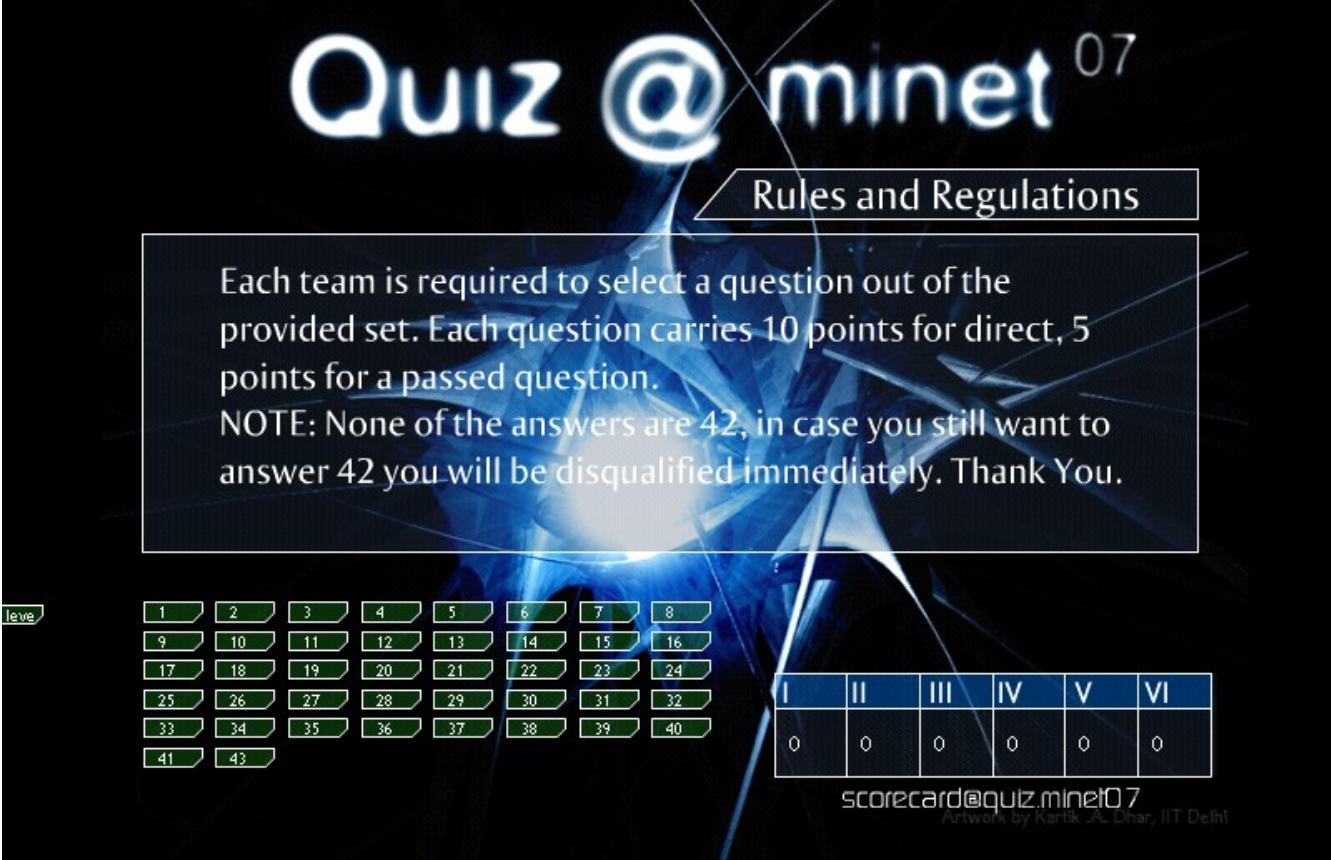


MINET 2007 Quiz Finals

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The slide features a dark blue background with a glowing blue figure in the center. At the top, the text 'Quiz @ minet 07' is displayed in a large, white, stylized font. Below this, a white-bordered box contains the text: 'Each team is required to select a question out of the provided set. Each question carries 10 points for direct, 5 points for a passed question. NOTE: None of the answers are 42, in case you still want to answer 42 you will be disqualified immediately. Thank You.' To the left of the text box is a grid of 43 numbered buttons (1-43) arranged in five rows. To the right is a scorecard table with six columns labeled I through VI and a row of zeros. At the bottom right, the text 'scorecard@quiz.minet07' and 'Artwork by Karthik JAL Dhar, IIT Delhi' is visible.

