

An aerial photograph of the Dalhousie University campus. In the foreground, a large, historic stone building with a central clock tower and many windows is visible. To its right is a green soccer field with white markings. In the background, there are more modern university buildings and lush green trees. A yellow banner is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing the course title.

CSCI 3171 - Network Computing Introduction

Samer Lahoud





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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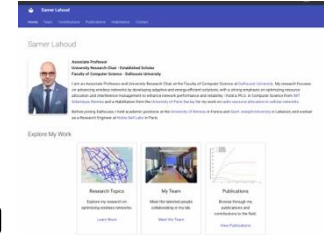


My smartphone

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



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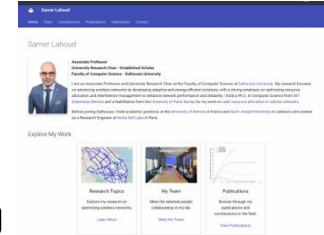
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- Services
 - Web
 - Other examples: email, video conference, gaming, file transfer, remote access, instant messaging

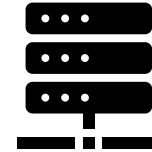


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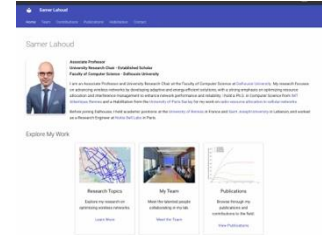


My smartphone

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



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What is the Internet?



My smartphone

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00 16 47 45 54 20 2f 20 48 54 54 50 2f 31 2e 31  GET / HTTP/1.1
0d 0a 48 6f 73 74 3a 20 73 61 6d 65 72 2e 6c 61  Host: samer.la
68 6f 75 64 2e 66 72 0d 0a 55 70 67 72 61 64 65  houd.fr Upgrade
2d 49 6e 73 65 63 75 72 65 2d 52 65 71 75 65 73  -Insecure-Request
74 73 3a 20 31 0d 0a 41 63 63 65 70 74 3a 20 74  ts: 1. Accept: t
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Request

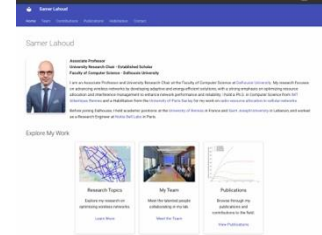
Response



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HTTP SERVER PROJECT



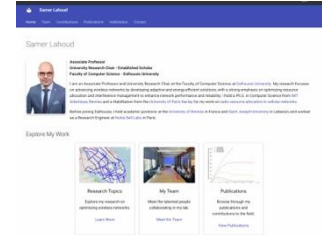
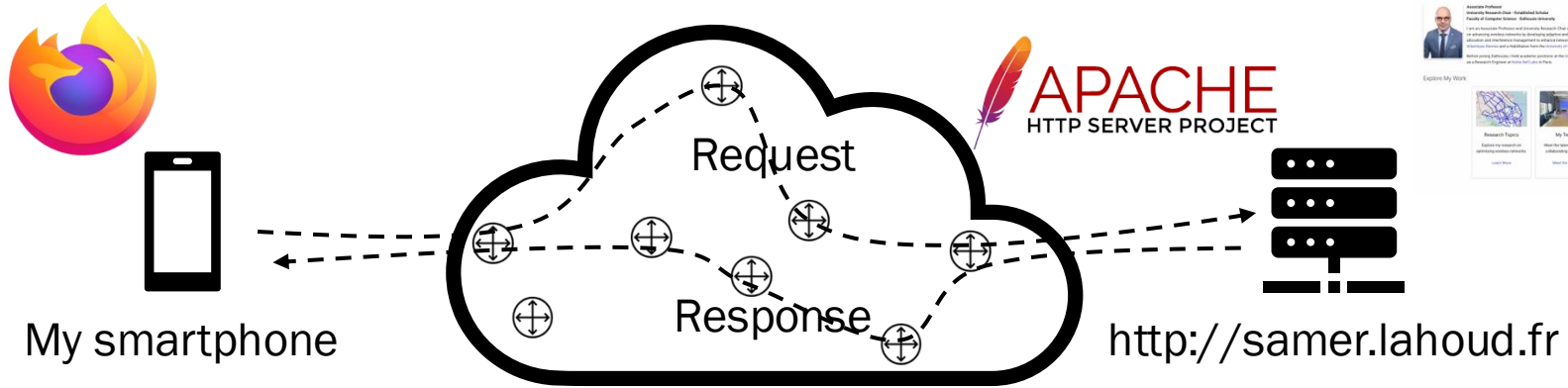
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- Protocols
 - HTTP
 - Other examples: DNS, TCP, FTP, WiFi, Ethernet
- Internet standards



