Chapter I
Layered Protocol Architectures
Layered protocol architectures

• 1 - Motivation, concepts and design issues

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Motivation, concepts and design issues

Figure 1.13 (Reference [1])

Layer 5 protocol

Layer 4 protocol

Layer 3 protocol

Layer 2 protocol

Layer 1 protocol

Physical medium
Motivation, concepts and design issues

Figure 1.15 (Reference [1])
Motivation, concepts and design issues

- Why organize network software/firmware/hardware in a stack of layers?
  - A layer N provides a service to its user (Layer N+1) but keeps the details of its internal state and algorithms hidden
  - Hierarchisation
  - Modularization
  - Information hiding
  - Data encapsulation
  - Abstract data types
  - Object oriented programming
Motivation, concepts and design issues

- The key concepts
  - Protocol, protocol stack
  - Interfaces and services
  - Network architecture
Motivation, concepts and design issues

• Protocol
  – Rules governing the exchange of messages between peer layers (or entities in general)
    • Syntax
    • Semantics
    • Sequencing

• Protocol stack
  – List of protocol used by a given system, one per layer
Motivation, concepts and design issues

- **Interface and services**
  - Between adjacent layers
    - Primitive operations and services made available by the lower layer to the upper layer
  - Service specification
    - Set of primitives operations available to a user process to access the service
      - Connection – oriented services
      - Connection-less services
Motivation, concepts and design issues

• Interfaces and services
  – Example of 5 service primitives for implementing a simple –
    connection oriented service (figure 1.17 – reference [1])

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<tr>
<th>Primitive</th>
<th>Meaning</th>
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<td>LISTEN</td>
<td>Block waiting for an incoming connection</td>
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<td>CONNECT</td>
<td>Establish a connection with a waiting peer</td>
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<td>RECEIVE</td>
<td>Block waiting for an incoming message</td>
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<td>SEND</td>
<td>Send a message to the peer</td>
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<td>DISCONNECT</td>
<td>Terminate a connection</td>
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Motivation, concepts and design issues

• Relationship between services and protocols
  – Figure 1.19 – reference [1]
Motivation, concepts and design issues

• Design issues for the layers
  – Addressing
  – Error control
  – Flow control
  – Routing
Motivation, concepts and design issues

• Network architecture
  – Set of layers and protocols
  – Examples
    • OSI reference model
    • TCP/IP reference model
Reference model

OSI reference model

– Figure 1.20 – reference [1]
Reference model

- OSI Reference model
  - The 7 layers
    - Application
    - Presentation
    - Session
    - Transport
    - Network
    - Data link
    - Physical
Reference model

- OSI Reference model
  - Application Data Unit (APDU)
  - Session Data Unit (SPDU)
  - Transport Data Unit (TDU)
  - Packet
  - Frame
  - Bit
Reference model

- OSI Reference model
  - Key issues
    - Bad timing
    - Bad technology
    - Complexity leading to bad implementations
Reference model

- TCP/IP reference model
  - Figure 1.21 (Reference [1])
Reference model

• TCP / IP reference model
  – Figure 1.22 (Reference [1]) – Protocols and networks in the TCP/IP model initially
Reference model

• Hybrid model
  – Figure 1.24 (Reference [1])
References