

Computer Networks Notes

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1 Computer Networks

1.1 Data Communication:

the exchange of information between two devices via some form of transmission medium, such as wired cable. The 4 fundamental characteristics of this are:

- Delivery
- Accuracy
- Time
- Jitter (variation in packet delivery time)

1.2 Components of data communication:

There are 5 components in data communication:

- Sender
- Receiver
- Message (the data to be transferred)
- Transmission medium
- Protocol (the rules and regulations to be send)

1.3 Data representation:

how we can represent data. It represents in the form of text, numbers, image, audio and video.

1.4 Components of CN:

There are 5 types of data flow:

- IP address
The node address connected to a network for communication.
- Node
Connection point inside a network that can receive or that can send or store data.
- Router
It is physical device that sends in datapackets between networks.
- Switch
Device that connects other devices and manages node to node communication.
 - 1.Circuit Switching
 - 2.Message Switching
 - 3.Packet Switching

- Network cable
 - 1.Coaxial cable
 - 2.Twisted cable
 - 3.Optic fibre cable

1.5 Data flow:

There are 3 types of data flow:

- Simplex
One way: sender stays sender and receiver stays receiver. Unidirectional.
- Half-Duplex
The direction can be changed but at a time there can only be one directional travel. Each station can both transmit and receive but not at the same time.
- Duplex
Simultaneous Data transfer over both nodes. Both stations can transmit and receive simultaneously.

1.6 Goals of Computer Networks:

Network is a set of devices connected by communication links. A network must be able to meet a certain number of criteria. These are:

- Resource Sharing
- High Reliability
- flexible access
- Scalability
- Network Performance
- Saving Money

1.7 Types of CN:

There are 3 types of data flow:

- LAN(Local Area Network)
It Connects over a short distance.
- MAN (Metropolitan area network)
It is larger than LAN but smaller than WAN.
- WAN(Wide Area Network)
Connects computers over a Wide area.

1.8 OSI model

1. Physical layer

It is either Analog or Digital.

It is a kind of continuous wave form that changes over time. What matters in this is: For Analog:

- Amplitude
- Frequency
- Phase

For Digital:

- Bitrate
- Bit interval

1.9 Layers of OSI model