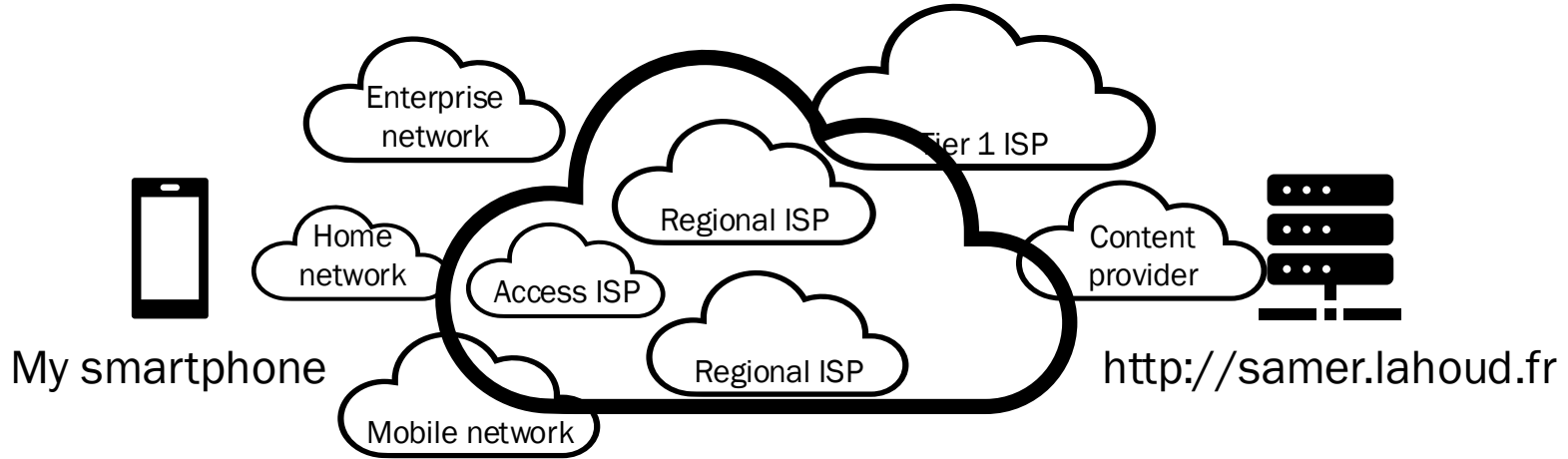
What is the Internet?



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



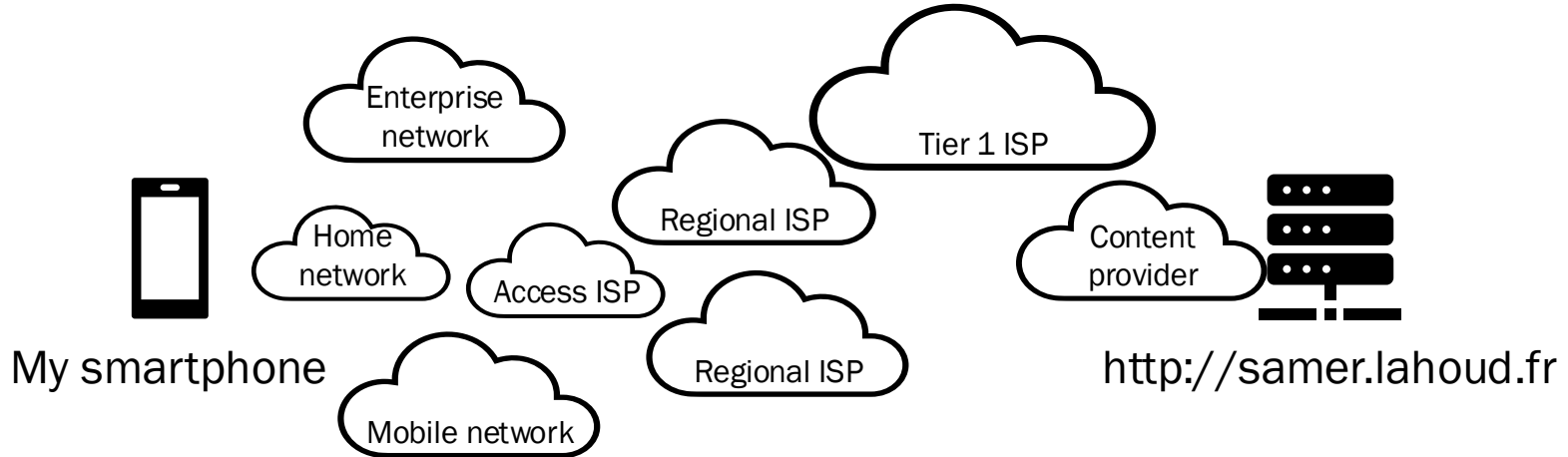
What is the Internet?



- 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*

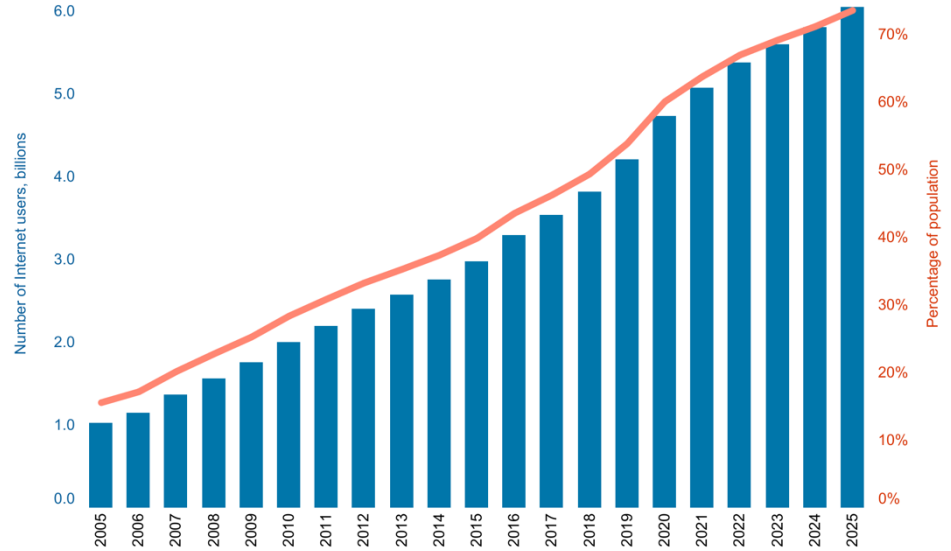
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Internet Use

