

# Syllabus

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UNIT-4 Transport and upper layers in OSI model: Transport layer function,  
connection management functions of session layers, Presentation layer  
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Books A-S Tanenbaum - Computer Networks  
Behrouz A. Forouzan - Data Communications and Networking

Network Concept, Benefits of Network, Network classification (PAN, LAN, MAN, WAN), Peer to Peer, Client server architecture.

### What is network

The generic term "network" refers to a group of entities (objects, people etc) which are connected to one another. A network, therefore, allows material or immaterial elements to be circulated among all of these entities, based on well-defined rules.

Network : A group of computers and peripheral devices connected to each other. A smallest possible nw is two computers connected together.

Networking: Implementing tools and tasks for linking computers so that they can share resources over the network.

Depending on what kind of entity is involved the term used will differ:

- Transportation nw
- Telephone nw
- Neural NW
- Computer NW.

### Why networks are important -

A computer is a machine used to manipulate data. Humans, being communicative creatures, quickly understood why it would be needed

A computer nw can serve several purposes

- ① Sharing resources
- ② Communication b/w people
- ③ Communication b/w processes ( b/w industrial computers)
- ④ Guaranteeing full access to information
- ⑤ Multiplayer video games

Advantages of networks are

- ① Lower costs, due to sharing data and peripherals
- ② Standardizing applications
- ③ Providing timely access to data
- ④ more efficient communication and organization.

Today, with the internet, nw have become more unified. It is clear, then that there are several reasons to install a nw, whether for a business or an individual.

**Similarities b/w types of nw's:**

Different types of nw's generally have the following points in common.

- Servers: Computers which provided shared resources to users, by means of a nw server.
- Clients: Computers which access the shared resources provided by a nw server.
- Connection medium: how the computers are linked together.
- Shared data: Files that can be accessed on the nw servers
- Printers and other shared peripherals
- Miscellaneous resources

data In computer information systems, data are represented by binary information units (or bits) produced and consumed in the form of 0s and 1s.

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## Data Communication:

Data communication is the exchange of data (in the form of 0 and 1s) between two devices via some form of transmission medium (such as wire cable).

Data communication is considered local if the communicating devices are in the same building or a similarly restricted geographical area and is considered remote if the devices are further apart.

The effectiveness of a data communication system depends on 3 fundamental characteristics.

① Delivery: The system must deliver data to the correct destination. Data must be received by the intended device or user and only by that device or user.

② Accuracy: The system must deliver data accurately.

③ Timeliness: The system must deliver data in a timely manner.

Components: A data communication system is made up of 5 components.

① Message: - message is the information (data) to be communicated. It can consist of text, numbers, pictures, sound or video or any combination of these.

② Sender: sender is a device that sends the data message. It can be computer workstation, telephone handset, video camera and so on.

③ Receiver: is a device that receives the message.

④ Medium: transmission medium is the physical path by which a message travels from sender to receiver. It can consist of twisted pair wire, coaxial cable, fibre-optic cable, laser, or radio wave.

⑤ Protocol: set of rules that govern data communication. Represents an agreement b/w the communicating devices.

## Types of Networks:

- These are usually said to be two types of networks.
- Peer to Peer
  - Networks organized around servers [client / server]
- These two types of nw have different capabilities. which type of network to install depends on the following criteria:

- Size of the business
- Level of security required
- Type of activity
- Skills of the administrators available
- Volume of traffic over the network
- Needs of the network's users
- Budget set aside for operating the nw.

## Network classification ↴

Generally, the networks can be classified into different types according to its transmission technology and its scope.

One criterion for classifying networks is their scales. According to the network's physical size, the nw can be

- ① Personal area Networks
- ② Local area networks
- ③ Metropolitan Area networks
- ④ Wide area networks.

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## Personal Area Networks (PAN) ↴

↖ PAN is for one person. Wireless communication network is the example of PAN. A key capability of PAN is to enable devices to autonomously detect and acquire one another.

## Local Area Networks ↴

Local Area Networks generally called LANs, are privately-owned networks within a single building or campus of up to a few kilometers in size. They are widely used to connect personal computers and workstations in company offices and factories to share resources (e.g. printers) and exchange information.

LANs are distinguished from other kinds of networks by three characteristics:

① Their size

③ Their topology.

② Their transmission technology

LANs are restricted in size, which means that the worst-case transmission time is bounded and known in advance. Knowing this bound makes it possible to use certain kinds of designs that would not otherwise be possible. It also simplifies networks management.

LANs often use a transmission technology consisting of a single cable to which all the machines are attached like the telephone company party lines once used in rural areas. Traditional LANs run at speeds of 10 to 100 Mbps have low delay (tens of microseconds) and make very few errors. Newer LANs may operate at higher speeds, up to hundreds of megabits/sec.

Mbps - mega bits/sec

megabit is 1,000,000, bits

Various topologies are possible for broadcast LANs. Broadcast networks can be further divided into static and dynamic, depending on how the channel is allocated.

### Metropolitan Area Network ↴

A metropolitan area network or MAN is basically a bigger version of a LAN and normally uses similar technology. It might cover a group of nearby corporate offices or a city and might be either private or public. A MAN can support both data and voice. A man just has one or ~~more~~ two cables and does not contain switching elements, which shunt packets over one of several potential output lines. Not having to switch simplifies the design. A key aspect of MAN is that there is a broadcast medium to which all the computers are attached.

