**Basic Working of Computer Network**

How am I currently working at my house on my laptop a part of WAN(internet) getting information through different websites?? (explain through - nodes, routers, gateways, IPS, ip address, firewall, etc. )

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When you work at home on your laptop and access information through different websites, you are indeed a part of the vast Wide Area Network (WAN) that constitutes the internet. Let's break down how data flows from your laptop to various websites and back, involving nodes, routers, gateways, IP addresses, firewalls, and other components:

1. **Your Laptop (End Device)**: Your laptop is the starting point of the data transmission. It acts as an end device in the network.
2. **Local Network (LAN)**: The Local Area Network (LAN) in your house connects your laptop to your home router, which is often a combination of a modem and a router provided by your ISP. This router is responsible for connecting your local devices to the internet.
3. **Router**: Your home router acts as a gateway to the internet. It forwards data packets between your local network (LAN) and the wider internet (WAN). It also performs Network Address Translation (NAT), which allows multiple devices on your LAN to share a single public IP address assigned by your ISP.
4. **Internet Service Provider (ISP)**: Your ISP is the company that provides you with internet access. It connects your home network to the larger internet, which is the WAN. Your ISP assigns your router a public IP address that is unique and visible on the internet.
5. **WAN (Internet)**: The Wide Area Network (WAN) is the interconnected global network of networks that allows data to flow between devices all over the world. The internet itself consists of numerous interconnected routers and networks.
6. **Routers and Nodes on the Internet**: Data from your laptop travels across various routers and nodes on the internet. Routers are responsible for routing data packets to their destination, making decisions about the best path for the data to take.
7. **Website Servers**: When you access different websites, your laptop sends requests to the respective servers hosting those websites. These servers could be located anywhere on the internet.
8. **IP Addresses**: Each device on the internet, including your laptop and the website servers, is assigned a unique IP address. IP addresses help identify the source and destination of data packets, enabling them to be routed correctly.
9. **Firewall**: Your home router may have a built-in firewall, which is a security mechanism that monitors and controls incoming and outgoing network traffic. The firewall helps protect your local network from unauthorized access and potential threats.

So, when you work on your laptop at home and access different websites, your data travels through your local network, the ISP's network, the WAN (internet), and the website servers, passing through various nodes, routers, and gateways along the way. Each step in the process ensures that your data reaches its intended destination and comes back with the requested information, allowing you to browse the web and interact with various online services.



how does all the osi layers fit in the above working

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The OSI (Open Systems Interconnection) model is a conceptual framework that standardizes the functions of a telecommunication or computing system into seven distinct layers. Each layer has its specific role and contributes to the overall communication process. Let's see how the OSI layers fit into the working of your laptop connecting to the internet and accessing different websites:

1. **Application Layer (Layer 7)**: The Application Layer is the topmost layer and deals with the communication interface that end-users interact with directly. In this scenario, it involves the applications and programs on your laptop that you use to access websites, such as web browsers (e.g., Chrome, Firefox). Requests from these applications are passed down the OSI stack. HTTP, FTP, SMTP
2. **Presentation Layer (Layer 6)**: The Presentation Layer is responsible for data formatting, encryption, and compression of data provided by layer 7. It prepares the data from the Application Layer for transmission. In web browsing, this layer may be involved in tasks like encoding data in formats like HTML, XML, or JSON.
3. **Session Layer (Layer 5)**: The Session Layer establishes, manages, and terminates communication sessions between applications. It handles the setup and teardown of connections. In web browsing, it facilitates the establishment of a session with a web server.
4. **Transport Layer (Layer 4)**: The Transport Layer manages end-to-end communication and ensures data delivery between devices. It also handles error recovery and flow control. In the context of your laptop connecting to websites, this layer is responsible for reliable data transfer and may use protocols like TCP (Transmission Control Protocol) or UDP (User Datagram Protocol). (it converts data into small packets and ensures correct order of packets. Also checks error, It also handles error recovery and flow control)
5. **Network Layer (Layer 3)**: The Network Layer deals with logical addressing, routing, and forwarding of data packets between networks. This layer is where the IP (Internet Protocol) operates. When you request a website, your laptop's IP address is used to route the data across the internet to the website's server. Network layer converts the logical address into the physical address. It provides the routing concept means it determines the best route for the packet to travel from source to the destination.
6. **Data Link Layer (Layer 2)**: The Data Link Layer provides reliable data transfer across the physical network link. It ensures error-free communication between two directly connected devices. This layer is responsible for framing data into frames and detecting errors in the physical transmission medium. It receives the data from the network layer and converts the data into data frames and then attaches the physical address to these frames which are sent to the physical layer. (ip address -> mac address)
7. **Physical Layer (Layer 1)**: The Physical Layer defines the hardware and physical medium used to transmit data. It deals with the actual transmission and reception of bits over a physical medium like Ethernet, Wi-Fi, or fiber optics.