Quiz @ minet⁰⁷

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scorecard@quiz.minet07
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1. What are 'mail droppings'?
Emails which are CCed (carbon copied) to famous people by ordinary folks.
2. In December 1999, which media giant created history by firing 23 employees for the misuse of email?
The New York Times
3. What path-breaking device was founded by Vijay Chandru, Prof Ramesh Hariharan, Prof Swami Manohar, and Prof Vinay L Deshpande?
Simputer. It is a 'simple computer' made for rural India.
4. The Princeton University statistician John W Tukey coined the term 'bit', an abbreviation of 'binary digit', and another very famous word which has become a part of everyday usage. Identify the word.
Software

5. Coined by Ward Cunningham, this term was named for quick shuttle buses at the airport. It is a software used for website collaboration. What is it?
Wiki
6. 'Intelligence Everywhere' is the punchline of which technology company?
Motorola
7. Which famous CEO once said, "At least I graduated"; regarding his comparison with other industry giants?
Scott McNealy (of Sun Microsystems)
8. The ENIAC, the first large digital computer, was unveiled in 1946. What was it used to work on?
Carry out calculations for the nuclear bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki [that was the given answer]. However, this is incorrect since the Hiroshima-Nagasaki bombings happened in 1945, and not 1946. The actual purpose was to calculate trajectories of missiles.
9. What oxymoronic term, used in the context of computer environment, was coined by Jaron Lanier?
Virtual Reality
10. Which law in 'mathematical language' would be – "Where N is the number of nodes, the power of a network is N squared"?
Metcalfe's Law
11. If Nike's ad-line is 'Just Do It', who recently created a controversy with the 'Just Don't Do It' tag-line?
Sega
12. What was founded in 1972 by IBM employees Claus Wellenreuther, Hans Werner-Hector, Klaus Tschira, Dietmar Hopp and Hasso Plattner?
SAP
13. Who currently holds the 3Com Founders chair at the Laboratory for Computer Science at MIT?
Tim Berners-Lee (creator of the World Wide Web)
14. The concept of 'Friday dressing' that allows employees to dress informally at least one day a week thus fostering an open and informal organization originated in which company?
Google

15. What is the successor to Windows Vista codenamed as? [Question scrapped due to controversy over correct answer]
Vienna / Blackcomb
16. There is a thing called 'ROR' related to web technology? What is it?
Ruby On Rails
17. This company was a division of Racal Electronics PLC in the early 1980s. In 1982, they started their business in UK. They launched themselves with their current name on January 1, 1985. Their logo is called the 'speechmark logo'. Name the company.
Vodafone
18. What was founded in Apples, Vaud (Switzerland) in 1981 by Daniel Borel, Pierluigi Zappacosta, and Giacomo Marini?
Logitech
19. This famous software was originally titled 'Phoenix', but was renamed because of trademark issues. Today it bears a completely different name. Identify the software.
Mozilla Firefox
20. Freescale : Motorola :: NXP : _____
Philips. Freescale is the semiconductor division of Motorola.
21. Tobacco, firearms, used underwear, human parts, and lottery tickets are a few banned items at this place. The list includes over a hundred such items. What is being referred to?
eBay
22. How do we better know the Victor company of Japan?
JVC
23. If a computer programmer is supposed to KISS, what is he supposed to do?
Keep It Simple Stupid
24. If you are new to working with PCs and your PC hangs, you generally perform a PLOKTA. What is a PLOKTA?
Press Lots Of Keys Together to Abort
25. Invented by Yoshuito Nakamats in 1950; introduced by IBM in 1970. What?
Floppy disk