### Wide area Networks ↴

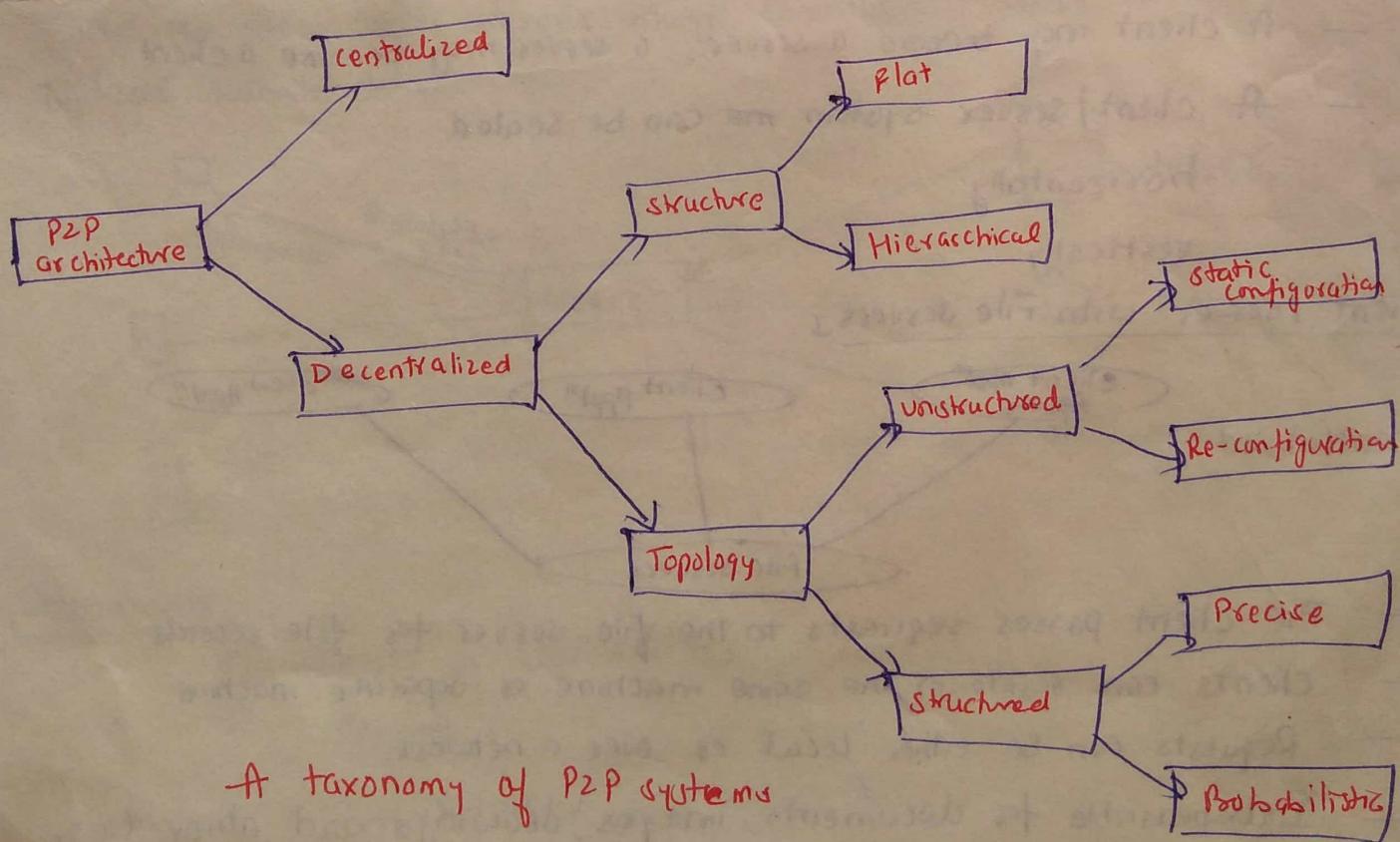
A wide area network, or WAN, spans a large geographical area, often a country or continent. It contains a collection of machines intended for running user programs called hosts. The hosts are connected by a communication subnet or just subnet for short. The job of the subnet is to carry message from host to host, just as the telephone system carries words from speaker to listener. In most WAN, the subnet consists of two distinct components: transmission lines and switching elements. Transmission lines moves bits between machines. switching elements are specialized computers used to connect two or more transmission lines. When data arrive on an incoming line, the switching element must choose an outgoing line to forward them on.

peers-to-peers

In its simplest form, a peers-to-peers (P2P) network is created when two or more PCs are connected and share resources without going through a separate server computer. The initial use of P2P networks in business followed the deployment in the early 1980s of free-standing PCs.

Peers-to-peers architecture is a commonly used computer networking architecture in which each workstation or node has the same capabilities and responsibilities.

P2P networks have many applications, but the most common is for content distribution. This includes file publication and distribution. This includes file publication and distribution, content delivery networks, streaming media and peer casting for multicasting streams, which facilitates on demand content delivery.



