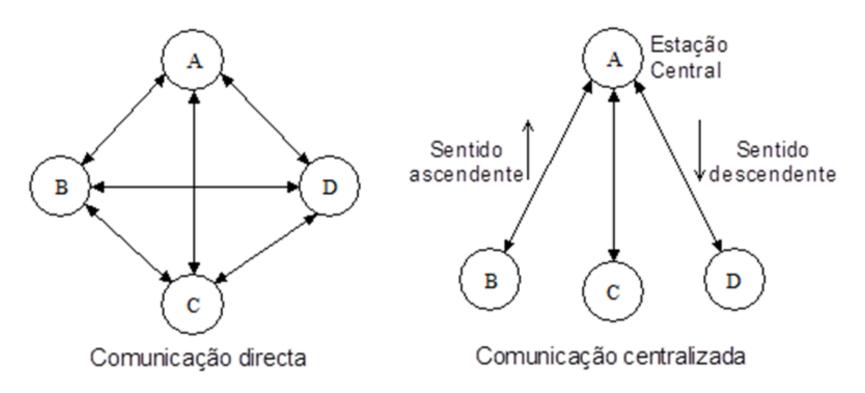
Communication Networks and Protocols

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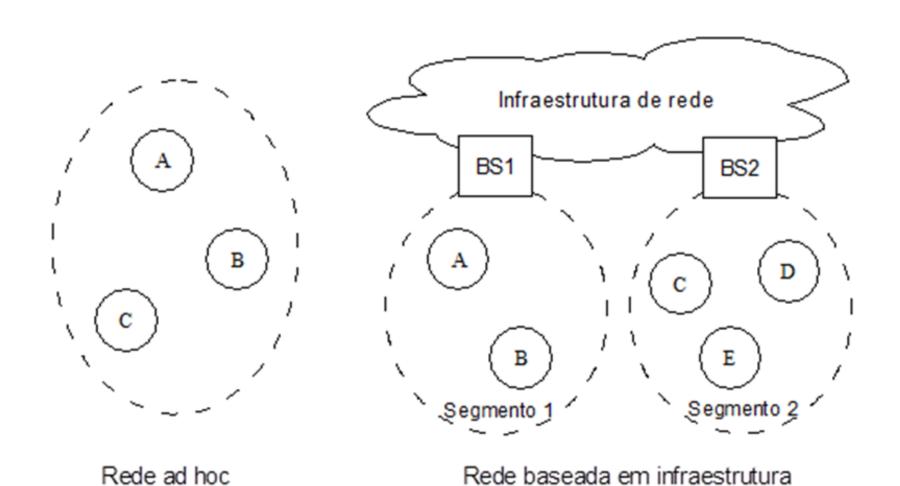
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Direct vs. Centralized Networks

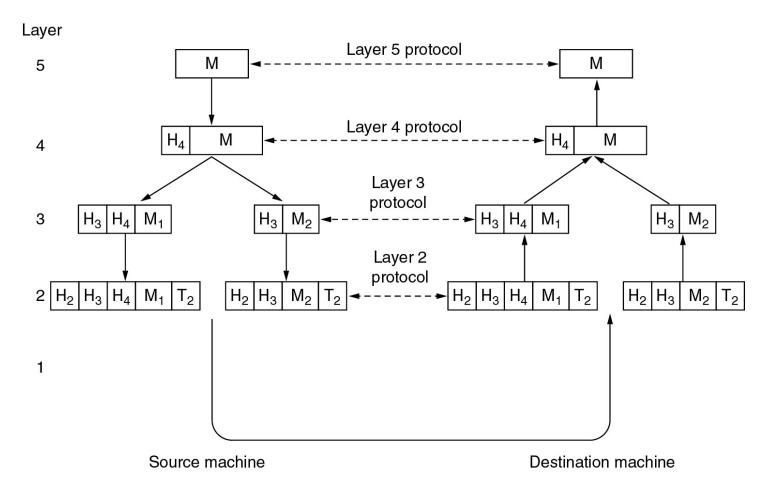


- Central station: Master, Base station, Access point
- Topologies
 - Star, Mesh, Tree
 - Physical vs. Logical, Cabled (Bus, Ring)

