

Introduction to Computer Science: Programming Languages & Networking

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Program Definition

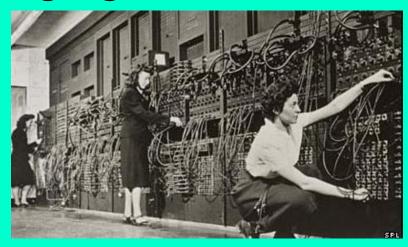
A *program* is a sequence of instructions that makes a computer perform a desired task.

A programmer is a person who writes a program for a computer.

Programming in Machine Code

Programming in *Machine Language* a.k.a. *Machine Code* means you are directly manipulating the 1s and 0s of the computer's binary language.

In some cases, this means you are manipulating the wires of the machine.



In other cases, you are flipping switches on and off.

Even if you had the ability to "type" the 1s and 0s, machine language would still be <u>incredibly</u> tedious.

"Amazing Grace"

In the 1940s, Grace Hopper did not like the way we were programming computers. There had to be a better way. The whole reason computers were invented in the first place was to do tedious. It should be possible to program a computer using English words instead of 1s and 0s.

Grace Hopper wrote the first *compiler* (a type of translator) in 1952 for the language *A-0*. This paved the way for the other languages that followed. Many of these were also created in part or in whole by Grace Hopper.

Her immeasurable contributions to computer science have earned her the nickname "Amazing Grace". The Cray XE6 *Hopper* supercomputer and the USS *Hopper* Navy destroyer are also named after her.





Types of Languages

Low-Level Languages

Languages that function at, or very close to 1s and 0s.

Powerful, but very difficult.

Examples: Machine Language, Assembly Language

High-Level Languages

Languages that use English-like words as instructions.

Easier, but less powerful.

Examples: BASIC, Pascal, FORTRAN, COBOL, LISP, Java, Python

Very High-Level Languages

Languages that use clickable pictures as instructions.

Example: Lego Mindstorms NXT

Computer Translators

A translator (compiler or interpreter) translates a high-level language into low-level machine code.

A *compiler* translates the entire program into an executable file <u>before</u> execution.

An *interpreter* translates one program statement at a time <u>during</u> execution.

Most modern languages use a compiler.

Programming Languages

Year	Language	Purpose / Significance
1957	FORTRAN	First successful programming language.
		Designed for mathematicians, scientists and engineers.
1959	COBOL	Created (largely by Grace Hopper) to handle record
		processing to make it ideal for the business community.
1964	BASIC	Designed as a simple, easy-to-learn language to give non-
		math and non-science majors the ability to use computers.
1967	Logo	A visual language designed for young children.
		Introduced Turtle Graphics.
1969	Pascal	Designed specifically for the purpose of teaching proper
		programming techniques, as opposed to the quick-and-
		dirty style of programming in BASIC.
1972	С	Popular with professional programmers because they
1983	C++	combine the readability of high-level languages with the
		power of low-level languages.
		These are essentially "medium-level languages".
		C++ added Object Oriented Programming.
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Programming Languages

Year	Language	Purpose / Significance
1990	HTML	Created by Tim Berners-Lee along with the 1st web server & the
		1st web browser. No he did not "invent the Internet," but he did
		invent the Word Wide Web. HTML is the language used by all
		web browsers. Without it, "surfing the net" wouldn't be possible.
1994	Python	A powerful language that was designed to be simple like
		BASIC, but less "wordy" than Pascal. Uses an interpreter.
1995	Java	The first Platform Independent computer language.
		"Platform Independence" means that a program created on
		one computer will work and have the exact same output on
		any other computer. Requires the use of OOP.
2006	Lego NXT	A "very-high level language" where you program with
		pictures instead of words. An example of NXT is below:



What language will you learn this year?



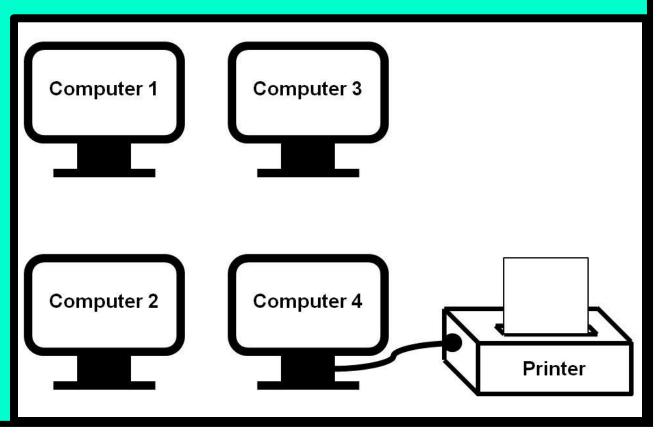
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Early personal computers were not networked at all. Every computer was a stand-alone computer. Some computers were hooked up to printers and many others were not. If you needed to print something, and you were not directly

connected to a printer, you saved your work to a floppy disk, put on your sneakers, and walked to the printing computer. Sharing files was done in the same way.

