Chapter 9

Using Telephone and Cable Networks for Data Transmission

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9-1 TELEPHONE NETWORK

Telephone networks use circuit switching. The telephone network had its beginnings in the late 1800s. The entire network, which is referred to as the plain old telephone system (POTS), was originally an analog system using analog signals to transmit voice.

Topics discussed in this section:

Major Components
LATAs
Signaling
Services Provided by Telephone Networks

Figure 9.1 *A telephone system*

Note

Intra-LATA services are provided by local exchange carriers. Since 1996, there are two types of LECs: incumbent local exchange carriers and competitive local exchange carriers.

Figure 9.2 *Switching offices in a LATA*

Figure 9.3 *Point of presences (POPs)*

Note

The tasks of data transfer and signaling are separated in modern telephone networks: data transfer is done by one network, signaling by another.

Figure 9.4 *Data transfer and signaling networks*

Figure 9.5 *Layers in SS7*

MTP: Message transfer part
SCCP: Signaling connection control point
TCAP: Transaction capabilities application port
TUP: Telephone user port
ISUP: ISDN user port

9-2 DIAL-UP MODEMS

Traditional telephone lines can carry frequencies between 300 and 3300 Hz, giving them a bandwidth of 3000 Hz. All this range is used for transmitting voice, where a great deal of interference and distortion can be accepted without loss of intelligibility.

Topics discussed in this section:

Modem Standards

Figure 9.6 *Telephone line bandwidth*

Note

Modem

stands for modulator/demodulator.

Figure 9.7 *Modulation/demodulation*

Figure 9.8 *The V.32 and V.32bis constellation and bandwidth*

a. Constellation and bandwidth for V.32

b. Constellation and bandwidth for V.32bis

Figure 9.9 *Uploading and downloading in 56K modems*

9-3 DIGITAL SUBSCRIBER LINE

After traditional modems reached their peak data rate, telephone companies developed another technology, DSL, to provide higher-speed access to the Internet. Digital subscriber line (DSL) technology is one of the most promising for supporting high-speed digital communication over the existing local loops.

Topics discussed in this section:

ADSL
ADSL Lite
HDSL
SDSL
VDSL

Note

ADSL is an asymmetric communication technology designed for residential users; it is not suitable for businesses.

Note

The existing local loops can handle bandwidths up to 1.1 MHz.

Note

ADSL is an adaptive technology. The system uses a data rate based on the condition of the local loop line.

Figure 9.10 *Discrete multitone technique*

Figure 9.11 *Bandwidth division in ADSL*

Figure 9.12 *ADSL modem*

Figure 9.13 *DSLAM*

Table 9.2 *Summary of DSL technologies*

Technology	*Downstream Rate*	*Upstream Rate*	*Distance (ft)*	*Twisted Pairs*	*Line Code*
ADSL	1.5–6.1 Mbps	16–640 kbps	12,000	1	DMT
ADSL Lite	1.5 Mbps	500 kbps	18,000	1	DMT
HDSL	1.5–2.0 Mbps	1.5–2.0 Mbps	12,000	2	2B1Q
SDSL	768 kbps	768 kbps	12,000	1	2B1Q
VDSL	25–55 Mbps	3.2 Mbps	3000–10,000	1	DMT

9-4 CABLE TV NETWORKS

The cable TV network started as a video service provider, but it has moved to the business of Internet access. In this section, we discuss cable TV networks per se; in Section 9.5 we discuss how this network can be used to provide high-speed access to the Internet.

Topics discussed in this section:

Traditional Cable Networks

Hybrid Fiber-Coaxial (HFC) Network

Figure 9.14 *Traditional cable TV network*

Note

Communication in the traditional cable TV network is unidirectional.

Figure 9.15 *Hybrid fiber-coaxial (HFC) network*

Note

Communication in an HFC cable TV network can be bidirectional.

9-5 CABLE TV FOR DATA TRANSFER

Cable companies are now competing with telephone companies for the residential customer who wants high-speed data transfer. In this section, we briefly discuss this technology.

Topics discussed in this section:

Bandwidth
Sharing
CM and CMTS
Data Transmission Schemes: DOCSIS

Figure 9.16 *Division of coaxial cable band by CATV*

Note

Downstream data are modulated using the 64-QAM modulation technique.

Note

The theoretical downstream data rate is 30 Mbps.

Note

Upstream data are modulated using the QPSK modulation technique.

Note

The theoretical upstream data rate is 12 Mbps.

Figure 9.17 *Cable modem (CM)*

Figure 9.18 *Cable modem transmission system (CMTS)*