

# *Why Build a Computer Network?*

- Before computer networks, people sent and received information by hand, using the postal service. This is slow and can be unreliable.
- Computer networks enable faster, more efficient modes of communication, i.e., email, video conferencing, etc.
- Computer networks and the sharing of electronic data encourage the use of standard policies and procedures.
- Computer networks provide backup and recovery support for our data, i.e., redundancy.
- Computer networks lead to cost savings.