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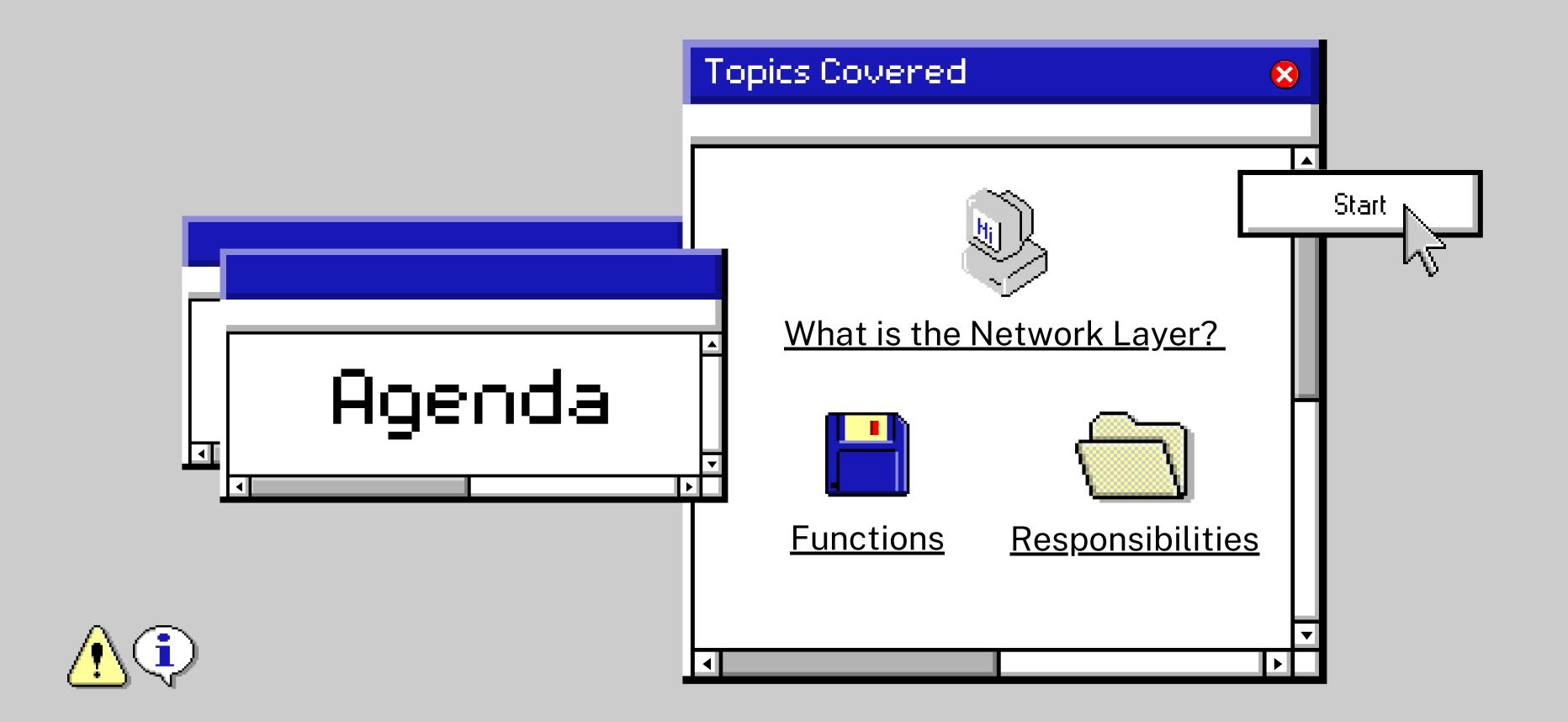






