CT3531 Nets & Comms 2

Introduction and Review



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- Router Platform (Mikrotik RouterOS)
- Network Simulation (Lab Work)
- Dynamic Routing (OSPF and BGP)
- BGP and Internet Exchanges
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- Network Programming
- More on IPv6

Intro Lecture

- Introduction to Computer Networks
- OSI Reference Model
- Development of the Internet
- Internet Applications
- Internet and Society
- Conclusions

Network Classification

• Classification of interconnected processors by scale.

Interprocessor distance	Processors located in same	Example
1 m	Square meter	Personal area network
10 m	Room	
100 m	Building	> Local area network
1 km	Campus	
10 km	City	Metropolitan area network
100 km	Country	
1000 km	Continent	Wide area network
10,000 km	Planet	The Internet

Architecture of the Internet

• Overview of the Internet



OSI Reference Model

Name of unit exchanged



OSI (Open Systems Interconnect) – Network architecture based on a proposal developed by ISO (International Standards Organization) to standardize the protocols used in various layers

Layer

TCP/IP Reference Model



• Used by Internet, packet switching network (of networks) based on a connectionless internetwork layer



Future Internet Protocol IPv6

- CIDR and NAT may "buy" a few more years, but the days of IPv4 are numbered (shortage problem)
- 1990, IETF started to work on IPv6, with the following goals:
 - Support billion of hosts
 - Reduce the size of the routing tables
 - Simplify the protocol, to allow routers to process faster
 - Provide better security (auth and privacy) than IPv4
 - Pay more attention to type of service (for real time data)
 - Aid multicasting (by allowing scopes to be specified)
 - Make roaming possible without change of address



- Internet is divided into over 200 top level domains
 - Each domain is divided into sub-domains, which are further partitioned, etc..
 - All domains can be represented by a tree
 - The leaves of the tree represent domains that have no sub-domains (but contain machines)
 - A leaf domain may contain a single host or represent a company and contain thousands of hosts
- Top level domains could be generic and country domains



- One DNS server could service all requests
 - In practice it will be overloaded
- To solve this, DNS name space is divided in non overlapping zones
 - Each zone contains some part of the tree and name servers holding zone info
 - A zone would have a primary DNS (gets info from disk)
 - One or more secondary DNS (get info from the primary DNS)

Current Internet Trends

- Phenomenal changes in past 10 years
- VOIP and Video on Demand
- Social Networks
- Mobility





Fiber Cables

(a) Side view of a single fiber.(b) End view of a sheath with three fibers.





Conclusions

- Optical networking and dense wavelength-division multiplexing (DWDM) is rapidly bringing down the cost of networking, and further progress seems assured
 - Butter's law says that the amount of data coming out of an optical fiber is doubling every nine months. Thus, the cost of transmitting a bit over an optical network decreases by half every nine months.

Conclusions

- Every industry will be affected by increasing and faster network coverage
- Transmission networks and media organisations at most immediate risk to changes
- Society itself is being changed by technological advances and better network connectivity