NETWORK DEVICES

Computer Networking

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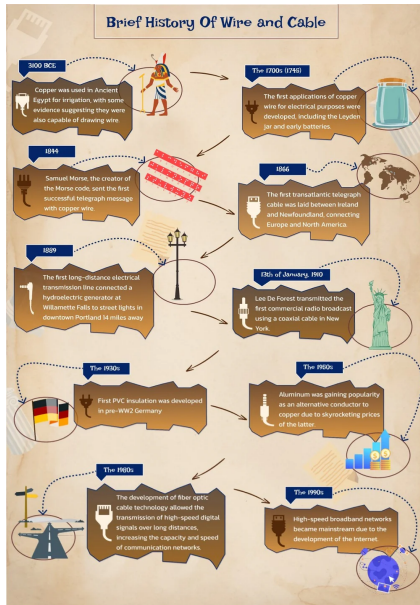
Coaxial Cables I

- **Coaxial cables** are used in cable television systems, telephone companies, and the Internet.
- They are used for **long-distance** communication, and can carry **high-speed** data.
- They are more **expensive** than twisted pair cables, but they are more **reliable** and have a longer **lifespan**.

Coaxial Cables II

They are made of a **copper** core, surrounded by a **plastic** insulator, and a **metal** shield.

1 x 0,26 mm² (1/0,58 mm) CCS
Copper-clad Steel Conductors

3,70 mm Ø PE Insulation
Polyethylene

BC Braid Shielding
16/8/0,12 mm
Bare Copper
95% Covering

6,15 mm Ø PVC Jacket
Flexible, Flame Retardant

Twisted Pair Cables

- **Twisted pair cables** are the most common type of cable used in computer networks.
- They are made of two **copper** wires twisted together, and are used for **short-distance** communication.
- They are used in **Ethernet** networks, and can carry **high-speed** data.
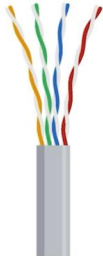- They are **inexpensive**, **easy** to install, and **flexible**.
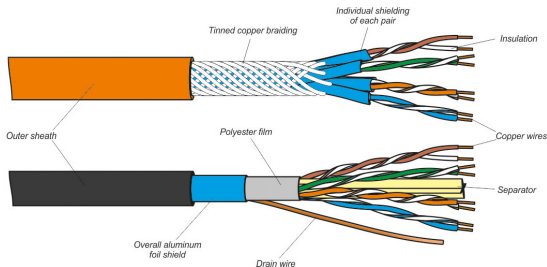
Twister Pair Cables Categories I

Twister Pair Cables Categories II

Category	Maximum Speed	Max. Length	Frequency	SHIELDING	Application
CAT 1	Up to 1Mbps(Carry only Voice)	--	1MHz	Unshielded	Old telephone cabling
CAT 2	Up to 4Mbps	--	4MHz	Unshielded	Token Ring Network
CAT 3	Up to 10Mbps	100m	16MHz	Unshielded	Token Ring & 10BASE-T Network
CAT 4	Up to 16Mbps	100m	20MHz	Unshielded	Token Ring Network
CAT 5	Up to 100Mbps	100m	100MHz	Unshielded	Ethernet, Fast ethernet and Token Ring
CAT 5e	Up to 1Gbps	100m	100MHz	Unshielded or Shielded	Ethernet, Fast ethernet & Gigabit ethernet
CAT 6	Up to 10Gbps	100m	250MHz	Unshielded or Shielded	Ethernet, Fast ethernet, Gigabit ethernet & 10G Ethernet(37 - 55 meter)
CAT 6a	Up to 10Gbps	100m	500MHz	Shielded	Ethernet, Fast ethernet, Gigabit ethernet & 10G Ethernet(37 - 55 meter)
CAT 7	Up to 10Gbps	100m	600MHz	Shielded	Ethernet, Fast ethernet, Gigabit ethernet & 10G Ethernet(100 meter)
CAT 8	Up to 40Gbps	100m	2000MHz	Shielded	Ethernet, Fast ethernet, Gigabit ethernet & 25G-40G Ethernet(30 meter)

# Fiber Optic Cables

- **Fiber optic cables** are used in high-speed networks, such as the Internet and cable television systems.
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Fiber Optic Cables Conponents

