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Advance Computer Networks (CS G525)

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Today's Agenda



- Introduction
- Course Overview
- Course Administration
- Let's start learning...

Course Objective



- To learn state-of-the-art about network architectures, protocols, systems, and network applications
- To learn “How to read research papers...”
- To read other’s research work and critically analyze it
- To engage ourselves in the field of **Networking Research**

Resources



- There is no prescribed Text Book !!!
- Want to brush-up basics of Computer Networks
 - *Computer Networking: A Top Down Approach* by Kurose & Ross
 - *Computer Networks: A Systems Approach* by L. Peterson Davie
- Course content comprises
 - Around 25 research papers (List is in the course handout)
 - Read the research papers before coming to the class
 - Class participation is the key for the learning

Course Administration



- Lecture Class Timings
 - M W F @3:00 – 3:50 PM
- Practical
 - Network Simulation using ns-3, OpenFlow Network Simulation using Mininet, Data transfer using TCP/UDP sockets
- Course page Information
 - <http://nalanda.bits-pilani.ac.in>
 - Microsoft Teams
- Evaluation Plan
 - Test-1 @10%, Test-2 @10% and Test-3 @15%
 - Assignment @10% (Individual)
 - Research Project @20% (Group of two students)
 - Beginning of the semester: Research project problem formulation
 - Mid Semester assessment: 8%
 - End Semester assessment: 12%
 - Comprehensive exam @35%

Classroom Topics Coverage



- Little emphasis on undergraduate level stuff
 - Based on topics demand/requirement!
- Layer wise focus will be on the
 - Network Layer, Transport Layer, and Application layer
 - Less emphasis on Link and physical layer
- What will be covered:
 - Protocols and Algorithms, Network Architectures, Network Performance, Network Applications, Quality of Service (QoS)
 - Focus will be on 3 Ws (**What?, Why?, Why not?**)

Course Structure



- **Five Modules**
 - Internet Architecture & Principles [06 lectures]
 - Software Defined Networks (SDNs) [07 lectures]
 - Network Traffic Control & Management [12 lectures]
 - Wireless & Mobile Networks [08 lectures]
 - Overlay & Data Center Networks [07 lectures]

Let's begin...



- What is Internet?
- What is Networking?

Challenges



- Interconnected networks are different in various ways
 - Address formats
 - Performance – bandwidth/latency
 - Packet size
 - Loss rate/loss handling
 - Routing
- How to transfer the data from one network to another???

Network Functionalities



- Find the nodes in the Internet
- Route the packets
- Deal with the different packet size requirements from different networks
- Meet the application requirements
 - Reliability
 - Data loss and data corruption
 - Congestion and flow control
 - In order delivery
- **How to implement these functionalities?**

Architect of the Internet?



- Internet architecture is evolving faster than ever...
 - Journey started around 1980
- How Internet will look like after 10 years from now?
- Interested to know the journey of the Internet?
 - A Brief History of the Internet [Leiner et al., 2003]



Next Class



- Internet design philosophy
 - Compulsory Reading
 - The Design Philosophy of The DARPA Internet Protocols [Clark 1988]

Thank You!