Computer Networks Design Course Overview

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Outline

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Motivation

- Communication networks are essential, why?
 - They experience rapid and enormous growth
 - The Internet is everywhere
 - Crucial factor of today's economy
- How will future networks look like?
 - Heterogeneous
 - Including fixed and mobile networks
 - Interconnected via IP core (termed all-IP)
 - High bandwidth, reduced costs, low delays, always-on connectivity
 - Simple deployment and introduction of new entities, services, etc.
- What are major challenges to overcome?
 - Mobility management, Quality of Service (QoS), security
 - Heterogeneity, complexity, flexibility, extensibility, deployability
 - Self-organization, ...

Goals

- Provision of up-to-date knowledge concerning advanced communication technologies
- In-depth understanding of research issues in communication networks
- Focus on
 - Designing a network
 - Plan, devices, cables, etc.
 - The Internet
 - Medium Access Control (MAC)
 - Mobility management
 - Advanced issues
 - Quality of Service
 - Security

Organizational Stuff

- Lecturer contact information
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- Course prerequisites
 - Basics in wired as well as wireless communication
 - ISO/OSI reference model
 - TCP/IP protocol suite
- Course budget
 - 1 Lecture + 1 appointment for praxis per week

How to Handle the Course

- Cover your knowledge holes
 - Go through basics
- Go through the material provided
 - Will be electronically provided
 - References will be listed for each lecture
 - If possible, electronic copy will be provided
 - Search the Internet for knowledge if required
- Questions catalog will be provided
 - Cover 50 60 % of the course
- Exam
 - ?????

Conclusions

- Communication technologies are evolving more and more
- Major challenges to overcome?
 - Spectrum utilization, cognitive radio, ...
 - Mobility management, QoS, security
 - Heterogeneity, complexity, flexibility, extensibility, deployability
 - Self-organization, ...
- Research in mobile communication technologies is interesting and is a good mark on your CVs
 - Research projects
 - Bachelor projects
 - Master projects
 - PhD
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