

Preface

When we look into the series of developments that have occurred in the field of computers in the past three decades, we find that the most important milestone achieved, after the invention of PC, is the development of NC (Networking in Computers). In present times, be it 'Internet' or 'Intranet', they are the result of 'Networking'. In earlier times, Ethernet Cards and ordinary cables were used for Networking; on the path of technological development, it has reached upto the level of 'Wireless Networking'. If you wish to make your career in Computer Hardware field, you must have good knowledge of Computer Networking. You can know in details, Ethernet Networking from this book as also the Wireless Networking (Wi-Fi).

In this book, sharing of files and printer has been described for all versions of Windows. SOHO Networking is also given in details. You can learn Small Office and Home Networking. All aspects of Dial-up Networking are described in detail. You can understand TCP/IP Networking for XP / Vista / 7 versions of Windows.

In the revised edition of this book, latest networking features and components relating to the new latest versions of Windows, *i.e.*, WINDOWS VISTA and WINDOWS 7, have been described. These additional features (peer to peer networking, wireless networking, IEEE 802.11 and EAP Host Architecture) would be of immense use for users of these new operating systems. Users would also know from this book about those components which have been removed and/or changed for enhanced and improved connectivity in the new versions of Windows operating system. We trust that this book will prove to be very useful for all levels of students.

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