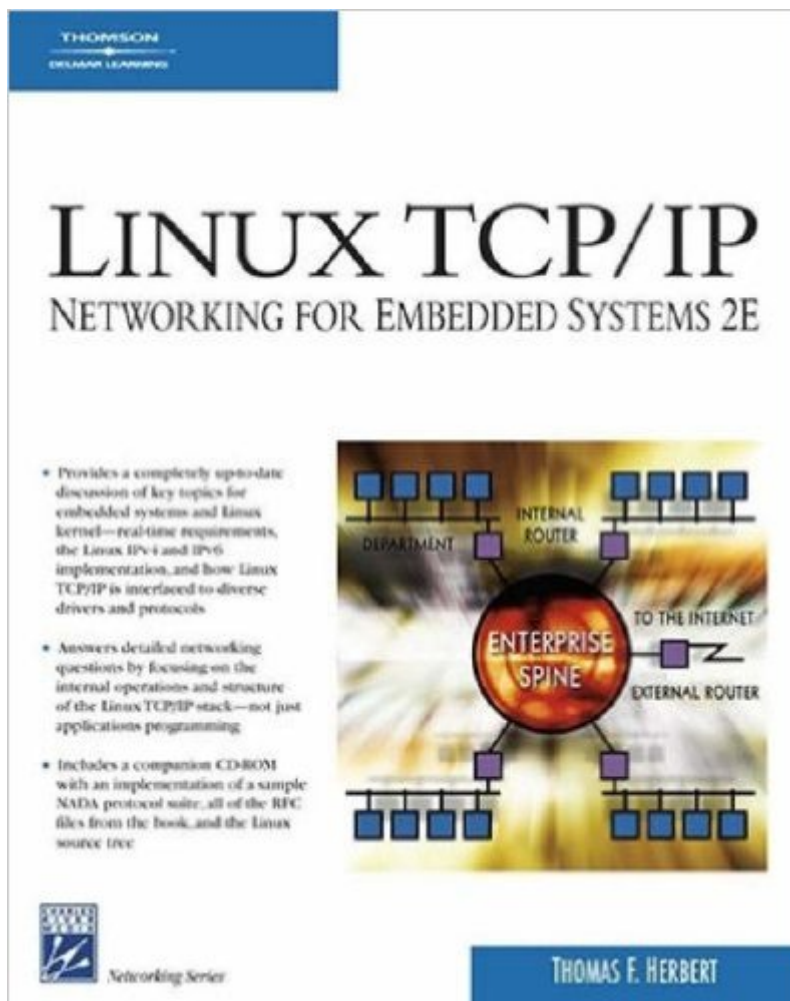


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# Linux TCP/IP Networking For Embedded Systems



## Synopsis

The Linux TCP/IP Stack: Networking for Embedded Systems 2/E provides an updated, in-depth guide to implementing and using the Linux TCP/IP stack in embedded systems projects. It begins with a general overview of TCP/IP networking, with background information on applicable networking standards. From there, it details the TCP/IP implementation in Linux by following a packet of data as it flows through the stack from the sending system, out the wire, and back through the input side of the stack in the receiving machine. This unique approach gives programmers an inside look at the entire process. Throughout the text, topics of particular interest to engineers implementing embedded systems are discussed, such as sockets, network interfaces, application layer protocols, and practical considerations. This is a great resource for embedded systems programmers and engineers, as well as networking professionals interested in learning more about the implementation of Linux TCP/IP.

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1, pg. 318. figure 7.2 - tcp\_send\_skb has been removed since 2.6.6, but it still appears in a book, which the author claims that it's based kernel 2.6.16.2, pg. 485. paragraph 2 - "this processing is done by tcp\_v4\_hnd\_req" is not right, actually tcp\_v4\_hnd\_req expects a SYN-ACK. If SYN comes, it does nothing.

I have been working in OS TCP stack over 6 years and I am very disappointed about the TCP part of this book. TCP is a complex protocol with tens of optimization extensions and tweaks. Different OS implementations vary significantly. It is essential to at least describe what RFCs Linux implements and its variations from the standards. I.e., give a global picture of the design and implementation philosophy of Linux TCP. For example, Linux implements the forward RTO RFC, but the author does not even mention it or cite the technical papers in TCP retransmissions. If you want to know indepth knowledge of Linux TCP, check the slight-outdated 10 page Linux Congestion Control paper, it provides more information than this book.

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This book is really nothing about embedded systems and all about the Linux networking stack. There is the offhanded remark about how something that is mentioned might apply to an embedded system, but the title of the book is really misleading. The book covers the network stack from device driver up to the socket layer and does a fair job with more details than any other current book on the subject matter (i've looked at them all as of Dec 07). Reading the book it does seem like there wasn't much editing: It's easy to spot a typo every couple of pages (some times there is a completely duplicated paragraph); I've seen a couple of mistakes and the writing is quite repetitive at times. Additionally, it seems like some content was shifted around at the very last minute which is odd for the second edition of the book. Even with it's flaws I think it does a better job than most. The only real contender is Linux Networking Architecture which in my opinion is better written and clearer,

however in some areas (notably the transport layer) it's more brief. I would rather have an expanded edition of that book that went into more details, but this does a reasonable job.

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