

DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Virtual Lab

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Course: Computer Networks

Class: V Semester

Academic Year: 2024–2025

Date: 19.08.2025

No of Students Participated : 62

Topic : Network Layer – IP Addressing and Subnetting

Description of the Teaching Method

The Virtual Labs teaching strategy uses online simulation tools to help students perform network experiments digitally, providing a realistic lab experience without physical hardware.

Using platforms like IIT Virtual Labs and Labster, students can visualize and test computer networking concepts such as routing, switching, IP addressing, subnetting, and client-server communication.

This method supports experiential learning by enabling students to practice repeatedly in a safe online environment.

Objectives of the Innovation Method

1. To provide hands-on experience in computer networking through virtual simulations.
2. To strengthen understanding of IP addressing, subnetting, and routing using interactive labs.
3. To support remote learning where physical network devices are not accessible.
4. To improve student engagement through visual and step-by-step simulation activities.
5. To build problem-solving and analytical skills using real-time feedback from virtual labs.

Tools Used

1. IIT Virtual Labs

- Network simulation modules
- Routing and switching experiments
- Packet flow visualization
- Auto-graded test questions

Labster

- Interactive 3D network topology simulations
- Realistic lab environment
- Guided experiment steps
- Scenario-based problem solving

Implementation Procedure

Step 1: Introduction to Virtual Labs

The teacher demonstrated how to log in to IIT Virtual Labs and Labster, explaining:

- Access procedure
- Experiment layout
- Simulation controls
- Report generation

Step 2: Experiment Assignment

Students were assigned the simulation titled:

"IP Addressing and Subnetting – Network Layer Experiment"

The tasks included:

- Identifying IP ranges
- Creating subnet masks
- Calculating network and broadcast addresses
- Configuring routing tables in a virtual environment

Step 3: Student Virtual Lab Practice

Using the online tools, students performed:

- Packet transmission simulations
- IP addressing configuration
- Subnetting scenario calculations
- Verification through ping/traceroute tools
- Routing table updates

They were allowed multiple attempts to master the concepts.

Step 4: Observation and Teacher Guidance

The instructor monitored student progress through:

- Activity logs
- Screenshots
- Real-time simulation screens
- Online Q&A support

Guidance was provided for solving incorrect subnetting and misconfigured routing.

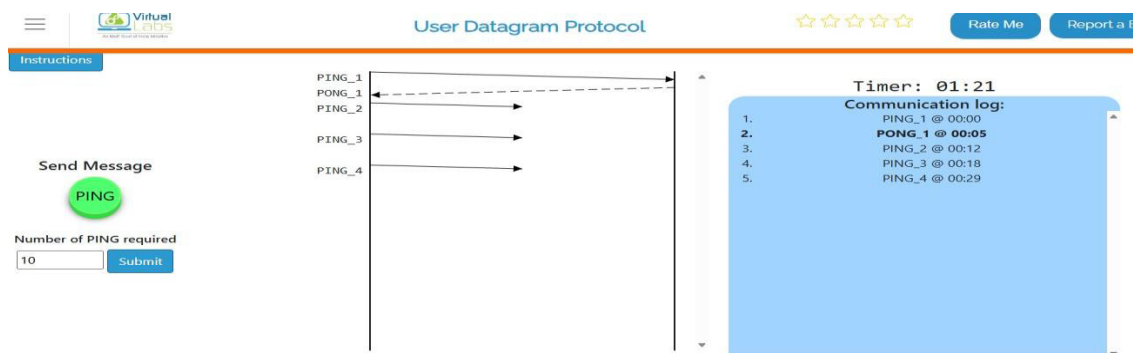
Step 5: Evaluation Through Auto-Graded Modules

Both IIT Virtual Labs and Labster provided:

- Quiz assessments
- Practical evaluation
- Simulation scorecards

Students submitted:

- Final results
- Screenshots of completed simulations
- A short reflective report



Screenshots of completed simulations for Network Layer – IP Addressing and Subnetting
in IIT Virtual Labs
On 19.08.2025

Outcomes of the Innovation Method

PEO 1: Apply strong fundamentals and practical knowledge gained through **virtual laboratory experiences** to analyze, design, and solve real-world engineering/science problems.

PEO 2: Effectively utilize virtual labs, simulation tools, and emerging digital technologies to model experiments, validate concepts, and innovate in professional practice or higher studies.

PEO 3: Adapt to rapidly evolving technologies by engaging in self-directed and lifelong learning, supported by exposure to virtual experimentation and remote learning environments.

PEO 4:Work collaboratively in multidisciplinary teams using online/virtual platforms, communicate technical findings clearly, and uphold professional and ethical responsibilities.

PEO 5: Contribute responsibly to societal needs by applying virtual lab–based skills for sustainable, cost-effective, and globally accessible solutions.

Conclusion

The innovative use of Virtual Labs successfully enhanced student understanding of the Network Layer in Computer Networks. The combination of IIT Virtual Labs and Labster provided an immersive learning experience that compensated for the lack of physical hardware and enabled students to perform complex networking experiments safely and effectively. This teaching method significantly improved student engagement, conceptual clarity, and hands-on skills, making it a valuable addition to the Computer Networks course.

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