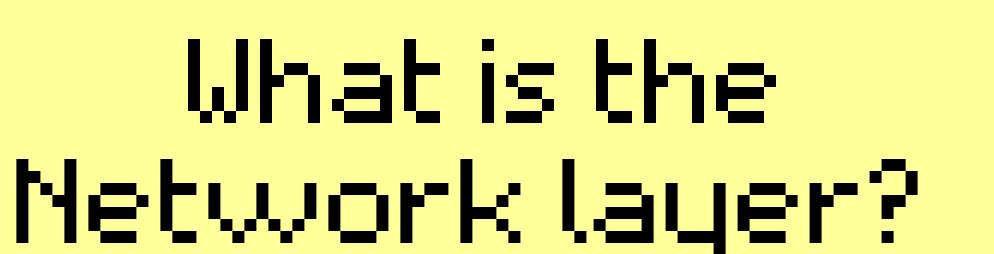






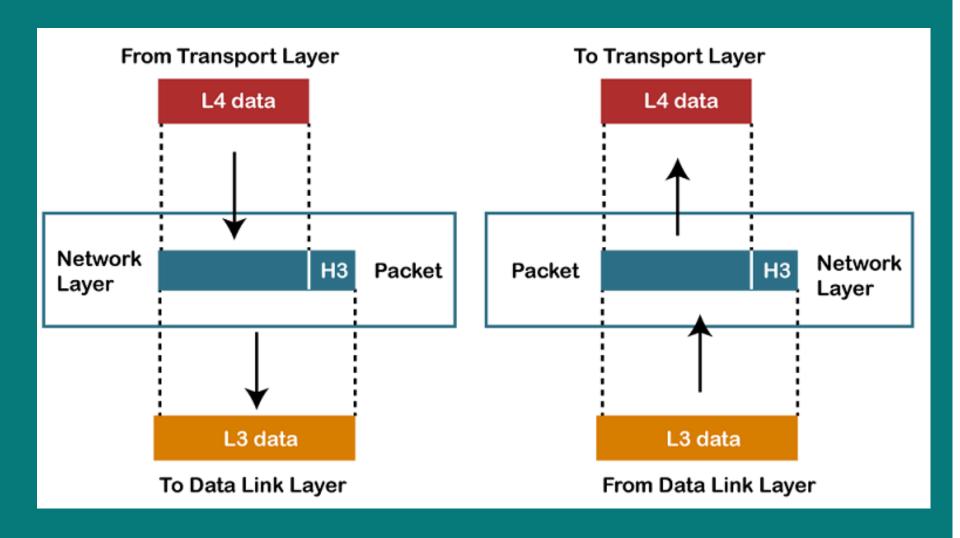
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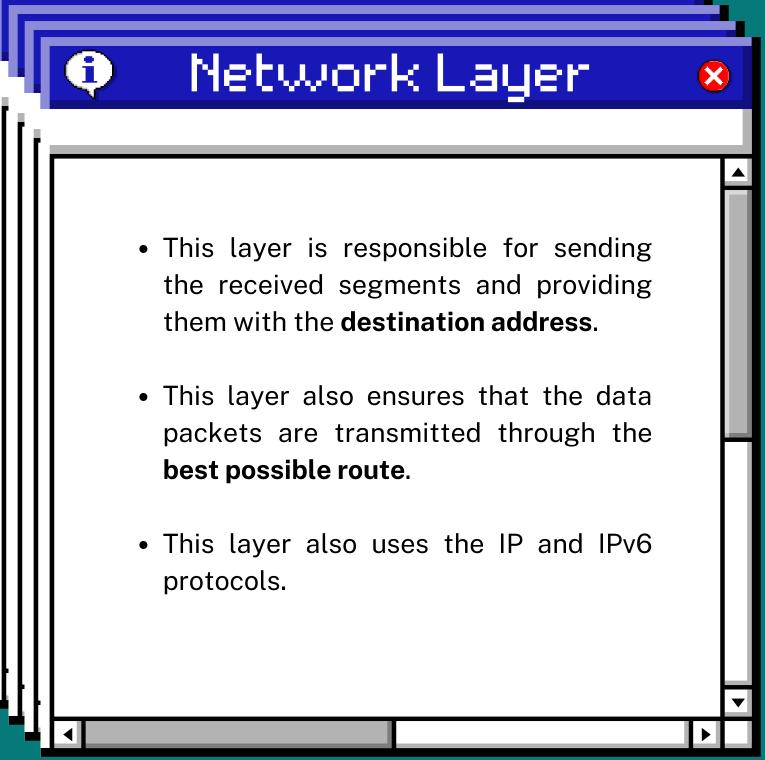


























Logical Addressing



- Uses IP addresses to identify device on the network.
- IP addresses help identify devices outside the sender's network.
- Each intermediate node checks the IP address in the packet header and forwards it if it's not the final destination.













