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NETWORK MANAGEMENT

CHAPTER 3

Network Management Architecture

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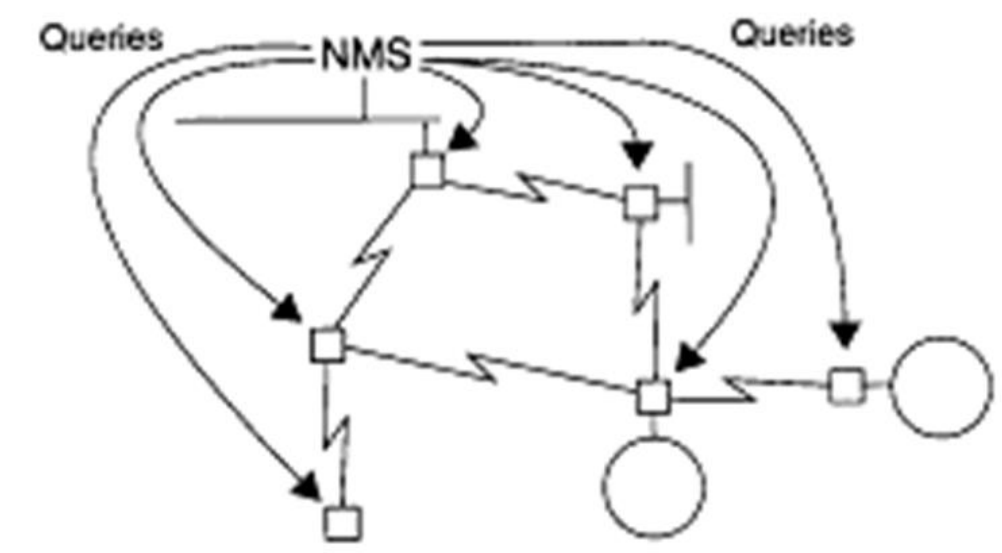
3 TYPES:

- 1. CENTRALIZED**
- 2. DISTRIBUTED**
- 3. HIERARCHICAL**

CENTRALIZED

- **Management is centralized to the Network Management Station (NMS) on the backbone network**
- **NMS could also part of one LANs**
- **The network manager gathers information about activities on the LANs by using the NMS and SNMP packets to query the agents on the LAN devices**
- **The device agents copy and store information from transmitted and received packets**
- **The agents on the probe copy and store packets on the network segment to which they are attached when requested to do so by the NMS**
- **Disadvantage – centralized NMS configuration:**
Failure of a router , shuts down all management of the LAN to which it is connected

Centralized



In a centralized architecture the single network management is responsible for all management duties on all network devices.