As data travels from your laptop to websites and back, it passes down through the layers of the OSI model in your laptop's networking stack. At the website server's end, the data passes back up the OSI layers before being presented to you through your web browser. Each layer performs its specific function, and collectively, they ensure seamless communication and data exchange between your laptop and the internet services you access.



how does different kind of protocols like HTTP, FTP, TCP, etc. fit in the above scenario, explain all protocols that might be used in the above scenario

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In the scenario of your laptop connecting to the internet and accessing different websites, various protocols are involved at different layers of the OSI model to facilitate communication and data exchange. Let's go through some of the key protocols used in this scenario:

1. **HTTP (Hypertext Transfer Protocol)**: HTTP operates at the Application Layer (Layer 7) and is used for transferring web pages and other resources from web servers to web browsers. It enables you to access websites, interact with web forms, and retrieve various types of content, such as text, images, videos, etc.
2. **HTTPS (Hypertext Transfer Protocol Secure)**: HTTPS is a secure version of HTTP that provides encryption and authentication using SSL/TLS (Secure Sockets Layer/Transport Layer Security). It ensures that the data exchanged between your laptop and websites remains confidential and secure from eavesdropping or tampering.
3. **DNS (Domain Name System)**: DNS is not part of the OSI model, but it plays a crucial role in the scenario. It translates human-readable domain names (e.g., [www.example.com](http://www.example.com/)) into IP addresses (e.g., 192.0.2.1) that computers can understand. When you enter a website address in your browser, DNS helps resolve that domain name to the appropriate IP address of the web server.
4. **TCP (Transmission Control Protocol)**: TCP operates at the Transport Layer (Layer 4) and provides reliable, connection-oriented data delivery between your laptop and web servers. It ensures that data packets are delivered in order, without loss, and without duplication. This is important for web pages, files, and other resources that need to be received accurately.
5. **UDP (User Datagram Protocol)**: UDP also operates at the Transport Layer (Layer 4) and is a connectionless protocol. It provides faster data transmission but does not guarantee reliability like TCP. It is commonly used for time-sensitive applications like real-time video streaming and VoIP.
6. **IP (Internet Protocol)**: IP operates at the Network Layer (Layer 3) and is responsible for logical addressing and routing of data packets across the internet. It uses IP addresses to identify the source and destination of data packets, allowing routers to forward them to the appropriate destinations.
7. **ARP (Address Resolution Protocol)**: ARP is used to map an IP address to a MAC (Media Access Control) address on the Data Link Layer (Layer 2). It is used within a local network to find the MAC address corresponding to an IP address so that data can be sent between devices on the same network.
8. **Ethernet (IEEE 802.3)**: Ethernet is a widely used protocol at the Data Link Layer (Layer 2) for wired local networks. It defines the physical and data link layer specifications for transmitting data over Ethernet cables.
9. **SSL/TLS (Secure Sockets Layer/Transport Layer Security)**: SSL/TLS is not a separate layer but rather a set of cryptographic protocols used to provide security and encryption for data transmitted over the internet. It is commonly used to secure HTTPS connections.

As you access different websites, your web browser uses HTTP(S) to request web pages and resources from web servers. TCP ensures the reliable delivery of data, while IP and DNS help route the data to the correct web server. On the local network, ARP and Ethernet play roles in handling communication between devices. All these protocols work together to enable seamless communication and access to websites and other internet resources.

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**Read about all 7 layers:**

