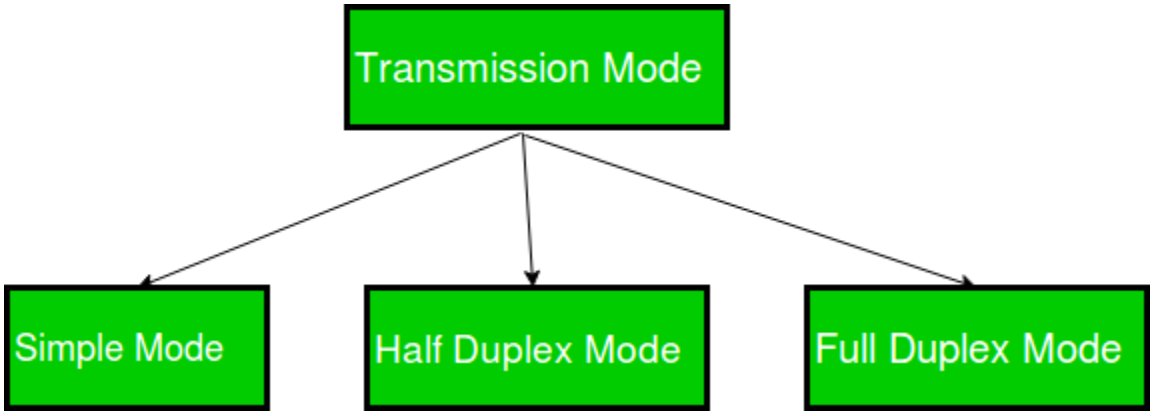
Modes of data transfer

Transmission mode means transferring of data between two devices. It is also known as communication mode. Buses and networks are designed to allow communication to occur between individual devices that are interconnected. There are three types of transmission mode:-

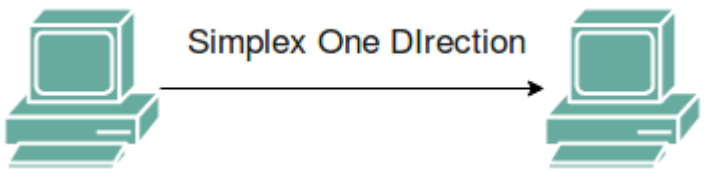
- **Simplex Mode**
- **Half-Duplex Mode**
- **Full-Duplex Mode**



Simplex Mode

In Simplex mode, the communication is unidirectional, as on a one-way street. Only one of the two devices on a link can transmit, the other can only receive. The simplex mode can use the entire capacity of the channel to send data in one direction.

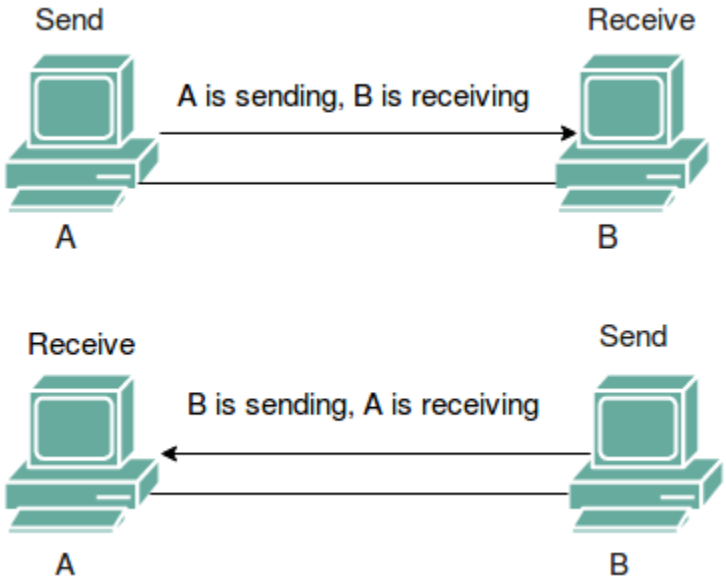
Example: Keyboard and traditional monitors. The keyboard can only introduce input, the monitor can only give the output.



Half-Duplex Mode

In half-duplex mode, each station can both transmit and receive, but not at the same time. When one device is sending, the other can only receive, and vice versa. The half-duplex mode is used in cases where there is no need for communication in both direction at the same time. The entire capacity of the channel can be utilized for each direction.

Example: Walkie- talkie in which message is sent one at a time and messages are sent in both the directions.