Centralized

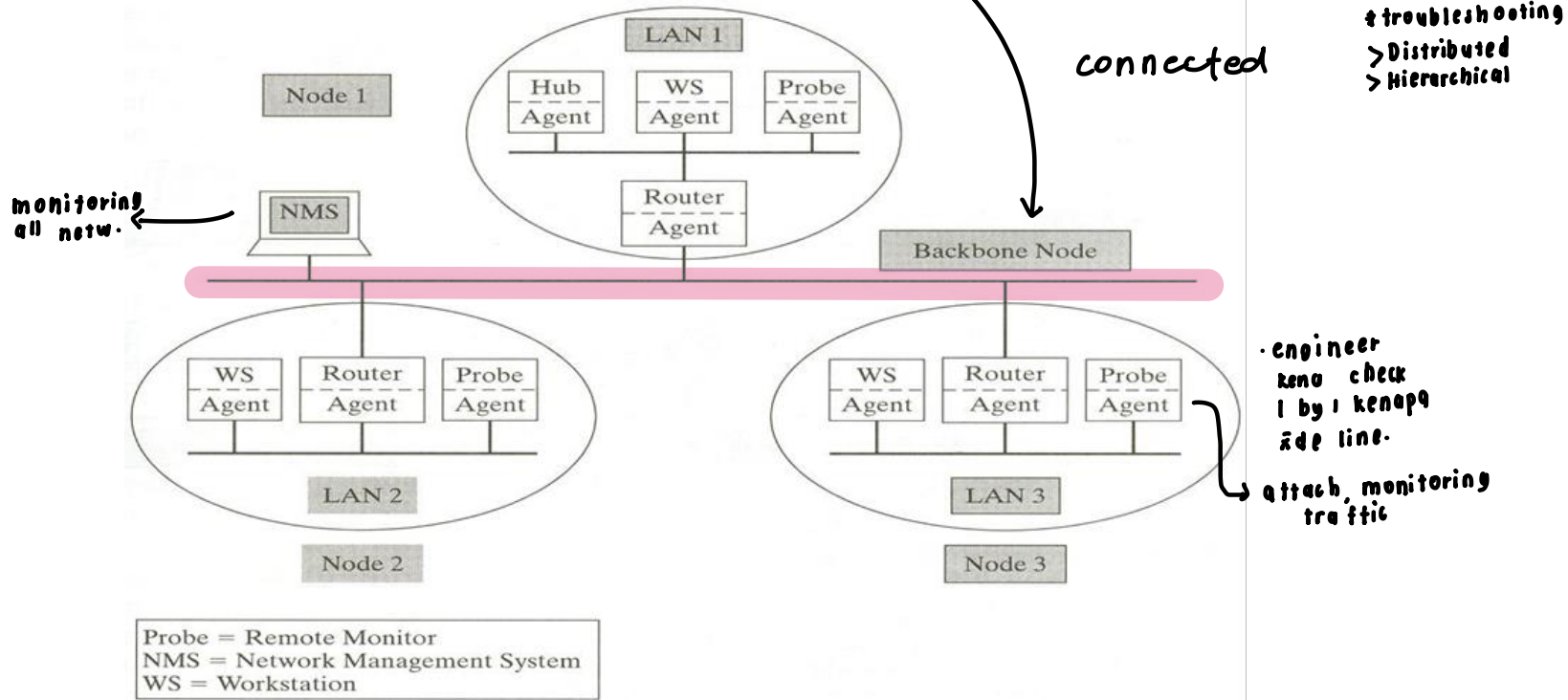
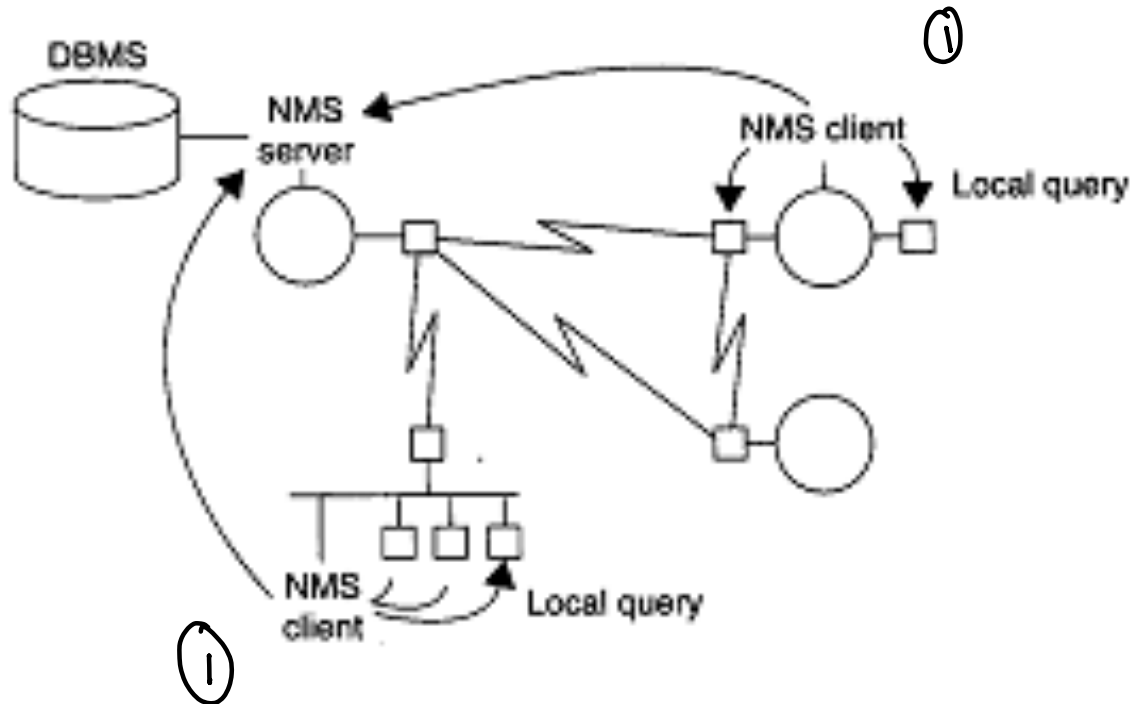


