Computer Science COMP4453

Computer Networks and Distributed Systems -Winter 2024

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# Course Abstract:

This is an introductory course that handles basic concepts of Computer Networks including LAN, WAN, internetworking, switching, communication protocols, e.g. OSI model and TCP/IP suite. By the end of this course, students will be able to understand a wide range of computer networks basic concepts.

# Course Outlines:

1. Introduction to computer networks concepts
2. Network models
3. Switching techniques
4. Data link control: Flow and error controls
5. TCP/IP protocol suite: IP, UDP and TCP protocols
6. Network layer: address mapping
7. Routing techniques

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| **Lectures** | **Content** |
| Weeks 1, 2 | Introduction to computer networks concepts |
| Weeks 2, 3 | Network models: TCP/IP suite and OSI model |
| Weeks 4-6 | Switching techniques: circuit, packet switching, switch structures |
| Week 7 | Study break |
| Weeks 6-9 | Data link control: framing, flow and error controls |
| Weeks 9-11 | TCP/IP protocol suite: IP, UDP and TCP protocols |
| Weeks 11, 12 | Network layer: address mapping |
| Weeks 12, 13 | Routing techniques |

# Material Used:

1. Textbook: [MINI CHITRA,](https://www.amazon.ca/s/ref%3Ddp_byline_sr_book_1?ie=UTF8&field-author=MINI%2BCHITRA&text=MINI%2BCHITRA&sort=relevancerank&search-alias=books-ca) “COMPUTER NETWORKS: Unit-I INTRODUCTION”–

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1. Lecture slides will be available on D2L.

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**Mid term Exam Schedule:** Monday, March 4th.

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| **Grading Policy:** |  |
| Quizzes & Discussions | 35% |
| Midterm Exam | 15% |
| Final Exam | 50% |

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