Computer Networks Introduction

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Chancellor's Inspirational Message

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- *"Along with a connection to the Internet, we also need to rediscover our 'Inner-net' connection.* Real Education teaches us how to manage both our internal and external worlds" Amma, Sri Mata Amritanandamayi, Chancellor

Basics in the Network

Week1 Lecture1

Learn the Basics in the Network

- Understand the Network terminologies

- Analyse the hardware components of a network

- Internet as network of networks

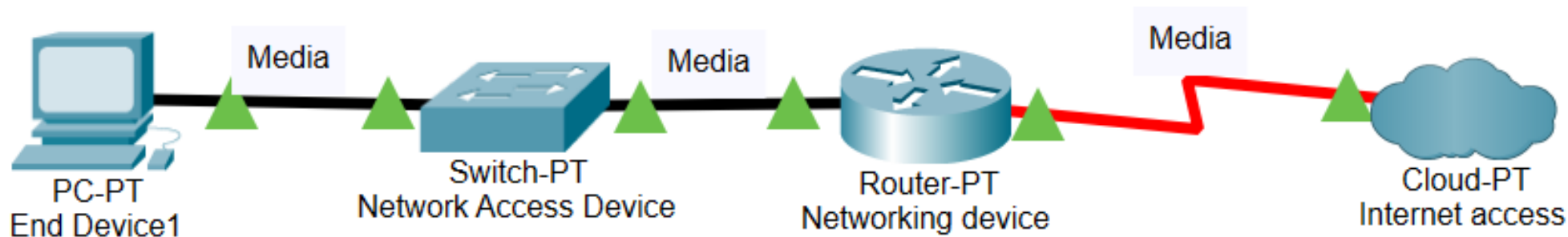- Discuss the Internet Components

What is Internet?

- In today's world, we are online by connecting our laptops/cell phone through the Internet access.

- Internet = infrastructure providing services to applications

- Applications include Email, web surfing, video streaming etc

- Internet = network of trillions of computers and other electronic devices connected to share information globally.

- Internet can also be mentioned as network of networks.

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What is Network?

- A computer network is set of connected computers for sharing data
- Network = End devices + Media + Networking devices (hardware)
- End devices = Computer, Laptops, Mobile Phones etc
- Networking devices = Link Layer Switches, Access point, Routers etc
- Media = Communication medium connecting devices

PC-PT
End Device1

Media

Switch-PT
Network Access Device

Media

Router-PT
Networking device

Media

Cloud-PT
Internet access

End Devices?

- An End device is where message is sent or received
- End Device = Host running network applications
- Servers are computers that provide information to the end devices
- Example – Web servers, Email servers, file server
- Clients are end device that send requests to the servers to retrieve information.
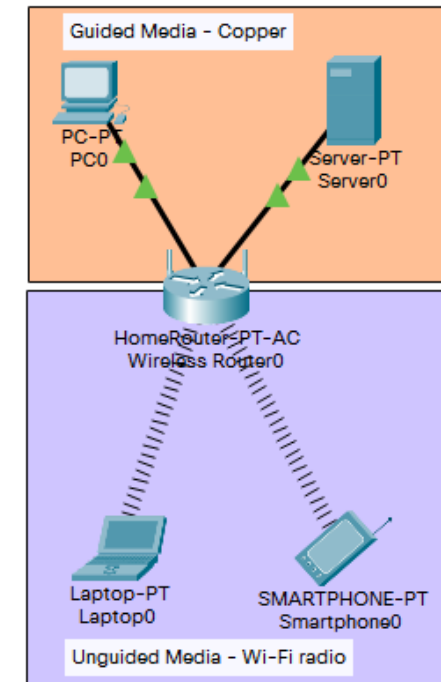- Webpage request - browser
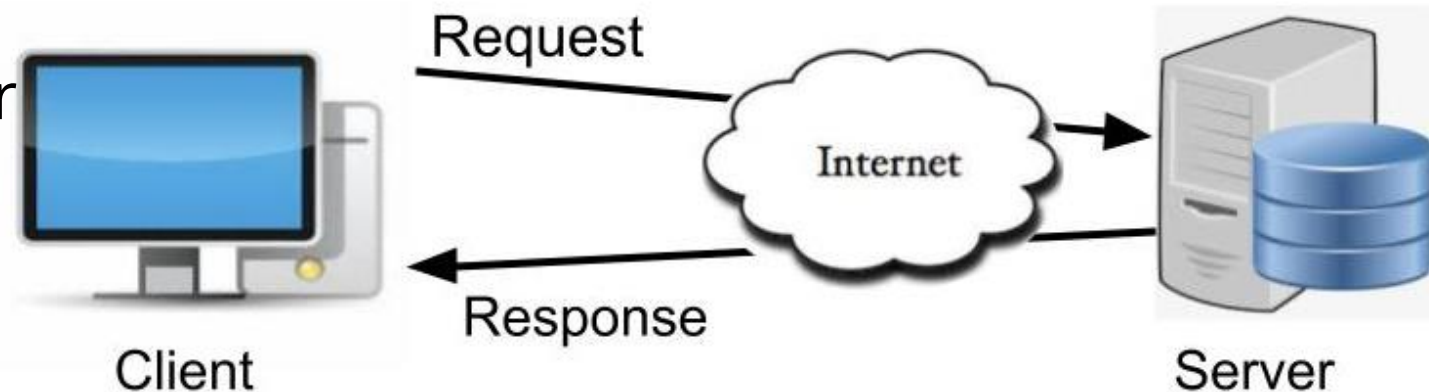
Intermediary Network Devices?

- Intermediary network devices interconnects end devices
- Example: Ethernet Switch, Wireless Access Point, Routers etc
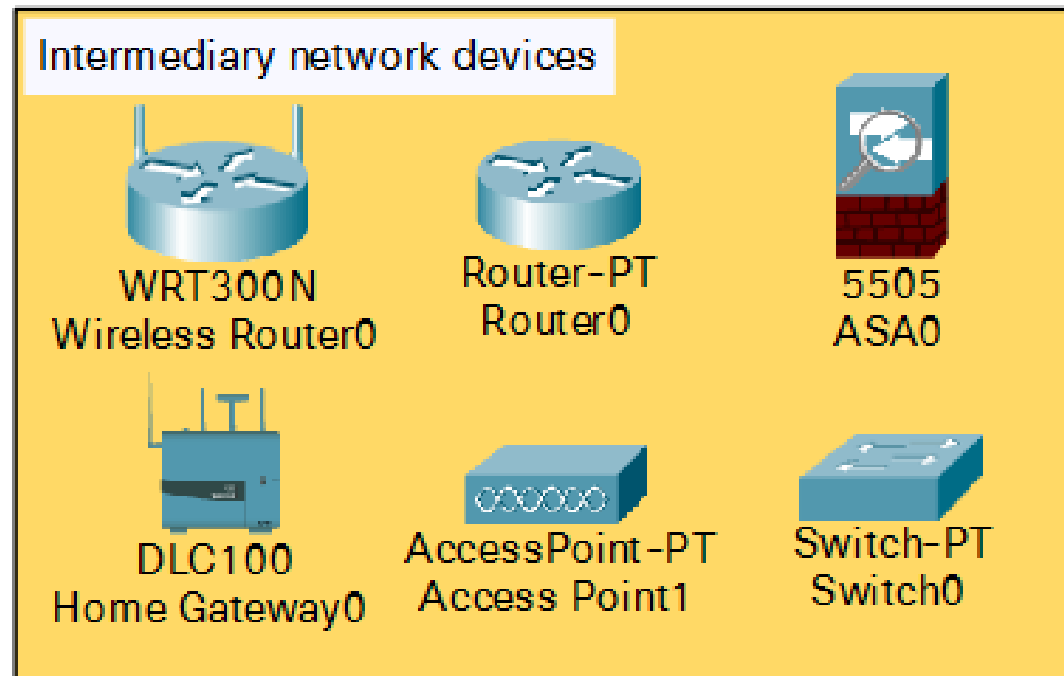
Physical Media?

- Physical link allows a message to travel from source to destination.
- Messages as Bits propagates between transmitter and receiver pairs
  - Transmitter = Encoding bits to signals
  - Receiver = Decoding signals to bits
  - Transmission Rate = bandwidth (bps)
- Guided Media: Signals propagate in solid media
  - Ex: copper, fiber, coax
- Unguided Media: Signals propagate freely
  - Signals carried in Electromagnetic spectrum
  - Ex: Radio – Microwave, Wi-Fi, Cellular, Satellite

Guided Media - Copper

PC-PT
PC0

Server-PT
Server0

HomeRouter-PT-AC
Wireless Router0

Laptop-PT
Laptop0

SMARTPHONE-PT
Smartphone0

Unguided Media - Wi-Fi radio

Data flow in the Network

Data originates with an end device from Network 1,
flows through the inter network by deciding the path of the messages,
and arrives at destination say an end device in another Network 2.
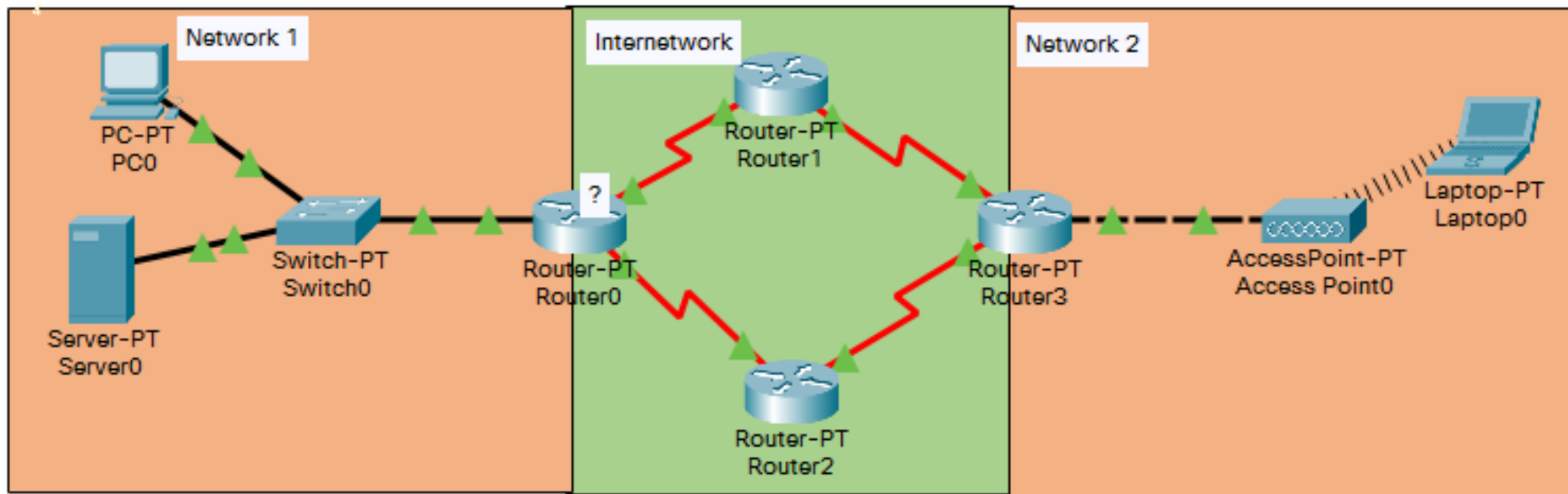
Internet components

- **Internet** = Network Edge + Access Network + Core Network
- **Network Edge** = End devices like computer, laptops, mobile connecting at the end of the network
- **Access Network** = Local network that helps the End devices to get connected to the core network
- **Core Network** = Backbone of the Internet
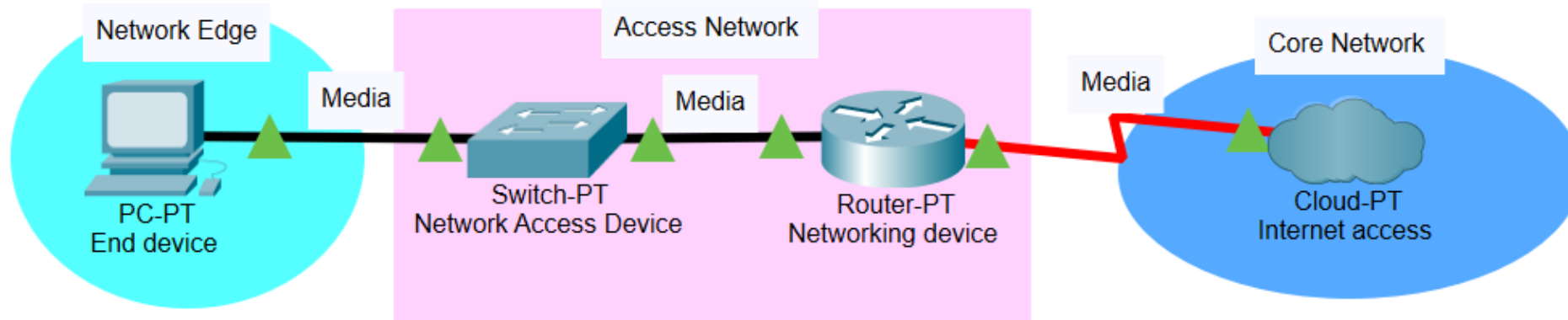
Summary of Network Components

- Hardware components of Network = End devices + Media + Networking Intermediary devices

