





Logistics			
 Grading: Homework / Lab Assignments: 35% (4 or 5 Homework and 3-4 Lab) (Not Equal!) Homework assignments due at the beginning of class Hard copy submission for Homework Lab Assignments are not independent 			
Hard copy & soft copy submissions for Lab assignments Midterm: 25% (TBD, in-class, closed book) Final: 35% (December 2nd 2014 , in-class, closed book) Class Attendance: 5% (Attendance will be checked frequently)			
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 Check course website for assignments and handouts Handouts will NOT be distributed g. babic Presentation A 4 			



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Scope of the Course • The scope of this course is broad, covering three general areas: data communications. - networking, and - protocols. • Data communications deals with the transmission of signals in a reliable and efficient manner. • Networking deals with the technology and architecture of the communications networks used to interconnect communicating devices. A communication protocol is a set of rules governing the exchange of data between two entities Protocol architecture is a structured set of modules that implements the communication function g. babic Presentation A 6





Communication Tasks

- Source: Generates data to be transmitted
- Transmitter: Converts data into transmittable signals
- Transmission System: a single line or a complex network
- Receiver: Converts received signal into data
- Destination: Takes incoming data

Table 1.1

Transmission system utilization	Addressing
Interfacing	Routing
Signal generation	Recovery
Synchronization	Message formatting
Exchange management	Security
Error detection and correction	Network management
Flow control	
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Networking			
Growth of number & power of computers is driving need for interconnection			
 Point to point communication is not usually practical since: 			
 devices are too far apart 			
 large set of communication devices would need 			
impractical number of connections			
 Also seeing rapid integration of voice, data, image & video technologies 			
 Solution is a communications network 			
 Two broad categories of communications networks: 			
 Local Area Network (LAN) 			
 — Wide Area Network (WAN) 			
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Local A	Area Networks – LANs			
Smaller scope				
 building or si 	mall campus			
 Usually owned b 	y same organization as attached device	S		
 Data rates much higher than those of WAN 				
 Use broadcasting 	<u>a</u>			
 Switched LAN systems are being introduced 				
 — switched Ethernet (most common) 				
 may be sir 	ngle or multiple switches			
— ATM LAN				
Wireless LANs				
— mobility				
 ease of installation 				
 Metropolitan Area Networks – MANs: Middle ground 				
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	TCP/IP Protocol Suite				
•	Physical Layer				
	—concerned with physical interface between computer and network				
	—concerned with issues like:				
	 characteristics of transmission medium 				
	• signal levels				
	• data rates				
	 other related matters 				
•	Network Access Layer				
	—exchange of data between an end system and attached network				
	— concerned with issues like :				
	 destination address provision 				
	 invoking specific services like priority 				
	 access to & routing data across a network link 				
	 allows layers above to ignore link specifics 				
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