## Client / Server architecture

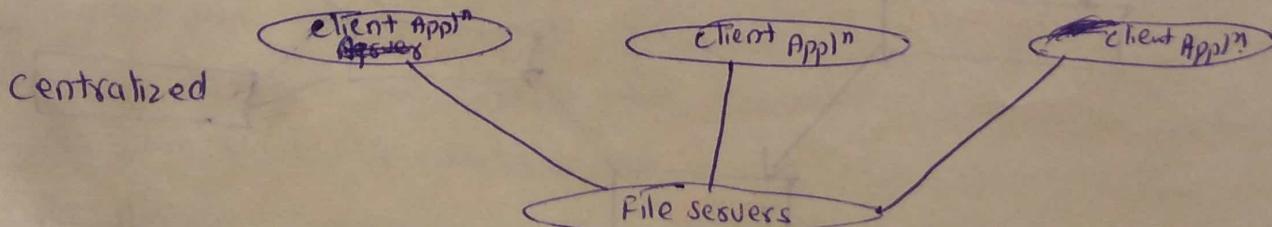
### Basic Definition

- client : requests for services
- server : provides services
- Service : any resource      eg. data, type, file, control, CPU time  
                                      display

### Properties :

- A service request is about "what" is needed, and it often made abstractly. It is up to the server to determine how to get the job done.
- The ideal client / server slw is independent of hardware or OS platform
- The location of client and servers are usually transparent to the user
- A client may become a server; a server may become a client
- A client / server system can be scaled
  - horizontally
  - vertically

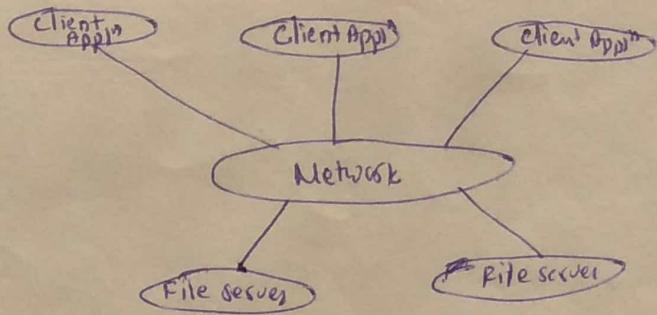
## Client / Server with File Servers



- The client passes requests to the file server for file records
- Clients can reside in the same machine or separate machine
- Requests can be either local or over a network
- Indispensable for documents, images, drawings and other large data objects.

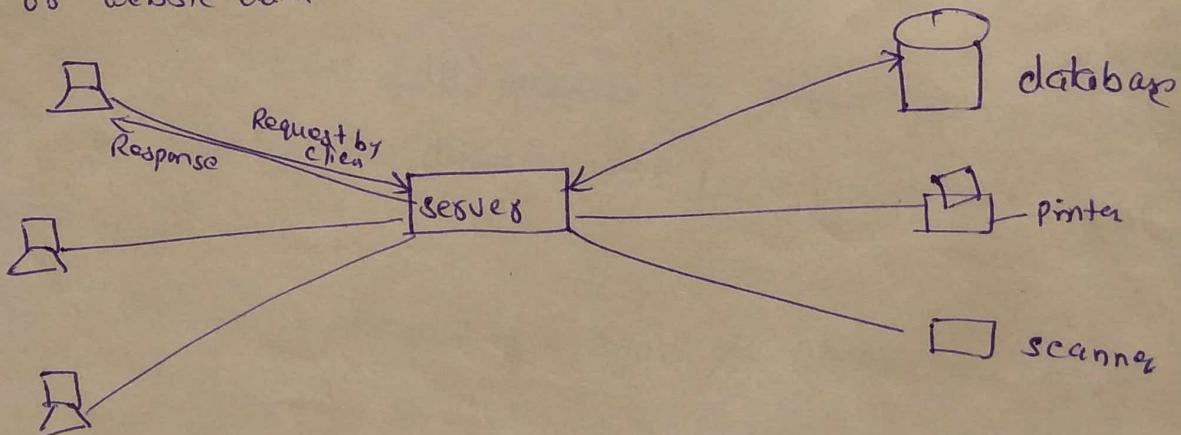
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- At present the majority of existing client/server based SW is to be found in the area of databases and it is here that the greatest challenge to any corporation currently lies.

client/server architecture works when the client computer sends a resource or process request to the server over the network connection, which is then processed and delivered to client. A server computer can manage several clients simultaneously, whereas one client can be connected to several servers at a time, each providing a different set of services. In its simplest form, the internet is also based on client/server architecture where the web server serves many simultaneous users with web page and/or website data.



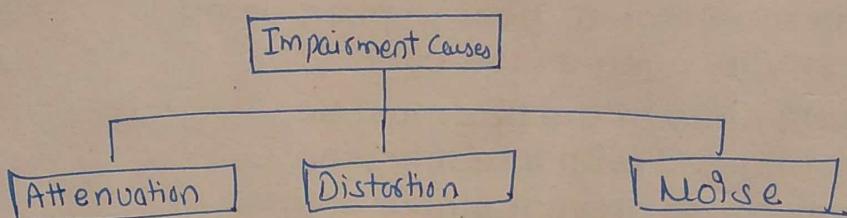
### Components

- ① Clients or workstations
- ② Servers
- ③ NW Devices.
- ④ Other Components

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TRANSMISSION IMPAIRMENT  $\Rightarrow$  Signals travel through transmission media which are not perfect. The imperfection causes signal impairment. This means that the signal at the beginning of the medium is not the same as the signal at the end of the medium. What is sent is not what is received.

Three causes of impairment are attenuation, distortion, and noise.