Figure 3.2 Centralized Network Management

HIERARCHICAL

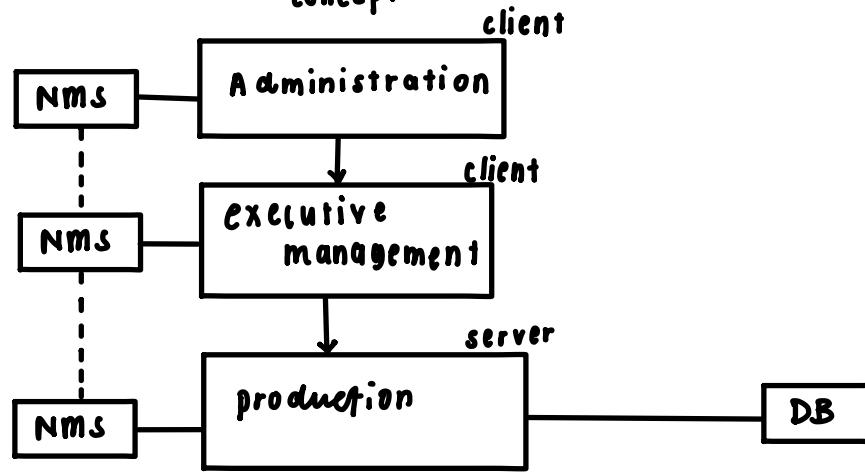
- Uses multiple system – one system act as server , others as clients
- Some NMS function reside within the server, others in client
- Central database on server, client access database from server through network
- Central system need redundancy

② Hierarchical



Hierarchical

→ clustering
concept



HIERARCHICAL

HIERARCHICAL FEATURES:

- Not dependent on a single system
- Distribution of network management task
- Network monitoring distributed throughout network
- Centralized information storage

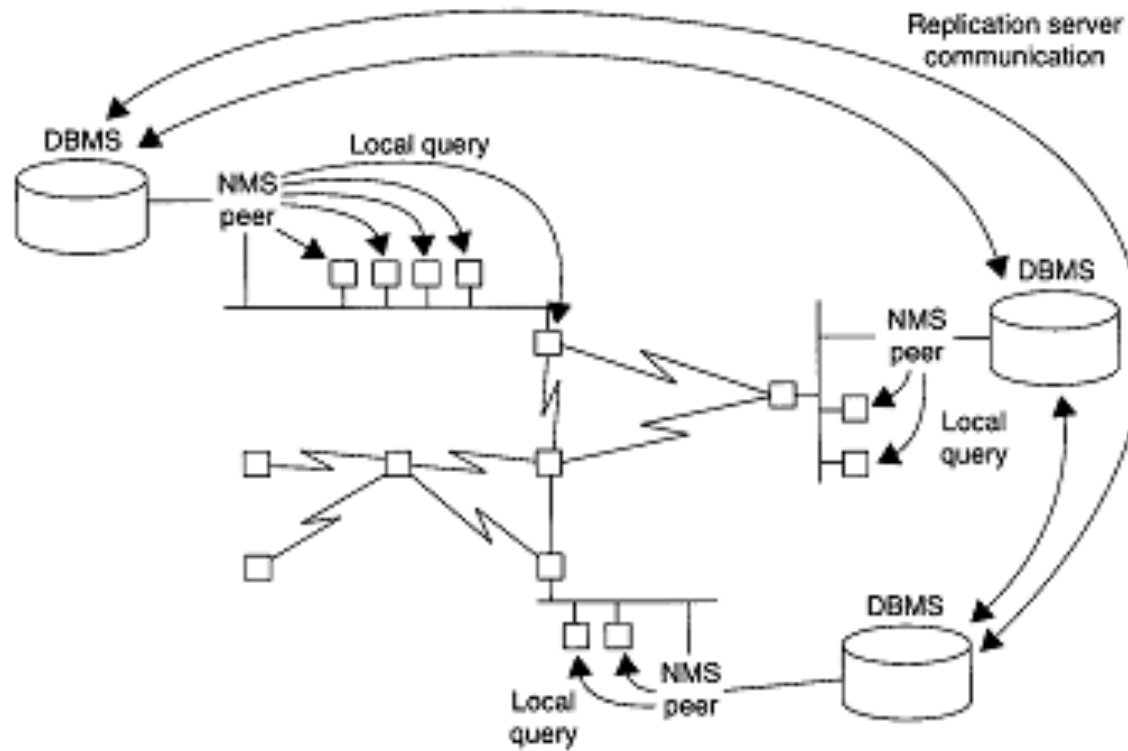
DISTRIBUTED

- Good choice for Enterprise network
 - More backbone devices
 - More LAN devices
- More robust system
- LANs are managed by a Local Administrator (using local NMS)
- Central Administrator managed backbone devices using NMS attached to backbone network