- Internet Components = Network Edge + Access Networks + Core Networks

- Next lecture is about Network Classification

Network Classification

Week1 Lesson2

Network Classification

Understand the classification of network based on infrastructure

Understand the terms PAN, LAN, WAN, intranet, extranet and internet

Analyse the difference between physical and logical topology

Network Infrastructure

- Network infrastructures/hardware vary greatly in terms of the Size of the area covered and number of users connected and in terms of services

- Most common Network classification based on hardware:

Network Types	Area covered	Example
Personal Area Network (PAN)	Few square meter	Bluetooth
Local Area Network(LAN)	Few kilometer – within a building or campus	Ethernet, Wi-Fi
Wide Area Network(WAN)	Devices within a country or continent	Connecting LANs in different cities
Internet	Entire planet	World Wide Web

Personal Area Network (PAN)

- Connecting Devices within a square metres

- Bluetooth wireless technology is a short range communication used to replace wires

- Ex: Bluetooth keyboard, speakers, mouse, printer etc

- Bluetooth master in PC can connect up to 7 slave devices
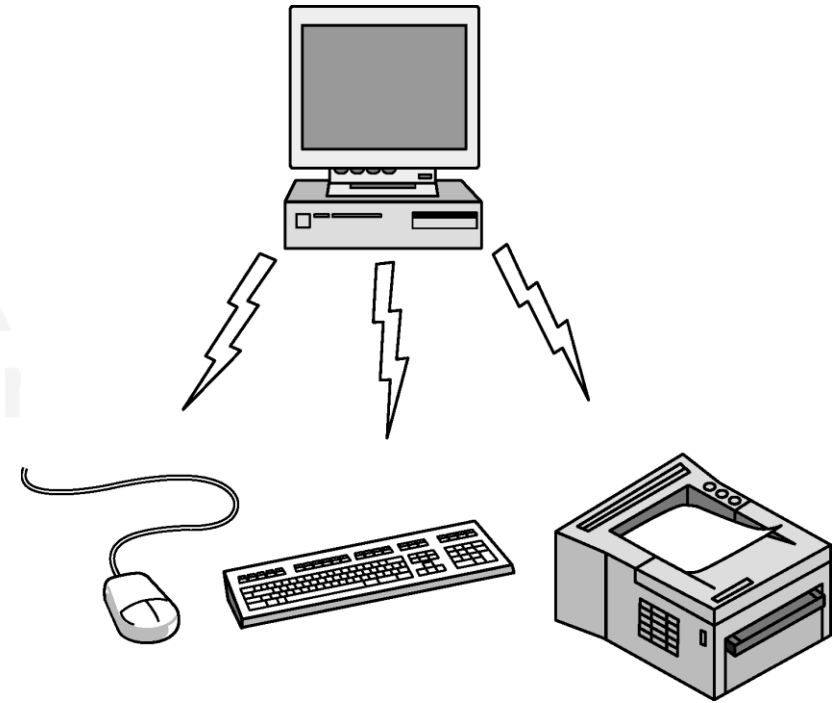
Bluetooth PAN configuration.

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LAN Vs WAN

- A **LAN** is a network infrastructure that spans a small geographical area.

- Administered by a single organization or individual.

- A **WAN** is a network infrastructure that spans a wide geographical area.

- Typically administered by one or more service providers.
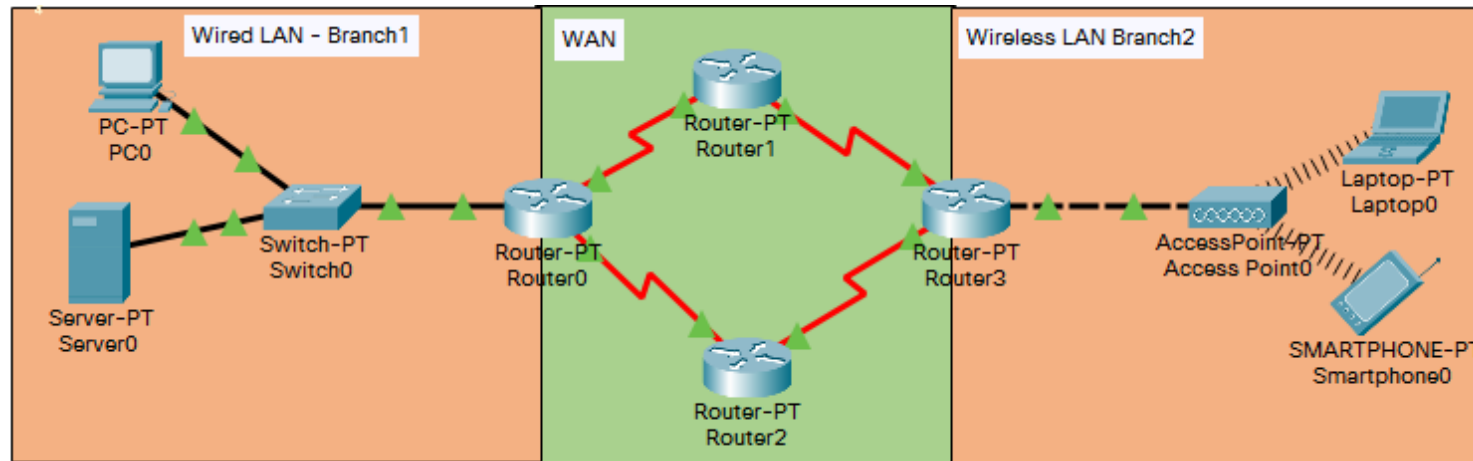
Wired LAN Vs Wireless LAN

- Wired LAN is also called as Ethernet.

- Wired Network Interface cards (NIC) are used to interface the end device to the media.

- Wireless LAN is also called as Wireless Fidelity (Wi-Fi).

- Wireless NICs are used

- Both these LAN types are shared medium

Ethernet

PC

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Laptop

Wi-Fi

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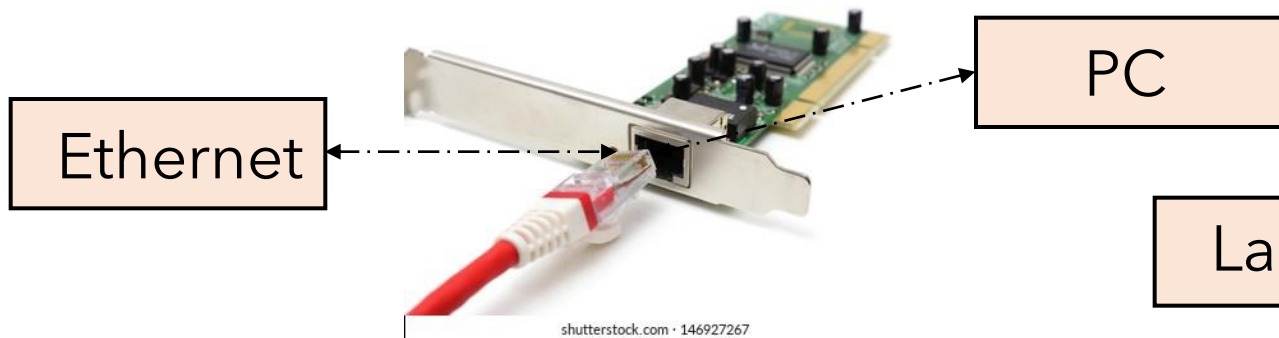
WAN Vs Internet

- Wide Area Network (WAN) helps in connecting different branches or sites or campus to single institutional network
- World Wide Web (www) Networks – connects hundreds of millions of computers world-wide – such as the internet
- The internet is a worldwide collection of interconnected LANs and WANs.
  - LANs are connected to each other using WANs.
  - WANs may use fiber optic cables, and wireless transmissions.
- The internet is not owned by any individual or group.

Intranet Vs Internet

- An intranet is a private collection of LANs and WANs used Ex: www.my.amrita.ac.in

- An organization might use an extranet to provide secure access to their data Ex: AUMS Parent Portal

- Internet is public access and is network of networks.
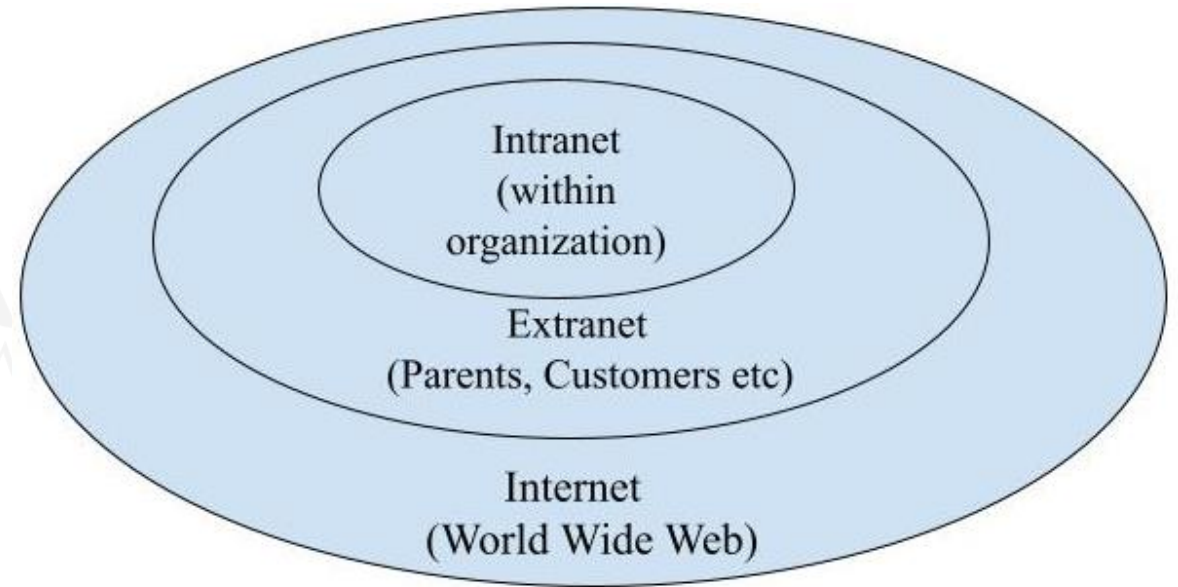
Network Representation

- Network diagrams also known as topology diagrams.

- Topology = Arrangement of devices in a network

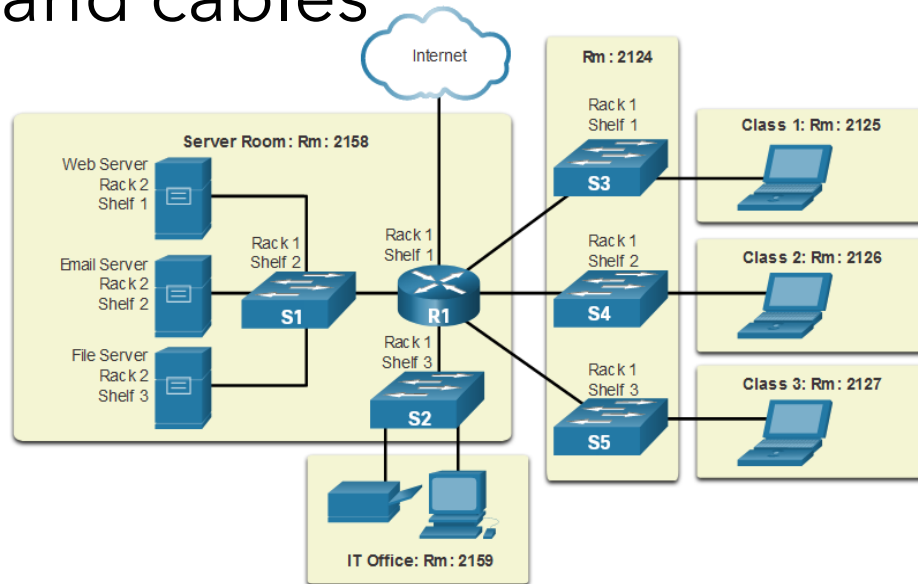- It use symbols to represent devices and links within the network.
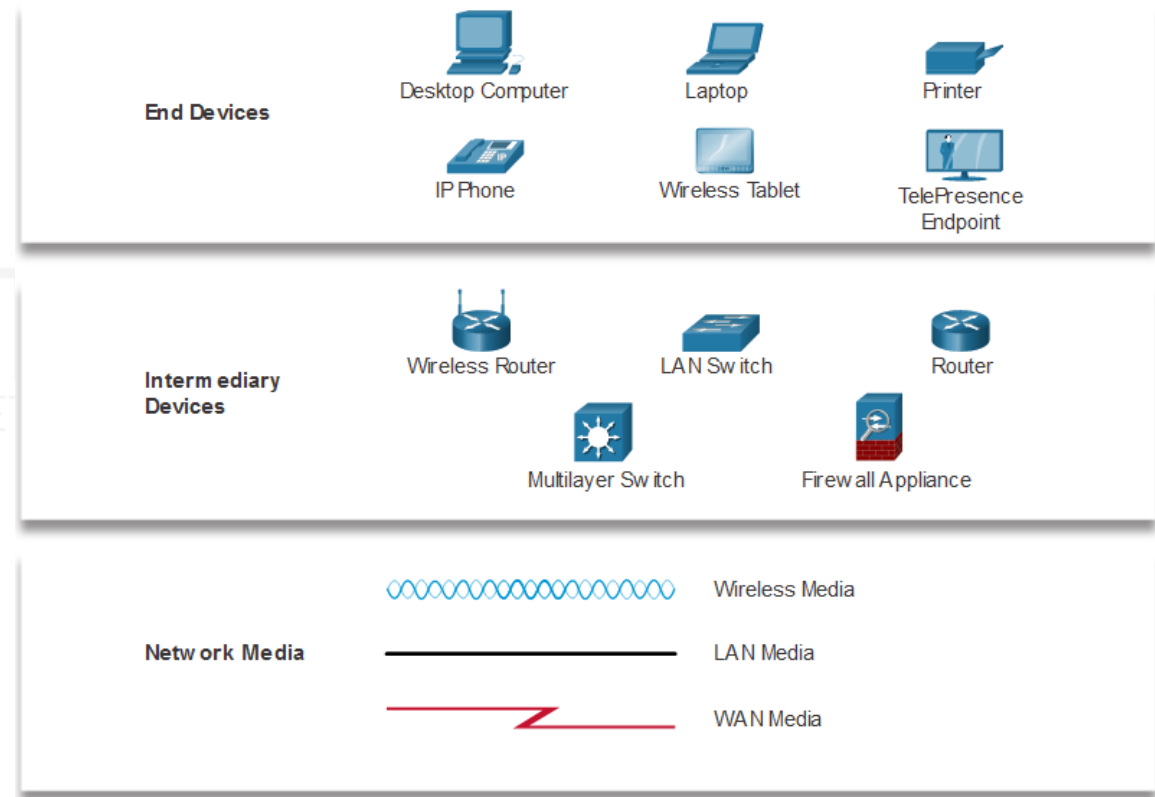
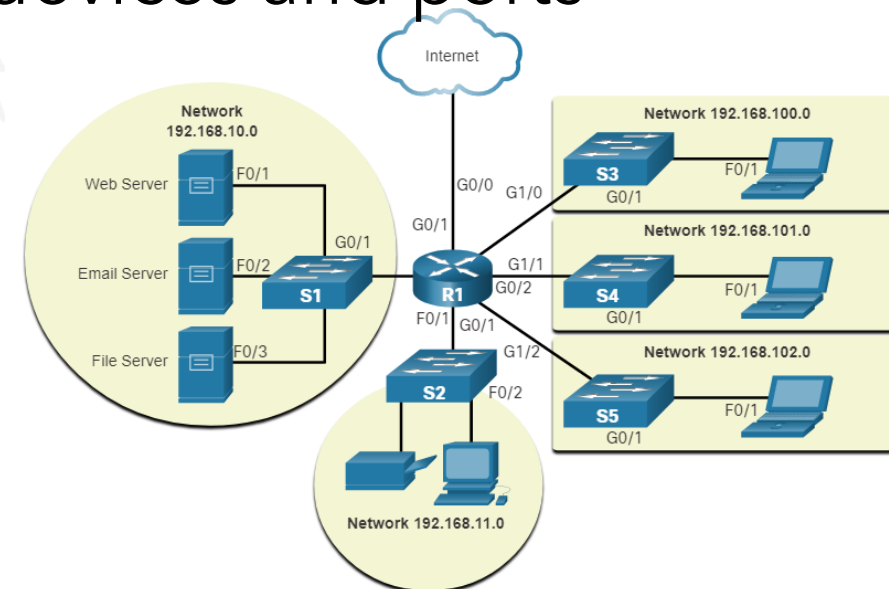Ref: CCNA Introduction to Networks from Cisco Netacad

