Computer Networks and Security

Course level: Master  Course code: MLDM CNS1  ECTS Credits: 3.00

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Education period (Dates): 2nd semester  Language of instruction: English

Expected prior-knowledge: Notion of web programming. Programming in Java, Python or C. Familiarity with the use of the web and peer2peer applications. Git version control system.

Aim and learning outcomes:

This course introduces the main concepts involved in computer networking. A top-down approach is followed, where higher abstraction layers are covered first. This course covers the main concepts of networking and it details some of the most important algorithms involved in networking and security. Technician aspects such as vendor-specific router configurations will not be covered. After this course, the learner have an overall understanding of computer networks architectures and of security mechanisms, knows important algorithms (graph-based, code-based, etc) and have a concrete experience in socket-based, multi-threaded distributed application development.

Topics to be taught (may be modified) ~12h+12h:

- Overview of networking and the networking stack
- Application layer: distributed applications, peer2peer, socket programming, concurrency
- Transport layer concepts, protocols and algorithms
- Network layer and routing
- Lower layers concepts, algorithms and wireless problematic
- Security and cryptography
- Lab sessions and project (12h)

Teaching methods: Lectures, live coding and lab classes.
Form(s) of Assessment: written exam(s) (66%), practical projects (34%)

Examination support: None

Literature and study materials: Computer Networking: a top-down approach (Jim Kurose, Keith Ross) + online resources.

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