Ad hoc vs. Infrastructure-based Networks

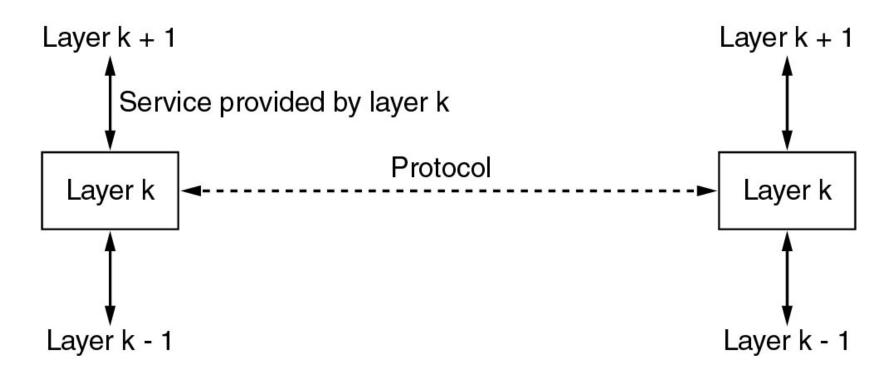


Protocol Hierarchies



Protocols, Modularity (Layers), Encapsulation, Layer Independence

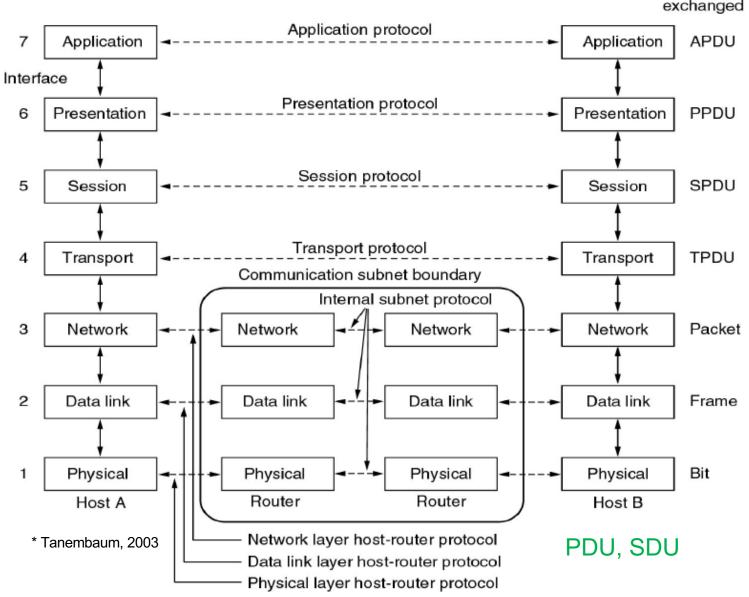
Services to Protocols Relationship



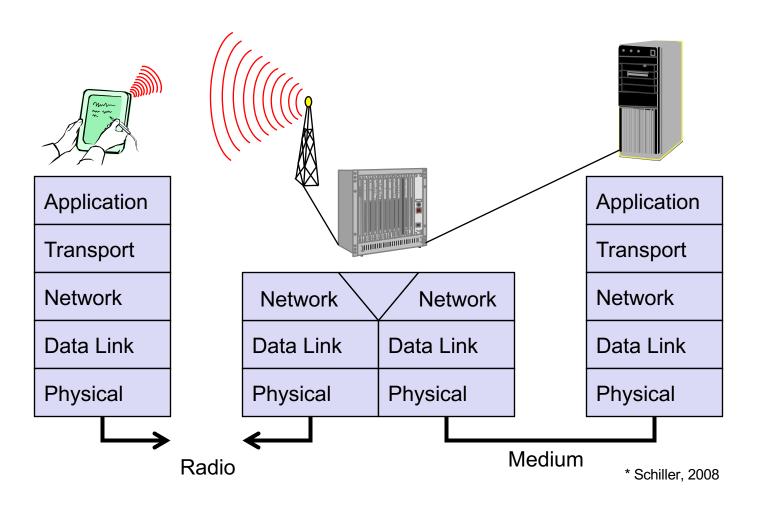
Layer

The OSI Reference Model

Name of unit exchanged



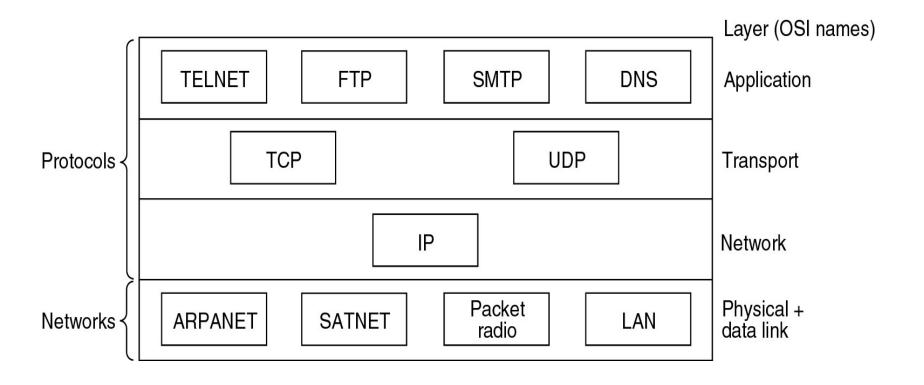
Reference Model Used in Practice



Internetworking, Gateways

Stack Example: TCP/IP

Protocols and networks in the TCP/IP model initially.



Functions of the Layers

Physical Layer

- Concerns transmission of the bit stream at the electrical and mechanical level
- Modulation
- Synchronization
- Error Correction

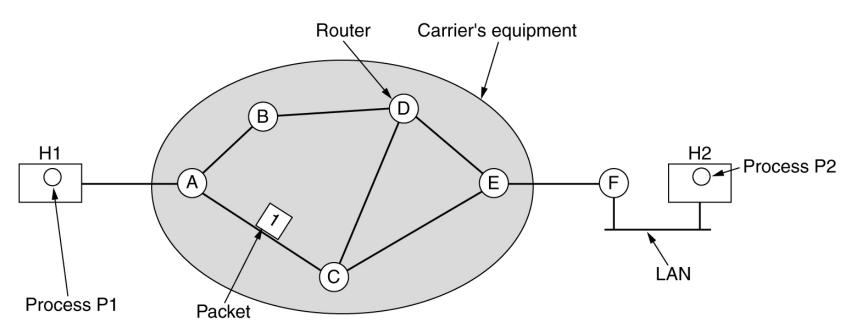
Data Link Layer

- Framing Identification of start and end of frames
- Error Control
- Flow Control
- Medium Access Control

Functions of the Layers (cont.)

Network Layer

- Routing
- Addressing
- Internetworking
- Congestion control



Functions of the Layers (cont.)

- Transport Layer
 - End-to-end error control and flow control
 - Multiplexing
- Application Layer
 - Supports application and end-user processes