

Write an essay discussing the differences between the models (explicit or implied) used in OSI and TCP/IP based systems. Your essay should

- discuss the different models and the differences between them
- explain the main reasons for TCP/IP becoming the predominant protocol on the Internet
- discuss what differences there would have been on the internet if the OSI model had become predominant.

Your essay should be about 8 pages long (no word count is specified, as I expect there to be some diagrams), and is due to be handed in before 17:00 on Thursday March 29 2001.

Note that this assignment is worth 20% of the final grade, and that it is a compulsory piece of work: failure to submit this essay will result in a no-grade for the course.