

Syllabus

Module - 1 (Introduction and Physical Layer)

Introduction – Uses of computer networks, Network hardware, Network software. Reference models – The OSI reference model, The TCP/IP reference model, Comparison of OSI and TCP/IP reference models.

Physical Layer – Modes of communication, Physical topologies, Signal encoding, Repeaters and hub, Transmission media overview. Performance indicators – Bandwidth, Throughput, Latency, Queuing time, Bandwidth–Delay product.

Module - 2 (Data Link Layer)

Data link layer - Data link layer design issues, Error detection and correction, Sliding window protocols, High-Level Data Link Control(HDLC)protocol. Medium Access Control (MAC) sublayer –Channel allocation problem, Multiple access protocols, Ethernet, Wireless LANs - 802.11, Bridges & switches - Bridges from 802.x to 802.y, Repeaters, Hubs, Bridges, Switches, Routers and Gateways.

Module - 3 (Network Layer)

Network layer design issues. Routing algorithms - The Optimality Principle, Shortest path routing, Flooding, Distance Vector Routing, Link State Routing, Multicast routing, Routing for mobile hosts. Congestion control algorithms. Quality of Service (QoS) - requirements, Techniques for achieving good QoS.

Module - 4 (Network Layer in the Internet)

IP protocol, IP addresses, Internet Control Message Protocol (ICMP), Address Resolution Protocol (ARP), Reverse Address Resolution Protocol (RARP), Bootstrap Protocol (BOOTP), Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP). Open Shortest Path First(OSPF) Protocol, Border Gateway Protocol (BGP), Internet multicasting, IPv6, ICMPv6.

Module – 5 (Transport Layer and Application Layer)

Transport service – Services provided to the upper layers, Transport service primitives. User Datagram Protocol (UDP). Transmission Control Protocol (TCP) – Overview of TCP, TCP segment header, Connection establishment &release, Connection management modeling, TCP retransmission policy, TCP congestion control.

Application Layer –File Transfer Protocol (FTP), Domain Name System (DNS), Electronic mail, Multipurpose Internet Mail Extension (MIME), Simple Network Management Protocol