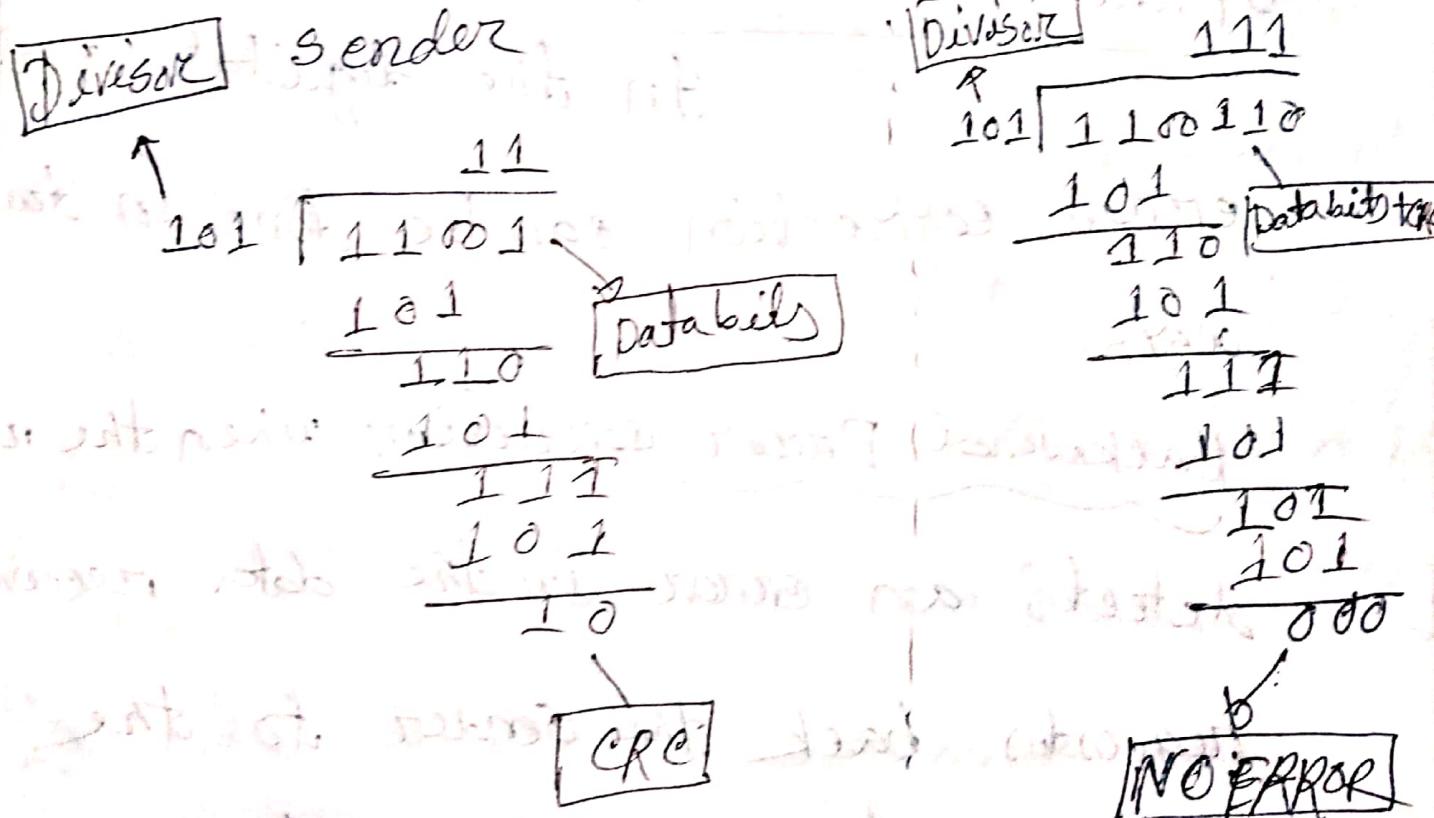


The receiver simply counts the number of 1s in a frame. If the count of 1s is even and even parity is used, the frame is accepted. If the count of 1s is odd and odd parity is used, the frame is still not corrupted.

Cyclic Redundancy Check (CRC)

CRC is a different approach to detect if the received frame contains valid data. This technique involves binary division of the data bits being sent. The divisor is generated using polynomials. The

Sender performs a division operation on the bits being sent and calculates the remainder. Before sending the actual bits, the sender adds the remainder at the end of the actual bits. Actual data bit plus the remainder is called a codeword. The sender transmits data bits as codeword.