26. What typically has a leading quiet zone, start character, data character, optional check digit, stop character and a trailing character?
Barcode
27. Microsoft has registered over 300 corporations in Nevada. Why?
To save on paying taxes
28. In earlier versions of MS-DOS, there used to be an important system program called PARK.COM. What was it used for?
To 'park' the read heads of the hard drive when it was not in use.
29. This security package is the brainchild of a man, an advocate by profession, whose publically declared motto is 'If privacy is outlawed, only outlaws will have privacy'. The man was subject to a three-year investigation by the US government. US export restrictions were violated when his package spread around the world as freeware following its 1991 release. However, no charges were brought against him. Who is this person, and which package am I talking about?
Phil Zimmerman, and the package is PGP (Pretty Good Privacy)
30. What is 'thrashing' in computer terms?
'Thrashing' is when a computer exceeds its page-file memory. Increasing amount of resources are used to do a decreasing amount of work.
31. What is a 'Joey' on a network?
A computer with the same IP address / username and password.
32. What is 'RS' in RS 232?
Recommended Standard
33. What is 'Batman factor'?
'Batman factor' is the number of gadgets a person has on or near his bed. The origin is that Batman (from the comic series) had loads of gadgets and used to litter them near his bed.
34. In 1981, the first concept of WIMP appeared in the Xerox 8018 system. The idea was then used by Apple in 1984 when they developed their Mac OS. Surprisingly, most novices credit Microsoft for WIMP. What does WIMP stand for?
Windows, Icons, Menus, Pointing devices. It refers to the concept of having a Graphical User Interface (GUI) to make computing tasks easier for the user to handle. WIMP is a component of this ideology.

35. We have all heard of various flavors of Unix – AIX, Digital Unix, HP UX, Sun Solaris, Irix, SCO Unix, etc. Which organization was responsible for the development of Xenix, a version of Unix which ran on PCs, and was compatible with AT&T's System V Definition?

Microsoft

36. John Vittal – a programmer, hacker, and ARPANET user – invented this utility for email software so that the users didn't have to type the mail address again. What utility?

