

## → Understanding of Ethernet

- Ethernet: It's a technology used to connect devices like computers, printers, and smart gadgets within a network, typically a Local Area Network (LAN).
- It can also be used in large networks like Metropolitan Area Network (MAN) and Wide Area Networks (WAN).
- How it works: When you connect a device to an Ethernet port, it becomes part of the local network, allowing it to connect with other devices.
- Main features: Ethernet prevents two or more devices from sending data simultaneously, which avoids data collisions and keeps the network secure.

## → Usage of Ethernet

- High speed data transmission: Ethernet offers fast transfer rates, which is crucial for tasks like video streaming, gaming, and large file transfers.
- Security: Data transmitted over Ethernet is secure because it uses a wired connection, making it less vulnerable to unauthorized access compared to wireless connections.
- Reliability: Ethernet connections are stable and provide consistent performance, which is essential for critical applications.

## → Types of Ethernet

### ① Fast Ethernet:

- Cable Type: Uses twisted pair cables
- Speed: Can transmit data speeds up to 100 Mbps

### ② Gigabit Ethernet:

- Improvement: A faster version of Fast Ethernet.
- Speed Range: Can transmit data between 100 Mbps and 1 Gbps.

## ② Switched Ethernet:

- Additional devices: utilizes network devices like switches or hubs.
- Speed Range: can transmit data between 100 Mbps (1 Gbps) and 10 Gbps.

### → Ethernet and OSI model

- Layer 1 or 7 (Physical Layer)
  - Defines the physical aspects of the network, like cable types, connectors, and signaling methods.
- Layer 2 or 6 (Data Link Layer):
  - Manages how data is framed, addressed, and transmitted over the network. It uses MAC addresses to identify the source and destination devices.

### → How Ethernet works ?

Steps :-

- ① Acquiring MAC Address :- Every device in the network has a unique MAC (Media Access Control) address. The first step is to obtain the MAC addresses of both the sender and receiver.
- ② Checking Network conditions: The network checks for data security, connection speed, and quality to ensure efficient transmission.
- ③ Managing Traffic and Errors :- Ethernet monitors network traffic to avoid data collisions. If a collision is detected (using protocols like CSMA), the network takes steps to resolve the issue.