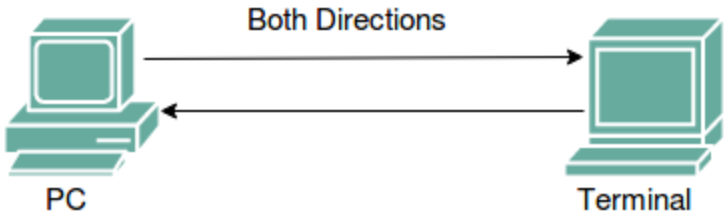
Full-Duplex Mode

In full-duplex mode, both stations can transmit and receive simultaneously. In full duplex mode, signals going in one direction share the capacity of the link with signals going in other direction, this sharing can occur in two ways:

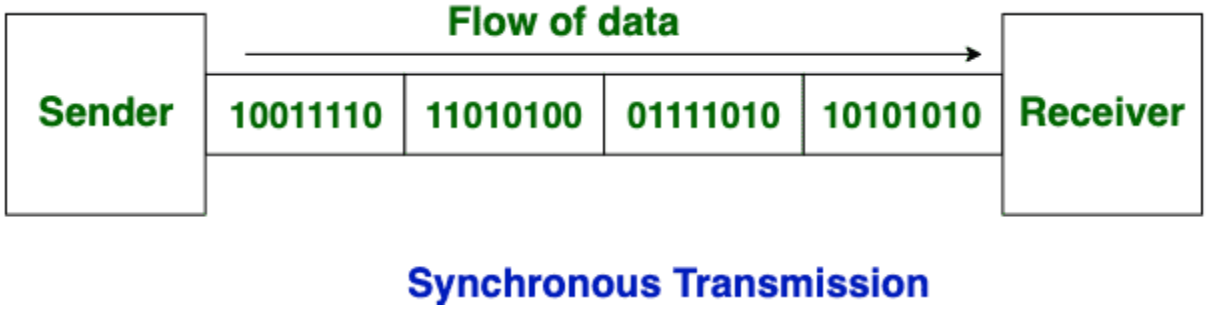
- Either the link must contain two physically separate transmission paths, one for sending and other for receiving.
- Or the capacity is divided between signals travelling in both directions.

Full-duplex mode is used when communication in both direction is required all the time. The capacity of the channel, however must be divided between the two directions.

Example: Telephone Network in which there is communication between two persons by a telephone line, through which both can talk and listen at the same time.



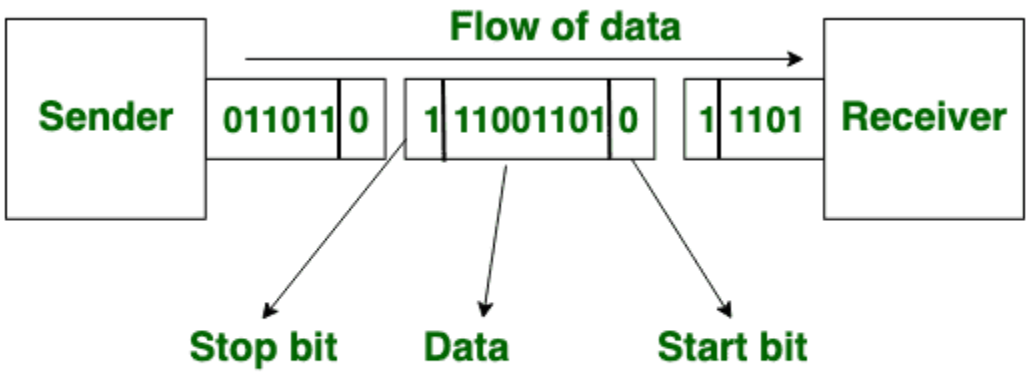
Synchronous Transmission:
In Synchronous Transmission, data is sent in form of blocks or frames. This transmission is the full duplex type. Between sender and receiver the synchronization is compulsory. In Synchronous transmission, There is no gap present between data. It is more efficient and more reliable than asynchronous transmission to transfer the large amount of data.



Synchronous Transmission

Asynchronous Transmission:
In Asynchronous Transmission, data is sent in form of byte or character. This

transmission is the half duplex type transmission. In this transmission start bits and stop bits are added with data. It does not require synchronization.



Asynchronous Transmission

Now, let's see the difference between Synchronous and Asynchronous Transmission:

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1.	In Synchronous transmission, Data is sent in form of blocks or frames.	In asynchronous transmission, Data is sent in form of byte or character.
2.	Synchronous transmission is fast.	Asynchronous transmission is slow.
3.	Synchronous transmission is costly.	Asynchronous transmission economical.
4.	In Synchronous transmission, time interval of transmission is constant.	In asynchronous transmission, time interval of transmission is not constant, it is random.
5.	In Synchronous transmission, There is no gap present between data.	In asynchronous transmission, There is present gap between data.

6.	Efficient use of transmission line is done in synchronous transmission.	While in asynchronous transmission, transmission line remains empty during gap in character transmission.