Routing

- Data is divided into packets, each with a sequence number.
- Packets may take different routes and arrive out of order.
- Intermediate nodes compute the **best possible path** based on factors like **congestion and number of hops**.
- Routing uses **algorithms** to find the optimal paths for packets.







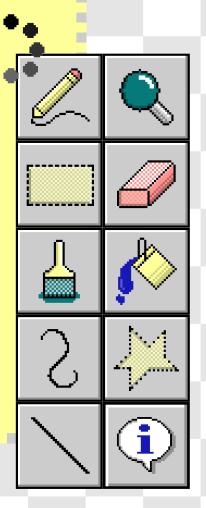




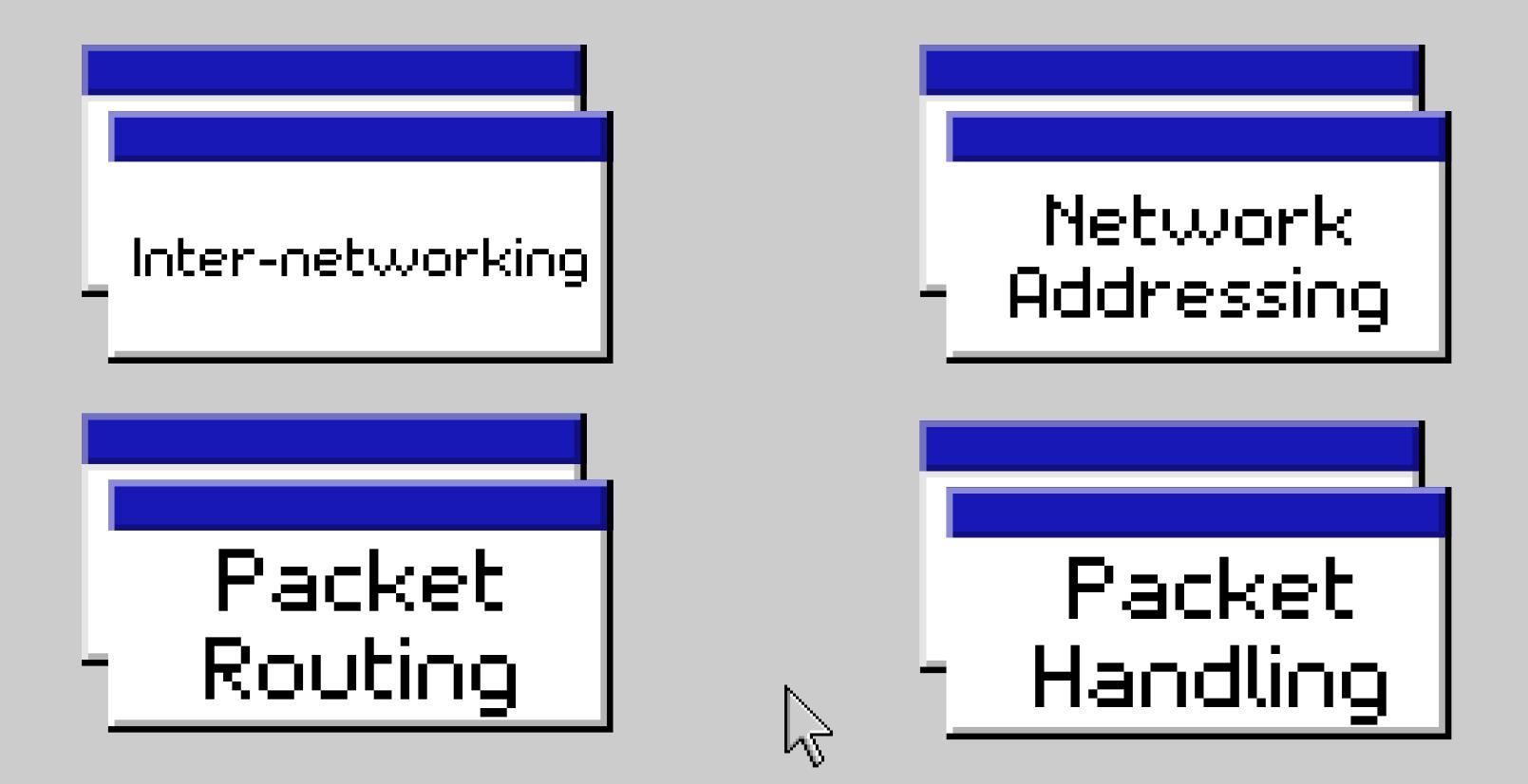




Functions of the Network Layer







Inter-Networking



- It is one of the main tasks of the networking layer to **handle the network** between multiple devices in the channel.
- This task **applies multiple protocols** available in the network layer of the OSI model for stable network connection.













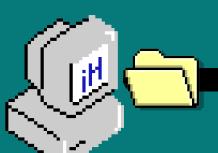




Network Addressing



