IOT Report

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The OSI (Open Systems Interconnection) model and the TCP/IP (Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol) suite are both conceptual frameworks used to understand and describe how different networking protocols and technologies interact within a computer network. While they serve similar purposes, they have distinct differences. Let's compare the two:

1. OSI Model: The OSI model is a theoretical framework that defines networking concepts and divides network communication into seven different layers, each with its own specific functions and responsibilities. These layers are:

1. Physical Layer:

- Deals with the physical medium and electrical signals for transmitting data.
- Example: Transmitting raw binary data as electrical signals over a network cable.

2. Data Link Layer:

- Responsible for framing data into frames, error detection, and MAC (Media Access Control) addressing.
- Example: Ethernet frames with source and destination MAC addresses.

3. Network Layer:

- Manages logical addressing (IP addresses), routing, and forwarding of packets between different networks.
- Example: Routing a packet from one network (e.g., local network) to another using IP routing.

4. Transport Layer:

- Provides end-to-end communication and manages flow control, error correction, and data segmentation.
- Example: Establishing a TCP connection between two devices for reliable data transfer.

5. Session Layer:

- Establishes, maintains, and terminates sessions between applications on different devices.
- Example: Managing a session for a video conference call

6. Presentation Layer:

- Translates, encrypts, and compresses data for presentation to the application layer.
- Example: Data compression and encryption for secure transmission

7. Application Layer:

- Provides network services directly to end-users and applications
- Example: Web browsers communicating with web servers using $\ensuremath{\mathsf{HTTP}}$

The OSI model provides a structured way to understand the process of data communication between different devices on a network. It does not specify any particular protocols, but rather serves as a reference model for understanding how different networking protocols can interact and fit together.

- **2. TCP/IP:** The TCP/IP suite, on the other hand, is a set of protocols that form the backbone of the internet and most modern computer networks. It is not a theoretical model like the OSI model but a practical implementation of protocols that enable communication between devices over a network. The TCP/IP suite consists of several protocols, with the most important ones being:
 - 1. Internet Protocol (IP)
 - 2. Transmission Control Protocol (TCP)
 - 3. User Datagram Protocol (UDP)

TCP/IP is often referred to as a four-layer model, which can be compared to the OSI model as follows:

1. Application Layer:

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(similar to OSI's Application, Presentation, and Session Layers)Corresponds to the top three layers of the OSI model.Example: Web browser requesting a web page using HTTP.
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2. Transport Layer:

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(equivalent to OSI's Transport Layer)Provides data segmentation, flow control, and error recovery.Example: TCP splitting a large web page into packets for transmission.
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3. Internet Layer:

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(similar to OSI's Network Layer)- Manages IP addressing, routing, and packet forwarding.- Example: Routing an IP packet from the source network to the destination network.
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4. Network Interface Layer:

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(equivalent to OSI's Data Link and Physical Layers)Concerned with physical addressing (MAC addresses) and transmission of frames.Example: Ethernet frames containing MAC addresses for communication within a local network.
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Key Differences:

- The OSI model has seven layers, while the TCP/IP model has four layers (though they don't directly map to each other).
- The OSI model is primarily a conceptual framework, whereas the TCP/IP model is a practical implementation of protocols.
- The OSI model is often used for educational purposes and understanding networking concepts, while the TCP/IP suite is used for actual network communication, especially in the context of the internet.
- While the OSI model has not been as widely adopted in practice, the TCP/IP suite is the foundation of the internet and is used extensively in networking.

In summary, the OSI model provides a structured way to understand networking concepts, while the TCP/IP suite offers a practical set of protocols for actual network communication. While both models serve important roles, the TCP/IP suite has become the de facto standard for networking, especially in the context of the internet

HTTP (Hypertext Transfer Protocol) is a protocol used for communication between a client (usually a web browser) and a server (hosting a website or web application). It facilitates the transfer of data, typically in the form of web pages, images,

videos, and other resources, over the Internet

Each new version of HTTP has aimed to address various challenges and limitations of its predecessors, with a primary focus on improving performance, efficiency, and security

1. HTTP/0.9:

The earliest version of HTTP, introduced in the early 1990s. It was a simple and very limited protocol that only supported retrieving HTML documents, requests consisted of a single line and started with the only possible method [GET] followed by the path to the resource: [GET /mypage.html]