- 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



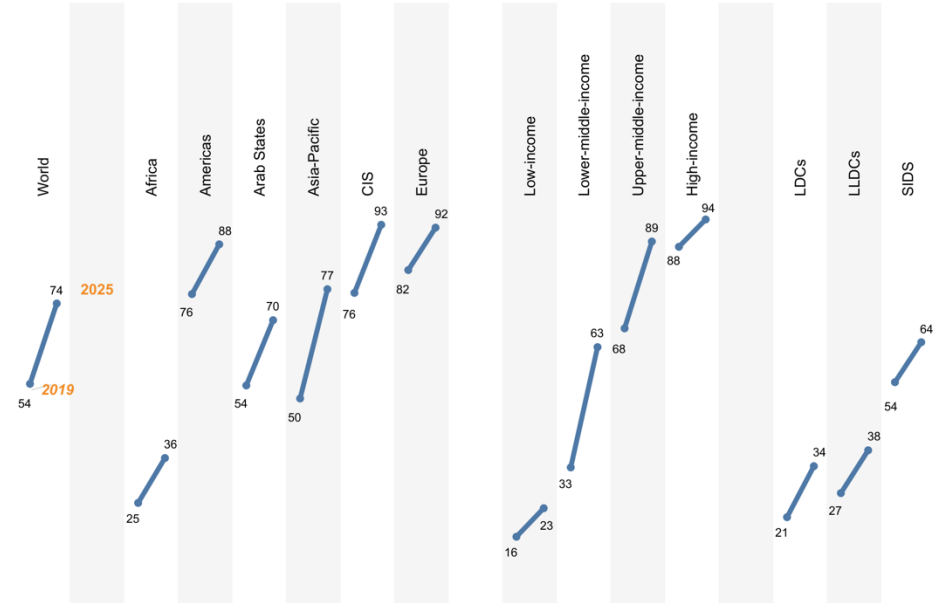
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The Digital Divide

- 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



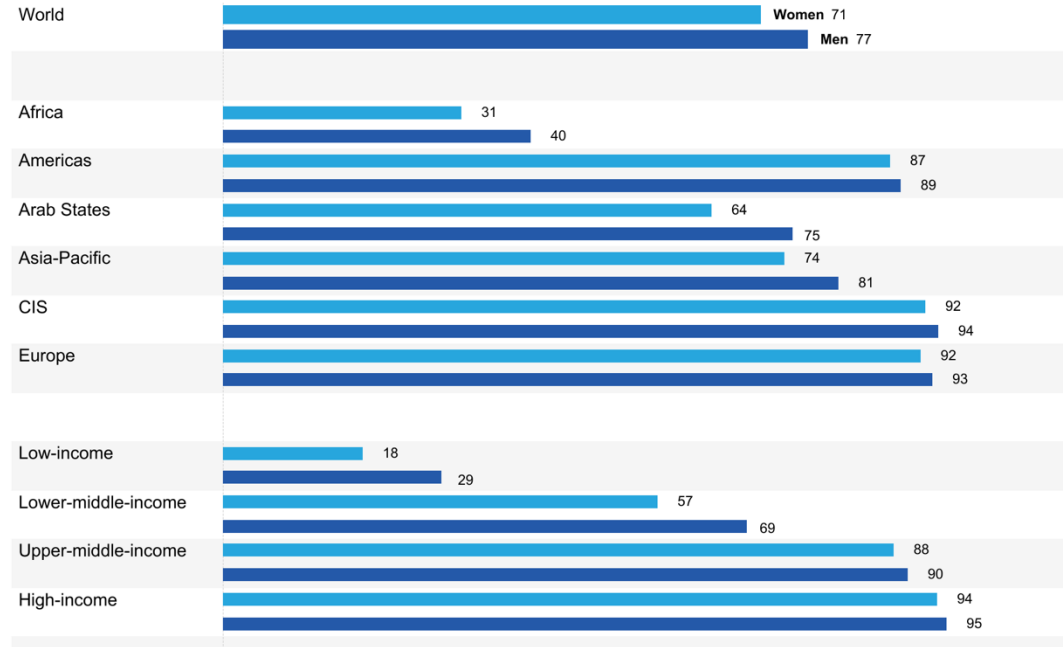
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The Gender Digital Divide