Attenuation  $\rightarrow$  Attenuation means a loss of energy. When a signal, simple or composite, travels through a medium, it loses some of its energy in overcoming the resistance of the medium. That is why a wire carrying electric signals gets warm, if not hot, after a while. Some of the electrical energy in the signal is converted to heat. To compensate for this loss, amplifiers are used to amplify the signal.

Decibel:- The decibel (dB) measures the relative strengths of two signals or one signal at two different points. [to show that a signal has lost or gained strength]

\*\* The decibel is negative if a signal is attenuated and positive if a signal is amplified.

$$dB = 10 \log_{10} \frac{P_2}{P_1}$$

Variables  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  are the powers of a signal at points 1 and 2 respectively.

Ex Suppose a signal travels through a transmission medium and its power is reduced to one-half. This means that  $P_2 = \frac{1}{2}P_1$ . Calculate the attenuation (loss of power)

Q.

$$dB = 10 \log_{10} \frac{P_2}{P_1}$$

$$= 10 \log_{10} \frac{0.5 P_1}{P_1}$$

$$= 10 \log_{10} 0.5$$

$$= 10(-0.3) = \underline{\underline{-3 dB}}$$

A loss of 3 dB (-3dB) is equivalent to losing one-half the power.

Ex A signal travels through an amplifier, and its power is increased 10 times. calculate the Attenuation.

$$P_2 = 10 P_1$$

$$dB = 10 \log_{10} \frac{P_2}{P_1}$$

$$= 10 \log_{10} \frac{10 P_1}{P_1}$$

$$= 10 \log_{10} 10 = 10(1) = \underline{\underline{10 dB}}$$

Ex The loss in a cable is usually defined in decibels per kilometer (dB/km). If the signal at the beginning of a cable with  $-0.3 \text{ dB/km}$  has a power of 2 mW. What is the power of the signal at 5 km?

Solv The loss in the cable in decibels is  $5 \times -0.3 = -1.5 \text{ dB}$

$$dB = 10 \log_{10} \frac{P_2}{P_1}$$

$$-1.5 = 10 \log_{10} \frac{P_2}{P_1} \Rightarrow \frac{P_2}{P_1} = 10^{-0.15} = 0.71$$

$$P_2 = 0.71 P_1$$

$$\Rightarrow 0.71 \times 2 = 1.4 \text{ mW}$$

Distortion:- distortion means that the signal changes its form or shape. Distortion can occur in a composite signal made of different frequencies. Each signal component has its own propagation speed through a medium and therefore, its own delay in arriving at the final destination.

Differences in delay may create a difference in phase if the delay is not exactly the same as the period duration.

Propagation speed:- speed at which electrical signal can travel.

In other words, signal components at the receiver have phase different from what they had at the sender. The shape of the composite signal is therefore not the same.

Noise:- Noise is another cause of impairment. Several types of noise

- └ thermal noise
- └ induced noise
- └ cross talk
- └ impulse noise      may corrupt the signal.

Thermal noise:- is random motion of electrons in a wire which creates an extra signal not originally sent by the transmitter.

Induced noise:- comes from sources such as motors and appliances.

Cross talk:- is the effect of one wire on the other.

Impulse noise:- is a spike that comes from power lines, lightning and so on.

Signal-to-Noise Ratio (SNR)

→ To find the theoretical bit rate limit, we need to know the ratio of the signal power to the noise power.

The signal-to-noise ratio is

$$\text{SNR} = \frac{\text{Average signal power}}{\text{Average noise power}}$$

We need to consider the average signal power and the average noise power because these may change with time.

SNR is actually the ratio of what is wanted (signal) to what is not wanted (noise). A high SNR means the signal is less corrupted by noise; a low SNR means the signal is more corrupted by noise.

Because SNR is the ratio of two powers, it is often described in decibel units  $\text{SNR}_{\text{dB}}$ .

$$\text{SNR}_{\text{dB}} = 10 \log_{10} \text{SNR}$$

DATA RATE limits

→ A very important consideration in data communication is how fast we can send data, in bits per second, over a channel. Data rate depends on three factors.

1. The bandwidth available
2. The level of the signals we use
3. The quality of the channel (the level of noise).

Two theoretical formulas were developed to calculate the data rate:

- one by Nyquist for noiseless
- by second by a noisy channel.

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Noiseless channel: Nyquist Bit rate : For a noiseless channel,

the Nyquist bit rate formula defines the theoretical maximum bit rate.

$$\text{BitRate} = 2 \times \text{bandwidth} \times \log_2 L$$

where bandwidth is bandwidth of the channel.

$L \rightarrow$  no of signal levels used to represent data.

- \* If the number of levels in a signal is just 2, the receiver can easily distinguish between a 0 and a 1. If the level of a signal is 64, the receiver must be very sophisticated to distinguish between 64 different levels.

Increasing the levels of a signal may reduce the reliability of the system.

