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Network Basics: Evolution of computer networks; Network Models, Network Media, LAN, MAN and WAN, needs and goals of networking topology, network architecture, need for protocols, OSI Reference Model, layer services, primitives and service access points.

Data link layer: Framing, HDLC, PPP, sliding window protocols, medium access control, Token Ring, Wireless LAN; Virtual circuit switching: Frame relay, ATM;

Network Layer: Internet addressing, IP, ARP, ICMP, CIDR, routing algorithms (RIP, OSPF, BGP);

Transport Layer: UDP, TCP, flow control, congestion control; Introduction to quality of service;

Application Layer: DNS, Web, email, authentication, encryption.

Texts:

1. Andrew S. Tanenbaum, David J. Wetherall, "Computer Networks", 4th Ed., Prentice Hall, 2003

References:

1. Behrouz A. Forouzan, "Data Communications and Networking", 4th Ed., Tata Mcgraw Hill, 2006.

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Linux network configuration, measurement and analysis tools: Wireshark.

Socket programming: TCP and UDP, peer-to-peer applications; reliable communications using unreliable datagrams; client-server using RPC; concurrent servers using threads or processes.

Assignments on simulation of LAN, Wi-Fi etc using network simulator.

References:

- 1. http://tldp.org/
- 2. http://www.nsnam.org/documentation/

Grading:

4 Tests – Best 3 will be considered. Therefore, if you miss the test, then there will be no re-test.

Assignments would carry 10% weightage.