CSE 489/589 Modern Networking Concepts

Time: *Mon-Wed-Fri 12:00—12:50* Place: *NSC 220*

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- Administrative aspects
- A brief overview of the course

• Know how to design the Internet in 10 minutes

What is the course about?



Just memorize all the TLA, and that's about it.

What you'd achieve from this course

- Have fun!!
- Learn the fundamentals of computer networking
 - Some technologies that make networking possible
 - Software architectures integrating the technologies to build a computer network, the Internet in particular
 - Network programming
 - Shortcomings and challenges of current Internet architecture (technologically, politically)
- Coverage broad on most topics, deep on a few

What you will **not** learn from this course

• A lot

• Why?

- There are *lots* of things I don't know
- The field is *enormous*
- There are numerous inessential details
 - Technologies evolve super-rapidly
 - Fundamental design ideas are here to stay

- Elementary calculus and probability
- Elementary computer architecture, data structures and algorithms
- C system programming in Unix/Linux
 - No other language allowed
 - Except for C++ if you have to (not recommended though)
 - No other operating system allowed (we will grade your programming assignments on Solaris and Linux)

Our TAs

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 - Office hours: Thursdays 2-4pm
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Website (assignments, notes, syllabus, readings)

http://www.cse.buffalo.edu/~hungngo/classes/2010/589/

Blog

(announcements, lecture clarification, discussions)

http://ubmnc.wordpress.com/

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Algorithm 1 (to be made distributive) 1: course blog

2: else

email me at hungngo@buffalo.edu

3: else

use office hours 09:30-10:30am Mon & Wed, 238 Bell

4: else

sneak in whenever the door is opened 5: goto 1

Course Materials

Textbook:

- James F. F. Kurose and <u>Keith W. Ross</u>, "Computer Networking: A Top-Down Approach Featuring the Internet", 5th edition.
- Online Materials: (including lecture notes)
 - http://www.cse.buffalo.edu/~hungngo/classes/2010/589
- Highly Recommended Reference:
 - W. Richard Stevens, "UNIX Network Programming: Networking APIs : Sockets and XTI : Volume 1, Second Edition", Prentice Hall.
- Other reference books & materials: see website

Work Load

- Heavy! Start early!!
- Approx. 80 pages of (light) reading per week
- 4 written homework assignments (individuals)
- 2 programming assignments to be done in groups of size ≤ 2
- Find a partner now
- 1 midterm exam
- 1 final exam

Grading Policy

30%

- 4 written assignments: 4% each
- First project: 10%
- Second project: 24%
- Midterm: 20%
- Final:
- Assignments due at the end of the lecture date
 - 1 day late: 20% reduction
 - Each extra day late: 40% reduction
- Incomplete/make-up exams: not given, except in provably extraordinary cases

Academic Honesty

No tolerance on plagiarism:

- 0 on the particular assignment/exam for first attempt, report to the department
- Fail the course on the second
- Consult the University Code of Conduct for details on consequences of academic misconduct
- Group study/discussion is encouraged, but the submission must be your own work
- On the Programming Assignments: discussions of ideas are welcomed, but **NO** exchanges of source codes, please! If you take some pieces of codes from the Internet, say so!

I will take cheating VERY seriously.

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- On the curve
- Just for reference:
 - A: top 15-20%
 - **A-:** next 10-15%
 - **B+, B, B-:** next 25-40%
 - C+,C,C-: next 10-20%
 - **D and below**: you don't want to know
- I reserve the right to assign grades based on the overall performance.

No lame excuses, please!!!

- I want to go home early, please allow me to take the final exam on April 1st
- I had a fight with my girlfriend
 - ... you can have my deepest condolences
- I've studied very hard, I understood the stuff very well, but I got a C please consider giving an A... you could easily win "Last Comic Standing"
- I will graduate this semester and won't be able to graduate unless I get at least a B+, blah blah blah

How to Make It Interesting? How to Do Well?