- Ex Consider a noiseless channel with a bandwidth of 3000 Hz transmitting a signal with two signal levels. The maximum bit rate can be calculated as

$$\text{Bit Rate} = 2 \times \text{bandwidth} \times \log_2 L$$

$$= 2 \times 3000 \times \log_2 2$$

$$= 6000 \text{ bps.}$$

- \* When signal level is 4

$$\Rightarrow 2 \times 3000 \times \log_2 4$$

$$= 12,000 \text{ bps.}$$

we need to send 265 kbps over a noiseless channel with a bandwidth of 20 kHz. How many signal levels do we need?

$$\Rightarrow \text{Bit Rate} = 2 \times \text{Bandwidth} \times \log_2 L$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Bit Rate} &= 265 \text{ kbps} \\ &= 265000\end{aligned}$$

$$265000 = 2 \times 20000 \times \log_2 L$$

$$\log_2 L = 6.625$$

$$L = 2^{6.625} = \underline{\underline{98.7 \text{ levels}}}$$

Since this result is not a power of 2, we need to either increase the no. of levels or reduce the bit rate. If we have 128 levels, the bit rate is 280 kbps. If we have 64 levels, the bit rate is 240 kbps.

### Noisy channel: Shannon Capacity

We cannot have a noiseless channel; the channel is always noisy. In 1944 Claude Shannon introduced a formula, called the Shannon capacity, to determine the theoretical highest data rate for a noisy channel:

$$\text{Capacity} = \text{bandwidth} \times \log_2 (1 + \text{SNR})$$

In the Shannon formula there is no indication of the signal level, which means that no matter how many levels we have, we cannot achieve a data rate higher than the capacity to the channel.

The formula defines a characteristic of the channel, not the method of transmission.

Consider an extremely noisy channel in which the value of the signal-to-noise ratio is almost zero. In other words, the noise is so strong that the signal is faint. For this channel the capacity  $C$  is calculated as

$$C = B \log_2 (1 + \text{SNR})$$

$$= B \log_2 (1 + 0)$$

$$= B \log_2 1$$

$$= B \times 0 = \underline{\underline{0}}$$

This means that the capacity of this channel is zero regardless of the bandwidth. In other words, we cannot receive any data through this channel.

ex A telephone line normally has a bandwidth of 3000 Hz (300 to 3300 Hz) assigned for data communications. The signal-to-noise ratio is usually 3162. For this channel the capacity is calculated as

$$C = B \log_2 (1 + \text{SNR})$$

$$= 3000 \log_2 (1 + 3162)$$

$$= 3000 \log_2 3163$$

$$= 3000 \times 11.62$$

$$= 34860 \text{ bps.}$$

This means that the highest bit rate for a telephone line is 34860 kbps. If we want to send data faster than this, we can either increase the bandwidth of the line or improve the signal-to-noise ratio.

Performance:- One important issue in networking is the performance of the network - how good is it?

Bandwidth:- One characteristic that measures network performance is bandwidth.

The term can be used in two different contexts with two different measuring values: bandwidth in hertz and bandwidth in bits per second.

Bandwidth in Hertz- Bandwidth in hertz is the range of frequencies contained in a composite signal or the range of frequencies a channel can pass.

Bandwidth in Bits per Seconds:- The term bandwidth can also refer to the number of bits per second that a channel, a link or even a network can transmit.

In networking, we use the term bandwidth in two contexts.

- The first bandwidth in hertz, refers to the range of frequencies in a composite signal or the range of frequencies that a channel can pass.
- The second, bandwidth in bits per second, refers to the speed of bit transmission in a channel or link.

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Throughput:- The throughput is a measure of how fast we can actually send data through a network. The bandwidth is a potential measurement of a link; the throughput is an actual measurement of how fast we can send data.

Ex we may have a link with a bandwidth of 1mbps, but the device connected to the end of the link may handle only 200 kbps. This means that we cannot send more than 200 kbps through this link.

Q. A network with bandwidth of 10 mbps can pass only an average of 12000 frames per minute. with each frame carrying an average of 10,000 bits. What is the throughput of this network?

Sol

$$\text{Throughput} = \frac{12,000 \times 10,000}{60}$$

$$= 2 \text{ mbps}$$

Delay → The latency or delay defines how long it takes for an entire message to completely arrive at the destination from the time the first bit is sent out from the source. Latency is made of 4 components  
 — Propagation time — transmission time — queuing time processing delay.

$$\text{Propagation time} = \frac{\text{Distance}}{\text{Propagation speed}}$$

$$\text{Transmission time} = \frac{\text{Message size}}{\text{Bandwidth}}$$

Digital transmission: - Once we have encoded our information into a format that can be transmitted, the next step is to investigate the transmission process itself. A PC generates a digital signal but needs an additional device to modulate a carrier frequency before it is sent over a telephone line. How do we relay encoded data from the generating device to the next device in the process? The answer is a bundle of wires, a sort of minicomunication link, called an interface.

