DESCRIPTION

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- Network and Internet protocols and standards
Client-server, distributed and Web-based communication systems

Broadband and multimedia systems and applications, with a focus on increased service variety and interactivity

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