

Computer Networks

Lecture 1: Logistics

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Hello!

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- Welcome to Computer Networks
 - Are you in the right classroom?
 - Okay, good.
- Who am I?
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Why Take This Course?

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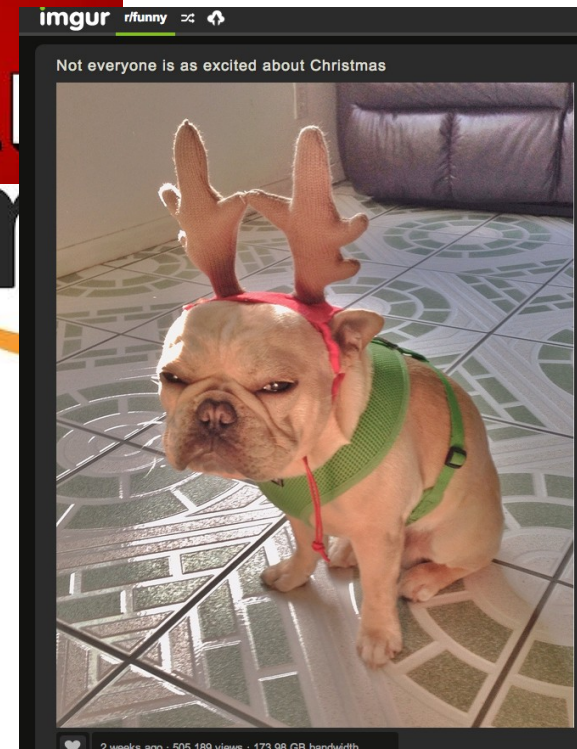
- How many of you have checked your e-mail, FB, text...
 - Today?
 - In the past hour?
 - Since I started talking?

Computer networks are ubiquitous

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□ Networks touch every part of our daily life

- Web search
- Social networking
- Watching movies
- Ordering merchandise
- Wasting time



Computer networks are ubiquitous

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- Networking is one of the most critical topics in CS
 - There would be no...
 - Big Data
 - Cloud
 - Apps or Mobile Computing
 - ... without networks

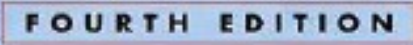
Goals

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- Fundamental understanding about computer networks
 - Layered approach covering routing algorithms and protocols up the stack
 - Not just how it works, but how did it end up that way?
 - Issues arising with new popular applications online
 - How might we rethink protocols and assumptions of the past □
- Focus on software and protocols
 - Not hardware
 - Minimal theory
- We will be putting concepts into historical perspective

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- Class forum



Teaching Style

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- ❑ I am a network researcher
 - Things make sense to me that may not make sense to you
 - If you do not understand something, do not be shy to stop me and ask
 - Seriously, ask questions!!!
 - Standing up here in silence is very awkward
 - I will stand here until you answer my questions
- ❑ Help me learn your names
 - Say your name before each question

Course = Lecture + Practice

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□ Practice

- Lecturer: Peter Vörös, Teaching assistant
- Requirements will be announced at the first class

□ Lecture

- After a successfully passed practical part...
- Final exam at end of the semester
 - one occasion per week in the exam period
 - written exam – tests + essay

Cheating

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- ❑ Do not do it
 - Seriously, don't make me say it again
- ❑ Cheating is an automatic zero
 - Will be referred to the university for discipline and possible expulsion

Final Grades

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- At the end of the semester, all of your grades will sum to 100 points

- Final grades are based on a simple scale:
 - 5 - >85,
 - 4 - 70-85,
 - 3 - 60-70,
 - 2 - 50-60,
 - 1 - 0-50

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