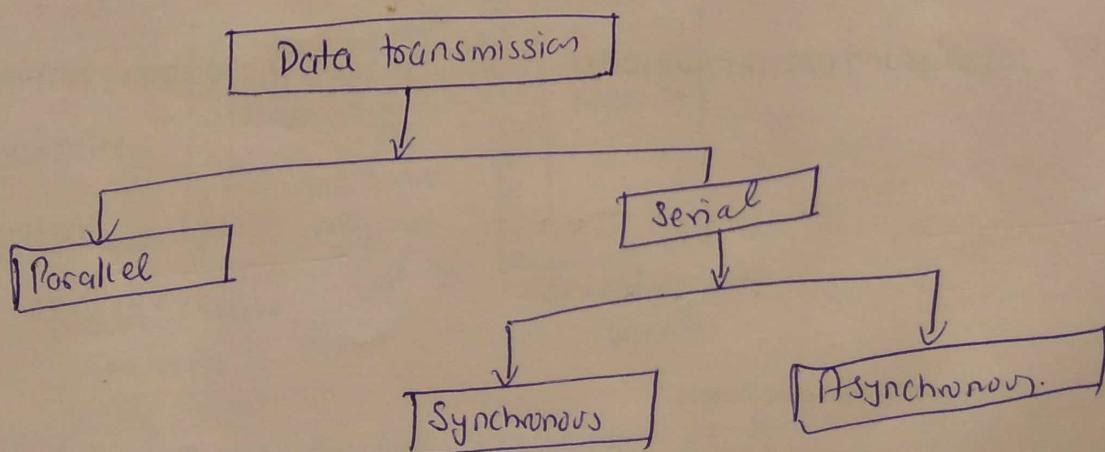
Because an interface links two devices not necessarily made by the same manufacturer, its characteristics must be defined and standards must be established.

The transmission of binary data across a link can be accomplished either in parallel mode or serial mode.

Parallel mode: - multiple bits are sent with each clock pulse.

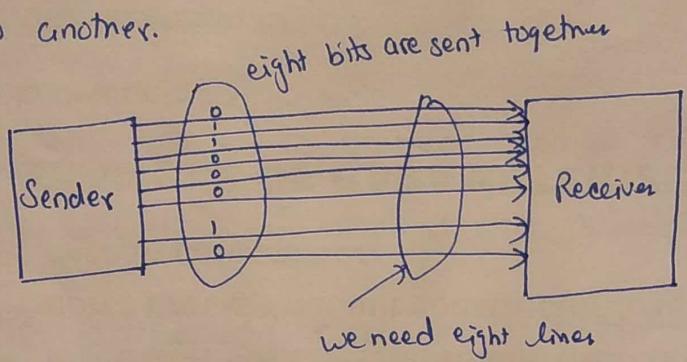
Serial mode: - one bit is sent with each clock pulse. Serial transmission are two subclases.

Synchronous  
Asynchronous.



Parallel transmission → Binary data, consisting of 1s and 0s, may be organized into groups of  $n$  bits each. By grouping, we can send data  $n$  bits at a time instead of one. This is called parallel transmission.

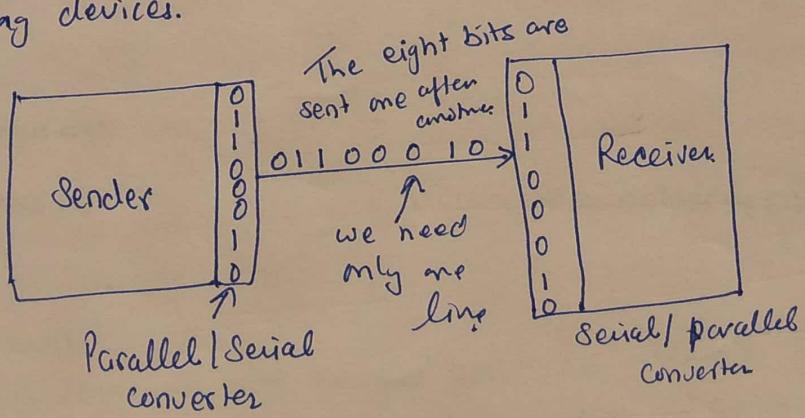
The mechanism for parallel transmission is a conceptually simple one: use  $n$  wires to send  $n$  bits at one time. That way each bit has its own wire, and all  $n$  bits of one group can be transmitted with each clock pulse from one device to another.



The advantage of parallel transmission is speed.

Disadvantage : Cost

Serial transmission - In serial transmission one bit follows another, so we need only one communication channel rather than  $n$  to transmit data between two communicating devices.



The advantage of serial over parallel transmission is that with only one comm<sup>11</sup> channel, serial transmission reduces the cost of transmission over parallel by roughly a factor of  $n$ .

Since communication within devices is parallel, conversion devices are required at the interface between the sender and the line (parallel-to-serial) and between the line and the receiver (serial-to-parallel).

Serial transmission occurs in one of two ways.

- asynchronous
- synchronous.

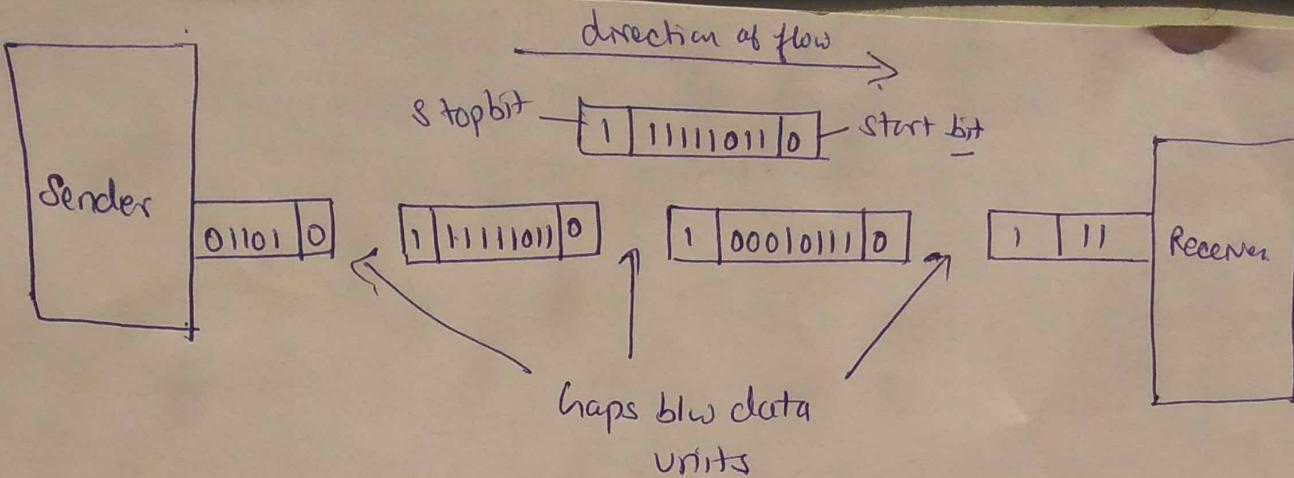
Asynchronous is so named because the timing of a signal is unimportant.