- 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

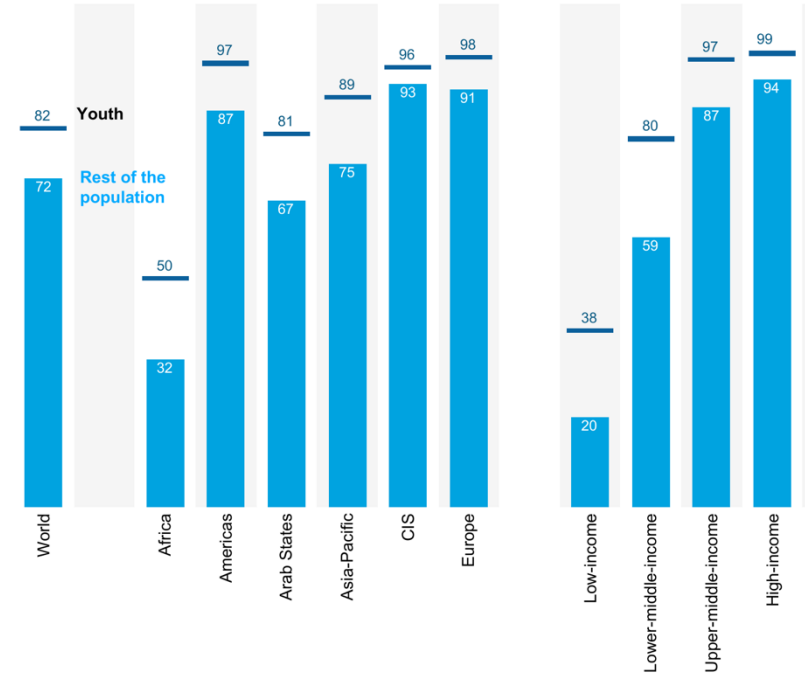




Youth Internet Use

- 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.

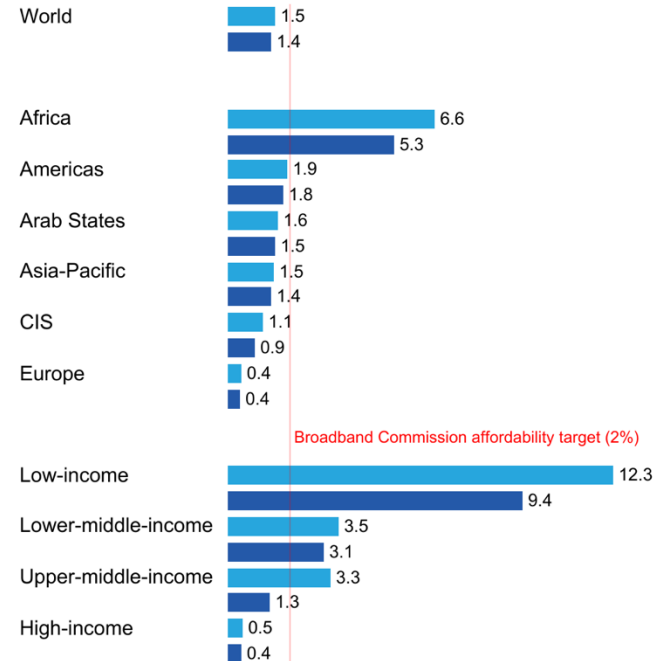
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Affordability of Internet Services

- 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

Price of Data-only mobile broadband (5GB) basket as % of gross national income per capita, :