Topology Diagrams

Physical Topology

- Diagrams illustrate the physical location of devices and cables

Logical Topology

- Diagrams illustrate the addressing scheme for devices and ports

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Recap

- PAN, LAN & WAN
- Wired Vs Wireless LANs

- Intranet, Extranet & Internet

- Network Representation
- Topology diagrams

Network Structure

Week1
Lesson3

Key Points in Network Structure

- Analyze Network Structure

  - Understand Network Edge

  - Analyze Physical Media

  - Network Access

    - Who provides Internet Access?

Network Structure

- ## Network Edge:
  - Hosts: clients and servers
  - Servers often in data centers

- ## Access Networks, Physical Media
  - Wired, wireless communication links
  - Residential home access
  - Institutional access
  - Mobile access

- ## Network Core
  - Interconnected routers
  - Access via Internet Service Provider (ISP)

mobile network

global ISP

home network

regional ISP

institutional network
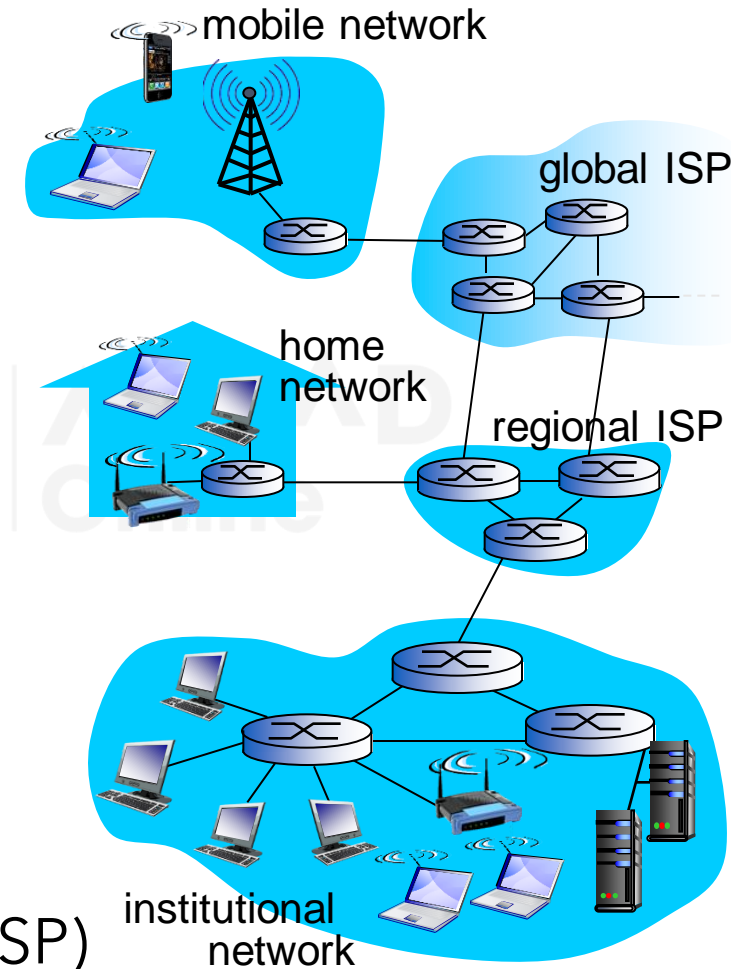
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Network Edge

- **End systems or hosts**
  - at the end of the network
  - Runs application programs (Web, Email)
- **Client/Server model**
  - Client requests (Ex: Web browser)
  - Always-on-server responds (Ex: Webserver)
- **Peer-Peer model**
  - Minimal/ no use of dedicated servers
 - Ex: skype, BitTorrent
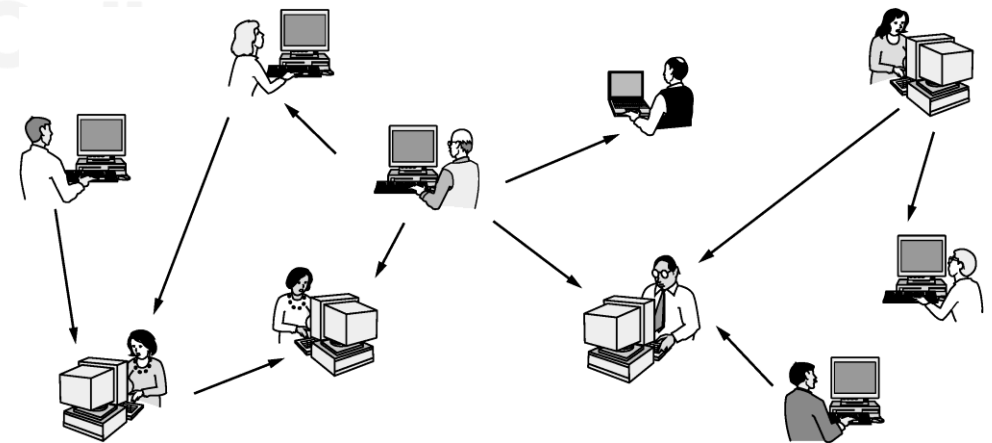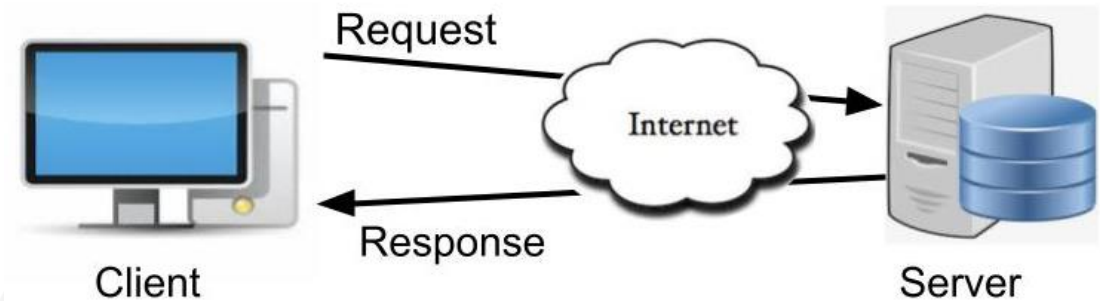
Peer-to-Peer model

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Guided Media

- ## Signals propagate in solid media.
  - ### Twisted Pair – 2 insulated copper wires
    - Bits are encoded as electric signals
    - Category 3: 10Mbps Ethernet
    - Category 5: 100 Mbps Ethernet
  - ### Fiber optic cable
    - Bits are encoded as light signals
    - High speed operation through Point-to-point transmission
    - Low error rate – immune to electromagnetic noise
  - ### Coaxial cable - 2 concentric copper conductors & bidirectional
    - Base band – single channel on cable. Ex: legacy Ethernet
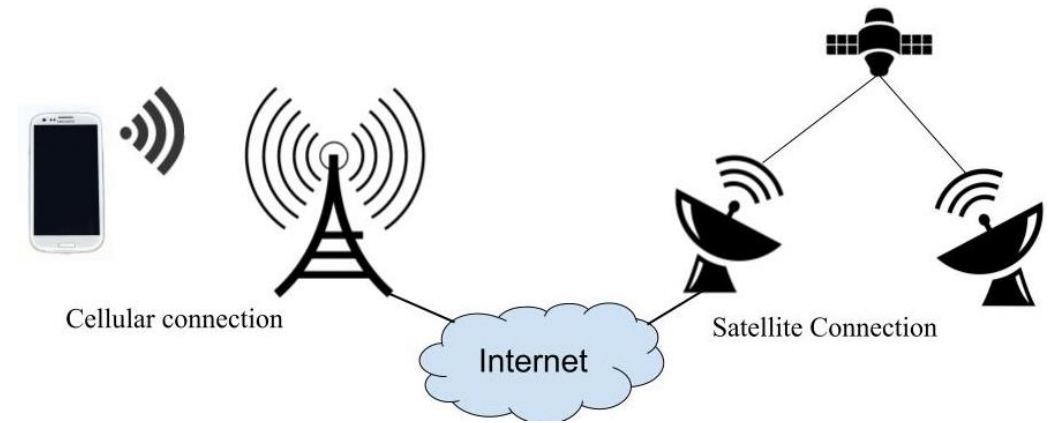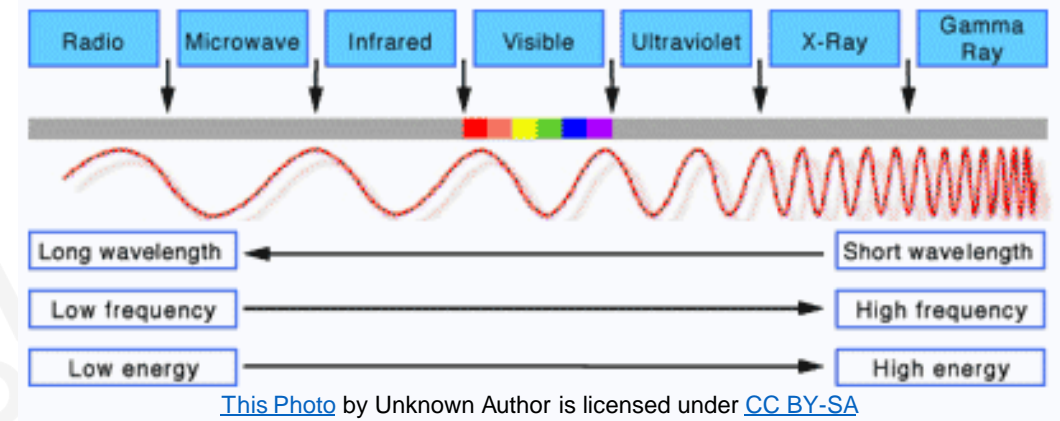   - Broad band – multiple channels on cable. Ex: Hybrid Fiber Coax (HFC)
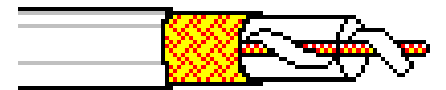
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Unguided Media

