

Assignment 5

Computer Networks

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Question 1 Write a brief note on the meaning of each component of both the structures `in_addr` and `sockaddr_in`.

Answer

- **struct in_addr:** This structure contains only one member which is `s_addr` of type `u_long` type for storing the 32 bits IP address which can be netID or hostID.
- **struct sockaddr_in:** This structure contains 4 members total of 16 bytes. `sin_family` that is of 2 bytes of type `short` and used to store the family type of socket e.g. `AF_INET`, `AF_UNIX`. `sin_port` that is also of 2 bytes of type `u_short` (unsigned short) stores port number of host machine e.g. 23, 9939. `sin_addr` is of 4 byte of type `in_addr` that already has been discussed in last point which used to store the IP address of host machine. `sin_zero` of 8 byte of type `char` array which may be used in future or can be used to extra info about address.