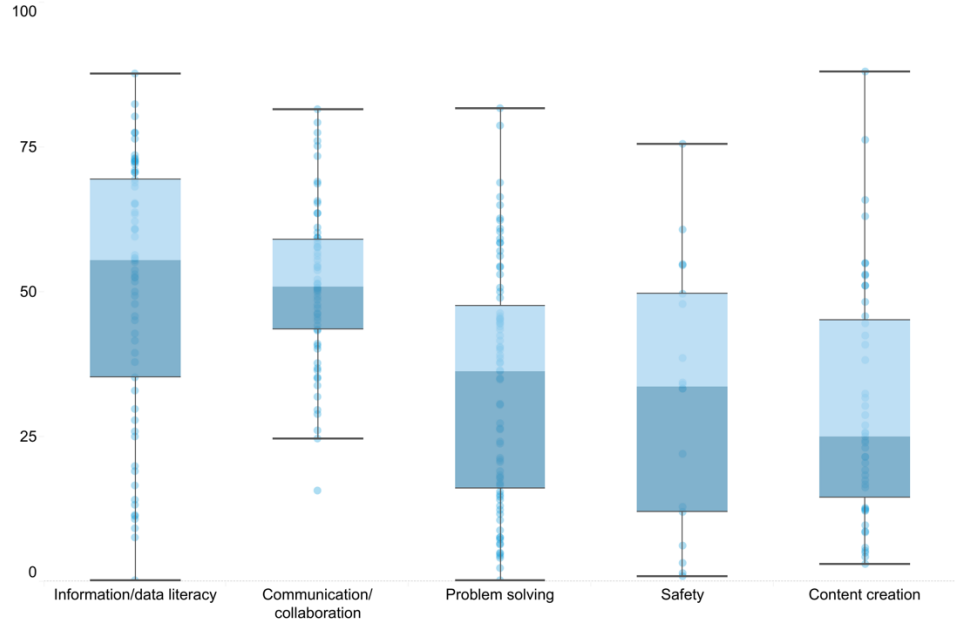




Internet Skills

- 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



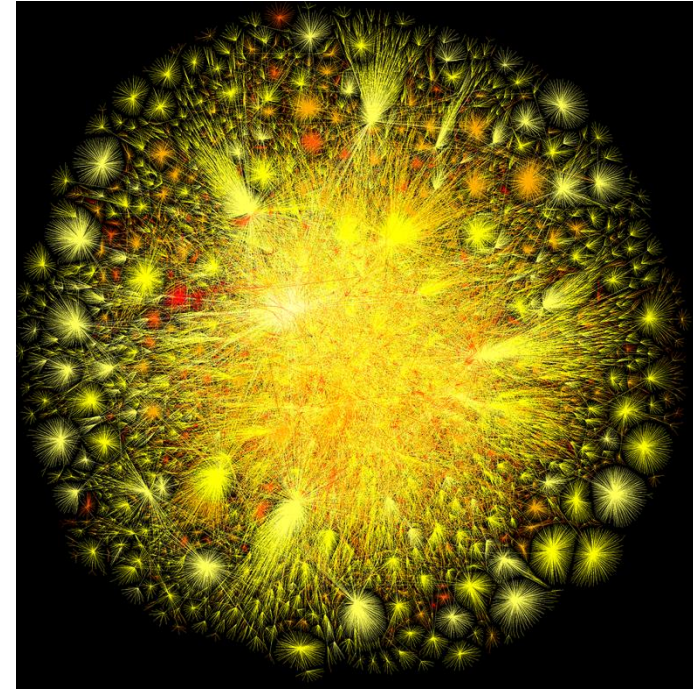
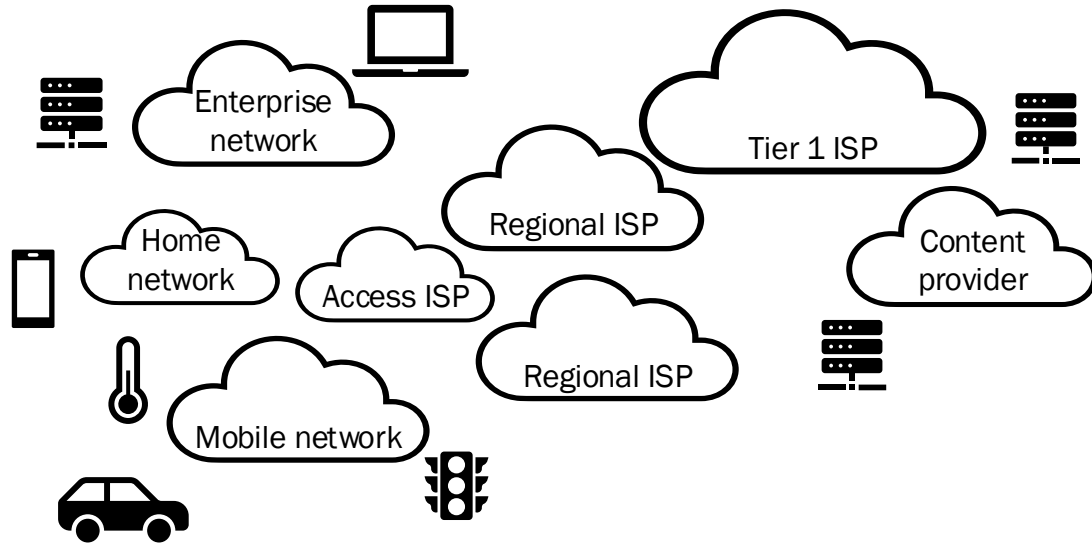
Note: Bars indicate the 25th, median and 75th percentile of all country values. Bottom and top lines indicate minimum and maximum values. *Communication/collaboration* is the average of sending messages (e.g. e-mail, messaging service, SMS) with attached files; making calls over the Internet; participating in social networks; and taking part in consultation or voting via Internet. *Problem solving* is the average of finding, downloading, installing and configuring software; connecting and installing new devices; transferring 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

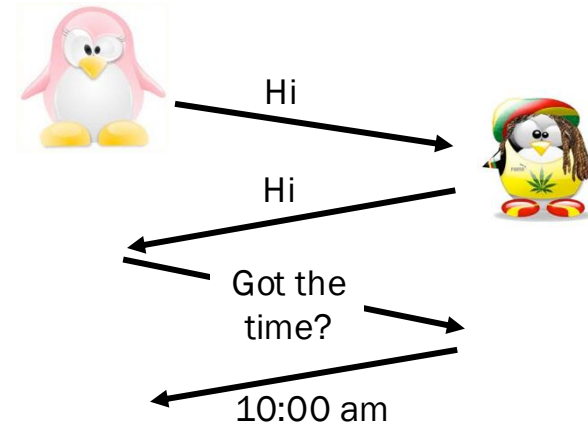


Barrett Lyon's Map of the Internet in 2010
(MoMA Museum)



What Is A Protocol?