- Signals propagate freely. Ex: Radio
  - Electro-magnetic spectrum
- Propagation environment effects
  - reflection, obstruction & interference
- Major radio types
  - Satellite Microwave
    - 11GHz to 14 GHz
  - Cellular for wide area
    - 20KHz to 300 GHz Radio Frequency
  - Wi-Fi LAN
    - Unlicensed 2.4 GHz and 5 GHz

| Radio | Microwave | Infrared | Visible | Ultraviolet | X-Ray | Gamma Ray |

Long wavelength ← → Short wavelength

Low frequency → High frequency

Low energy → High energy

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Cellular connection
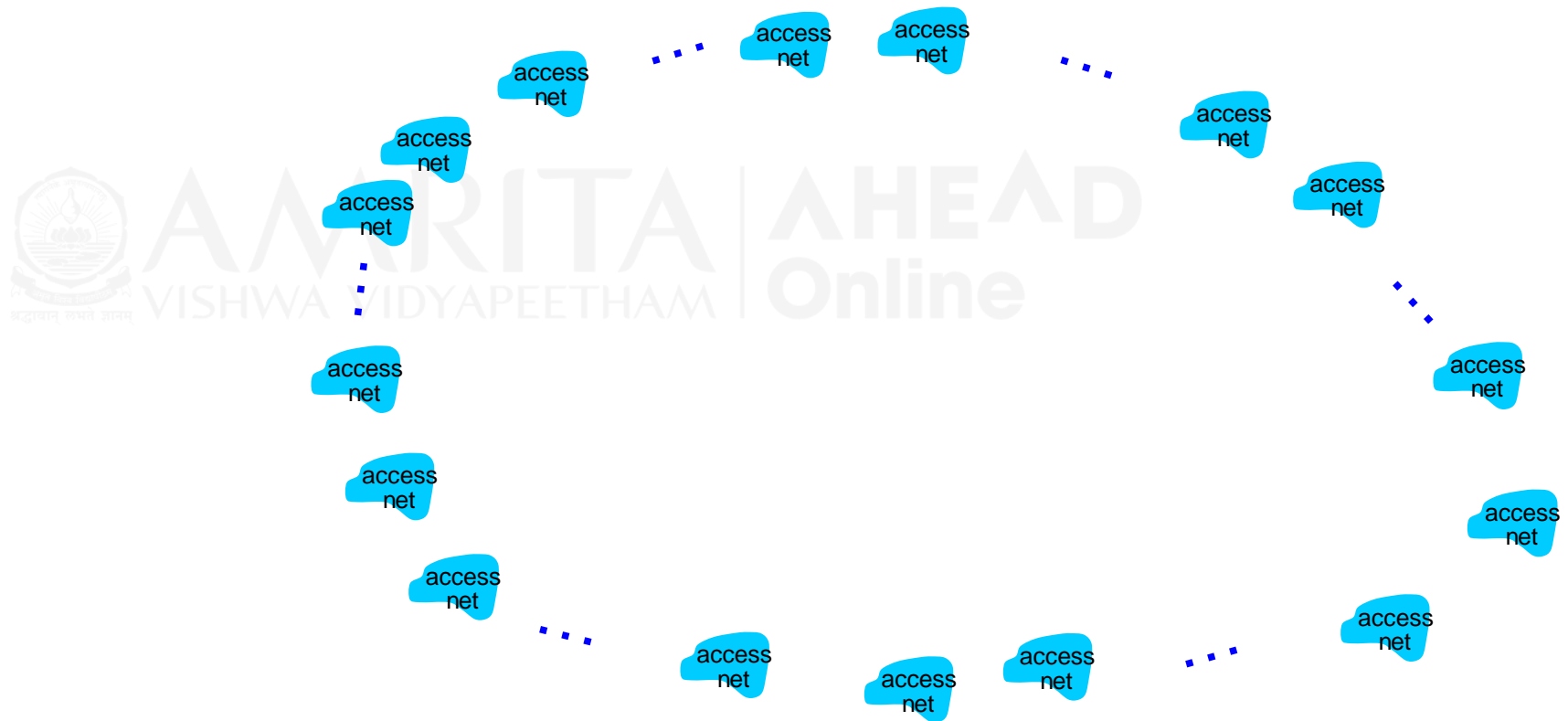
Internet

Satellite Connection

Internet Access

- **Access Networks** helps End Systems to get the internet access by the help of **Internet Service Provider(ISP)** .

- **ISP** is an organization that provides internet access to the Internet to home, company and institution.

- Content Provider Network is a Private network that connects its data center to Internet. Ex: google.com

- **ISP** gives host address to the customers and content provider
  - **Host address** is Internet Protocol (IP) address to identify a host in the Internet
  - Ex: IP address of google.co.in is 192.168.42.129

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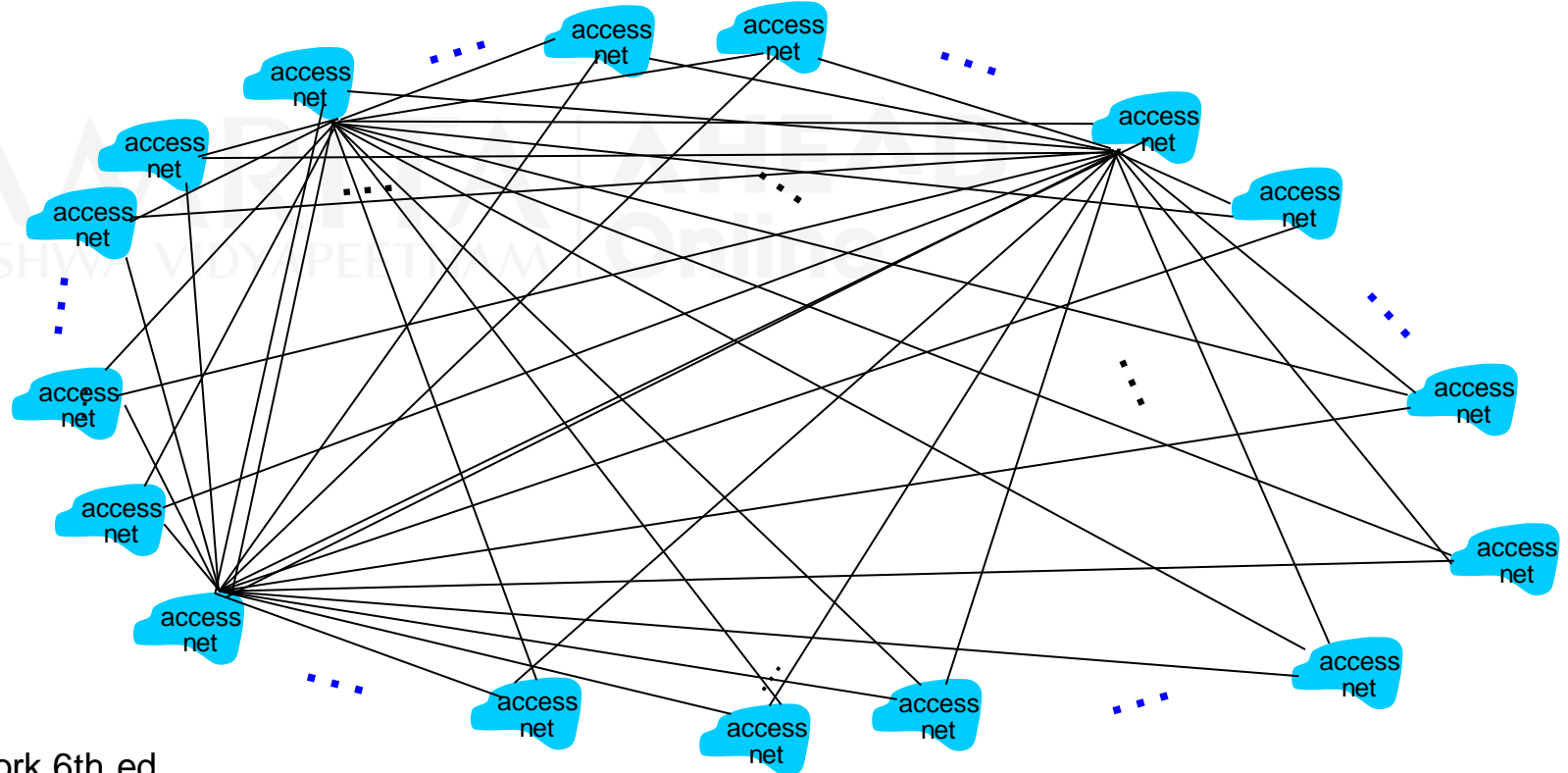
Internet structure

- How to connect millions of Access Networks together?

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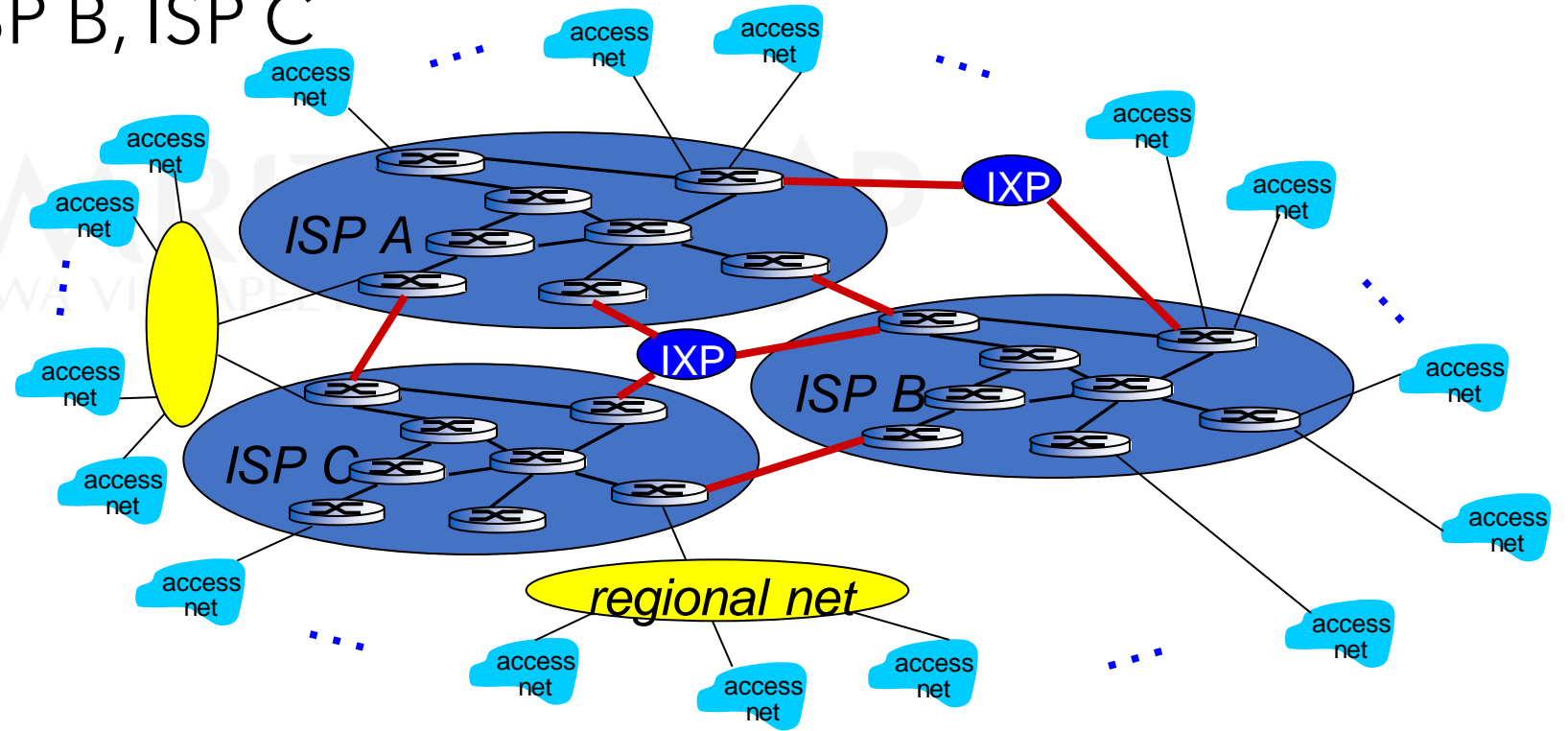
Internet structure

- Can we connect each access net with every other access net?
  - Scalability issue, having $O(N^2)$ connections