The 'reply' option in email

37. Identify the company with which these people are associated.



Sun Microsystems

38. Which place is this?



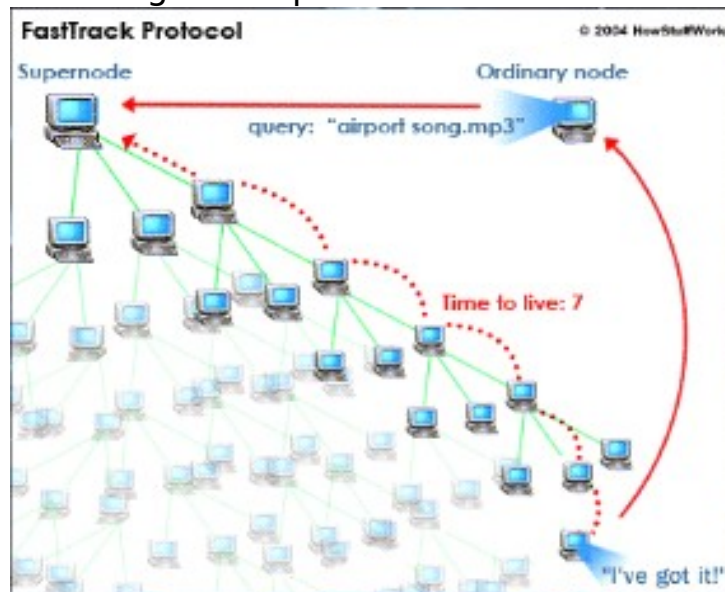
Bill Gates' home

39. Identify the logo.



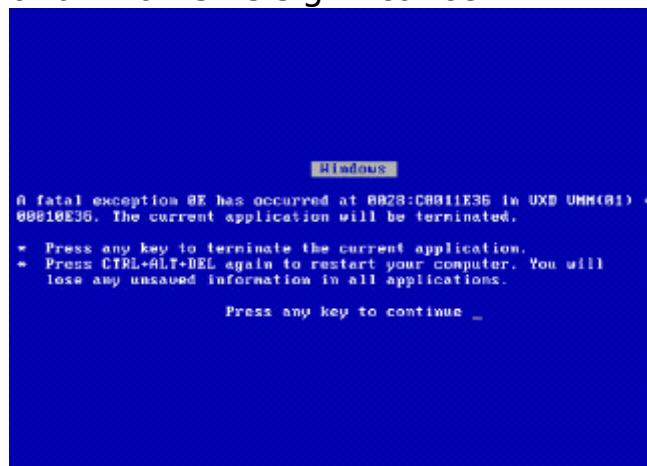
Blu-Ray

40. What does this diagram depict?



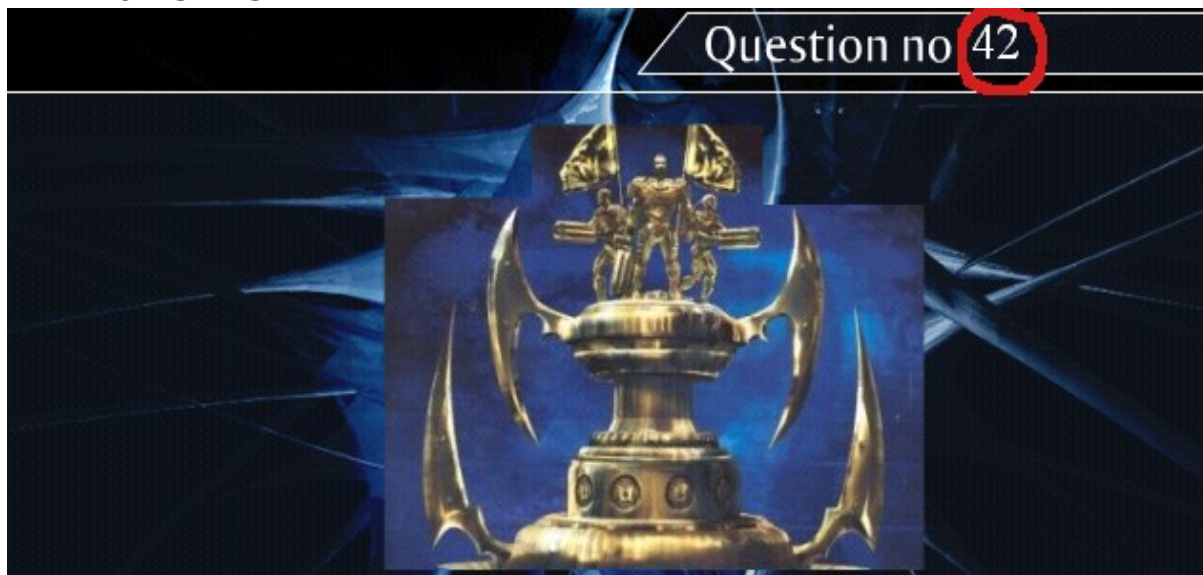
Structure of the FastTrack peer-to-peer file sharing network used by the P2P program Kazaa.

41. What is this, and what is its significance?



This is the BSOD (Blue Screen of Death) that came on screen when Bill Gates was demonstrating Windows 98 at its product launch.

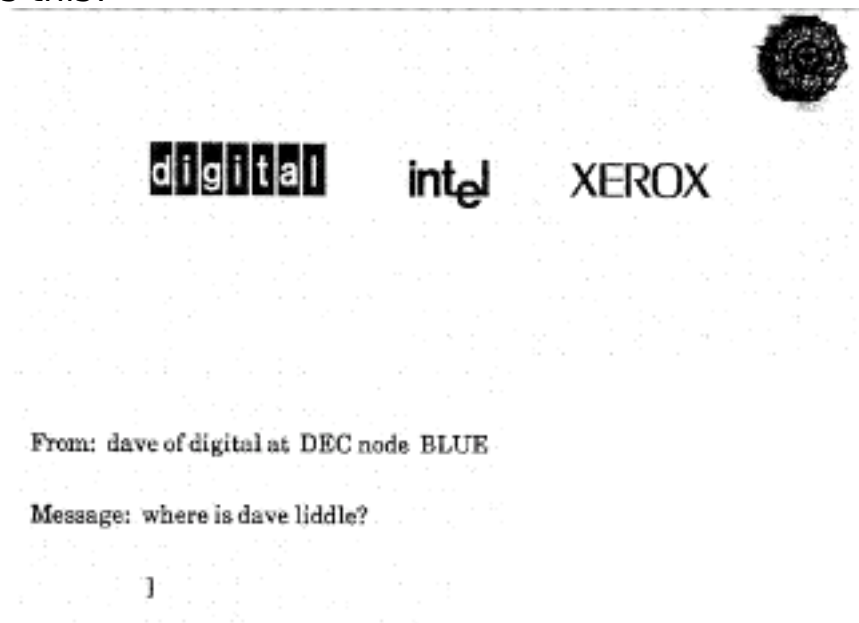
42. What is this?



Question no 42

The Unreal Tournament trophy

43. What is this?



First Ethernet transmission