- Participate: discuss, answer and ask questions ("the only stupid question is the question you don't ask")
- Give suggestions: I'll take them seriously
- "Tips & Tricks" every week
- Do the assigned readings and surf the web to read related things
- Start early on homework assignments and projects
- Make use of the TAs (and occasionally me too)

A (Dramatized) Visualization of the Internet



From the Opte Project (http://www.opte.org/)

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IPv4 & IPv6 INTERNET TOPOLOGY MAP JANUARY 2009

AS-level INTERNET GRAPH



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The Rest of This Lecture

- 1. What is a computer network, what is the Internet?
- 2. What are the features we want the Internet to possess? (Assuming we're free to design a new Internet.)
 - Socially
 - Economically

Inter-related

- Politically
- Technically (influenced by the first 3)
- 3. What are some of the challenges involved in designing a (new) Internet?
- 4. How do we design the Internet satisfying (2) subject to (3)?

1. Computer Network and Internet

- *Computer network*: collection of *nodes* and *links* allowing data communications between nodes
 - Nodes: computing devices (computers, PDA, cellular phones, sensors, etc.)
 - Links: media which can carry electromagnetic waves (TV cables, phone cables, fiber optics, the air, "a dog carrying a diskette", etc.)

- *The Internet*: a global computer network
 - For technical convenience, we often think of the Internet as a network of computer networks

2. Desired Internet's Features -- Socially

- Allow for freedom of expression
- Be easy to use
- Be fair
- Be accessible for billions of people
- Serve as a great educational tool
- Ensure security, privacy for individuals
- Block malicious forces from abusing the system (spams, botnets, worms, viruses, distortions, slanders, etc.)

- Be a really cheap commodity
- Be a platform for innovations from both an entrepreneurship standpoint and a pure technical standpoint
- Be highly scalable, allowing for innovations on new communication technologies (new "links") and devices that can connect (new "nodes")

2. Desired Internet's Features -- Politically

- Allow for freedom of expression
- Prevent higher authorities or the mob from oppressing dissenting or minority political voices
- Prevent a particular person/organization/country from absolutely controlling a particular aspect of the Internet (standards, protocols, etc.)
 - Dave Clark: "we reject kings, presidents, and voting. We believe in rough consensus and running codes."
- Be neutral (this is a highly complex issue)
 - See *network neutrality* links on course website

2. Desired Internet's Features -- Technically

- Robust
- Scalable, evolvable
- Efficient (performance and resource)
- Manageable
- Easy to use, to develop various applications on
- Accessible from everywhere
- Secure, allow for forensics

- Social norms resist radical changes and freedom of expression
 - Religion
 - Tradition
 - Culture
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- Learning curve necessarily steep

- Hard to boost Internet market in 3rd world countries
- Entry cost for new businesses getting higher and higher as old technologies mature
 - E.g., very hard to become a new ISP
 - The market isn't very efficient

3. Design Challenges -- Politically

- Governments always want to suppress dissents
- Big corporations want control of various things (standards, protocols, implementations, etc.)
 - Google ("Do no evil unless it's profitable") & Verizon were under loss of heat last month
 - Court in DC in April ruled that FCC cannot control how ISPs treat their traffic
- Standard bodies dominated by a few big players
- No one really "controls" the entire Internet
 - Desirable!
 - Yet, changes are difficult to realize

3. Design Challenges -- Technically

- Internet is humongous in scope and scale
- "Hard to predict, especially about the future"
- Design objectives contradictory
- Extremely hard to experiment with new ideas
- Applications are so diverse in requirements (email vs. realtime streaming)
- Networks are diverse in requirements (corporate vs. home)

Quite amazing that current Internet works!





Courtesy of the Computer History Museum http://www.computerhistory.org/

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4. So, how do we design a (new) Internet?

Two principles that have worked so far

Modularization (i.e. *layering*)

End-to-end Principle

You will learn as much from me as I will learn from you

• Welcome, again!!