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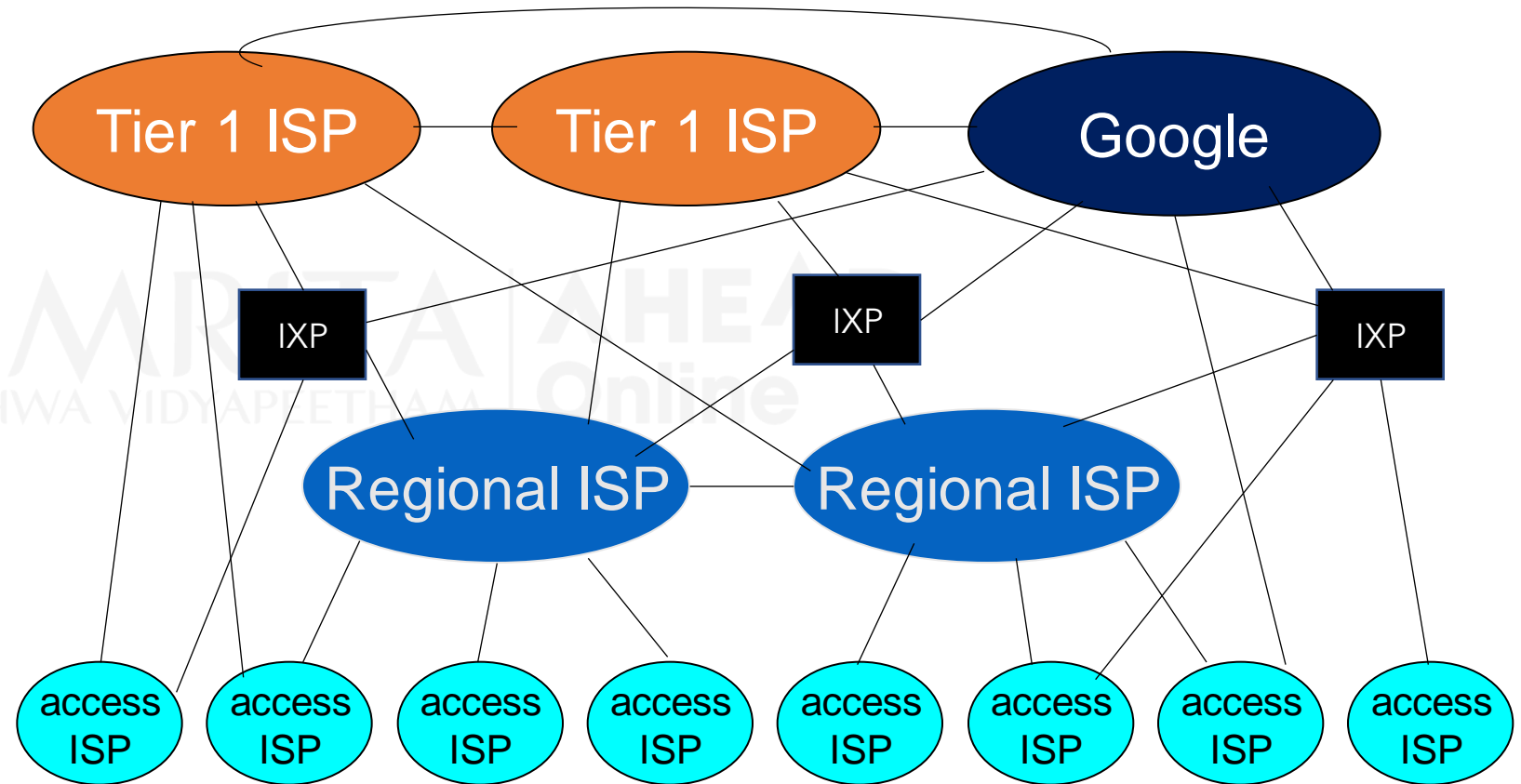
Internet structure

- Access ISP ->Regional ISPs -> Global ISPs
- Global ISPs – ISP A, ISP B, ISP C
- Internet Exchange Point(IXP) to link 2 different ISPs

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Internet Service Provider (ISP)

- **Tier1 Commercial ISP**
  - Ex: Sprint, AT&T, NTT

- **Tier2 Regional ISP**

- **Tier3 Access ISP**
  - Ex: Airtel, Idea etc

- **Internet**
  - Interconnected ISPs in hierarchical manner
  - Network of networks

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Summary

- Network Structure
  - Network Edge
  - Physical Media
  - Network Access
- Internet Structure - ISPs
- Next we will Discussed various ways to Network Access
  - Residential home access
  - Institutional access
  - Mobile communication access

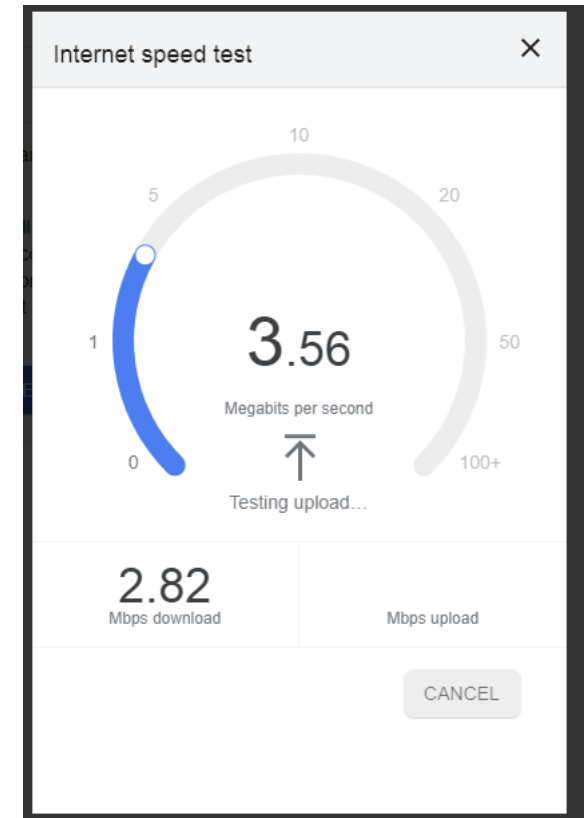# Internet Access

Week1 Lecture4

Key points to discuss in Internet Access

- Internet Access

  - Residential home access

    - DSL

    - Cable

  - Institutional access

  - Mobile access

Internet access

- Access networks helps to connect end systems to the internet.

- Shared/dedicated access depends on the network classification

- Internet speed?
  - Also depends on the type of networks and link capacity
  - Measured in bits per second the (bps)
    - Download speed: Time taken for client end systems to access files from servers.
    - Upload speed: Time taken to upload files from clients to servers.

Home Access Methods?

- Home access methods: DSL, Cable, Dial-up & Satellite
  - Two Prevalent types of broadband residential access: DSL, Cable
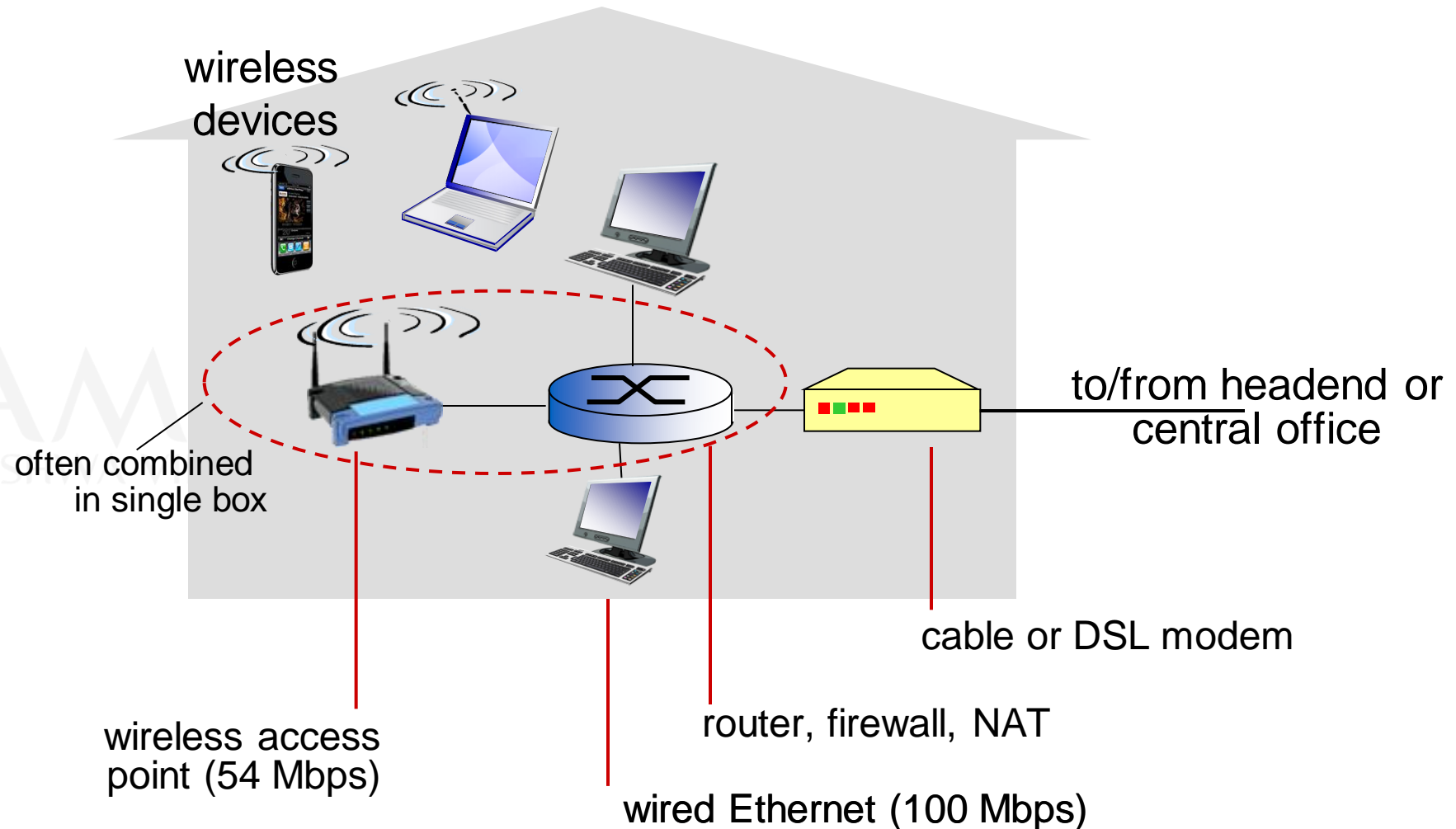 - DSL – Digital Subscriber Line

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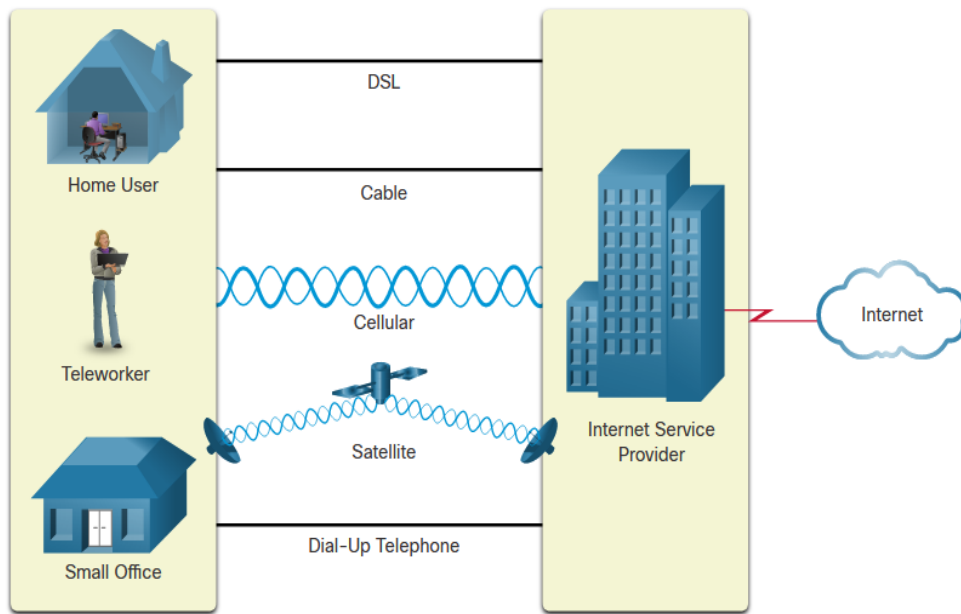
Connection	Description
DSL	high bandwidth, always on, internet connection that runs over a telephone line.
Cable	high bandwidth, always on, internet offered by cable television service providers.
Cellular	uses a cell phone network to connect to the internet.
Satellite	major benefit to rural areas without Internet Service Providers.
Dial-up telephone	an inexpensive, low bandwidth option using a modem.

Home Access Network

- Modem = modulator/ demodulator

- Hardware device

- Modulator = Converts digital data to analog

- Demodulator = Converts analog signals to digital form

wireless devices

often combined in single box

to/from headend or central office

cable or DSL modem

router, firewall, NAT

wired Ethernet (100 Mbps)

wireless access point (54 Mbps)

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DSL

- Digital Subscriber Line (DSL) uses existing telephone Infrastructure.
- DSL provider provide different transmission rates at different price
  - Speed affected by distance
- DSL Standards
  - 12 Mbps downstream & 1.8 Mbps upstream [ITU 1999]
  - 24 Mbps downstream & 2.5 Mbps upstream [ITU 2003]
- Internet access is asymmetric
  - Because the downstream and upstream speed are different

DSL

- @Customer Side
  - DSL Modem uses the existing telephone line(twisted pair)
  - Splitter separates the data and telephone signals arriving at home and forwards the data signal to the DSL modem