Instead, information is received and translated by agreed-upon patterns.

Without a synchronizing pulse, the receiver cannot use timing to predict when the next group will arrive. To alert the receiver to the arrival of a new group, therefore an extra bit is added to the beginning of each byte. This bit, usually a 0, is called the start bit. To let the receiver know that the byte is finished, one or more additional bits are appended to the end of the byte. These bits, usually 1s are called stop bits. By this method, each byte may then be followed by a gap increased in size to at least 10 bits, of which 8 are information and 2 or more are signals to the receiver.

In asynchronous transmission, we send one start bit (0) at the beginning and one or more stop bits (1s) at the end of each byte. There may be a gap between each byte.

The start and stop bits and the gap alert the receiver to the beginning and end of each byte and allow it to synchronize with the data stream. This mechanism is called asynchronous because, at the byte level, sender and receiver do not have to be synchronized.



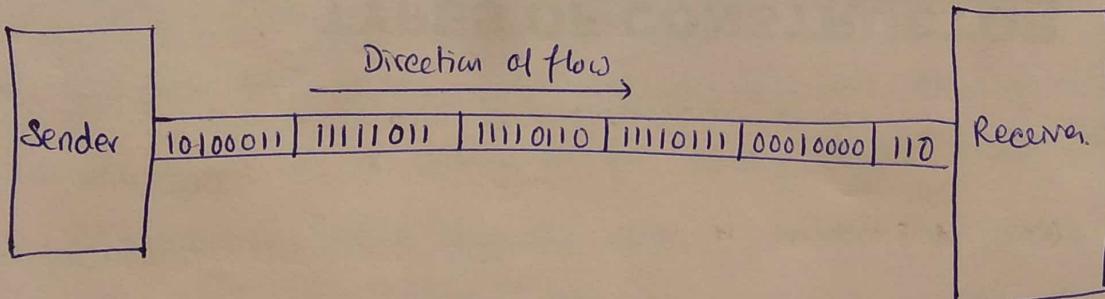
Advantages:- cheap, effective

disadvantage :- slower [low-speed]

Synchronous Transmission:- the bit stream is combined into longer "frames"

which may contain multiple bytes. Data are transmitted as an unbroken string of 1s and 0s, and the receiver separates that string into the bytes or characters it needs to reconstruct the information.

In synchronous transmission, we send bits one after another without start/stop bits or gaps. It is the responsibility of the receiver to group the bits.



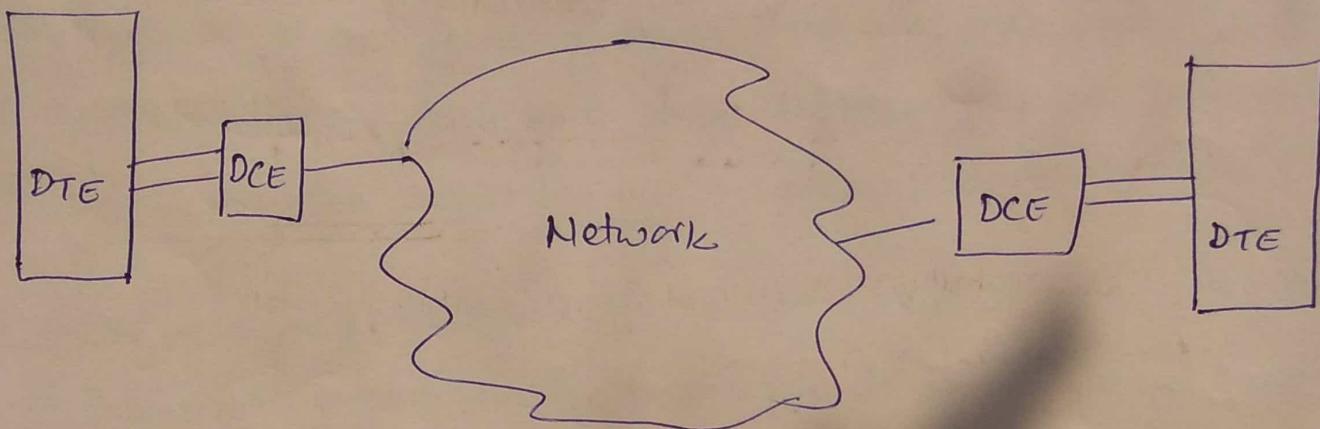
Advantage:- speed.