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* **Software layers:** application, presentation, session
* **Hardware layers:** physical, datalink, network
* At the Data link layer trailer is added and at the **OSI model layer 6,5,4,3 added header.**
* **Zone firewall/ Cisco IOS firewall:** only the replies are allowed i.e. if the traffic is Generated from inside the network then only the replies (of inside network traffic) coming from outside the network are allowed.
* **CIA:**
* Confidentiality – means information is not disclosed to unauthorized individuals, entities, or processes.
* Integrity – means maintaining the accuracy and completeness of data. This means data cannot be edited in an unauthorized way.
* Availability – means information must be available when needed.
* A **virtual private network (VPN**) is a technology that creates a safe and encrypted connection over a less secure network, such as the Internet. A Virtual Private Network is a way to extend a private network using a public network such as the Internet.
* **Asymmetric Key Encryption** is based on public and private key encryption techniques. It uses two different keys to encrypt and decrypt the message. It is more secure than the symmetric key encryption technique but is much slower.
* **A digital signature** is a mathematical technique used to validate the authenticity and integrity of a message, software, or digital document.
* **Firewall:** Firewalls focus on controlling traffic based on predefined rules.
* **IPS:** IPS systems are designed to actively detect and prevent attacks as they happen. They use various methods, including signature-based detection (matching patterns of known attacks), anomaly-based detection (identifying deviations from normal traffic behavior), and behavior-based detection (identifying actions that could indicate an attack).
* The **twisted-pair cable** consists of two insulated copper wires twisted together. The twisting is important for minimizing electromagnetic radiation and external interference.
* **Proxy server** refers to a server that acts as an intermediary between the request made by clients, and a particular server for some services or requests for some resources. The basic purpose of Proxy servers is to protect the direct connection of Internet clients and internet resources. The proxy server also prevents the identification of the client’s IP address when the client makes any request is made to any other servers.
* **Piggybacking** is used to improve the efficiency of the bidirectional protocols. When a frame is carrying data from A to B, it can also carry control information about arrived (or lost) frames from B; when a frame is carrying data from B to A, it can also carry control information about the arrived (or lost) frames from A.
* An important advantage of **POP3 protocol** is that the mail messages get delivered to the client’s PC and they can be read with or without accessing the web.
* A **router** sends the data between two similar networks while **gateway** sends the data between two dissimilar networks.
* Difference between MAC address and IP address:
  + Layer: MAC addresses operate at Layer 2 (Data Link Layer) of the OSI model, while IP addresses operate at Layer 3 (Network Layer).
  + Scope: MAC addresses are used within a local network segment to identify devices on the same physical network. IP addresses have a broader scope and are used for communication across different networks, including the internet.
  + Assignment: MAC addresses are assigned by the device manufacturer and are generally fixed for the lifetime of the device. IP addresses can be dynamically assigned using DHCP (Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol) or configured manually.
* **RAID** is a method to provide Fault Tolerance by using multiple Hard Disc Drives.
* **RIP routing information protocol** is a dynamic protocol which is used to find the best route from source to the destination over a network by using the hop count algorithm.
* the **Data Link Layer** handles communication within the same network segment, using MAC addresses for addressing and ensuring error-free transmission. The **Transport Layer** is responsible for end-to-end communication across networks, using port numbers for addressing, ensuring reliable data delivery, and managing data flow.
* **Private Addresses**: Private IP addresses are used within private networks and are not routable on the public internet. They allow devices within a local network to communicate without exposing their addresses to the global network. Common private address ranges include:
  + Class A: 10.0.0.0 to 10.255.255.255 (8bits)
  + Class B: 172.16.0.0 to 172.31.255.255 (16bits)
  + Class C: 192.168.0.0 to 192.168.255.255 (24bits)
* **Subnetting:**
  + Subnetting is the process of dividing a larger network into smaller subnetworks (subnets).
  + It allows more efficient use of IP addresses, better network management, and improved security by isolating different parts of the network.
* **Supernetting (CIDR - Classless Inter-Domain Routing):**
  + Supernetting is the opposite of subnetting. It involves aggregating multiple contiguous IP address blocks into a single, larger address range.
  + CIDR notation is used to represent address ranges in supernetting. It uses a prefix length notation, such as 192.168.0.0/16, where "/16" indicates the first 16 bits of the address form the network portion.
  + CIDR improves routing efficiency by reducing the number of route entries in routers' routing tables.

**Google Search works** like a tireless librarian constantly scouring the web to organize and present information. Let's break it down into three stages:

**1. Crawling the Web:**

Web Crawlers: Imagine tiny robots called crawlers constantly visiting public webpages. They follow links on each page, discovering new ones and building a massive map of the internet.

Indexing: As crawlers explore, they download content like text, images, and videos. This becomes raw data waiting to be organized.

Google Index: This is where the magic happens. Crawled data gets analyzed, keywords are identified, and pages are categorized based on their content. It's like a giant library catalog for the web.

**2. Understanding Your Search:**

Keywords: When you type a query, Google analyzes the keywords to understand your intent. It considers context, synonyms, and related concepts.

Relevance Signals: Beyond keywords, Google looks for other signals like page freshness, mobile-friendliness, and links from reputable websites. These help determine which pages are most relevant and trustworthy.

Personalization: Your search history, location, and language settings can influence the results to be more tailored to you.

**3. Serving the Results:**

Ranking Algorithm: With all the factors considered, Google's complex ranking algorithm decides which pages deserve the top spots. Relevance, quality, and user experience are key drivers.

Diverse Results: Google aims to provide a variety of perspectives and sources, not just the same answer repeated on different websites.

Constant Improvement: Google Search is constantly learning and evolving. Updates refine the ranking algorithm and the understanding of user intent, leading to better results over time.

So, when you hit Enter, Google isn't just searching the web; it's analyzing millions of pages, considering context, and prioritizing the most helpful and relevant information for you.

* **NOS stands for Network Operating System**. It is specialized software which is used to provide network connectivity to a computer to make communication possible with other computers and connected devices.

NOS is the software which allows the device to communicate, share files with other devices.

* **POP** is responsible for **accessing the** mail service on a client machine.

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