- @Telecommunication Side
  - DSL Access Multiplexer (DSLAM) separates the data and phone signals and sends the data into the internet
- Same DSL link shared for
  - Phone line
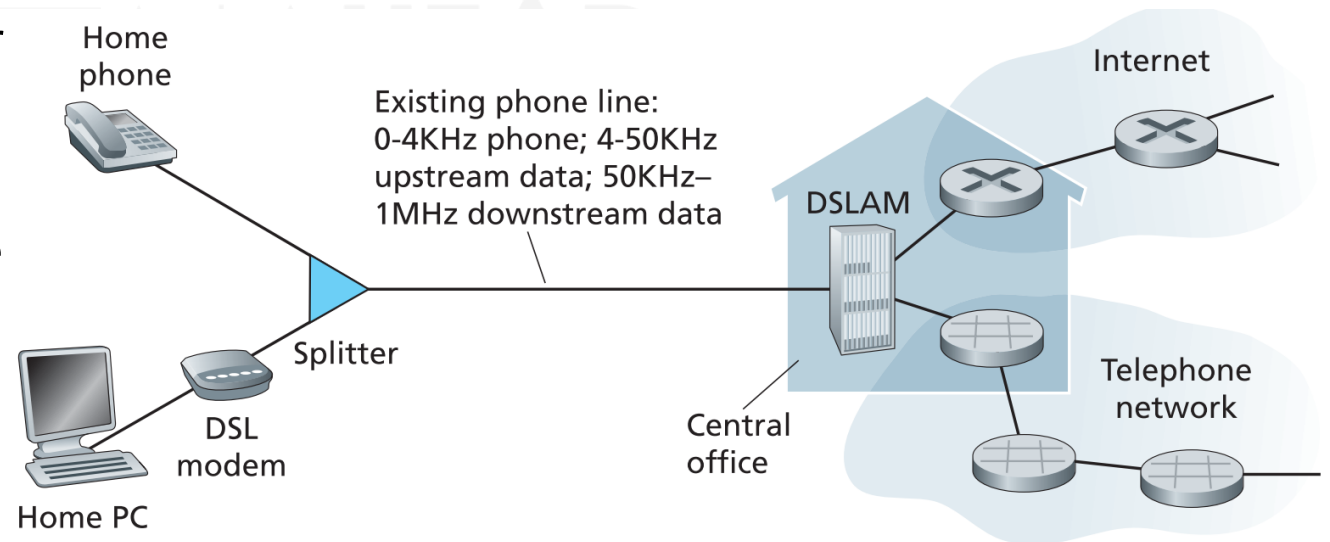 - Upstream data
  - Downstream data

Home phone

Existing phone line:
0-4KHz phone; 4-50KHz
upstream data; 50KHz–
1MHz downstream data

Internet

DSLAM

Splitter

DSL modem

Central office

Telephone network

Home PC

Figure 1.5 ♦ DSL Internet access

Cable Internet Access

- Cable Internet Access uses existing Cable TV infrastructure.
- Shared broadcast communication medium
- @Customer side
  - Cable modem divides the hybrid fiber coaxial (HFC) network into 2 channels (up and downstream)
  - HFC standards 42.8 Mbps downstream & 30.7 Mbps upstream
- @Telecommunications side
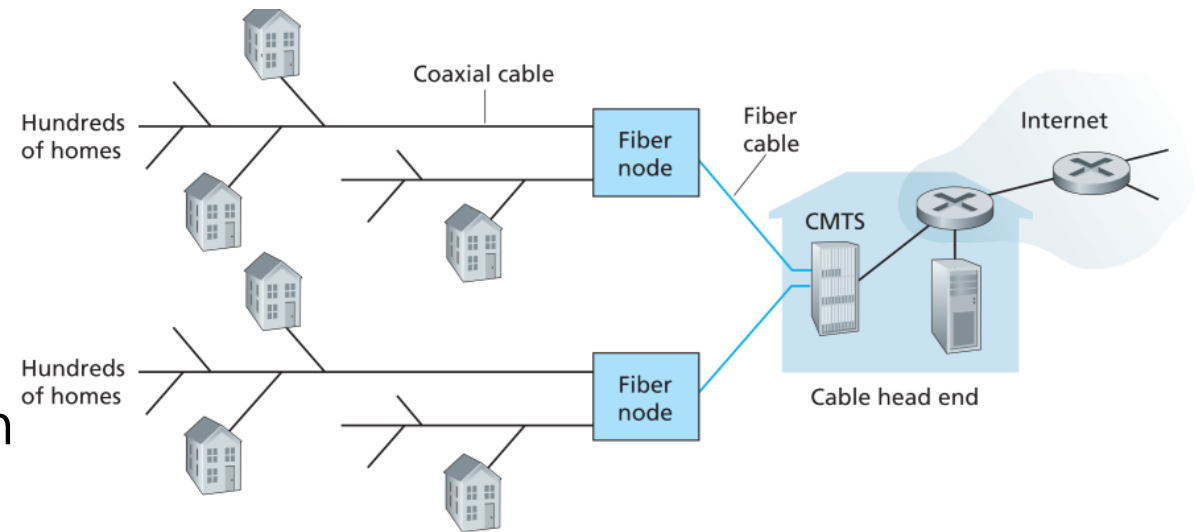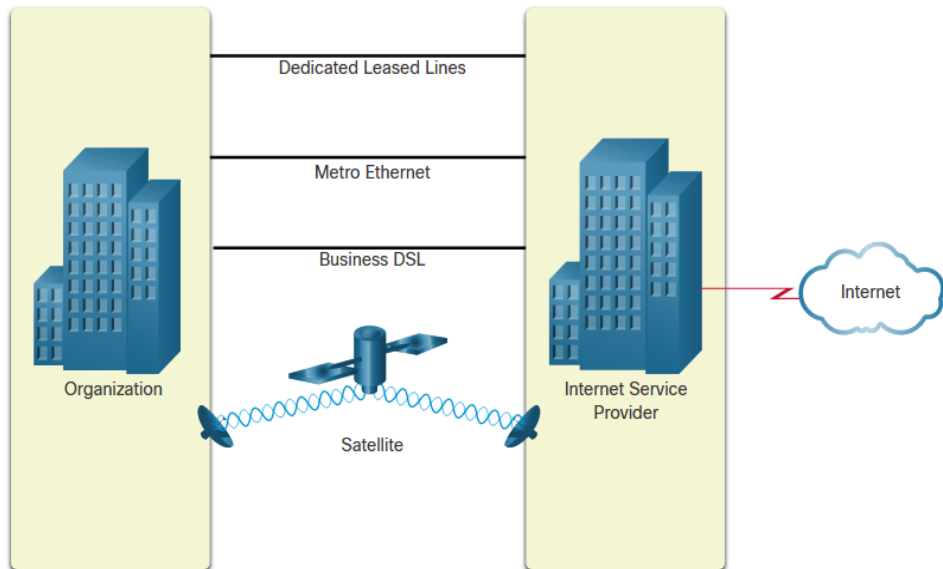 - Cable Modem Termination System (CMTS) similar to DSLAM

Figure 1.6 ♦ A hybrid fiber-coaxial access network

Institutional Access Network

- ## Institutional/Corporate business connections require:
  - ### Higher bandwidth, dedicated connections, managed services
  - ### Accessing options type

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Type of Connection	Description
Dedicated Leased Line	These are reserved circuits within the service provider's network that connect distant offices with private voice and/or data networking.
Ethernet WAN	This extends LAN access technology into the WAN.
DSL	Business DSL is available in various formats including Symmetric Digital Subscriber Lines (SDSL).
Satellite	This can provide a connection when a wired solution is not available.

Institutional Access Network

institutional link to ISP (Internet)

institutional router

Ethernet switch

institutional mail, web servers
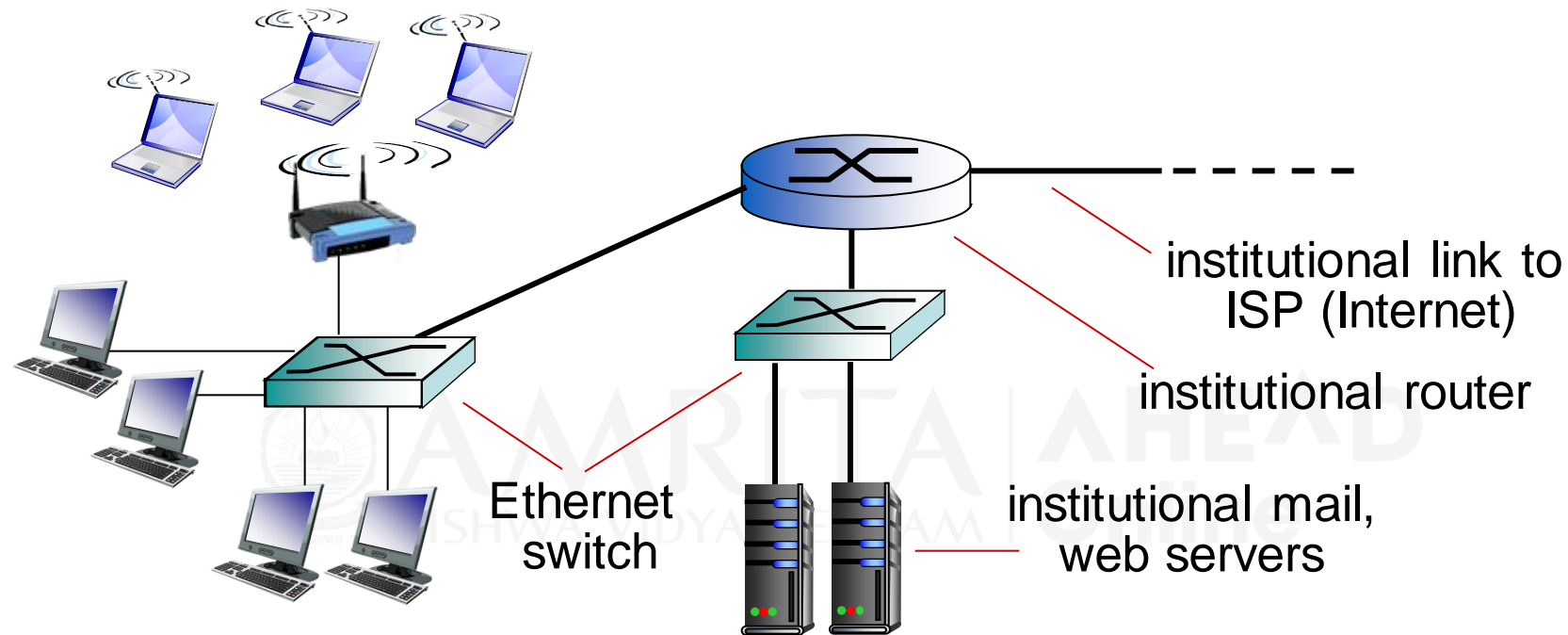
- Larger LAN typically used in companies, universities, etc.
  - ❖ 10 Mbps, 100Mbps, 1Gbps, 10Gbps transmission rates
  - ❖ today, end systems typically connect into Ethernet switch

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Mobile Access Cellular Network

- How Mobile/ Cell phone connected to the Internet?
  - Coverage area of one Base Station is termed as cell
  - Mobiles in one cell sends messages to the Base Station in that cell.
  - Base Station is connected to the Edge Router for Internet Access

- Mobility concept – Smooth transfer of data messages from one Base Station in a cell to the other known as handoff


Cell 1
Cell 2
Handover
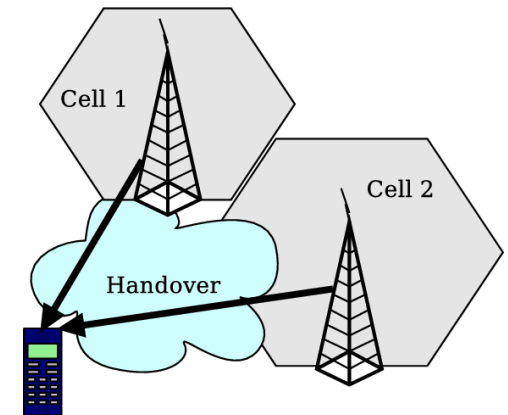
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Converged Network

- Before Separate networks
  - using different technologies to carry signals based on specific rules

