

## ⇒ 7 Layers of OSI

The OSI (Open System Interconnection) model is like a guide that explains how data moves through a network, such as the internet. It divides the process into seven steps or "layers", each with a specific job.

⇒ 7 layers include:

① **Application Layer**:- This is the layer that directly interacts with user data. When you use an app like a web browser or email client, this layer is what helps initiate communication with other devices.

→ **Protocols**:- The application layer uses protocols like HTTP (for web browsing) and SMTP (for sending email).  
**Note**:- The application themselves (like Chrome) aren't part of this layer. Instead, this layer handles the protocols and data manipulations these apps rely on.

② **Presentation Layer**:- This layer makes sure that the data sent by application layer is in a format that the next computer can understand.

It handles tasks like

- **Data encryption/decryption**: If the data is encrypted (turned into a code for security), this layer adds the encryption before sending the data and decodes it when receiving it, making sure only authorized users can access it.

- **Translation**:- It translates data between different encoding <sup>methods</sup> used by different devices so that they can understand each other.

- **Compression**:- The presentation layer also compresses data

to reduce its size, which makes communication faster and more efficient. After the data is compressed, it's sent to the session layer.

③ Session Layer :- The session layer manages the opening, maintaining, and closing of communication sessions between two devices.

It includes :-

- Session Management :- It opens a session (communication channel) between 2 devices and keeps it open for the duration of the communication.
- Synchronization :- This layer also manages synchronization by using checkpoints. If a large file is being transferred and the connection is interrupted, the session layer allows the transfer to resume from the last checkpoint instead of starting over.

- Resource Management :- It closes the session once the data transfer is complete to free up resources.

④ Transport Layer :- The transport layer is responsible for the reliable delivery of data across the network. It manages end-to-end communication between the source and destination.

- Segmentation :- This layer breaks down large data from the session layer into smaller segments, which are easier to send across the network. It reassembles these segments at the receiving end.

- Flow Control :- It ensures that data is sent at a pace that the receiver can handle, preventing overload.

- Error Control :- The transport layer checks for errors in the data it receives. If any segment is missing or incorrect, it requests a retransmission.

protocols :- common protocols used here include TCP (Transmission control protocol) for reliable communication and UDP (User Datagram Protocol) for faster, but less reliable communication.

5) Network Layer :- The network layer handles the routing of data between different networks ensuring it reaches the correct destination.

• Packetization :- It takes segments from the transport layer and breaks them down into smaller units called packets.

• Routing :- The layer determines the best path for the data to travel across different networks to reach its destination.

• Addressing :- It assigns IP addresses to the data packets, making sure they are delivered to the correct address.

• Protocols :- This layer includes protocols like IP (Internet Protocol), ICMP (Internet Control Message Protocol), and ICMP (Internet Group Management Protocol).

6) Data Link Layer :- The data link layer is responsible for the transfer of data between devices on the same network. It ensures that data is delivered without errors.

• Framing :- It packages data from the network layer into frames, which are units of data for transfer within the same network.

• Flow control and error control :- Like the transport layer, the data link layer manages the flow of data and checks for errors, but it does this within the same network.

- MAC Addressing:- It uses MAC addresses to ensure that data is delivered to the correct device on the network.

⑦ Physical Layer:- This is the lowest layer, dealing with the physical connection between devices. It involves the hardware and the actual transmission of data as electrical signals, light or radio waves.

- Bit Transmission:- The physical layer converts data into binary (a series of 1s and 0s) and transmit it over physical media like cables or wireless signals.

- Physical media:- This includes the actual hardware like cables, switches, and network interface cards (NICs).

- Signal Convention:- Both devices must agree on how the signals will represent data so that 1s and 0s can be correctly interpreted.