- The network layer does the task of **adding the source and destination address** in the header in the network channel.
- Network addressing is performed to **identify the device** where the data is being shared.















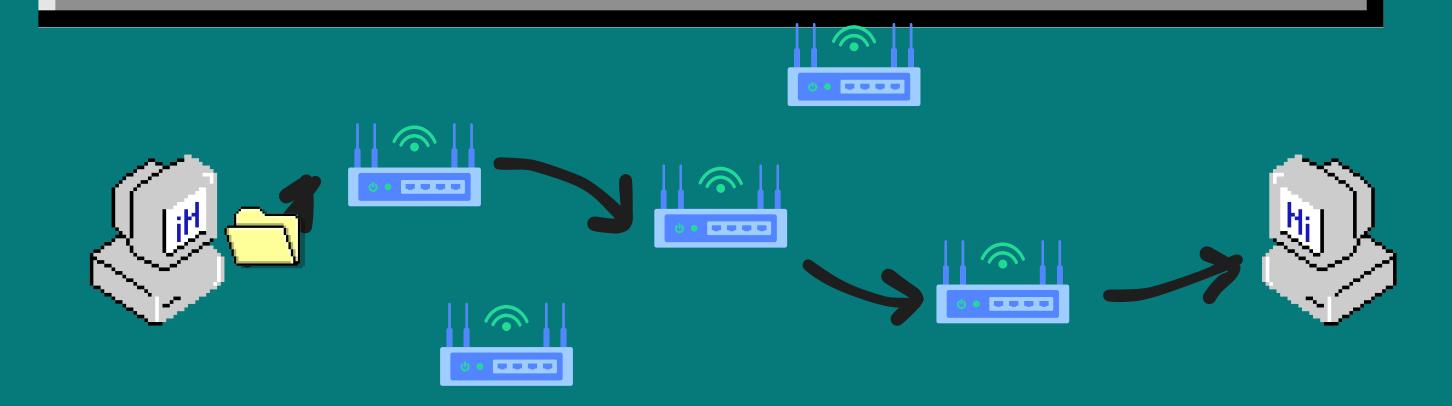




Packet Routing



- Establishing a **routing path for the data packet** is one of the main functions of the network layer in a network model.
- The network layer chooses the most suitable path out of all the paths available in the channel.















Packet Handling



- In this network function, the layer is responsible for handling the **data received from the upper layers** of the OSI model.
- The received data is **converted into packets** by the network layer for sharing over the communication channel.