- Converged network deliver data, voice and video on one link having same set of rules
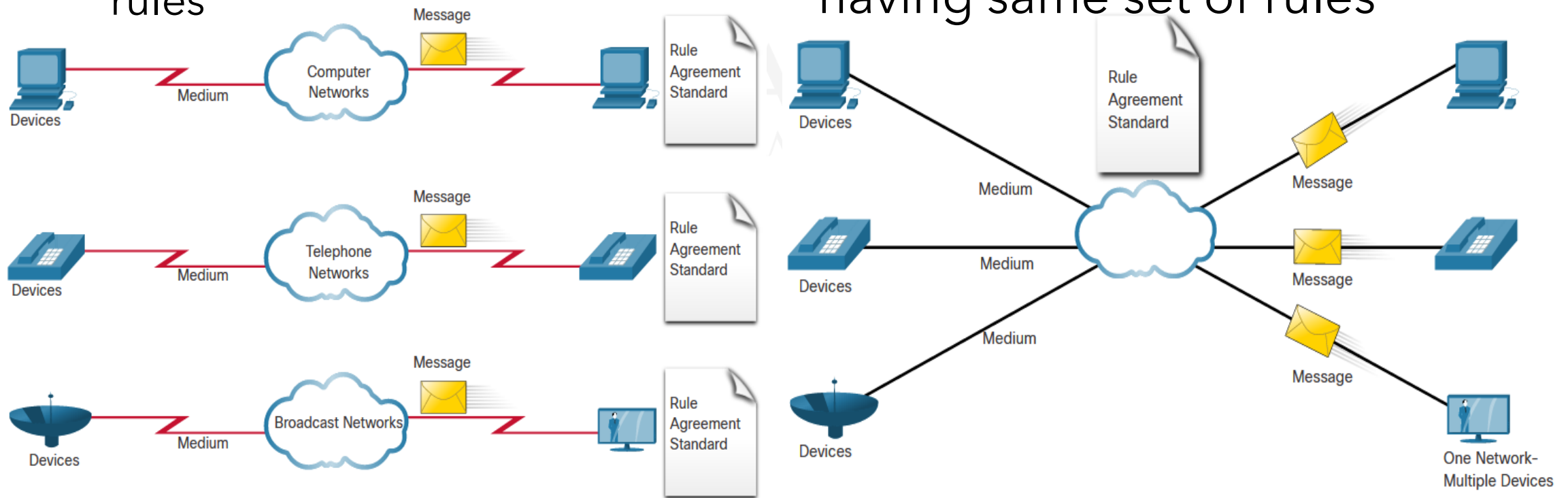
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- Revised Network Structure
- Discussed various ways to Network Access
  - Residential home access
  - Institutional access
  - Mobile access
  - Converged networks
- Next lecture discussion
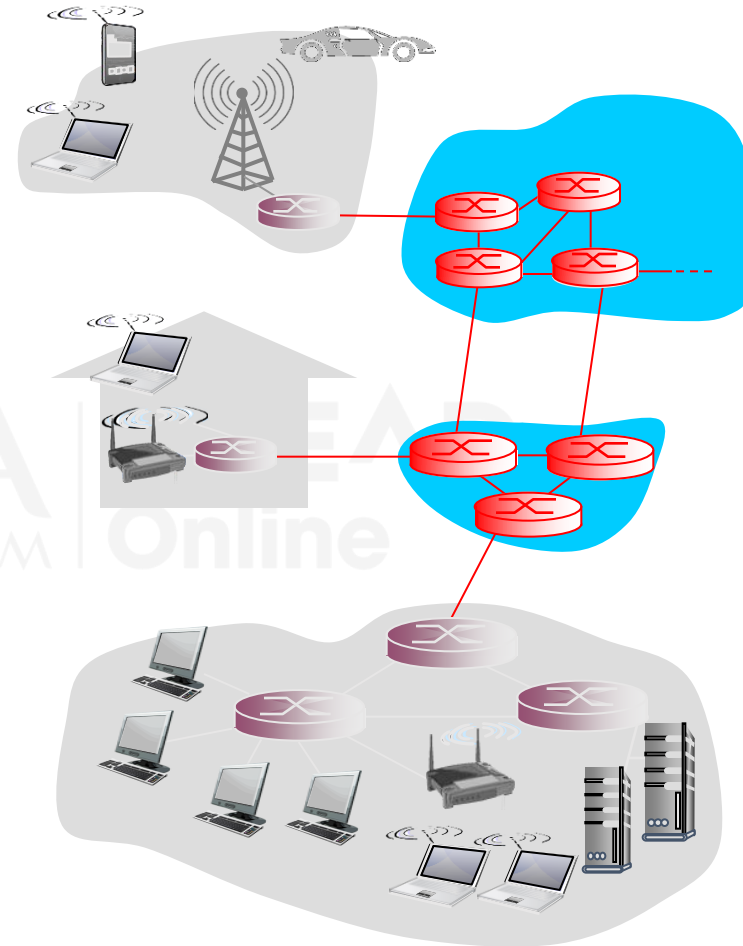 - Network Core

Network Core

Week1 Lesson5

Learning Objectives in Network Core

- Understand Network core

- Analyze the difference between circuit switching and packet switching

- Analyze how different users share the link

- Understand the network core functions

Network Core

- Network Structure = End devices, Access Network & Core Network

- Network Edge = End Devices with Network Access devices like Edge router

- Network Core
  - Provides services to the Edge
  - Mesh of interconnected routers

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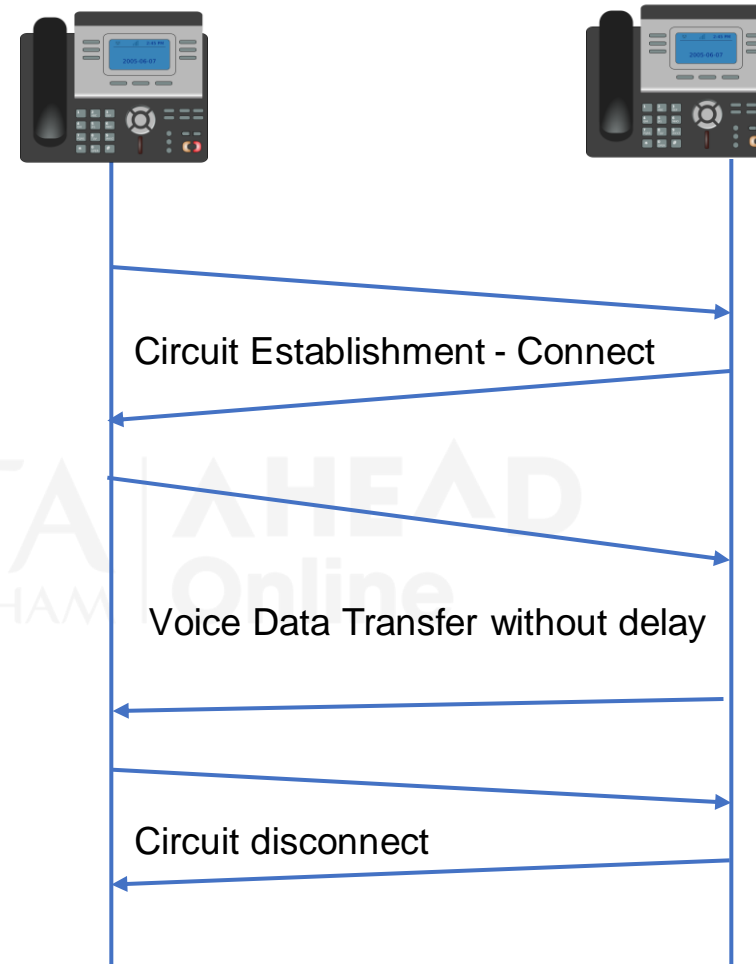
Network Core Implementation

- Network Core answers – "How is data transfer through network?"

- Implemented by switching techniques
  - Circuit Switching
    - Dedicated circuit per call
    - Connection oriented service
    - Ex: telephone network
  - Packet Switching
    - Data or messages are divided into small chunks known as packets and they are sent through network
    - Connection less service
    - Ex: Ethernet network

PC1

PC2
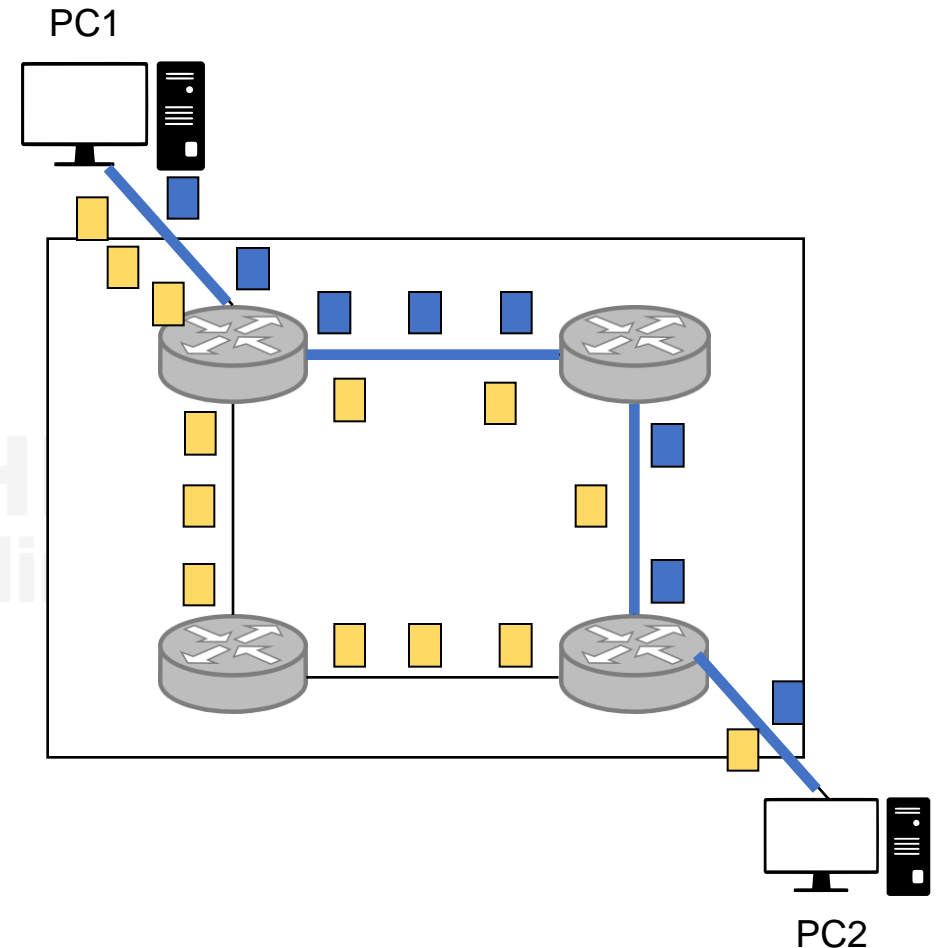
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Circuit Switched Network
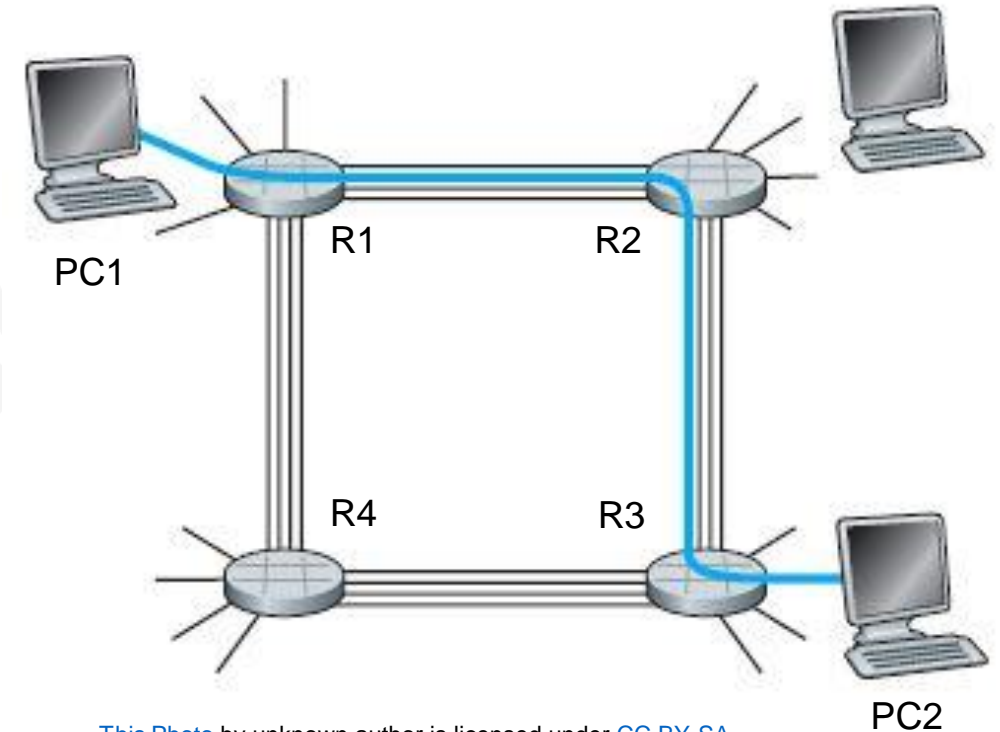
- Circuit = dedicated path between sender and receiver

- Mostly used for voice communication real time services to avoid delay

- Three phases involved in circuit switching
  - Circuit establishment
  - Data Transfer
  - Circuit disconnect

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Circuit Establishment - Connect

Voice Data Transfer without delay

Circuit disconnect

Circuit Switching

- One Communication link can have many circuits.
  - Here each link has 4 circuits
- Three phases involved in PC1 calling PC2
  - Dedicated path or circuit:
    - PC1-R1(2nd circuit)
    - R2-R2(1st circuit)
    - R3- PC2 – resources allocated
  - Data transfer between PC1 and PC2 in the circuit
 - Circuit disconnected after the call ends

PC1
R1   R2
R4   R3
PC2

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Sharing the link in Circuit Switching

- How Communication link can be shared by different users?

