

From the Internet to the IoT: Fundamental of Modern Computer Networking

Subject area: Computer Science/ICT

University: L'X
Level: MA1, MA2
Teaching mode: completely online, not time-specific
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Short description

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Full description

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A premise for being able to analyse usage patterns and interactions is, of course, that these physical actions are captured and transformed into data — and, that these data are communicated from everyday objects with and through the Internet, and to the cloud.

And so, the 21st century is necessarily also the connected century: smartphones, watches, fridges, toothbrushes, drinking glasses, coffee machines, medical implants, BBQs, office plants, and forks are all becoming connected objects, generating data — and thus, becoming part of the Internet.

Outside of the consumer market, knowing the state of a machine, of an airplane engine, or of a power substation, permits scheduling predictive maintenance and avoid accidents — embedded sensors able to capture, and communicate, this state is a necessary premise.

As a matter of fact, a company launching a product today that doesn't "run an app" and "connects to the Internet" is a company, which just hasn't grasped the needs (or, at least, the desires) of its market - much as the guy installing the bike rack on the left, clearly misunderstood his "target market".

In order to ensure that YOU do not end up being that gal/guy, building a product miserably missing the market, this course provides you with the core competencies, necessary for developing connected systems.

Specifically, this course:

- Offers a pragmatic and practical approach to communicating systems and to computer networking
- Studies, for each of the four major functional layers in a protocol stack (data-link, internetwork, transport, and application) the fundamental ideas, algorithms, and architectural principles, that apply “from the Internet, and to the IoT”
- Provides an in-depth tutorial in the principles behind TCP/IP Networking
- Introduces and decrypts modern Internet and IoT protocols: from IPv6 to 6LoWPAN, from ALOHA through Ethernet and WiFi to LoRa and Bluetooth — and from the WEB and REST to CORE And CoAP
- Provides practical experience in developing networked applications, and in developing and implementing protocols.

In short, this course provides an in-depth understanding of “how the net works” (pun intended), and gives the necessary baggage for an engineer (regardless of area of exercise) to be able to design communicating systems.

This course is self-contained: it assumes some programming skills, and a lot of curiosity — and will introduce the rest as it goes along. The course will be available asynchronously, fully on-line, or on-site, through learning flows with short videos, quizzes, homework, lab exercises.

Learning outcomes

The course provides students a thorough understanding of how the Internet work — as well as why it is designed the way that it is.

General information

Contact hours per week: 4 hours

Total workload: 40 hours + personal work (in student hours for the whole course)

ECTS credits: 5

Language: English

Course start date: 03 January 2023

Course end date: 03 June 2023

Add. info about start date: Individualised, can be any date, between Jan 3 and April 1, 2023. Please note that the intended start-date must be communicated to Ecole Polytechnique at the time of registration. The course end date should be exactly 10 weeks after the start-date.

Weekly teaching day/time: Available fully asynchronous

Time zone: CET (Denmark, Germany, France, Netherlands, Switzerland, Czech Republic)

Further information: Interested EuroTeQ students are welcome to, at any time, to come discuss their course choices in chat, or in visio, with the instructors from Ecole Polytechnique who will be teaching the classes. To this end, a dedicated WebEx space is permanently available here: <https://eurl.io/#fCk0f6iWF>.

Prerequisites: Any “introduction to networking” course

Activities and methods: The course will be available asynchronously, fully on-line, or on-side, through learning flows with short videos, quizzes, homework, lab exercises / tutorials — as well as office-hours via Webex with professors and instructors. While being asynchronous, each student is expected to check in with an instructor over Webex, weekly, following the chosen start-date.

Presence on campus: no

Final examination

Form: Final exam, weekly quizzes, graded assignments

Date:

Location/format: online

Re-sit possibility: no

Transcript available: end of the semester and generally 8 weeks after the exam.

Add. info/requirements:

Registration

To register for this course, follow the registration requirements of your **home university** as specified here: www.euroteq.eu/courses-registration.

Administration

Number of places: 24-30

Minimum participants:

Internal course code:

Contact: euroteq-mobility@polytechnique.fr

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