



CSCI 3171 - Network Computing Introduction

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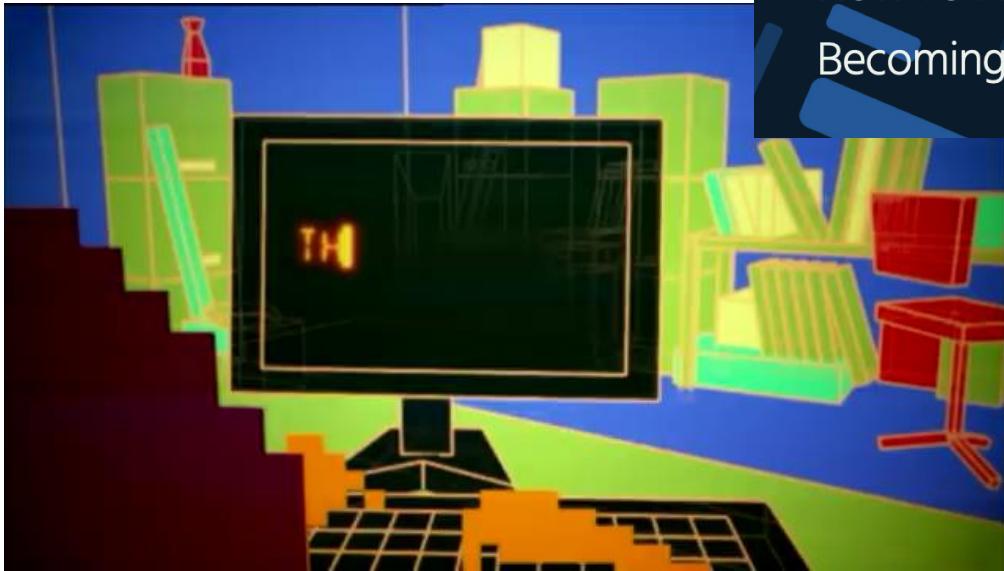


Goal and Roadmap

- Goal:
 - *Big picture* of the Internet
 - Introduction to terminology
- Overview and roadmap
 - What is the Internet? What is a protocol?
 - Network edge: hosts, access network, physical media
 - Network core: packet switching
 - Performance: loss, delay, throughput
 - Packet and circuit switching
 - Protocol layers, service models
 - Internet structure and challenges



What is the Internet?



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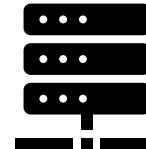




What is the Internet?



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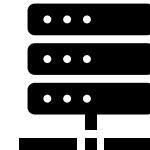
- Devices (hosts or end systems)
 - Smartphones, servers
 - Other examples: IoT devices



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- Services
 - Web
 - Other examples: email, video conference, gaming, file transfer, remote access, instant messaging

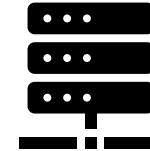
The screenshot shows a LinkedIn profile for 'Samer Lahoud'. At the top, there's a blue header bar with the name 'Samer Lahoud' and a profile picture. Below the header, the profile section includes a photo of a man in a suit, his name 'Samer Lahoud', his title 'Assistant Professor - Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering', and his affiliation 'Faculty of Computer Science at Dalhousie University'. A short bio describes his research interests in developing applied and effective solutions for solving problems related to the analysis of large-scale data sets. It also mentions his work on the development of a novel framework for the analysis of medical images and his involvement in the development of a new method for the analysis of medical images. His research interests include machine learning, data mining, and big data. Below the bio, there's a 'Explore My Work' section with three cards: 'Research Topics' (with a link to 'View More'), 'My Team' (with a link to 'View the Team'), and 'Publications' (with a link to 'View Publications').



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- Applications
 - Browser, web server
 - Other examples: file server, mail client, chat client, mail server, DNS server