2. HTTP/1.0:

- Released in 1996
- this version added support for multiple types of resources beyond HTML :-
 - · such as images and downloadable files
 - It introduced the concept of headers (Metadata could be transmitted) allowing clients and servers to communicate additional information about the request and response
 - browser itself to recognize the success or failure of a request

3.HTTP/1.1:

- Released in 1997, HTTP/1.1 brought significant improvements in performance and efficiency
- It's the version that has been most widely used on the web the standardized protocol
- It introduced persistent connections (keep-alive)
- A connection could be reused, which saved time. It no longer needed to be opened multiple times to display the
 resources at the same single original document.
- Pipelining was added: This allowed a second request to be sent before the answer to the first one was fully transmitted. This lowered the latency of the communication.
- Chunked transfer encoding responses (streaming content in chunks)
- [Host] header, the ability to host different domains from the same IP address allowed server collocation.

4. HTTP/2:

- · Released in 2015,
- Over the years web pages became more complex
 - Some of them were even applications in their own right
 - More visual media was displayed
 - the volume and size of scripts adding interactivity also increased
 - Much more data was transmitted over significantly
 - more HTTP requests
 - this created more complexity and overhead for HTTP/1.1 connections

So HTTP/2 aimed to further improve performance

- It introduced multiplexing, allowing multiple requests and responses to be sent over a single connection simultaneously This helped reduce latency and improve page load times.
- It also added header compression
- · prioritization of requests
- extended the usage of persistent connections by multiplexing many concurrent requests/responses through a single TCP/IP connection.
- other optimizations

5. HTTP/3:

- published in 2020 (the latest version of HTTP)
- does not use TCP/IP connections but QUIC + UDP
- improves performance and security by incorporating features like encryption and connection migration

• It also addresses the head-of-line blocking issue that can occur in HTTP/2. HTTP/3 is designed to provide faster and more reliable connections, especially in scenarios with high latency or unreliable network conditions

resources:

https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/HTTP/Basics_of_HTTP/Evolution_of_HTTP https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a-sBfyiXysI

The publish-subscribe (pub/sub) model is a messaging pattern used in computer science and distributed systems to facilitate communication between different components or services. It allows decoupled communication between producers (publishers) and consumers (subscribers) without requiring them to have direct knowledge of each other.

The pub/sub model is commonly used in various scenarios, including real-time data streaming, event-driven architectures, notifications, logging, monitoring, and more.

In the pub/sub model, a central messaging system (often called a message broker or event bus) acts as an intermediary between publishers and subscribers. Publishers send messages (events) to the messaging system without any specific knowledge of who will consume those messages. Subscribers express interest in receiving specific types of messages (subscribe to topics), and the messaging system delivers the messages to the appropriate subscribers based on their interests.

Key concepts in the pub/sub model:

- 1. **Publisher**: A component or service that generates and sends messages (events) to the messaging system. It does not need to know who the subscribers are.
- 2. **Subscriber**: A component or service that expresses interest in receiving messages of a particular type (topic) from the messaging system. It does not need to know who the publishers are.
- 3. **Message/Event**: The unit of data that is being published. It contains information that the subscribers might be interested in.
- 4. **Topic**: A categorization or label assigned to messages. Subscribers express interest in specific topics, and publishers send messages to specific topics.
- Message Broker/Event Bus: The central intermediary responsible for routing messages from publishers to subscribers based on their subscriptions.
- 6. **Scalability**: Pub/sub systems can handle a large number of publishers and subscribers, making them suitable for distributed and complex applications.
- 7. **Asynchronous Communication**: The pub/sub model operates asynchronously, meaning publishers and subscribers can continue their tasks without waiting for immediate responses.
- 8. **Fan-out**: A single message published to a topic can be delivered to multiple subscribers who have expressed interest in that topic.
- 9. Message Filtering: Subscribers can specify which messages they are interested in by subscribing to specific topics

Examples of pub/sub implementations include Apache Kafka, RabbitMQ, Google Cloud Pub/Sub, Amazon SNS (Simple Notification Service), and MQTT (Message Queuing Telemetry Transport)

