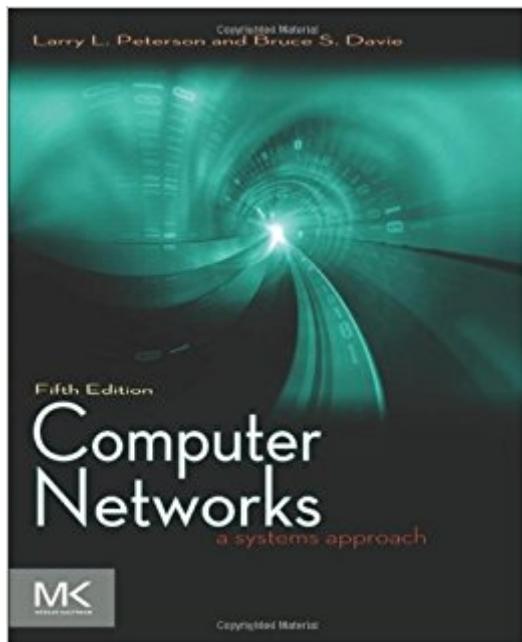


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# Computer Networks, Fifth Edition: A Systems Approach (The Morgan Kaufmann Series In Networking)



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A decent casual read to gain some understanding of networks- It's pretty clear that the author was trying to maximize the number of words in this book. As a reference, the formatting is terrible, and it's overly verbose in places. This makes it too difficult to find what you're looking for. This is used in my Computer Networks course, but only because this is the least of the worse choices. This book is actually one of the sources of motivation for our professor's efforts to write a better one.

I'm a computer professional shoring up some knowledge. This, I believe, has filled in some holes. I am currently reading it and no where near done but believe I've rounded out my knowledge through this book. It's not the easiest read but I'm please with what I'm learning . . .

This was a textbook for a class, and it was perfect for the class. We were looking at protocols, and this provided info on tons of protocols, walking through exactly how they work. This is not for the system administrator, but if you are designing a new Internet application, this will help in identifying and selecting the appropriate protocols for your needs. Or your apps needs.

This book isn't great at explaining things. I feel like they go in circles in their explanations of topics. Also, to solve the practice problems you need to have five pages of the book open at once. I literally have 5 different bookmarks and have to flip back and forth between them to solve one practice problem. I feel like this book isn't structured well.

This should be considered the go-to textbook for faculty teaching networking. The text is great - take that for granted. Let me focus instead on adopting this book as an instructor. The instructor materials are top notch with (overly wordy and poorly laid out but very good technical content) slides presented in both top-down and bottom-up orders. All questions have clear answers online. There is a massive amount of laboratory material available as well. As an instructor, you hope your text choice will be worthy of a student keeping. I believe they will keep this book.

Bought this book for a course (actually 2 courses) on networking. The book is a little frustrating for me having a lot of experience in the topic. It is very extensive book that covers the topic from zero knowledge to a very indepth understanding of networking. If you know little and want to really understand this book will help you. If you know a lot and need to know more this book will be frustrating as it covers alot of very basic information.

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