My smartphone

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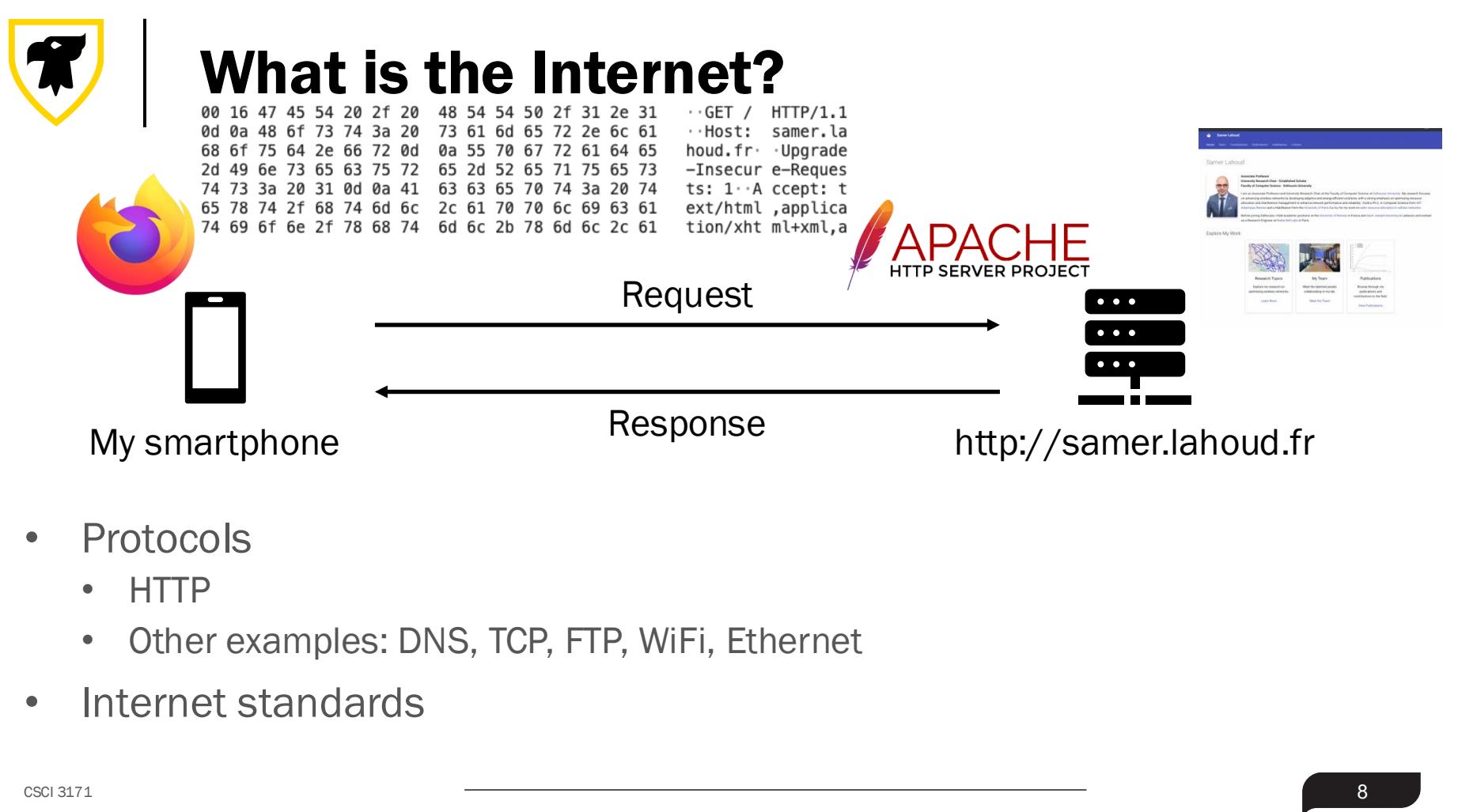
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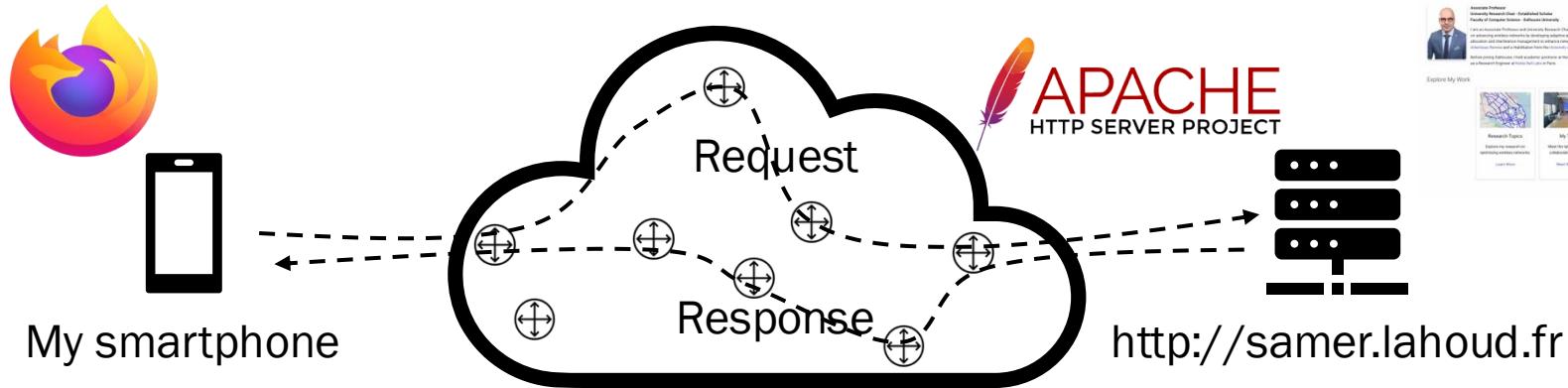


A screenshot of a user profile page for "Samer Lahoud". The page includes a profile picture, basic information like name and title, and sections for "Explore My Work" featuring research topics, team members, and publications.

- Protocols
 - HTTP
 - Other examples: DNS, TCP, FTP, WiFi, Ethernet
- Internet standards



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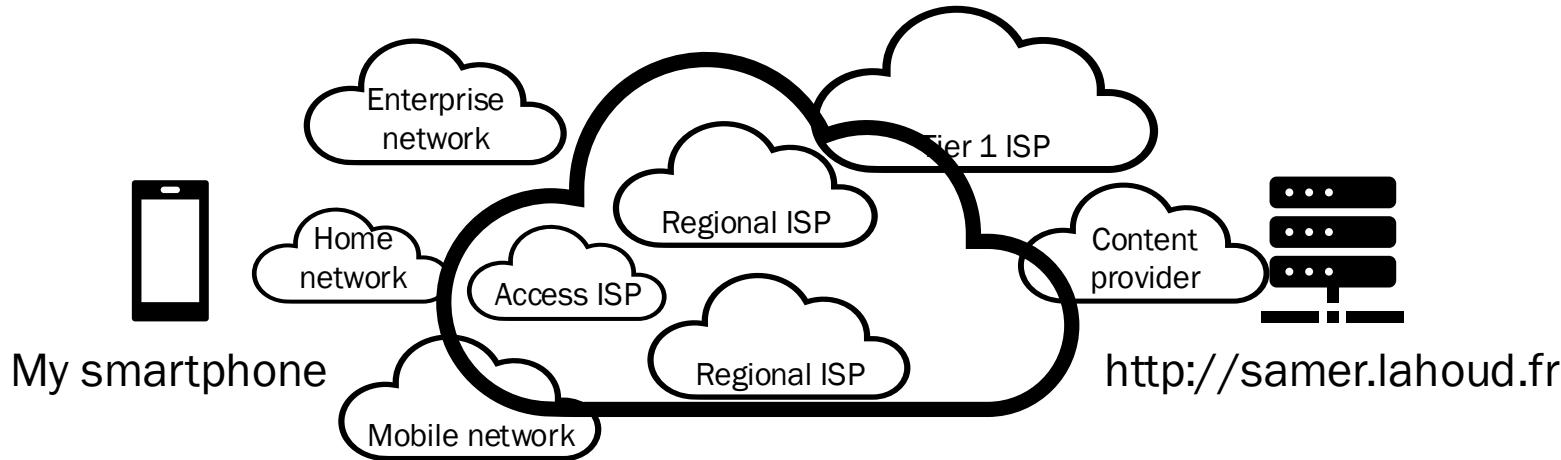


- Packet switches
 - Forward packets towards the destination
- Naming and addressing

A screenshot of a professional profile page for "Samer Lahoud". The header includes the name "Samer Lahoud" and a small profile picture. Below the header, there is a brief bio: "Associate Professor - Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Faculty of Computer Science, Dalhousie University. My research interests are advancing methods for developing adaptive and energy-efficient networks, and applying machine learning to network management and optimization problems. I have been involved in several projects funded by NSERC, CIHR, and the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, and a number of grants from the province of Nova Scotia. I am also involved in several teaching and research activities in medical informatics and telemedicine. I am currently a member of the IEEE Communications Society, and a member of the IEEE Signal Processing Society. I am a licensed engineer in Alberta and a member of the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Alberta." Below the bio, there are sections titled "Explore My Work" with links to "Research Topics", "My Team", and "Publications".



