

1. (a) Define data link layer? Write down the sub-layers of data link model?
(b) How does data link layer work? Explain briefly.
(c) Write down the functionalities of data link layer?
(d) Define flow control? Explain, the mechanism of flow control?

Ans. to the ques. No - 01 (a)

Data link layer:

Data link layer is second layer of OSI layered Model. This layer is one of the most complicated layers and has complex functionalities and liabilities.

Data link layer has two sub-layers;

- Logic link control.
- Media access control.

Ans. to the ques. No 1(b)

Data link layer works between two hosts which are directly connected in some sense. This direct connection could be point-to-point or broadcast systems on broadcast network are said to be on same link. The work of data link layer tends to get more complex when it is dealing with multiple hosts on single collision domain.

Data link layer is responsible for converting data stream to signals bit by bit.

and to send that over other underlying hardware.

At the receiving end, Data link layer

layer picks up data from hardware which are in the form of electrical

signals, assembles them in a recognizable frame format, and hands over to upper layer.

Ans. to the ques. No. 1 (c)

Data link layer does many tasks

on behalf of upper layer. These

are:

i) framing:

Data link layer takes packets from

Network layer and encapsulates them

into frames.

ii) Addressing :

Data-link-layer provides layer-2 hardware addressing mechanism. Hardware address is assumed to be unique on the link.

iii) Synchronization :

When data frames are sent on the link, both machines must be synchronized in order to transfer to take place.

iv) Error control :

Sometimes signals may have encountered problem in transition and the bits are flipped, or frolic and most frolic.

v) flow control :

Stations on same link may have different speed or capacity. Data-link-layer ensures flow control that enables both machine to exchange data on same speed.

Two types of mechanism can be deployed to control the flow:

i) stop and wait:

This flow control mechanism forces the sender after transmitting a data frame to stop and wait until the acknowledgement of the data-frame sent is received.

ii) sliding window:

In this flow control mechanism, both sender and receiver agree on the number of data frames after which the acknowledgement should be sent. As we learnt, stop and wait flow control mechanism wastes resources, this protocol tries to make use of underlying resources as much as possible.

vi) Multi-access:

When host on the shared link tries to transfer the data, it has a high probability of collision. Data layer provides mechanism such as CSMA/CD to equip capability to handle accessing a shared media among multiple systems.

Ans. to the ques. No-1(d)

Flow control:

When a data frame (Layer-2 data) is sent from one host to another over a single medium, it is required that the sender and receiver should work at the same speed. That is, sender sends at a speed on which the receiver can process and accept the data.

Ques. No. 2. (a) Define flow control? Write down the two types of mechanisms of flow control?

(b) Define Error control? Write down the requirements of error control mechanism.

(c) Explain, Data link layer may deploy to control the errors by Automatic Repeat Requests (ARQ).

(d) Briefly described about the Error detection and correction?

Ans. to the ques. No. 2 (a)

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Ans. to the ques. No. 2 (b)

Error control:

When data-frame is transmitted, there is a probability that data-frame may be lost in the transit or it is received corrupted.

Requirements of error control mechanism:

- i) Error detection: The sender and receiver either both or any, must ascertain that there is some error in the transit.
- ii) positive ACK: When the receiver receives a correct frame, it should acknowledge it in a timely manner.

iii) Negative Ack: When the receiver receives a damaged frame or a duplicate frame, it sends a NACK back to the sender and the sender must re-transmit the correct frame.

iv) Retransmission:

The sender maintains a clock and sets a timeout period. If an acknowledgement of a data-frame previously transmitted does not arrive before the timeout, the sender retransmits the frame, thinking that the frame or its acknowledgement is lost in transmit.

Ans. to the ques. No-3(c)

There are three types of techniques available which Data-link

layer may deploy to control the errors by ARQ.

i) stop-and-wait ARQ:

The following transitions may occur in stop-and-wait ARQ:

- The sender maintains a timeout counter.
- When a frame is sent, the sender starts the timeout counter.
- If the acknowledgement of frame comes in time, the sender transmits the next frame in queue.
- If acknowledgement does not come in time, the sender assumes that either the frame or its acknowledgement is lost in transit.
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ii) Go-Back-N ARQ:

Stop and wait ARQ mechanism does not utilize the resources at their best.