They are made of **glass** or **plastic** fibers, and use **light** to transmit data
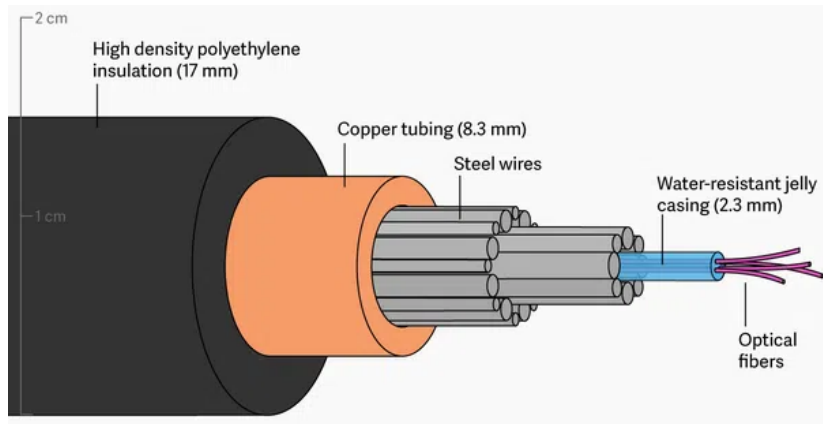
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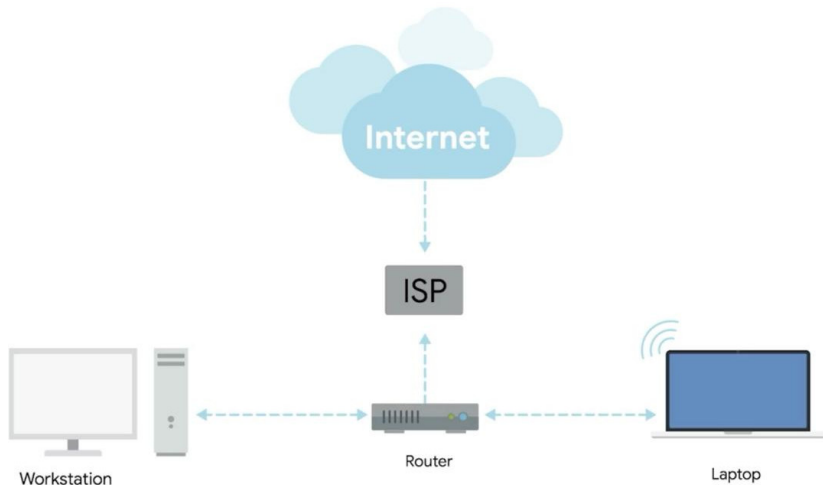# Routers

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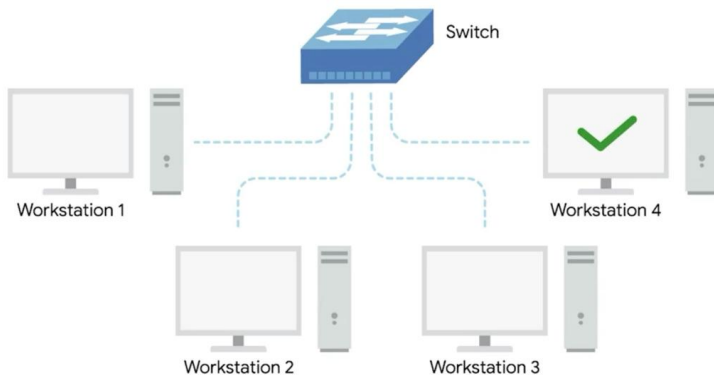
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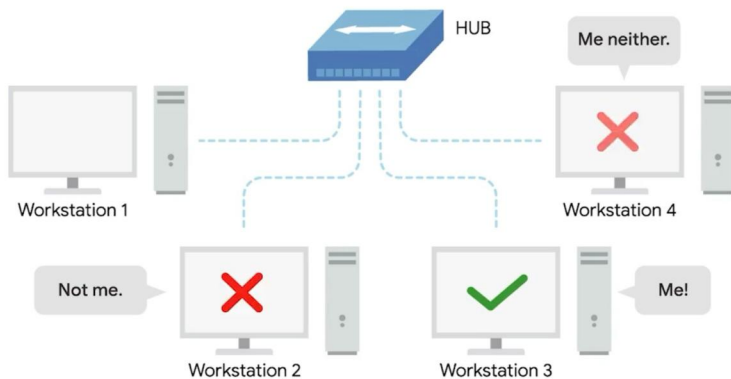
Repeaters

- **Repeaters** are used to extend the range of a network.
- They are used to **amplify** and **retransmit** data signals between devices.
- They are sometimes called **signal boosters**, and are used to overcome the **attenuation** of data signals over long distances.
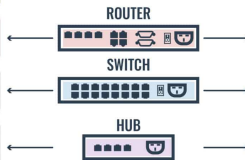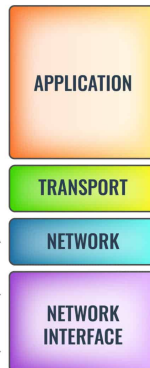- Also, they could be known as **bridges**, and are used to connect two networks together.

Devices per Layer

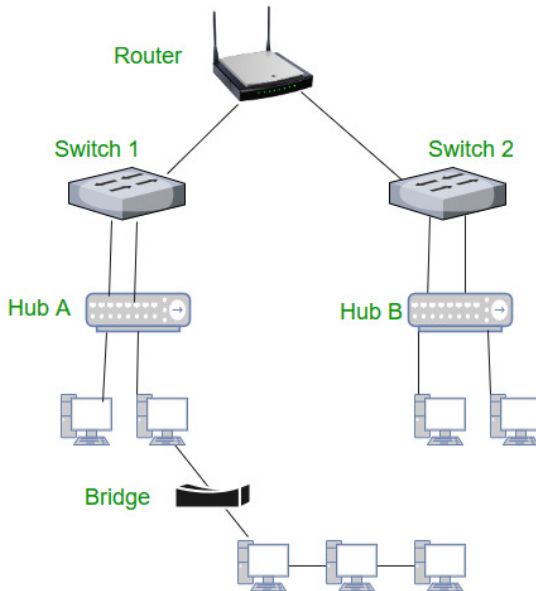# Case of Study: Network Architecture

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Questions?

Repo: *https://github.com/EngAndres/ud-public/tree/main/courses/computer-networking*