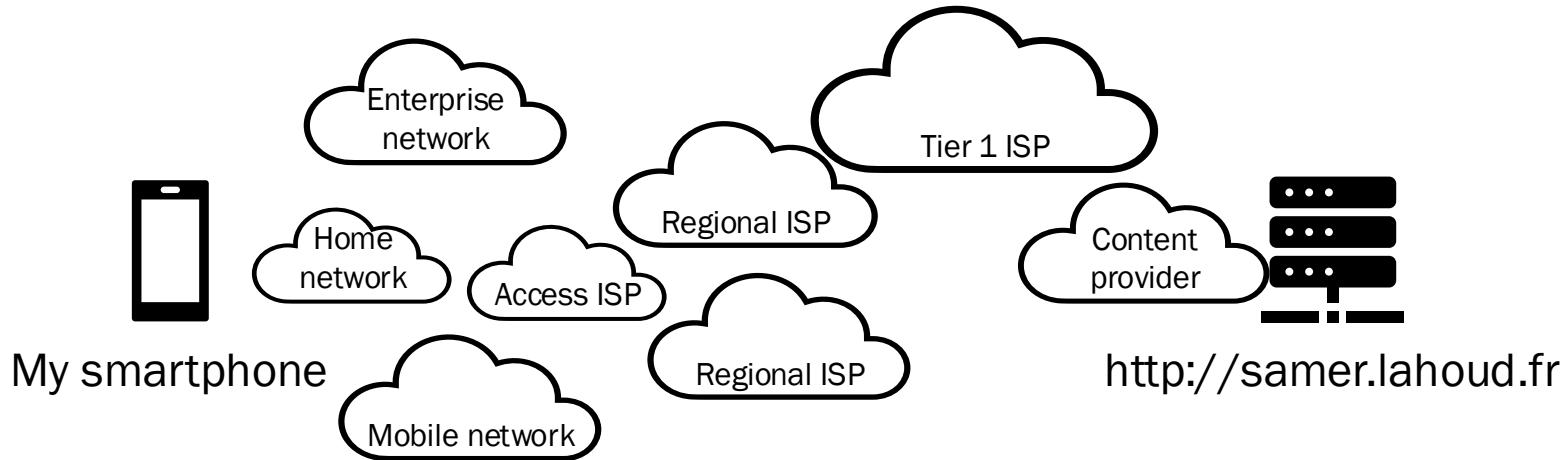
What is the Internet?



- Network of networks
 - Home, enterprise, content provider networks
 - Access, Regional, Tier 1 ISPs



What is the Internet?



- Communication links
 - Radio waves, copper cables, fiber optics

Measuring the Internet

Facts and Figures*

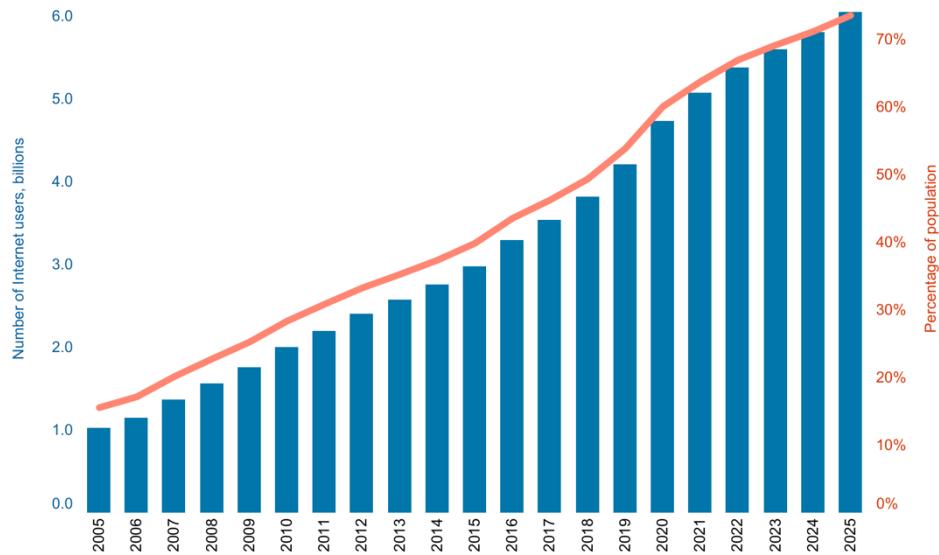
*Source: <https://www.itu.int/itu-d/reports/statistics/facts-figures-2025/>



Internet Use

- In 2025, 74% of the world population (6 billion people) are online
 - 2.2 billion people, one-quarter of the global population, are still offline!

Individuals using the Internet



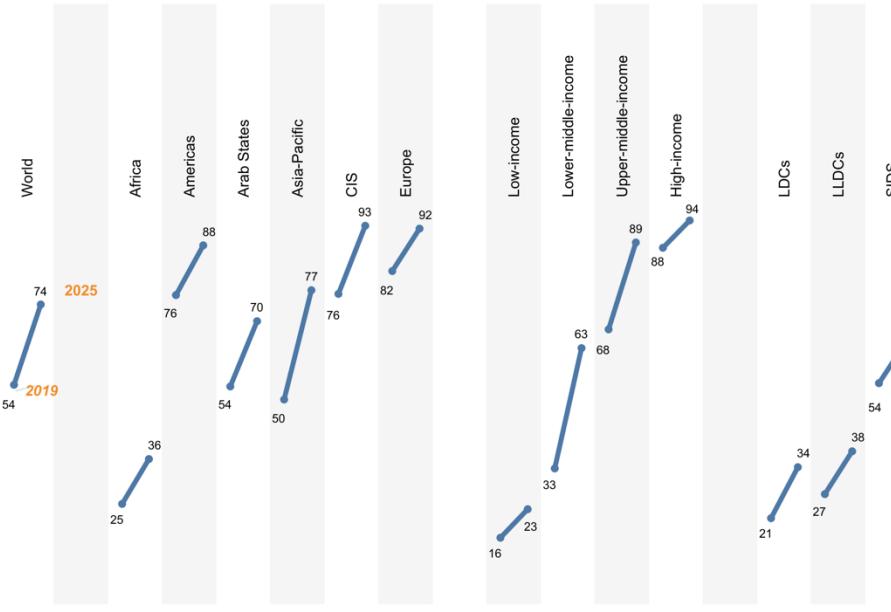
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The Digital Divide