When the acknowledgement is received the sender sits idle and does nothing.

In Go-Back-N ARQ method, both sender and receiver maintain a window.

iii) Selective Repeat ARQ:

In Go-back-N ARQ, it is assumed that the receiver does not have any buffer space for its window size and has to process each frame as it comes. The sender in this case sends only packet for which NACK is received.

Ans. to the ques. No. 2(d)

there are many reasons such as noise, cross-talk etc. which may help data to get corrupted during transmission. The upper layers work on some generalized view of network architecture and are not aware of actual hardware data processing. Hence, the upper layers expect error-free transmission between the systems. Applications such as voice and video may not be affected and with some errors they may still function well.

Data-link layer uses some error-control mechanism to ensure that frames (data bit streams) are transmitted

with certain level of accuracy.

But to understand how errors is controlled; it is essential to know what types of errors may occur.

3. (a) Define Error Detection? Write down the type of errors for

(b) Define error Correction?

Write down the two ways of error control mechanism?

(c) Define CRC? Describe the importance of cyclic Redundancy check (CRC) in error detection,

(d) Explain $2^n > m+r+1$.

Ans. to the ques. No = 3(a) (i)

Error detection:

Errors in the received frames are detected by means of parity check and cyclic Redundancy check (CRC). In both cases, few extra bits are sent along with actual data to confirm that bits received at other end are same as they were sent.

There are three types of errors:

- i) Single bit error.
- ii) Multiple bit error.
- iii) Burst error.

Ans. to the ques. No - 3 (b)

Error correction:

To correct the error in data frame, the receiver must know exactly which

bit in the frame is corrupted.

Backward error correction is simple and can only be efficiently used where retransmitting is not expensive.

Error control mechanism may involve two possible ways:

- i) Error detection
- ii) Error correction.

Ans. to the ques. No-3(c)

CRC :

CRC is a different approach to detect if the received frame contains valid data. This technique involves binary division of the data bits being sent. The divisor is generated using polynomials. The remainder

performs a division operation on the bits being sent and calculates the remainder. Before sending the actual bits the sender adds the remainders at the end of the actual bits. Actual data plus the remainder is called a codeword. The sender transmits data bits as codewords.

101 11001
101 1100110 (ii)
101 110
101 101
101 111
101 101
101 10
101

After removing CRC bits from message
No error

Ans. to the ques. No-3(d)

In the digital world, error correction can be done in two ways:

i) Backward error correction: When the receiver detects an error in the data received, it requests back the sender to retransmit the data unit.

ii) Forward Error Correction: When the receiver detects some errors in the data received, it executes error - correcting code, which helps it to auto-recover and to correct some kinds of errors.

For m data bits, r redundant bits are used, r bits can provide 2^r combinations of information.

In $m+r$ bit codeword, there is possibility that the r bits themselves may get corrupted. So, the number of r bits used must inform about $m+r$ bit locations plus no-error information, i.e. $m+r+1$.

$$2^r \geq m+r+1$$

4. (a) Define Network Layer? How does it work?

(b) Write down the functionalities of Layer-3?

(c) Explain, Internet protocol is widely respected and deployed Network Layer protocol.

(d) Which network address we use in nowadays, Explain.

Ans. to the ques. No - 4(a)

Network Layer: Layer-3 in the OSI model is called network layer. Network layer manages options pertaining to host and network addressing, managing sub-networks, and internet working.

Network layer takes the responsibility for routine packets from source to destination within or outside a subnet. Two different subnet may have different addressing schemes or non compatible addressing types.

Network layer has the responsibility to route the packets from source to destination, mapping different addressing schemes and protocols.

(b) Ans. to the ques. No - 09(b)

Devices which work on Network Layer mainly focus on routines. Routing may include various tasks aimed to achieve a single goal.

These can be divided into following (i)

- i) Addressing devices and networks.
- ii) populating routing tables or static routes.
- iii) Queuing incoming and outgoing data and then forwarding them according to quality of service constraints set for those packets.
- iv) Internetworking between two different subnets.
- v) Delivering packets to destination with best efforts.
- vi) provides connection oriented and connection less mechanism.