Distributed

- LAN NMS capability – provide management required by that network
- Backbone NMS capability – provide more comprehensive management
- • Example from table 3.9
 - NMS near the top of the table for the LAN
 - NMS near the bottom of the table for the backbone
- Each node's NMS maintain a MIB for that node only
 - Reduces storage management NMS that become quite large because many tables and objects have to be stored
- Backbone NMS could maintain MIB for each LAN
 - Each LAN keep its MIB updated
- Backbone NMS have a complete Enterprise view

Distributed



DISTRIBUTED

DISTRIBUTED FEATURES:

- Single location for all network information, alerts and events
- Single location to access all management applications
- Not dependent on a single system
- Distribution of network management tasks
- Distribution of network monitoring throughout the network

Distributed

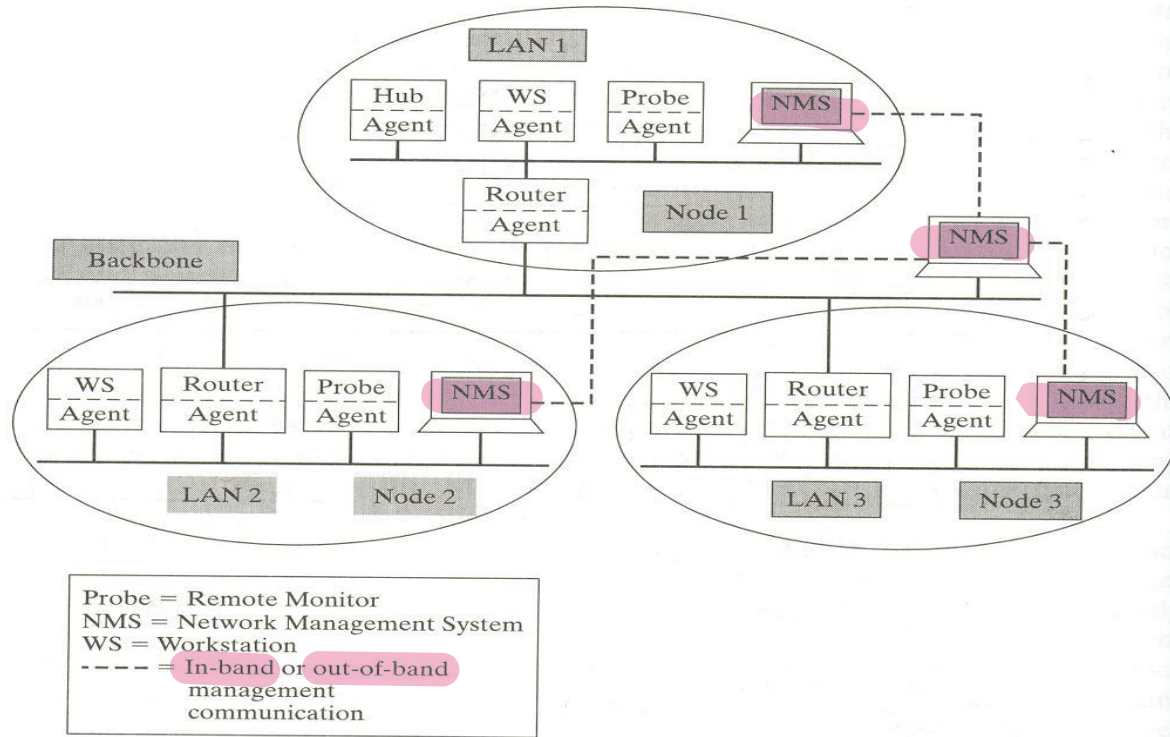


Figure 3.3 Distributed Network Management

→ separate the management & production communication.

→ troubleshooting & centralized

→ cost
> centralized
= < Hierarchical

sme
↓
shared
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FLAPS
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Centralized / Distributed

SME



shared



architecture



model

Distributed

- Backbone NMS and LAN NMS could query/access information from each other to get information about devices on other LANs
- Advantage:
 - In case of a network fault, some level of network management still available
 - Decentralized configuration is more important these days because organization now relies on its network

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