- In high-income countries 94% of the population uses the Internet, approaching universality (95%)
- In low-income countries, only 23% of the population is online

Percentage of individuals using the Internet by region, 2019 and 2025



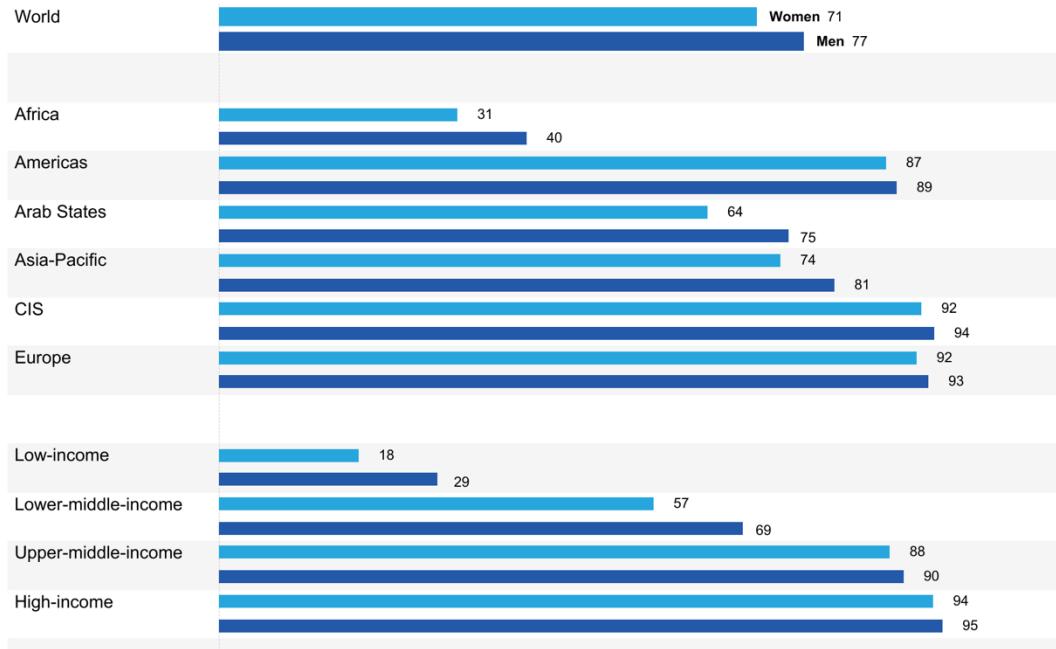
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The Gender Digital Divide

- Gender parity has been achieved in the Americas and Europe
 - Gender parity is closely correlated with the level of development

Percentage of women and men using the Internet, 2025

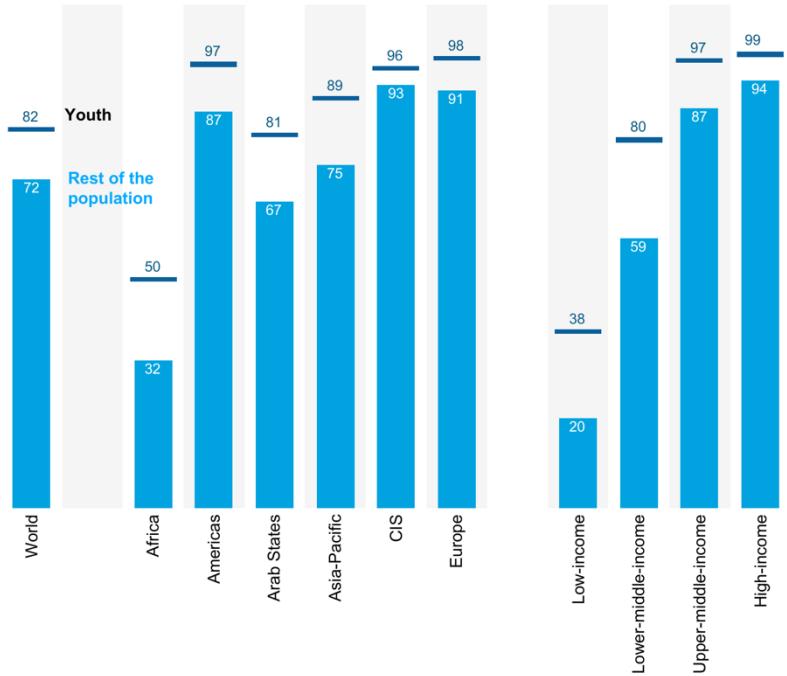




Youth Internet Use

- Universality (95%) has already been reached by the 15-24 age group in high-income and upper-middle-income economies
- Youth in low-income countries are 1.9 times more likely to use the Internet than other individuals

