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Abstract

Prerequisite

- Communications Networks,
- Communication Protocols

Course objectives

- Introduce the ISO standard for network administration,
- Introduce the architecture of network administration software according to ISO .

1. Network Management

Network Management is characterized by:

- Centralized.
- Remote,
- Heterogeneity management(protocols, hardware),
- Evolution of the network,
- **Security** and **Reliability** of transactions.

Network management according to ISO

ISO standard

In **1988**, the ISO 7498/4 standard was published, defining the main functions that the supervision and management systems must implement. These functions are:



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1. Configuration Management

This mission consists of:

- Designate and configure various elements present on the network,
- **Store** in a database the OS versions and parameters of each machine exp: the *name*, the *IP address*, *routing table*, etc .
- As well as software installed on each machine.
- **Display** the network plan and **find out** the technical characteristics of the connected equipment.
- **Schedule** adding resources as needed.

2. Anomaly Management

This function must make it possible to **detect**, **locate**, **adjust** automatically or **alert** the software or hardware problems that have occurred.

The problems that can arise on a network, generally, are:

- abnormal growth of network collision count,
- a bottleneck of a disk,
- A disconnect or cable break,
- A misconfiguration of an equipment,
- A faulty interface of a router,
- An accidental reset.

3. Performance Management

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- Identification of items causing a performance degradation.

4. Accounting management

It covers some features depending on the nature of the network and the services offered, such as:

- Metrics on resource usage,
- Control of quotas per user and verification of consumption authorizations,
- The financial management to evaluate the performance of equipment or an application (service) or to analyze and forecast expenses,
- and finally to study the possibilities of **cost reduction**.

5. Security Management

Its mission is to ensure, **mainly**, the confidentiality of information, i.e. to control:

- the **security relating** to the management of the network itself: (permissions to access management information),
- the access to sensitive data between network users (user account, user group, domain...),
- The protection of information by encryption and decryption,
- The activation or deactivation of certain services or the modification of certain parameters,
- The **detection of intrusions** from the outside,
- The detection of malicious attacks (virus, Trojan, ...).

Management Network Architecture

- An application dedicated to network management is of the Client-server type.
- The Server module called **Manager**, is installed on the supervision station,
- The Client module called **Agent** must be installed on all network equipment to ensure communication and exchange of information with the manager.



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Conclusion

This course is dedicated to the main functionalities that a network administration application must provide as recommended by the ISO standard.

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