Exercise #1

(To be discussed on Oct 26th, 12:00)

- 1. In the Internet, what are the five layers, from top to bottom, in the Internet protocol stack? Till which layer does a switch process? Please make sure you understand the concept of layering and also think about advantages and disadvantages of layering.
- 2. The ISO/OSI reference model adds two layers. What is the purpose of the session layer? Does the current Internet implement a session layer?
- 3. What is the difference between the client/server model and the peer-to-peer model?
- 4. Circuit switching versus packet switching: Assume all traffic sources to be bursty: what switching technology is preferable? What are the advantages of the other technique?
- 5. In what switching technology is Frequency or Time Division Multiplexing used?
- 6. What is "statistical multiplexing"?
- 7. What are the four sources of packet delay? How does loss occur?