Percentage of individuals using the Internet by age group, 2025



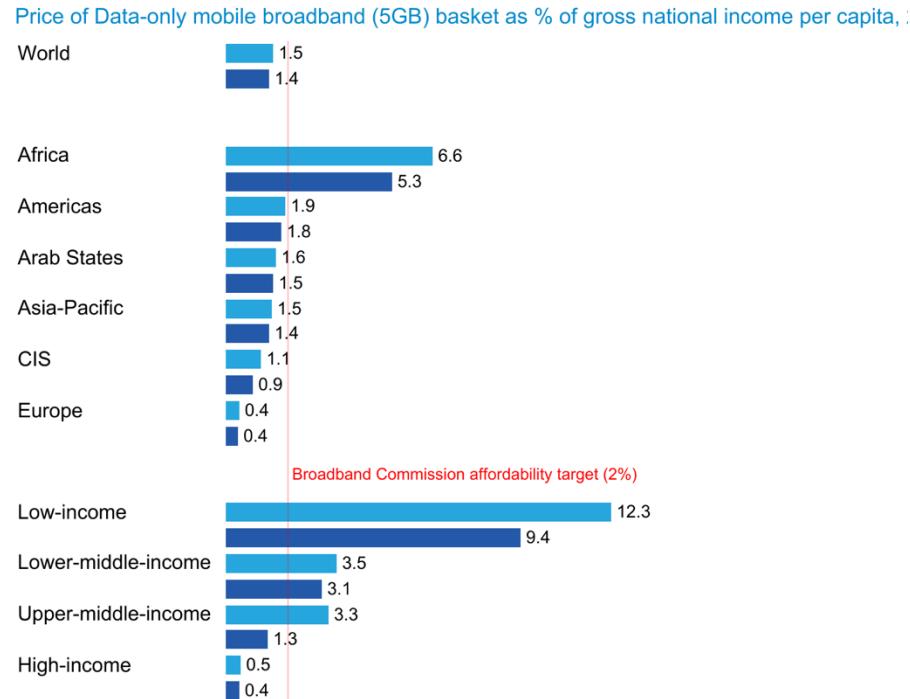
Note: "Youth" refers to 15 to 24-year-olds.

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Affordability of Internet Services

- The global median price of the mobile-broadband basket dropped from 1.5 to 1.4 per cent of gross national income per capita in one year
- Subscribers in a low-income economy pay 22 times as much compared to high income

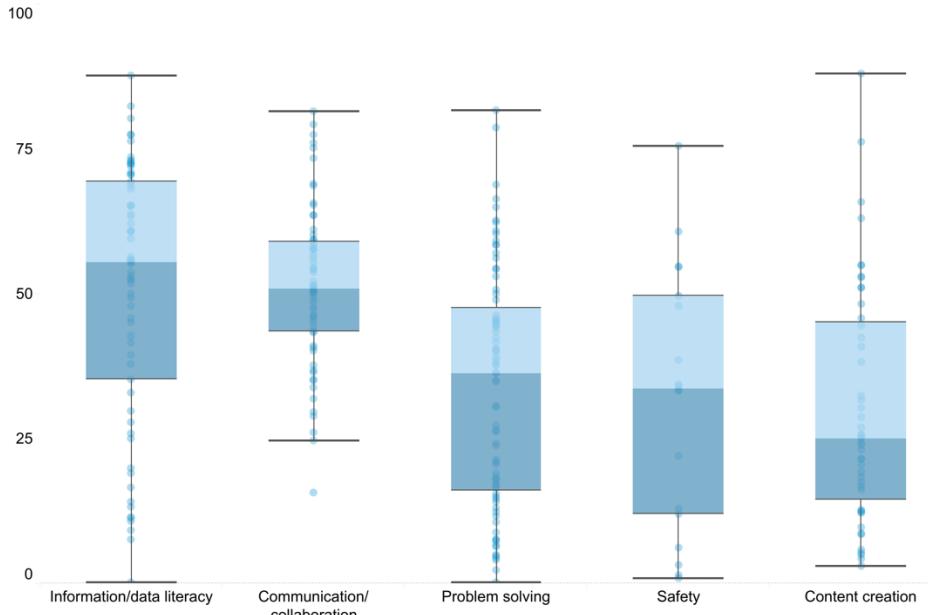




Internet Skills

- The gap between individuals using the Internet and those with digital skills demonstrates that many may be using the Internet without being able to fully benefit from it or avoid its dangers

Percentage of individuals with ICT skills, by type of skill, based on most recent data in 2019-2022 period



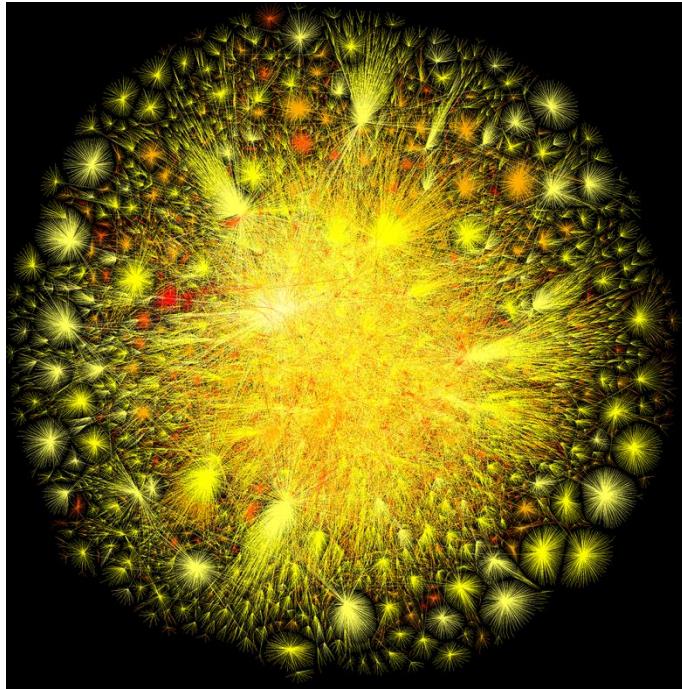
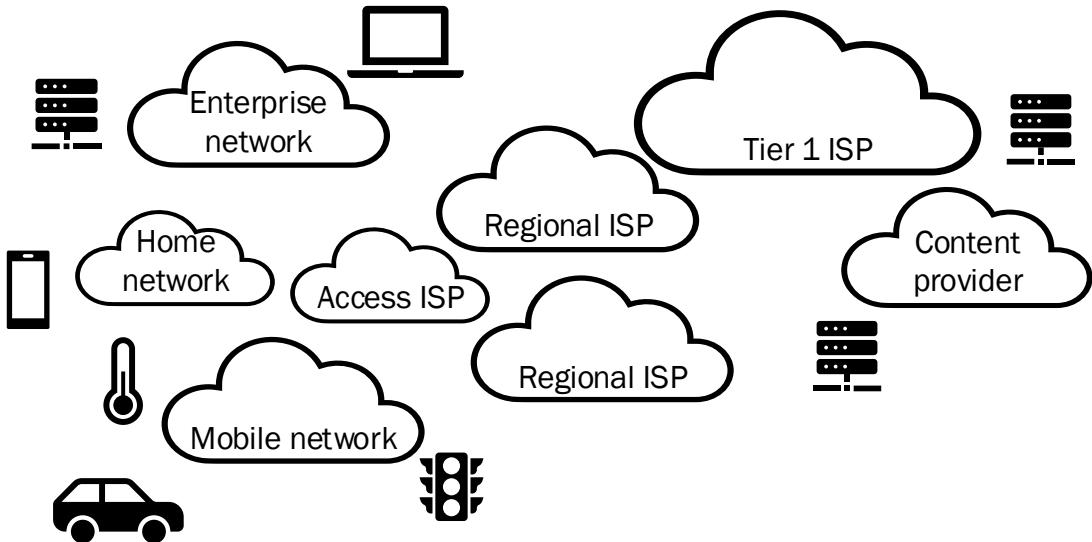
Note: Bars indicate the 25th, median and 75th percentile of all country values. Bottom and top lines indicate minimum and maximum values. **Communication/collaboration** is the average of sending messages (e.g., messaging service, SMS); and attending video calls over the Internet; **Problem solving** is the average of finding something; installing and configuring software; connecting and installing new devices; transforming files or applications between devices; electronic financial transactions; doing an online course; and purchasing or ordering goods or services. **Safety** is the average of changing privacy settings; and setting up effective security measures. **Digital content creation** is the average of using copy and paste tools; creating electronic presentations; using basic arithmetic formula in a spreadsheet; editing online text, spreadsheets, presentations; and uploading self-user-created content. **Information/data literacy** is the average of verifying the reliability of information; getting information about goods or services; reading or downloading newspapers, etc.; and seeking health-related information. Data availability: 64 countries for communication/collaboration, 80 countries for problem solving, 18 countries for safety, 47 countries for content creation, and 65 countries for information/data literacy. In-scope ages may vary between countries.