At the other end, the receiver performs division operation on codewords using the same CRC divisor. If the remainder contains all zeros, the data bits are accepted, otherwise it is considered as there some data corruption occurred in transit.

④ Error correction:

In the digital world error correction can be done in two ways.

Backward Error correction: When the receiver detects an error in the data received, it requests back the sender to the retransmit the data unit.

Forward error correction: When the receiver detects some error in the data received, it executes error-correcting code, which helps it to auto-recover and to correct some kinds of errors.

The first one, Backward Error correction

is simple and can only be efficiently used where retransmitting is not expensive. For example, fiber optics. But in case of wireless transmission retransmitting may cost too much. In the latter case,

Forward Error correction is used.

To correct the error in data frame, the receiver must know exactly which bit in the frame is corrupted. To locate the bit in

error, redundant bits are used as parity bits for error detection.

For m data bits, r redundant bits are used. r bits can provide 2^r combinations of information. In m+r bit codeword, there is possibility that the r bits themselves may get corrupted.

So, the number of r bits used must inform about m+r bit

locations plus no-error information

i.e. $m+r+1$ locations.

$$2^r \geq m+r+1$$

is called as redundancy.

This makes error detection possible.

With help of redundancy, we can detect and correct errors.

Ans. to the qus. no. 04

(a)

Question: What do you mean by routing and forwarding.

Answer: Forwarding refers to the router-local action of transferring the packet from an input link interface to the appropriate output link interface.

Routing refers to the network-wide process that determines end-to-end paths that packets take from source to destination.

Using driving analogy, consider a trip

from San Francisco to Los Angeles. To differentiate between the two, Routing is the process of planning the whole trip from San

San Francisco to Los Angeles, i.e. the best route from San Francisco to Los Angeles. Forwarding on the other hand, can be considered as a process of getting through a single intersection. A car enters the interchange from one road and determines which road it should take to leave the interchange.

(b)

Question: What are the differences between multicast and broadcast?

Answer: The differences between multicast and broadcast are given below:

~~Ans to the question~~

multicast

- 1) The packet is transmitted only to intended recipients in the network.

Broadcast

- 1) The packet is transmitted to all the hosts connected to the network.

- 2) Transmission process is one-to-many.

- 3) Transmission process is one-to-all.

- 3) Bandwidth is utilized efficiently.

- 3) Bandwidth is wasted.

- 4) Traffic is under control.

- 4) Unnecessarily huge amount traffic is generated in the network.

- 5) Transmission speed is fast.

- 5) Transmission speed is slow.

(c)

Question: Describe the functionalities and layer features of network layer.

Answer: Devices which work on network layer mainly focus on routing. The few functionalities of network are:

1) Addressing devices and network.

2) populating routing tables or static routes.

3) queuing incoming and outgoing data and then forwarding them according to quality

of service constraints set for those subnets packets.

4) Internetworking between two different subnets.

5) Delivering packets to destination with best efforts.

The Layer features of network layer are:

- 1) Quality of service management
- 2) Load balancing and link management
- 3) Security.
- 4) Interrelation of different protocols and Subnets with different schema.
- 5) Different logical network design over the physical network design.

Ans. to the ques No. 05

(a)

Question: what is DNS and IP address?

Answer: The Domain Name System (dns) is the phone book of the Internet. Humans access information online through domain

names, like nytimes.com or espn.com.

'IP' stands for Internet protocol, which

is the set of rules that makes it

possible for devices to communicate over the

Internet. With billions of people accessing

the Internet every day, unique identifiers

are necessary to keep track of who is

doing what. The internet protocol solves

this by assigning IP numbers to

every device accessing the Internet.

These numbers are assigned by a central authority called ICANN.

ICANN is responsible for managing the global domain name system.

When you type a website address into your browser, your computer sends a request to ICANN's servers to find the IP address of the website you want to visit.

Once ICANN finds the IP address, it sends the information back to your computer, which then uses that IP address to connect to the website.

So, in summary, the IP address is a unique identifier assigned to each device on the Internet, and it's used to route traffic between devices.

Without IP addresses, the Internet would be a chaotic mess of devices trying to communicate with each other without any clear way to identify them.

That's why IP addresses are so important to the functioning of the Internet.

They make it possible for billions of devices to communicate with each other in a organized and efficient way.

So, next time you're browsing the web, remember that behind every website address is a unique IP address that makes it possible for you to connect to the Internet.

(b)

Question: network addressing is one of the important in networking?