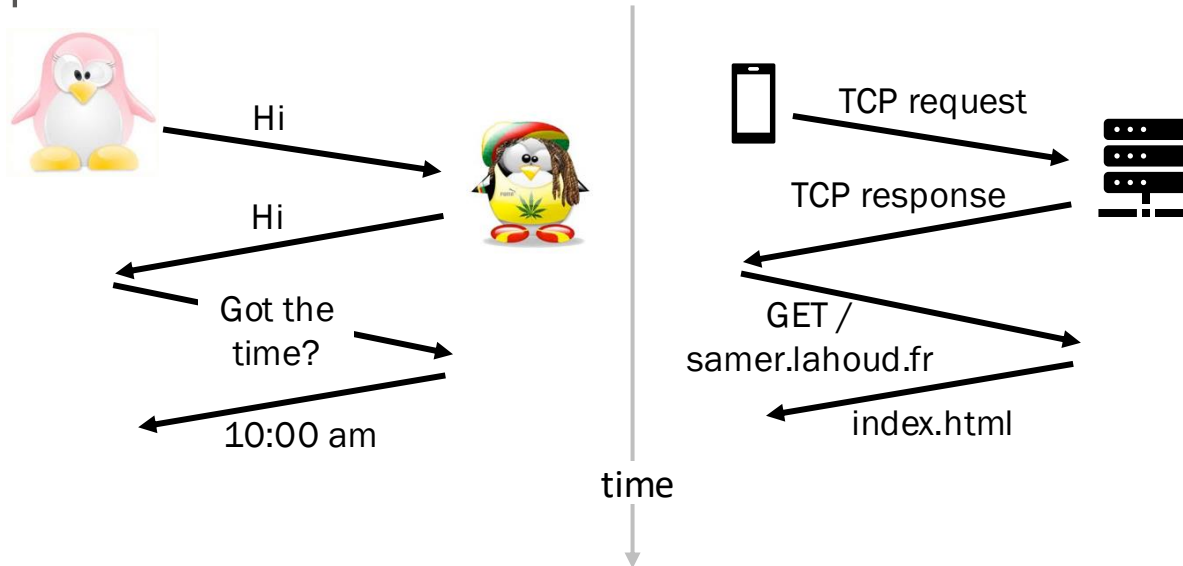
- Human protocols
 - What time is it?
 - I have a question
 - Introductions
- Rules for:
 - Specific messages sent
 - Specific actions taken
 - when messages received or sent, ...
- Network protocols:
 - Devices rather than humans
 - All communication activity in Internet governed by protocols





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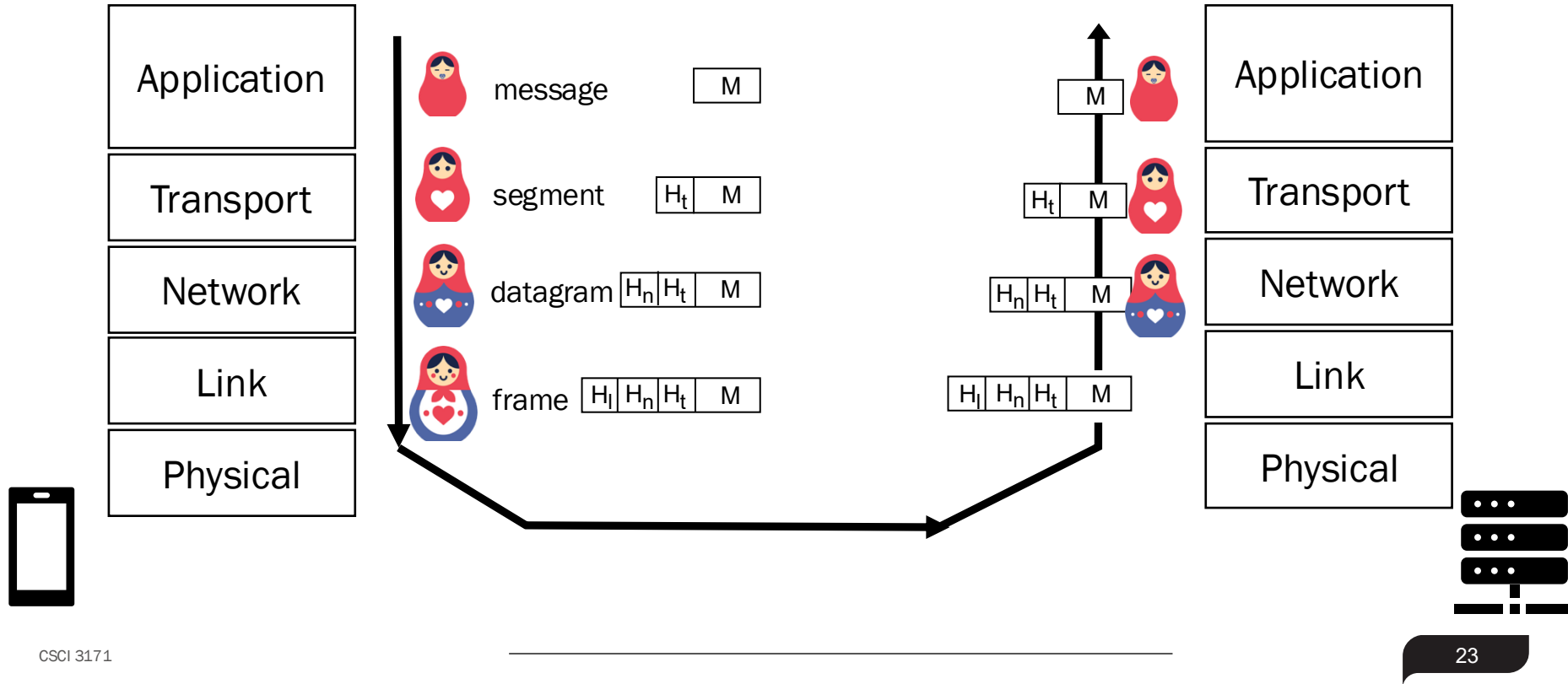
- Protocols define the format, order of messages sent and received among network entities, and actions taken on message transmission, receipt