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Learning Approach and Outcomes



The Internet Map

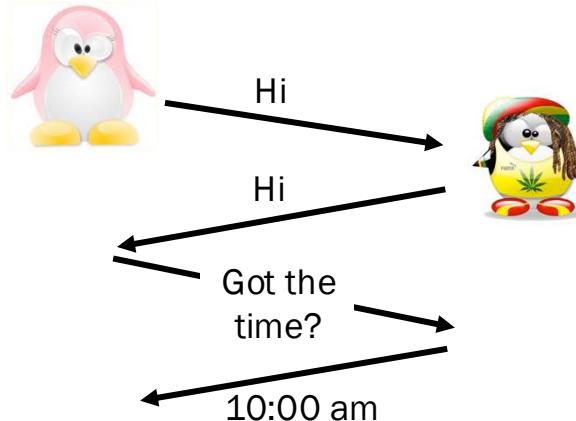


Barrett Lyon's Map of the Internet in 2010
(MoMA Museum)



What Is A Protocol?

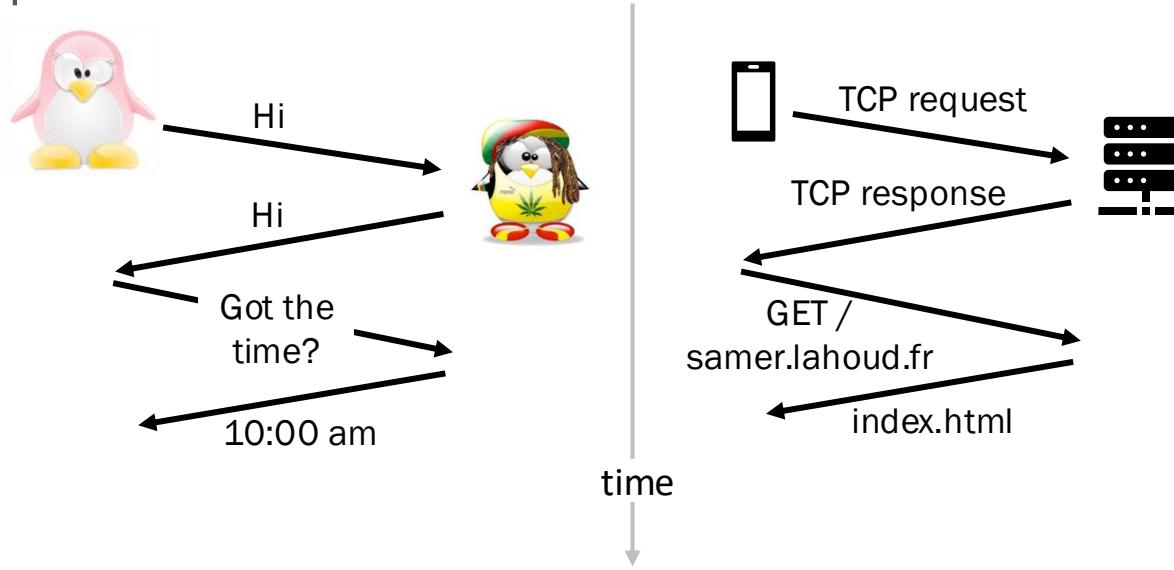
- Human protocols
 - What time is it?
 - I have a question
 - Introductions
- Rules for:
 - Specific messages sent
 - Specific actions taken
 - when messages received or sent, ...
- Network protocols:
 - Devices rather than humans
 - All communication activity in Internet governed by protocols