MQTT: stands for Message Queuing Telemetry Transport, is a lightweight and efficient messaging protocol designed for communication between devices in an Internet of Things (IoT) or machine-to-machine (M2M) context. It was invented by IBM

- Publish-Subscribe Model: MQTT follows a publish-subscribe messaging pattern, where devices can publish
 messages to specific "topics," and other devices (subscribers) can subscribe to those topics to receive the
 messages. This decoupling of producers and consumers is a fundamental aspect of MQTT.
- 2. 1. **Client Types**: MQTT clients can be both publishers and subscribers. They come in various forms, such as embedded devices, sensors, gateways, and server applications.
- 3. **Broker**: The MQTT broker acts as an intermediary between publishers and subscribers. When a publisher sends a message to a specific topic, the broker is responsible for distributing that message to all connected subscribers who

have subscribed to the same topic.

- 4. Quality of Service (QoS) Levels: MQTT supports three levels of QoS to ensure message delivery reliability:
 - QoS 0: The message is sent once without acknowledgment. No guarantee of delivery is provided.
 - QoS 1: The message is sent and acknowledged by the recipient. If acknowledgment is not received, the message will be resent.
 - QoS 2: The message is sent, acknowledged, and confirmed by both sender and receiver. This level ensures
 that the message is delivered only once.
- 5. **Security**: MQTT can be used with various security mechanisms, such as Transport Layer Security (TLS/SSL) for encrypted communication and username/password authentication to ensure secure connections

ID tokens and access tokens are both important concepts in authentication and authorization protocols, often used in the context of OAuth 2.0 and OpenID Connect. They serve different purposes within these protocols

Access Token:

- Purpose: Allows an application (client) to access specific resources (like data or services) on behalf of a user.
- Usage: Presented by the application to the server (API) to prove that it has permission to access the requested resource.
- Information: Contains permissions and scope (what the application is allowed to do).
- Access tokens are short-lived and typically have an expiration time. They are used to ensure that only authorized users and applications can access specific resources

ID Token:

- Purpose: Provides information about the authenticated user's identity and basic profile information.
- Usage: Used by the application to know who the user is after they've logged in.
- Information: Contains user details like username, email, and other claims.
- Access Token: Used to access protected resources (APIs) on behalf of the user. Contains permissions and scope information.
- **ID Token:** Specific to OpenID Connect. Provides information about the authenticated user's identity and profile information to the client application.
 - In simpler terms, an access token is like a key that an application uses to access things on your behalf, while an ID token is like a badge that tells the application who you are.

Example: You're attending a conference. The access token is like the special pass that allows you to enter certain rooms or access specific services during the conference. The ID token is like a name tag that shows your name and affiliation, helping others recognize and address you at the conference.

Firebase Realtime Database is a cloud-hosted NoSQL database offered by Google's Firebase platform. It is designed to provide real-time data synchronization and storage for web and mobile applications. The database is particularly well-suited for building collaborative and real-time applications, such as chat apps, live collaboration tools, and other applications where data needs to be synchronized across multiple clients in real time.

Key features of Firebase Realtime Database include :

- 1. Real-time synchronization: Changes made to the database by one client are instantly propagated to all connected clients. This enables real-time updates and ensures that all clients have a consistent view of the data.
- 2. JSON data structure: The database stores data in a JSON-like format, using key-value pairs. This makes it easy to work with structured data, and the hierarchical structure allows for efficient querying and retrieval of data.
- 3. Offline support: Firebase Realtime Database provides offline data access. Clients can read and write data even when the device is not connected to the internet. Once the device is back online, changes are automatically

synchronized.

- 4. Security rules: Firebase offers a flexible security model that allows you to define rules for who can read and write data. These security rules are defined using a custom language and can be tailored to suit the needs of your application.
- 5. RESTAPI and SDKs: Firebase provides SDKs for various platforms (iOS, Android, web, etc.) that simplify the integration of the Realtime Database into your application. It also offers a RESTAPI for direct access to the database if needed.
- 6. Scalability: Firebase Realtime Database is hosted in the cloud and automatically scales to accommodate changes in traffic and usage. This helps ensure that your application can handle varying levels of user activity