

IV Semester
Course 11: Data Communication and Computer Networks
Credits -3

Course Objectives

To provide students with a comprehensive understanding of networking principles, protocols, and technologies, enabling them to design, analyze, and evaluate efficient and reliable network solutions.

Course Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the course, a student will be able to:

1. Understand and apply network applications, hardware, software, and reference models for network communication.
2. Design and analyze data link layer protocols, multiple access protocols, and wireless LAN technologies.
3. Design routing algorithms, congestion control algorithms, and evaluate network layer protocols for internetworking.
4. Analyze transport service, transport protocols, and evaluate UDP and TCP in the internet.
5. Understand and evaluate application layer protocols, including DNS, email, WWW, and network management protocols.

UNIT-I

INTRODUCTION: Network applications, network hardware, network software, reference models: OSI, TCP/IP, Internet, Connection oriented network - X.25, frame relay.

THE PHYSICAL LAYER: Theoretical basis for communication, guided transmission media, wireless transmission, the public switched telephone networks, mobile telephone system.

UNIT-II

THE DATA LINK LAYER: Design issues, error detection and correction, elementary data link protocols, sliding window protocols, example data link protocols - HDLC, the data link layer on the internet.

THE MEDIUM ACCESS SUBLAYER: Channel allocations problem, multiple access protocols, Ethernet, Data Link Layer switching, Wireless LAN, Broadband Wireless, Bluetooth.

UNIT-III

THE NETWORK LAYER: Network layer design issues, routing algorithms, Congestion control algorithms, Internetworking, the network layer in the internet (IPv4 and IPv6), Quality of Service.

UNIT-IV

THE TRANSPORT LAYER: Transport service, elements of transport protocol, SimpleTransport Protocol, Internet transport layer protocols: UDP and TCP.

UNIT-V

THE APPLICATION LAYER: Domain name system, electronic mail, World Wide Web: architectural overview, dynamic web document and http.

APPLICATION LAYER PROTOCOLS: Simple Network Management Protocol, File Transfer Protocol, Simple Mail Transfer Protocol, Telnet.

Text Book(s)

1. S. Tanenbaum (2003), Computer Networks, 4th edition, Pearson Education/ PHI, New Delhi, India

Reference Books

2. Behrouz A. Forouzan (2006), Data communication and Networking, 4th Edition, Mc Graw-Hill, India.
3. Kurose, Ross (2010), Computer Networking: A top down approach, Pearson Education, India.

SUGGESTED CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES & EVALUATION METHODS:

Unit 1: Activity: Hands-on exercises to configure network applications

Evaluation Method: Practical skills in configuring network applications, hardware, and software.

Unit 2: Activity: Protocol Design and Simulation using simulation tools like NS-3 or Cisco Packet Tracer.

Evaluation Method: Students' ability to design and simulate data link layer protocols and multiple access protocols

Unit 3: Activity: Guest Lectures and Workshops on routing algorithms, congestion control, and network layer protocols.

Evaluation Method: Students' participation and understanding demonstrated in guest lectures and workshop

Unit 4: Activity: Network Monitoring and Traffic Analysis using tools like Wireshark

Evaluation Method: Understanding of transport protocols through their analysis of network traffic and identification of UDP and TCP behavior

Unit 5: Activity: Group Projects on Network Application Development

Evaluation Method: Group Project Presentations