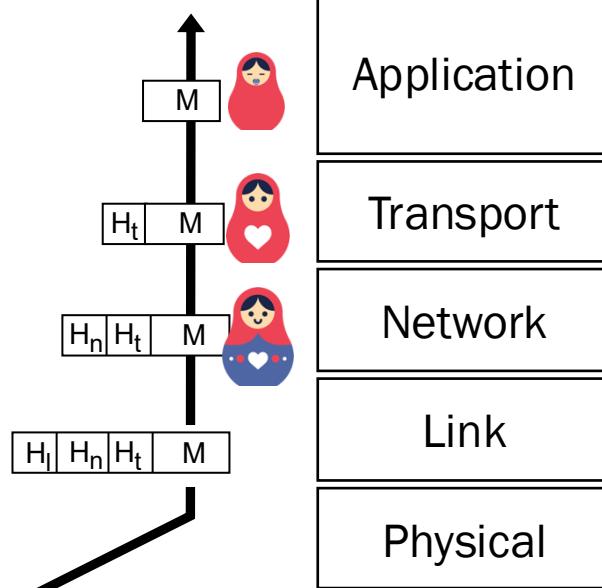
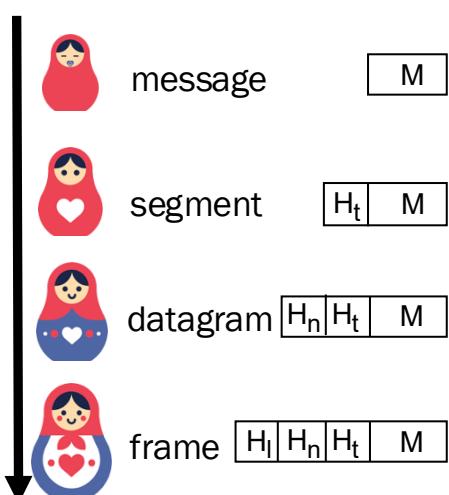
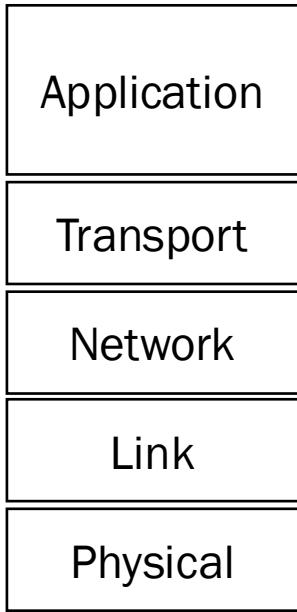
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- Protocols define the format, order of messages sent and received among network entities, and actions taken on message transmission, receipt



