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Study Guide: OSI Model

The OSI (Open Systems Interconnection) model is a conceptual framework used to understand network architecture in seven distinct layers. It simplifies networking into manageable layers, each with specific functions and protocols. This study guide will explore the OSI model's layers, focusing on their significance in networking, particularly from the perspective of AWS and general networking principles.

Overview of OSI Layers

- **Layer 1: Physical Layer**
 - Deals with the physical connection between devices through cables, switches, and other hardware.
 - Involves the transmission and reception of raw bit streams over a physical medium.
- **Layer 2: Data Link Layer**
 - Manages node-to-node communication and error handling in the immediate link.
 - Uses MAC addresses for device identification on the local network, crucial for Ethernet networks.
- **Layer 3: Network Layer**
 - Responsible for packet forwarding including routing through intermediate routers.
 - Utilizes IP addresses to identify devices across networks, ensuring data reaches its correct destination.
- **Layer 4: Transport Layer**
 - Manages end-to-end communication and data flow control across the network.
 - Protocols like TCP (Transmission Control Protocol) and UDP (User Datagram Protocol) operate at this layer, handling things like data segmentation and reliable transmission.
- **Layer 5: Session Layer**
 - Controls dialogues (sessions) between computers, managing the setup, maintenance, and termination of connections.
- **Layer 6: Presentation Layer**
 - Translates data between the application layer and the network.
 - Ensures data is in the usable format and may encrypt/decrypt data for security.
- **Layer 7: Application Layer**
 - Closest to the end-user, this layer includes applications that interact with the network.
 - Handles high-level protocols, including HTTP for web browsing.

Key Concepts and Importance

- **Mnemonic for OSI Layers:** "All People Seem To Need Data Processing" helps remember the layers from Application down to Physical.
- **Focus Areas:** For networking, particularly in courses and practical applications, the emphasis is often on Layers 1 through 4 (Physical, Data Link, Network, Transport). These layers are pivotal in understanding how data moves through a network, including concepts like IP addressing, MAC addresses, and port numbers.

Application in Networking

In a practical example, such as uploading a video to YouTube, the OSI model provides a framework to understand the journey of data:

- The application, presentation, and session layers (7-5) handle the interface and preparation of data for transport.
- The transport layer (Layer 4) manages data segmentation and reliability through protocols like HTTP.
- The network layer (Layer 3) is where IP addressing comes into play, guiding the data to its correct destination across the internet.
- The data link layer (Layer 2) uses MAC addresses to deliver data to the correct device on the local network.
- Finally, the physical layer (Layer 1) involves the actual hardware and transmission mediums that carry the data.

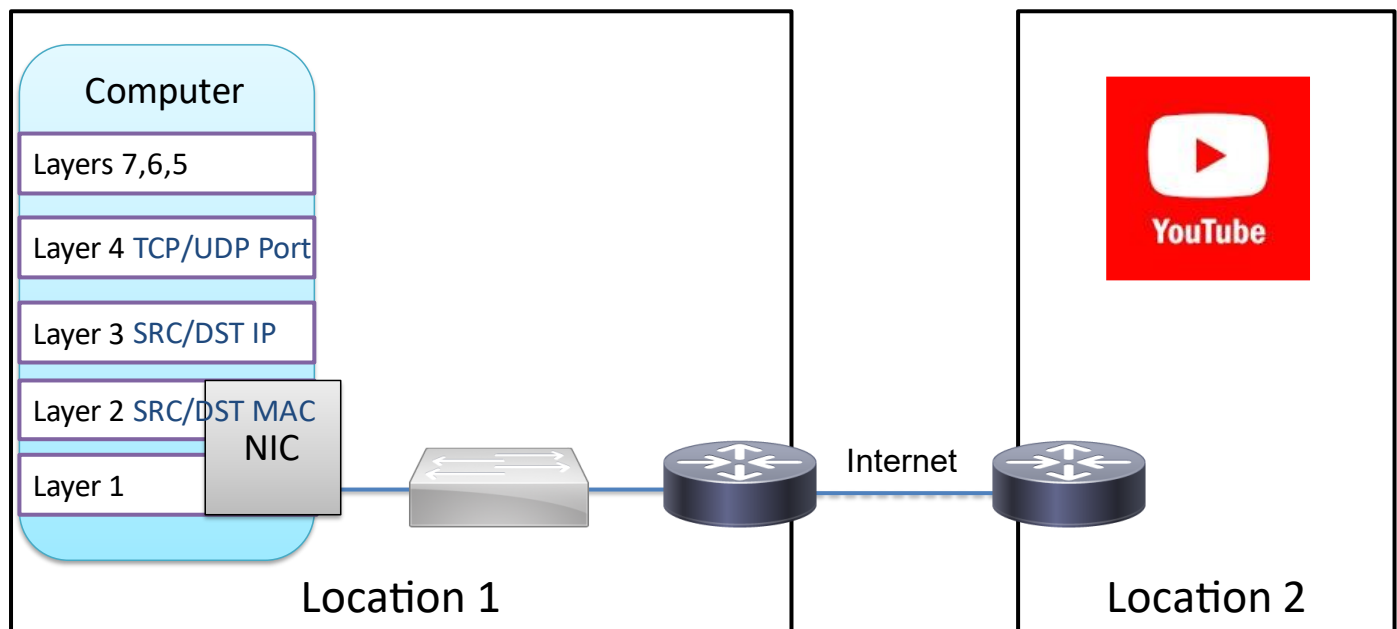
This layered approach allows for troubleshooting and understanding network operations, facilitating the design and implementation of robust, efficient networks. Each layer serves a distinct role, ensuring data is packaged, transmitted, and received accurately and efficiently across a network.

OSI Model



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| Layer 7 - Application | All |
| Layer 6 - Presentation | People |
| Layer 5 - Session | Seem |
| Layer 4 - Transport | To |
| Layer 3 - Network | Need |
| Layer 2 - Data Link | Data |
| Layer 1 - Physical | Processing |

OSI Example



Layers 2, 3, and 4



Layer 1 – Physical Network (Ethernet Cable)

Layer 2 – Ethernet, WiFi, Fiber Channel, etc...

TCP/IP

Layer 3 – IP addressing, Routers, Routing Protocols

Layer 4 – TCP (FTP, HTTP) and UDP (DNS, NTP)

Layer 5,6,7 – Payload