Ans. to the ques. No - 04 (c)

With its standard functionalities, Layer-3 can provide various features as:

- i) Quality of service management.
- ii) Load balancing and link management.
- iii) Security.
- iv) Interrelation of different protocols and subnets with different schema.
- v) Different logical network design over the physical network design.
- vi) L3 VPN and tunnels can be used to provide end-to-end dedicated connectivity.

Internet protocol is widely respected and deployed Network Layer

Protocol which helps to communicate end to end devices over the Internet. It comes in two flavours. IPv6 is created to replace IPv4 and hopefully mitigates limitations of IPv4 too.

Ans. to the ques. No-4(d)

The IP Network address as it is the only one we use in practice these days.

IP addressing provides mechanism to differentiate between hosts and network.

Because IP addresses are assigned in hierarchical manner, a host always resides under a specific network. The

host which needs to communicate outside its subnet, needs to know destination network address, where the

the packet/data is to be sent to routers take help of routing tables, which has the following information to find the method to reach the network.

The next router on the path follows the same thing and eventually the data packet reaches its destination. Network address can be one of the following:

- i) Unicast (destined to one host)
- ii) Multicast (destined to group)
- iii) Broadcast (destined to all)
- iv) Anycast (destined to nearest node)

5. (a) Define Network Addressing? Write down the categories of Network Addressing?
- (b) Define Unicast Routing? Write down the protocols of Unicast Routing?
- (c) Define Broadcast Routing? Explain, the two ways of Broadcast Routing that it can be done.
- (d) Define Anycast Routing? How much is it's important in network Routing?

Ans. to the ques. No - 5 (a)

Network Addressing: Layer-3 network addressing is one of the major tasks of Network Layer. Network Addresses are always logical i.e. these are software based addresses which can be changed by appropriate configurations.

There are different kinds of network addresses:

i) IP.

ii) IPX.

iii) AppleTalk.

Ans. to the ques. No - 05 (b)

Unicast Routing: Most of the traffic on the internet and intranets known as unicast data or unicast traffic is sent with its specified destination. Routing unicast data over the Internet is called unicast Routing.

There are two kinds of routing protocols available to route unicast packets

i) Distance vector Routing protocol:

Distance vector is simple routing protocol which takes routing decision

on the number of hops between its source and destination. A route with less number of hops is considered as the best route.

ii) Link State Routing protocol:

Link state protocol is slightly complicated protocol than Distance Vector. It takes into account the states of links of all the routers in a network.

Ans to the ques. No - 5(c)

Broadcast Routing:

By default, the broadcast packets are not routed and forwarded by the routers on any network. Routers create broadcast domains.

Broadcast Routing can be done in two ways (algorithm):

- A router creates a data packet and

then sends it to each host one by one. In this case, the router creates multiple copies of single data packets with different destination addresses.

ii) Secondly, when router receives a packet that is to be broadcasted, it simply floods those packets out of all interfaces. All routers are configured in the same way. This technique is used to detect and discard duplicates.

Ans. to the ques. No - 5(d)

Anycast Routing packet forwarding is a mechanism where multiple hosts can have same logical address.

When a packet destined to this

logical address is received, it is sent to the host which is nearest in routing topology.

Anycast Routing is done with the help of DNS servers. Whenever an Anycast packet is received it is enquired with DNS to where to send it. DNS provides the IP address which is the nearest IP configured on it.

6. (a) Define Network Layer Routing?

Write down the multiple paths of network layer Routing?

(b) Define Multicast Routing? How much it important in network layer Routing?

(c) Write down the protocols of Multicast Routing?

(d) Explain the algorithms of Network Layer Routing briefly?

Ans. to the ques. No - 6(a)

Network Layer Routing: When a device has multiple paths to reach a destination, it always selects one path by preferring it over others. This selection process is termed as Routing.

The multiple path of network Layer Routing:

- i) Hop count
- ii) Band width
- iii) Metric
- iv) Prefix-length
- v) Delay

Ans. to the ques. No - 6 (b)

Multicast Routing: It is special case of broadcast routing with significance difference and challenges. In broadcast routing, packets are sent to all nodes even if they do not want it. But in Multicast Routing, the data is sent to only nodes which wants to receive the packets.

The routers must know that there are nodes, which wish to receive multicast packets, then only it should forward. Multicast routing also uses reverse path forwarding technique, to detect and discard duplicates and loops.