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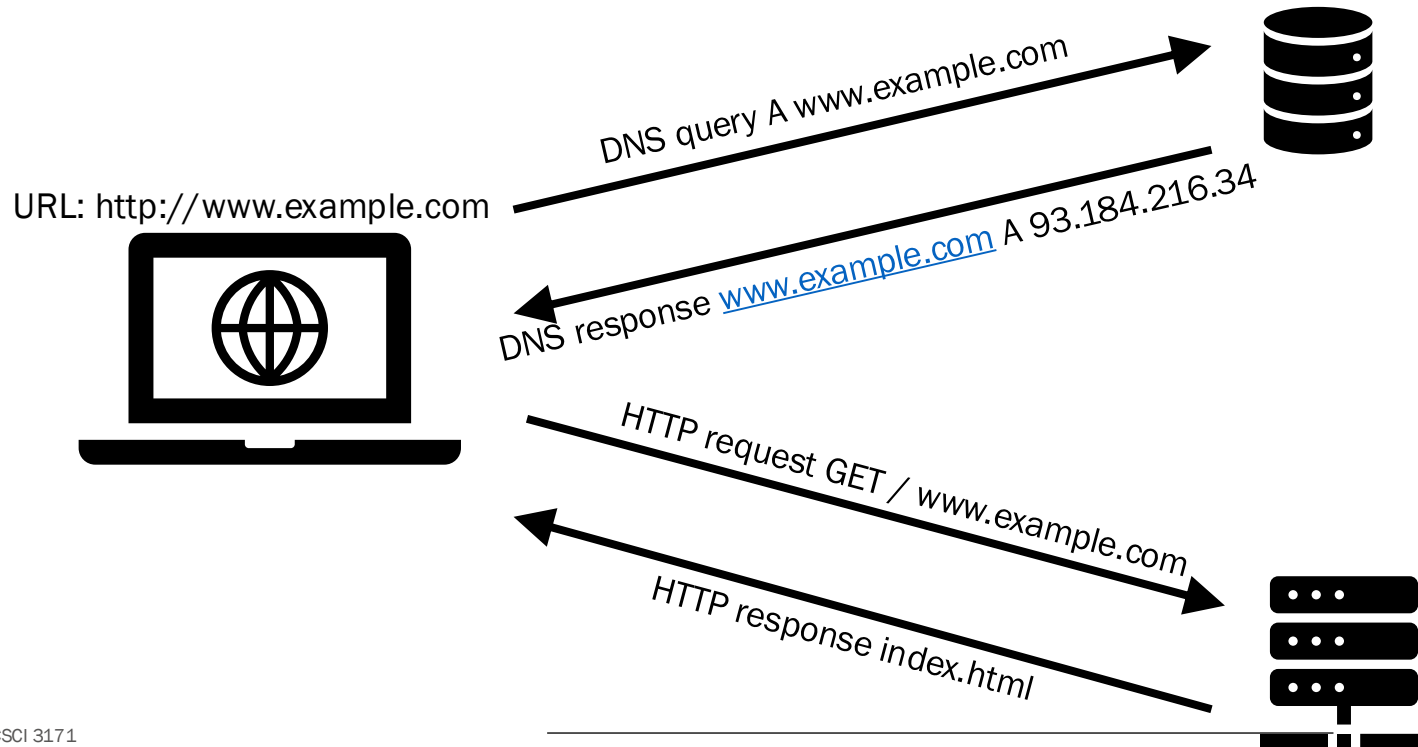
1- The Layer Model





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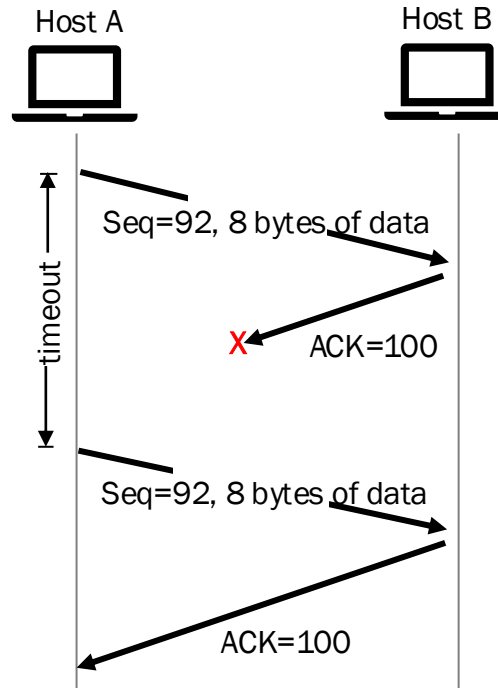
2- The Application Layer