\* DTE-DCE INTERFACE :- DTE → data terminal equipment Ø

DCE :- data ckt - terminating equipment.

There are usually 4 basic functional units involved in the comm<sup>n</sup> of data.

- DTE
- DCE      <sup>one</sup>  
on ^ end      and      <sub>DCE</sub>  
                    <sub>DTE</sub>      on other end.



\* The DTE generates the data and passes them, along with any necessary control characters, to a DCE. The DCE converts the signal to a format appropriate to the transmission medium and introduces it onto the link.

DTE → data terminal equipment includes any unit that functions either as a source of or as a destination for binary digital data. At the physical layer, it can be a terminal, micro-computer, computer, printer, fax machine or any other device that generates or consumes digital data.

Ex In human communication, brain are DTEs. And vocal chords and mouth are DCE. Air and telephone wire is transmission medium.

A DTE is any device that is a source of or destination for binary digital data.

DCE! - Data-ckt-terminating equipment includes any functional unit that transmits or receives data in the form of an analog or digital signal through a network. At the physical layer, a DCE takes data generated by a DTE, converts them to an appropriate signal, and then introduces the signal onto the telecommunication link. Commonly used DCEs at this layer include modems.

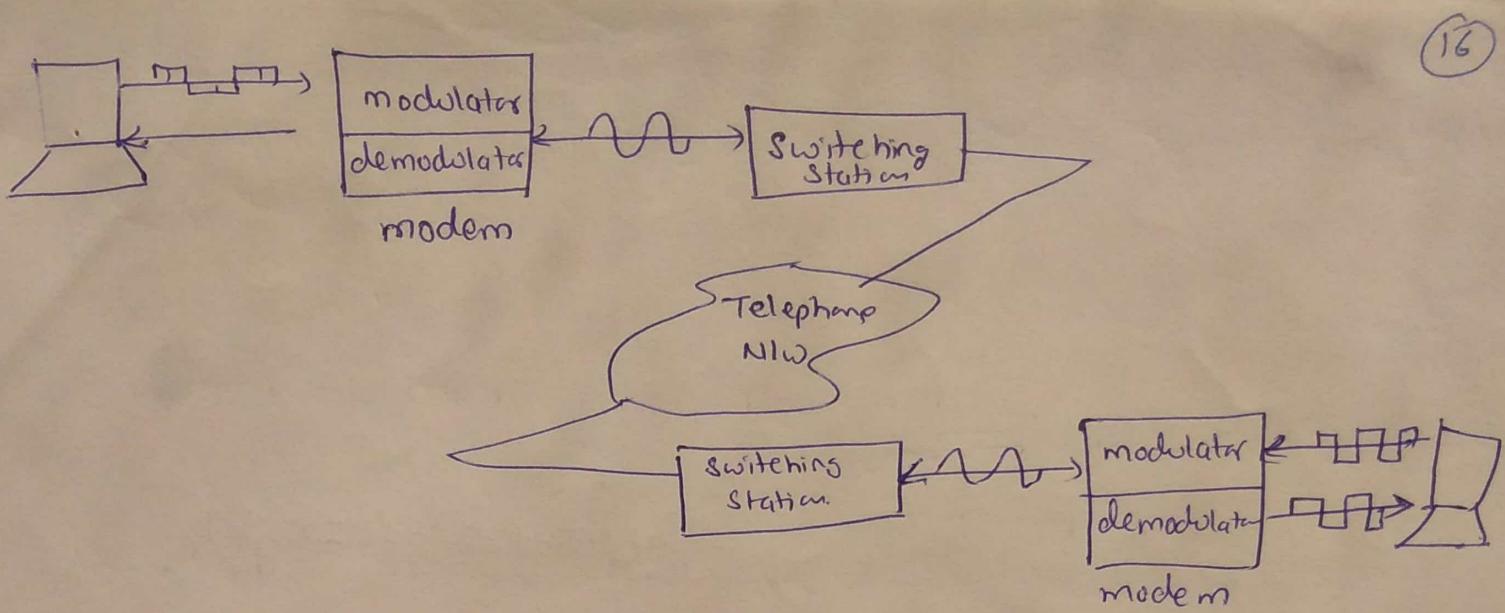
In any network, a DTE generates digital data and passes them to a DCE. The DCE converts the data to a form acceptable to the transmission medium and sends the converted signal to another DCE on the NWW.

The second DCE takes the signal off the line, converts it to a form usable by its DTE, and delivers it. The two DTEs do not need to be coordinated with each other, but each must be coordinated with its own DCE, and the DCEs must be coordinated so that data translation occurs without loss of integrity.

A DCE is any device that transmits or receives data in the form of an analog or digital signal through a network.

MODEMS → The most familiar type of DCE is a modem. Modem stands for modulator/demodulator. A modulator converts a digital signal into an analog signal using ASK, FSK, PSK or QAM. A demodulator converts an analog-to-digital converter, it is not in fact a converter of any kind.

A modulator converts a digital signal to an analog signal. A demodulator converts an analog signal to a digital signal.



Cable modems → The data rate limitation of traditional modems is mostly due to the narrow bandwidth of the Local Loop telephone line (up to 4kHz). Cable TV provides residential premises with a coaxial cable that has a bandwidth up to 750 MHz and sometimes even more. This bandwidth is normally divided into 6 MHz bands using frequency division multiplexing.