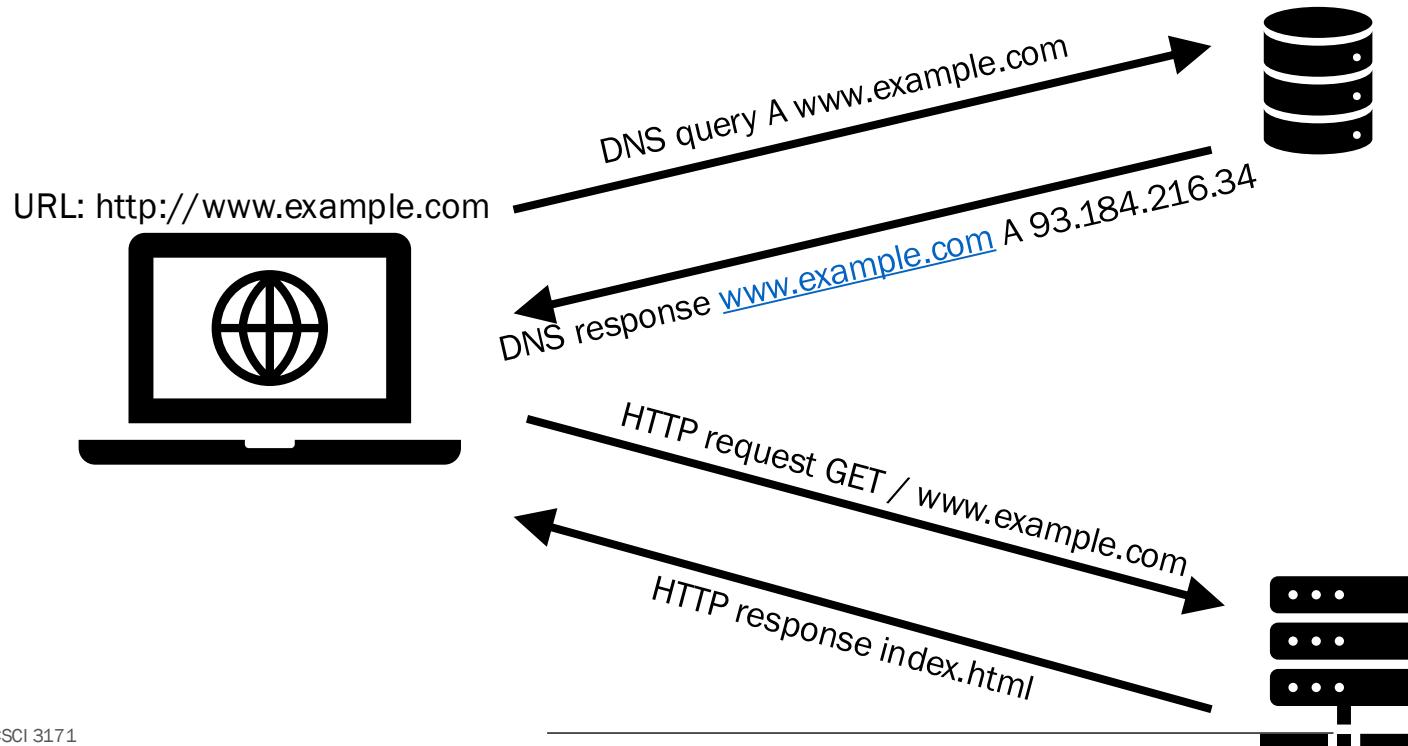


Learning Outcomes Illustrated: 1- The Layer Model



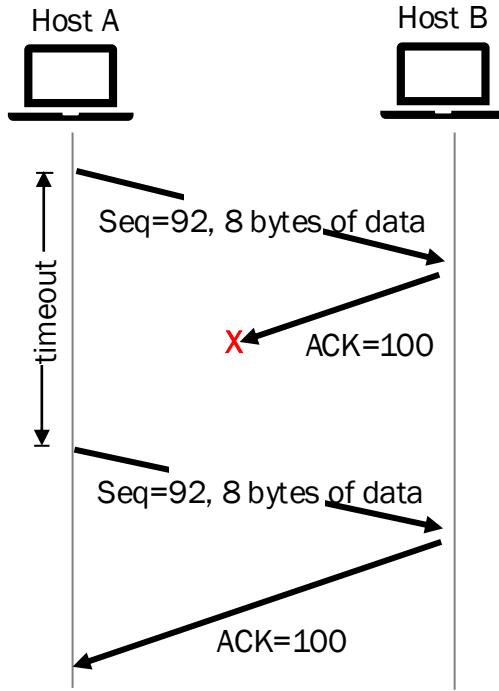


Learning Outcomes Illustrated: 2- The Application Layer



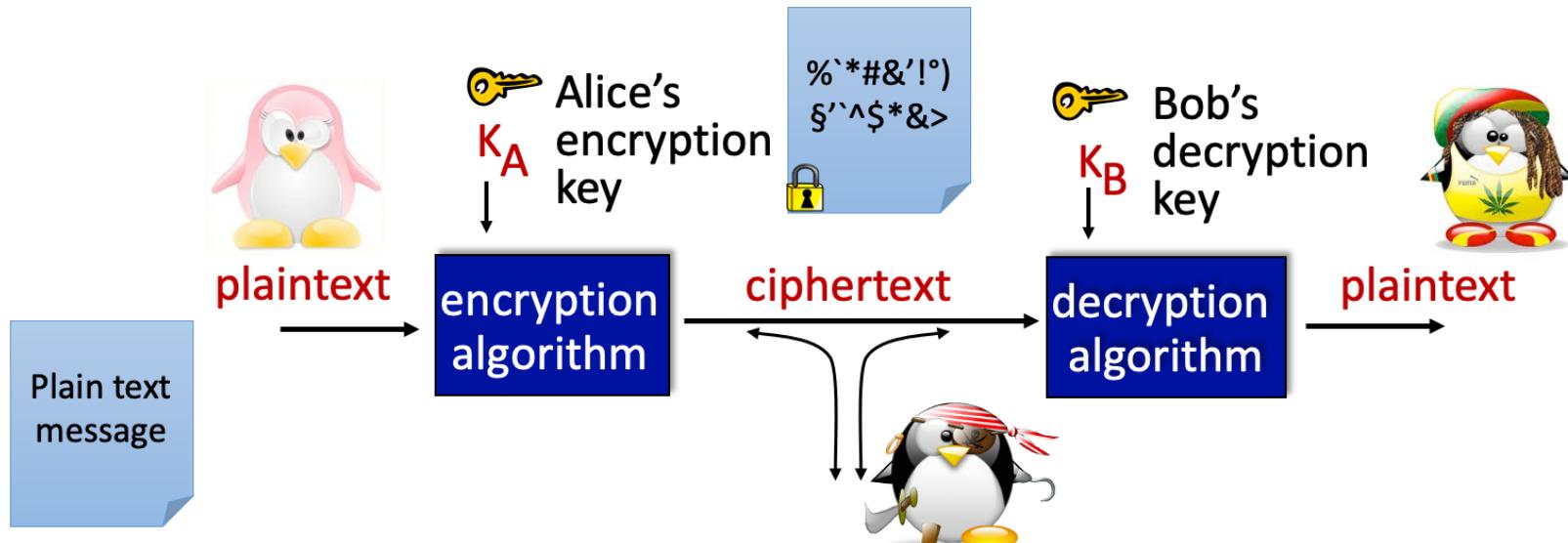


Learning Outcomes Illustrated: 3- The Transport Layer





Learning outcomes Illustrated: 4- Secure Communications





Why a CS Course on Network Computing?

- Foundational knowledge
- Real-world relevance
- Security awareness
- Career opportunities
- Preparation for advanced courses
- Hands-on experience
- Continuous technological evolution



Tentative Schedule

Week	Dates	Lecture	Lab	Assignment
1	Jan 5 - Jan 9	Introduction to Networks		
2	Jan 12 - Jan 16	Introduction to Networks		
3	Jan 19 - Jan 23	TCP/IP Layered Architecture	Lab 1	
4	Jan 26 - Jan 30	The Application Layer	Lab 2	Assignment 1
5	Feb 2 - Feb 6	The Application Layer	Lab 3	
6	Feb 9 - Feb 13	The Application Layer	Lab 4	Assignment 2
	Feb 16 - Feb 20	Study Break		
7	Feb 23 - Feb 27	Socket programming	Lab 5	
8	Mar 2 - Mar 6	Transport Layer	Lab Exam 1	Assignment 3
9	Mar 9 - Mar 13	Transport Layer		
10	Mar 16 - Mar 20	Transport Layer	Lab 6	Assignment 4
11	Mar 23 - Mar 27	Principles of Secure Communications	Lab 7	
12	Mar 30 - Apr 3	Principles of Secure Communications	Lab Exam 2	Assignment 5
13	Apr 6 - Apr 10	Principles of Secure Communications		



Labs

Week	Lab	Delivery
3	Lab 1	Graded report
4	Lab 2	Graded report
5	Lab 3	Graded report
6	Lab 4	Non-Graded report
Study Break		
7	Lab 5	Non-Graded report
8	Lab Exam 1	
9		
10	Lab 6	Non-Graded report
11	Lab 7	Non-Graded report
12	Lab Exam 2	
13		



Grading

- Assignments 20%
- Lab reports 15%
- Lab exams 20%
- Quizzes during lectures and labs 10%
- Final Exam 35%



Syllabus



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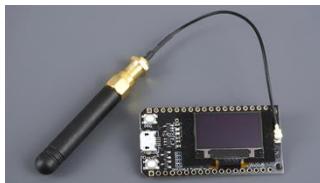
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Who am I?

- Enjoy cooking and (recently) baking
- Play/watch sports
- Teaching networking for the last ~~16~~ 17 years
- Research lab
 - Wireless Connectivity for the Internet of Things
 - Very long-range transmission
 - Battery powered devices
 - Large number of devices





Teaching philosophy

- Generate enthusiasm for networking technologies and their evolution
- Combine theoretical foundation with practical hands-on experience
- Engage in meaningful discussions
- Support success with an ethical behaviour
- Develop analytical skills and critical thinking
- Assess the social and economic impact of networking technologies



TA team

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Contact and Office Hours

- Lectures [Room 127]
 - Tuesday and Thursday 08:35 – 09:55 AM
- Lab Sessions [Room 134-143]
 - Monday 11:35 – 12:55 AM
- Office hours will be announced on Brightspace



Questions and inquiries

- Questions related to lectures
 - Contact me on sml@dal.ca
- Questions related the course planning, Brightspace, Labs, grading, etc.
 - Contact Richard.Purcell@dal.ca and cc me