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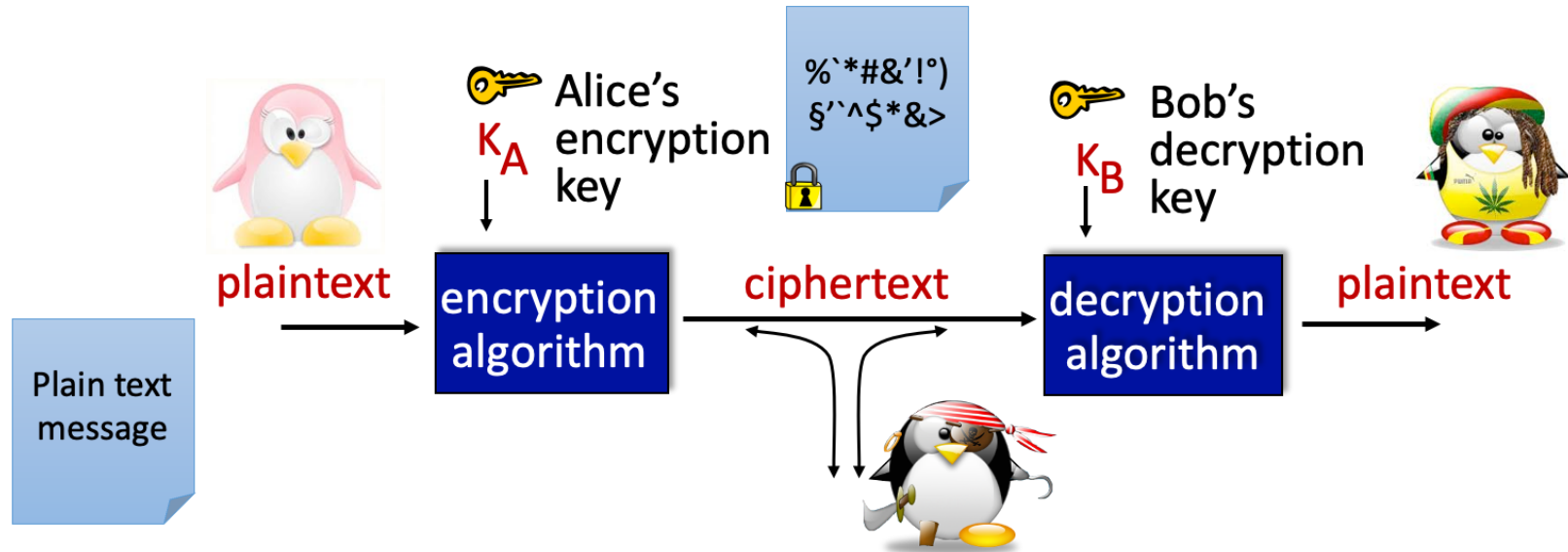
3- The Transport Layer





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 | |
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| 11 | Lab 7 | Non-Graded report |
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| 13 | | |

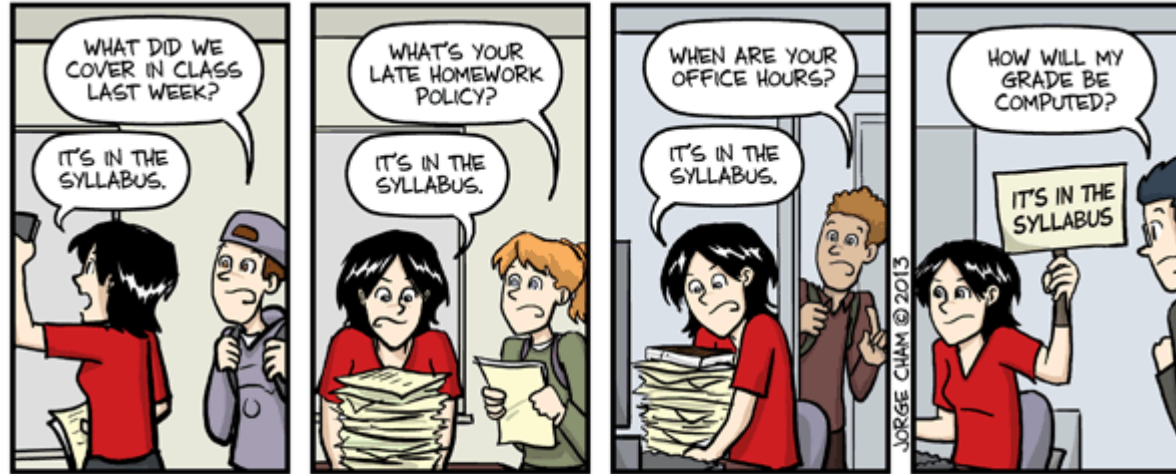


Grading

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



Syllabus



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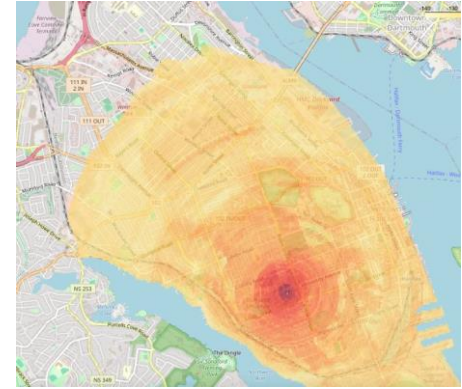
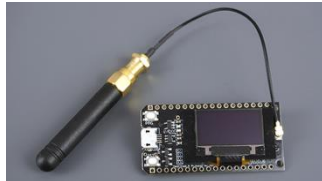
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Who am I?

- 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

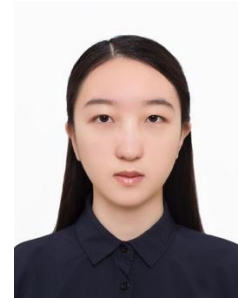


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Contact and Office Hours

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 - 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