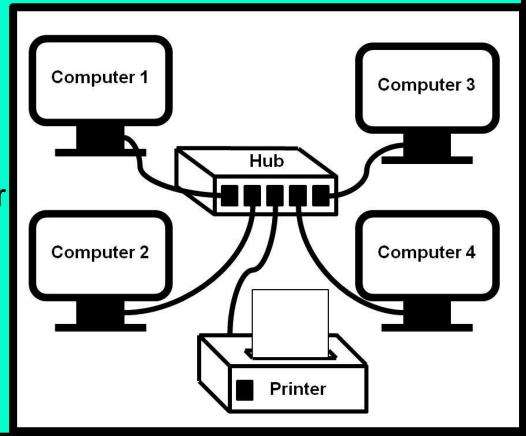


Peer-To-Peer Networks

The 1st practical networks for personal computers were peer-to-peer networks. These are small groups of computers with a common purpose all connected to each other. These types of networks were frequently called Local Area Networks or LANs.

The term "peer-to-peer network" means every computer on the network is <u>equal</u>. In other words, there is no single computer controlling the others.

This type of network does not work well when you have more than 10 computers.

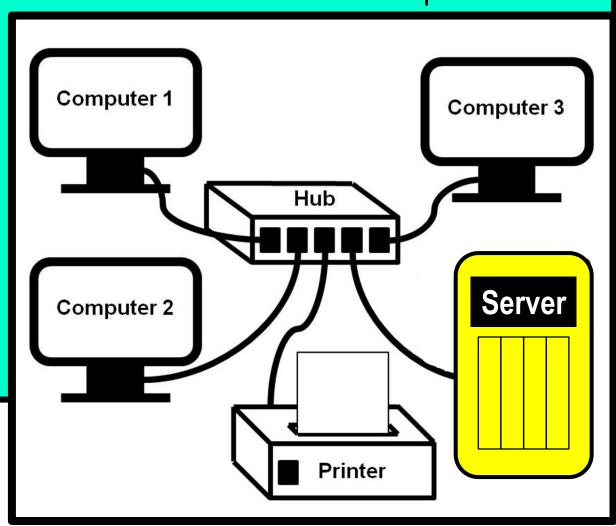


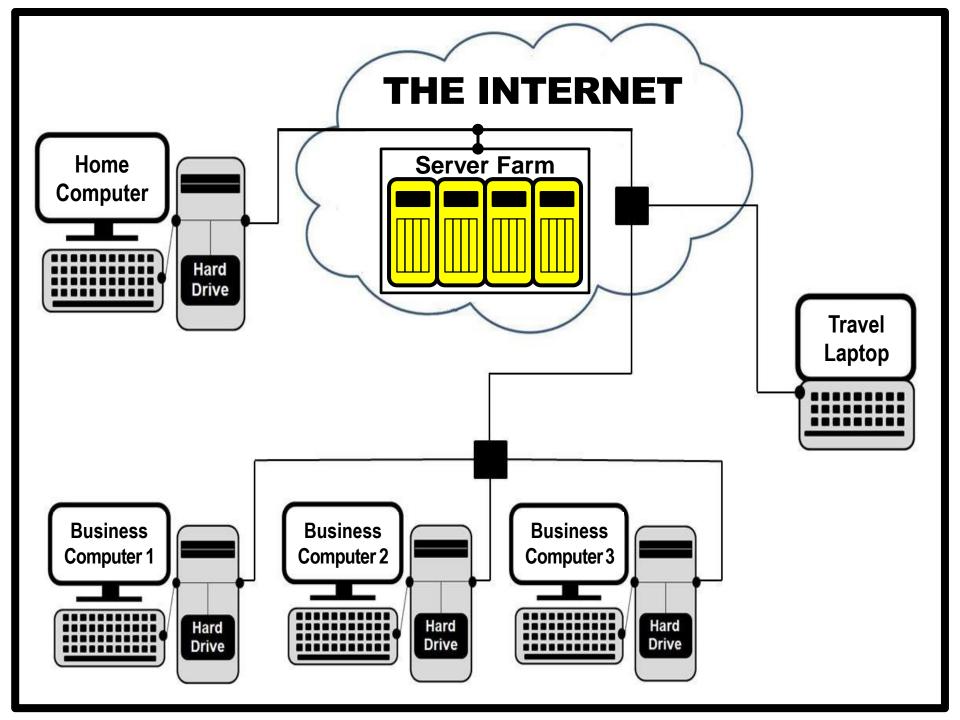
Client-Server Networks

A server is a special computer that is connected to the LAN for one or more purposes. It services the other computers in the

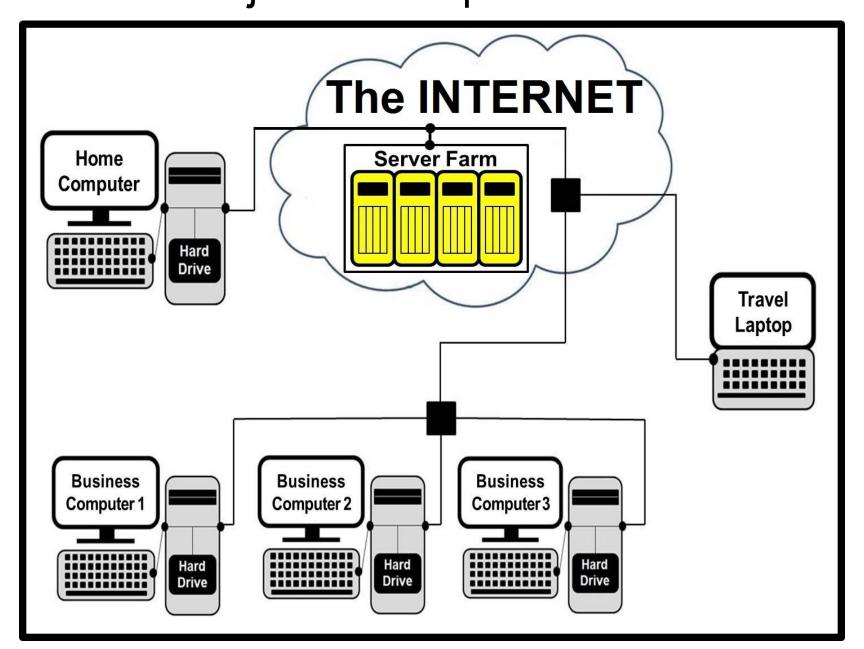
network which are called *clients*.

Servers can be used for printing, login authentication, permanent data storage and communication.





"The Cloud" is just a metaphor for "The Internet."



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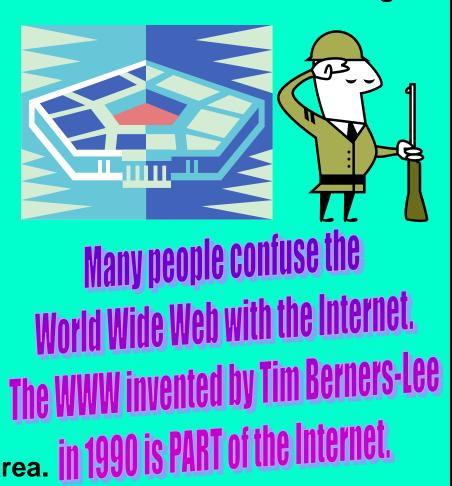
The **Internet** has existed since the <u>1960s</u> and has its origins in the "Cold War." During the Cold War there was a major concern about the country being paralyzed by a direct nuclear hit on the Pentagon.

A means of communication had to be created that was capable to keep working regardless of damage created anywhere.

This was the birth of the Internet.

The Internet has no central location where all the control computers are located.

Any part of the Internet can be damaged and all information will then travel around the damaged area.



The Modern Internet

Normally, businesses and schools have a series of LANs that all connect into a large network called an Intranet.

An Intranet behaves like the Internet on a local business level.

This promotes security, speed and saves cost.

Now the moment you, your school, your business, or your home, connects to the outside world and giant world-wide network known as the *Internet*, you have access to millions of lines of telecommunications.

This will cost money and every person, every school, every business, who wants this access needs to use an *Internet Service Provider* or *ISP*.

You pay a monthly fee to the ISP for the Internet connection. The amount of money you pay depends on the speed of your Internet connection.