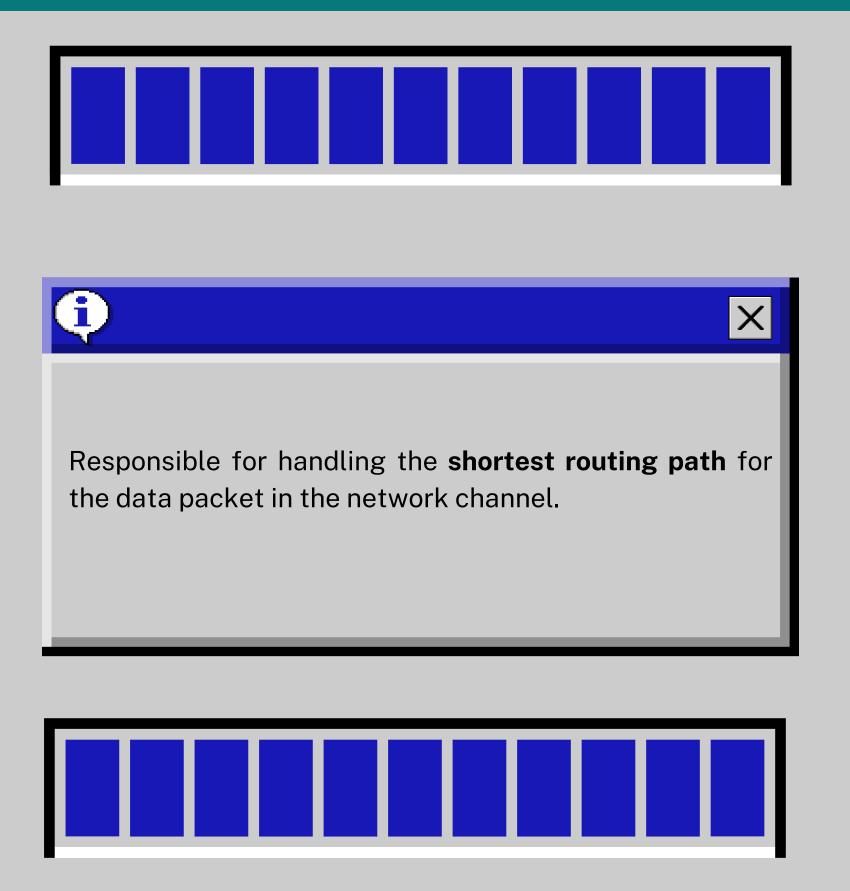


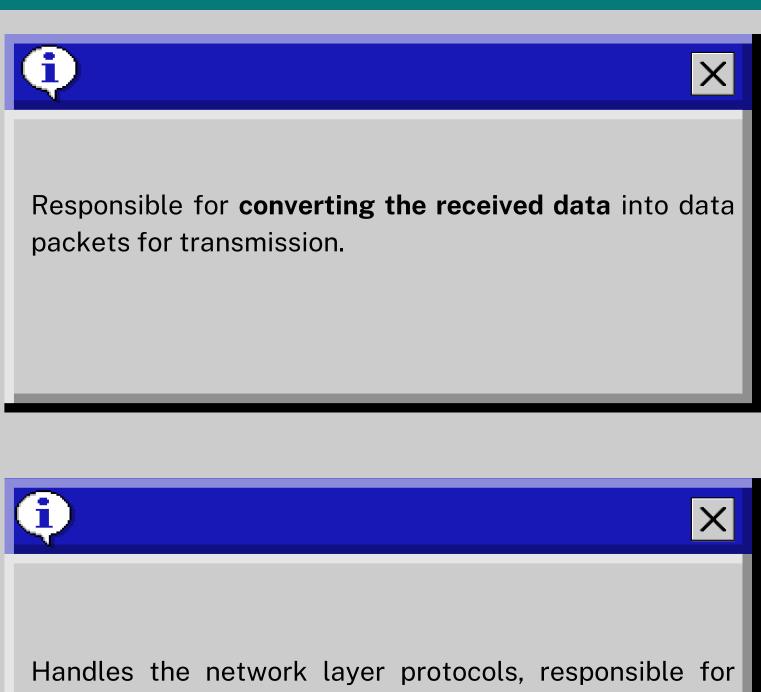


Responsibilities of the Network Layer









Handles the network layer protocols, responsible for maintaining the network traffic in the channel.