Answer: Network addressing is one of the major tasks of network layer. Network

Addressers are always logical i.e. these are software based addresses which can be changed by appropriate configurations.

A network address always point to host/node or it can represent a whole server.

Network address is always configured in network interface card and is generally mapped by system with MAC address (hardware address or layer-2 address) of the machine for layer 2 communication.

(c)

Q: Describe the following network Address.

- 1) Unicast
- 2) Multicast
- 3) Broadcast

Answer:

① Unicast Routing: Most of the traffic on the internet and intranets known as unicast data or unicast traffic is sent with specified destination. Routing unicast data over the internet is called unicast routing. It is the simplest form of routing because the destination is already known. Hence the router just has to look up the routing table and forward the packet to next hop.

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Multicast Routing: Multicast routing is

special case of broadcast routing with
significance difference and challenges.

In broadcast routing, packets are sent to
all nodes even if they do not want it.

But in multicast routing, the data is sent
to only nodes which wants to ~~get~~
receive the packets.

(3) Broadcast Routing: By default, the

broadcast packets are not routed and
forwarded by the routers on any network.

Routers create broadcast domains. But it
can be configured to forward broadcasts
in some special cases. A broadcast

message is destined to all network devices.

Ans: to the question no: 06

(a)

Q: What do you mean by tunnelling?

Answer:

Tunnelling is a mechanism by which two or more same networks communicate with each other, by passing intermediate networking complexities.

Tunnelling is configured at both ends.

(b)

Question: Difference between IPv4 and

IPv6

Answer: The differences between IPv4 and IPv6 are given below:

IPv4	IPv6
1) IPv4 has 32-bit address length	1) IPv6 has 128-bit address length
2) It supports manual and DHCP address configuration	2) It supports Auto and renumbering address configuration
3) In IPv4 end-to-end connection integrity is Unachievable.	3) In IPv6 end-to-end connection integrity is Achievable
4) It can generate 4.29x10 ³⁰ Address Space	4) Address space of IPv6 is quite large it can produce 3.4x10 ³⁸ address space
5) Security feature is dependent on application	5) IPSEC is inbuilt Security feature in the IPv6 protocol.

QUESTION

Question: why packet fragmentation is important in DCN?

Answer: Most Ethernet Segments have their maximum transmission unit (MTU) fixed to 1500 bytes. A data packet can have more or less packet length depending upon the application. Devices in the transit path also have their hardware and software capabilities which tell what amount of data that device can handle and what size of packet it can process. If the data packet size is less than or equal to the size of packets it can process. If the data packet

~~size the transit-network can handle.~~

it is processed ~~not~~ neutrally. If the packet is larger, it is broken into smaller pieces and then forwarded. This is called packet fragmentation. Each fragment contain the same destination and source address and routed through transit path easily. At the receiving end it is assembled again. If a packet with DF (don't fragment) bit set to 1 comes to a router, the knows that is a fragmented packet and parts of the original packet is on the way. If packet is fragmented too small, the overhead is increases.

Ans: for the ques: no: 07

Ques: What is internetworking? (a)

Answer: Internetworking is the practice of interconnecting multiple computer networks, such that any pair of hosts in the connected networks can exchange messages irrespective of their hardware-level networking technology. The resulting system of interconnected networks are called an internetwork, or simply an internet.

(b)

Question: What is classless addressing?

'Given an example of classless IP Address.

Answer: To reduce the wastage of

IP addresses in a block, we use

sub-netting. What we do is that we

use host id bits as net id bits

of a classful IP address. We give

the IP address and define the

number of bits for mask along

with it (usually followed by a '/' symbol),

like, 192.168.1.1/28. Here, Subnet

mask is found by putting the given

number of bits out of 32 as 1, like

in the given address, we need to

put 28 out of 32 bits as 1

and the rest as 0, and so, the

subnet mask would be ~~255.255.255~~

255.255.255.240.

Question: What are the differences

between ARP and ICMP

Answer: The differences between

ARP and ICMP are given below:

ARP

- 1) ARP is a protocol used in a LAN to resolve the MAC address of the next or final destination IP

2) An ARP MITM attack works by spoofing a MAC address within a LAN in response to victim's ARP request

3) If the MAC of the intended machine is successfully spoofed with the attacker's machine, then the victim will send traffic to the

ICMP

- 1) An ICMP redirect message is typically used to notify routers of a better route

2) An ICMP MITM attack on the other hand is accomplished by spoofing an ICMP redirect message to any router that is in the path between

3) It can be abused to effectively route the victim's traffic through an attacker controlled router.