Ans. to the ques. No-6(c)

Unicast routing protocols use graphs while Multicast routing protocols use trees, i.e., spanning tree to avoid loops. The optical tree is called shortest path spanning tree.

- i) DVMRP: Distance Vector Multicast Routing Protocol
- ii) MOSPF: Multicast open shortest path first
- iii) CBT: Core Based Tree
- iv) PIM: Protocol independent Multicast. Protocol Independent Multicast is commonly used now. It has two flavors:
 - i) PIM Dense Mode: This mode uses source-based trees. It is used

in dense environments such as LAN.

ii) PIM Sparse Mode: This mode uses shared trees. It is used in sparse environment such as WAN.

Ans. to the ques No - 6(d)

The routing algorithms are follows:

i) Flooding: Flooding is simplest method of packet forwarding. When a packet is received, the routers send it to all the interfaces except the one on which it was received. This creates too much burden on the network and lots of duplicate packets wandering in the network.

ii) Shortest path: Routing decision in networks, are mostly taken on the basis of cost between source and desti-

information. Hop count plays major role here. Common shortest path algorithms are:

- i) Dijkstra's algorithm.
- ii) Bellman Ford algorithm.
- iii) Floyd Warshall algorithm.

Q. (a) Define Internetworking? How

does it work? Explain.

(b) Define Tunneling? Write a short note about the packet fragmentation.

(c) Define ARP? Briefly, describe about the ICMP?

(d) Define Internet protocol version

? Write down the difference

between IPV4 and IPV6.

Ans. to the ques. No - 7 (a)

Internetworking: Networks under same administration are generally scattered geographically. There may exist requirement of connecting two different networks of same kind as well as different kinds. Router between two networks is called Internetworking.

Networks can be considered different based on various parameters such as, protocol, topology (Layer-2 network and addressing scheme).

Ans. to the ques. No - 7 (b)

Tunnelling: Tunnelling is a mechanism by which two or more same networks communicate with each other, by passing

intermediate networking complexities.

Packet fragmentation:

Most Ethernet segments have their maximum transmission unit (MTU) fixed to 1500 bytes.

If a packet with DF (don't fragment) bit set to 1 comes to a router which can not handle the packet because of its length, the packet is dropped.

When a packet is received by a router has its MF (more fragments) bit set to 1, the router then

knows that it is a fragmented packet and parts of the original

packet and parts of the original packet is on the way.

Ans to the ques. No-7(c)

Address Resolution protocol (ARP):

while communicating, a host needs Layer-2 (MAC) address of the destination machine which belongs to the same broadcast domain or network.

ICMP is network diagnostic and error reporting protocol. ICMP belongs to IP

protocol suite and uses IP carrier protocol. After constructing ICMP packet, it is encapsulated in IP packet. Because IP itself is a best-effort non-reliable protocol, so is ICMP.

ICMP echo and ICMP-echo-reply are the most commonly used ICMP messages to check the reachability of

end-to-end hosts, when a host receives an ICMP-echo request, it is bound to send back an ICMP-echo-reply. If there is any problem in the transmission, the ICMP will report the problem.

Ans. to the ques. No-7(d)

IPv6: Exhaustion of IPv4 addresses gave birth to a next generation Internet protocol version. IPv6 addresses its nodes with 128 bit wide address providing plenty of address space for future to be used to entire planet or beyond.

To facilitate easy switching of esp

Difference between IPv4 and IPv6:

IPv4: This divides address into two parts - network and host. It is 32-bit addressing scheme used as TCP/IP host addressing mechanism. IP addressing enables every host on the TCP/IP network to be uniquely identifiable. IP addresses are divided into many categories:

- i) class A - it uses first octet for network addresses and last three octets for host addressing.
- ii) class B - first two octets for network address.
- iii) class C - first three octets for network addresses.
- iv) class D - it provide flat IP addressing scheme.
- v) class E - it is used as experimental.

IPv6:

IPv6 is still in transition phase and is expected to replace IPv4 completely.

in coming years. At present there are few networks which are running on IPv6. There are some transition mechanisms available for IPv6.

- i) Dual stack implementation.
- ii) Tunnelling
- iii) NAT-PT

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(b) Describe the transition of Stop-and-Wait ARQ in Error control.

(c) Write down the features of Network layer?

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