- Multiplexing allows simultaneous transmission of multiple signals along the same link

  - Divides a link into multiple channels

  - Frequency Division Multiplexing (FDM) shares a portion of bandwidth among 4 users

    - Ex: AM and FM radio broadcasting

  - Time Division Multiplexing (TDM) shares time slots among 4 users

    - Ex: Radio programs at different time periods
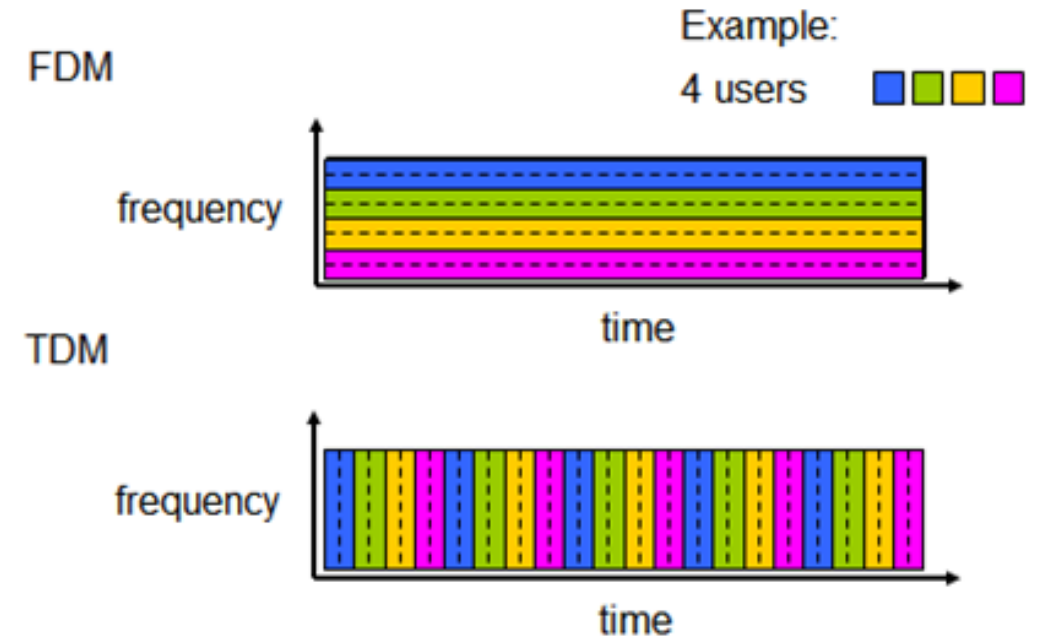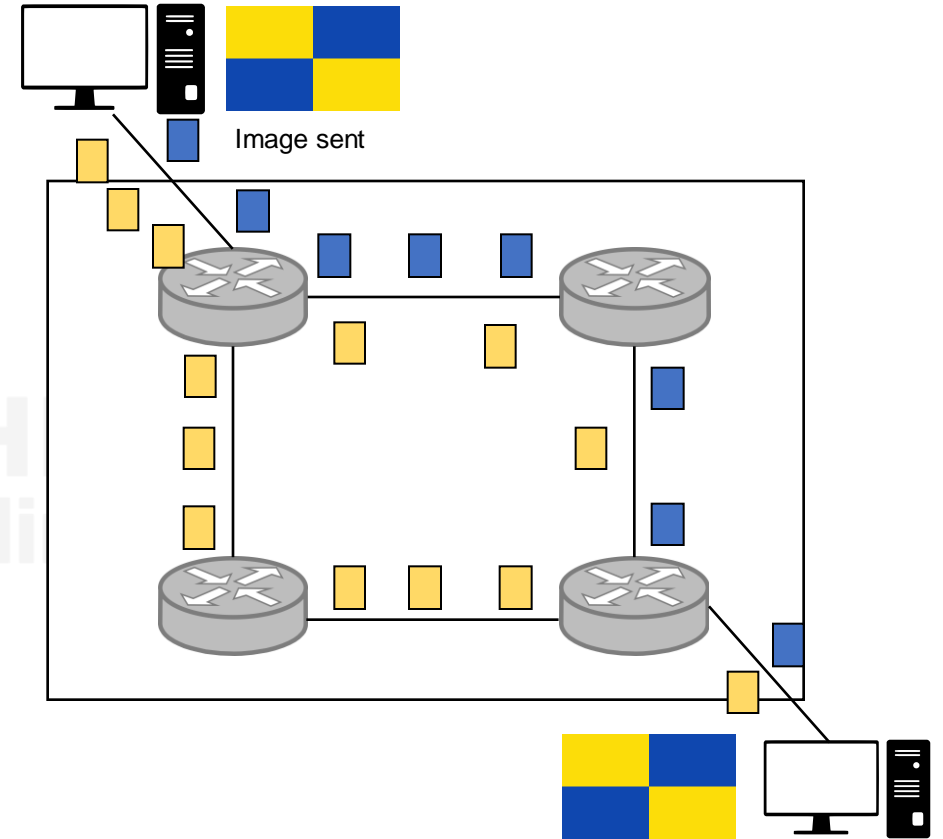

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Packet Switched Network

- Used in the Internet and most LANs
- Host breaks the large messages into packets known as segmentation
  - Ex: Message such as Image or Video or audio file are segmented into small packets
  - Packets travel independently and need not take same path
- No bandwidth shared or time reserved in sending packets
  - No dedicated path or circuit
  - Resources used as needed
  - Reason for connection less service

Image sent

Packet Switching

- ## Statistical multiplexing
  - Packets from different incoming links are sent by router to different outgoing links based on demand

- ## Routers store and forward the packets
  - Entire packet must arrive at the router, stored in buffer and then forwarded

- Sending Packets from source to destination undergo random delay and loss in each of the intermediary devices or hops in between
  - Each packet transmitted at the full link capacity
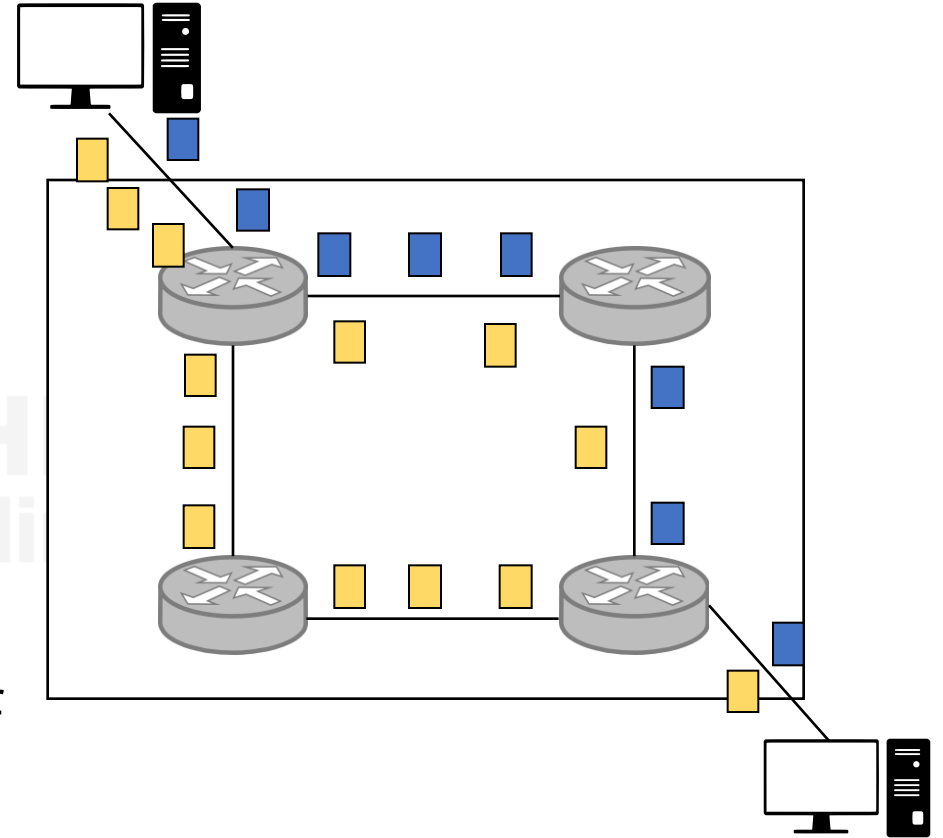
Network Core Functions

- **Routing** determines the route or path based on the destination host address
  - Here path or route to reach 0111 destination address is referred
  - **Routing algorithm** maintains table specific for each router
- **Forwarding** moves packet from the incoming link to the right outgoing link
  - Here packet is forwarded to the output link 2 for dest addr 0111

Ref: J. Kurose and K. Ross 2012, Computer Network,6th ed.

Summary

- Network Core Switching
  - Circuit Switching
    - FDM & TDM multiplexing
    - Connection oriented service
    - Guaranteed service

  - Packet Switching
    - Statistical Multiplexing
    - Connection less service
    - Best effort service
  - Routing Vs Forwarding
- Next lecture discussion
  - Delays, Loss, Throughput in networks
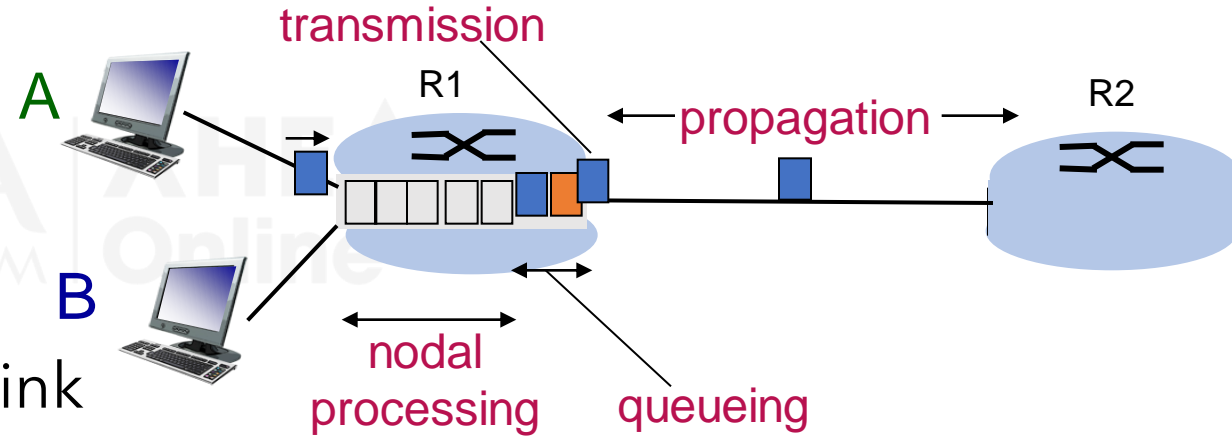
Delays

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Key points in Delay, Loss and Throughput in Networks

- Understand different delays in a network

  - Transmission delay
  - Propagation delay
  - Processing delay
  - Queuing delay

- Packet Loss
- Throughput

- Real Internet delays

Four sources of Packet Delay

- ## Transmission delay d_{trans}
  - Time taken to drop the packet into the output link for transmission
  - Length of the Packet say L bits
  - Bandwidth of the link say R bps
  - $d_{trans} = L/R$ seconds

- ## Propagation delay d_{prop}
  - Time - Bits to move in the media or link
  - Distance of Physical link – d meter
  - Propagation speed in medium – s
    - Ex: fiber optic – $0.7 * 3 * 10^8$ m/s
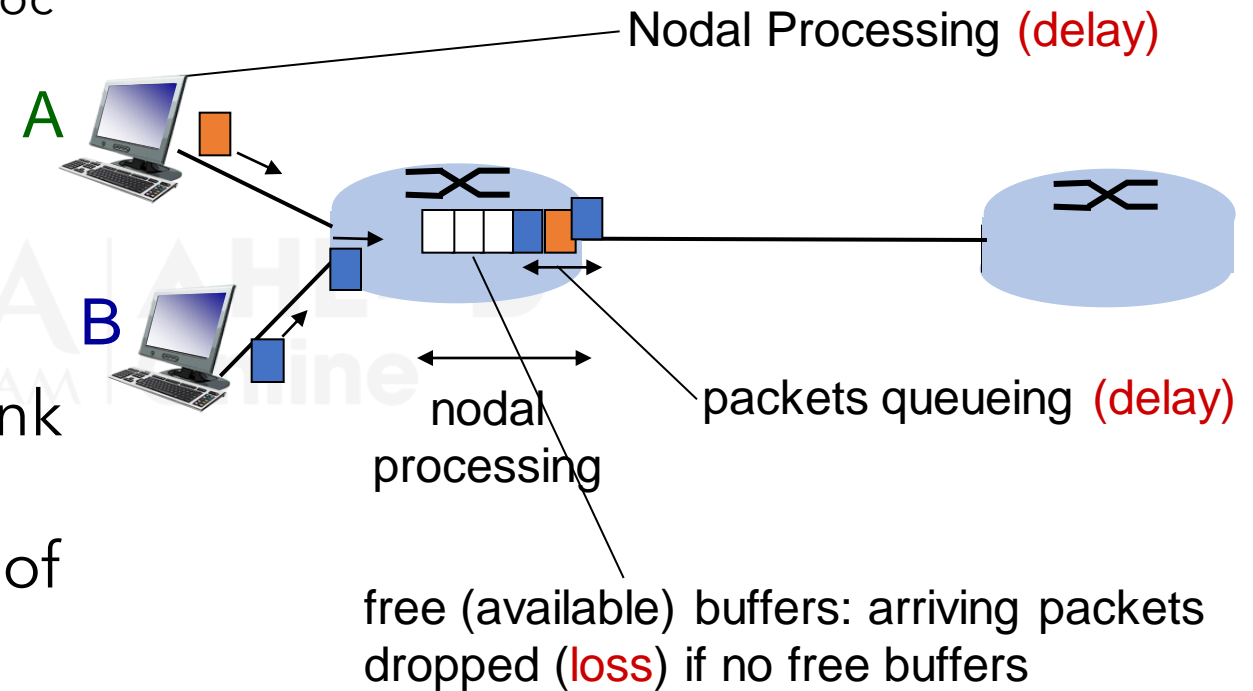 - $d_{prop} = d/s$ seconds

$$d_{nodal} = d_{trans} + d_{prop} + d_{proc} + d_{queue}$$

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Four sources of Packet Delay

- ## Processing delay in all nodes d_{proc}
  - Check bit errors
  - Determine output link
  - Typically < msec
- ## Queuing delay in router d_{queue}
  - Time waiting in buffer at output link for transmission
  - Depends on congestion level of router
- Both delays depends on node hardware capacity

Nodal Processing (delay)

A

B

nodal processing

packets queueing (delay)

free (available) buffers: arriving packets dropped (loss) if no free buffers

$$d_{nodal} = d_{trans} + d_{prop} + d_{proc} + d_{queue}$$

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Packet Loss

- Packets coming to the router are stored in buffer and waits there till it gets transmitted to the link.

- Buffer size are limited in the hardware.

- Arriving packets are dropped (loss) if there are no free buffer (full queue)

- Handling lost packets are discussed later in the course

buffer
(waiting area)

packet being transmitted

A

B

packet arriving to full buffer is *lost*
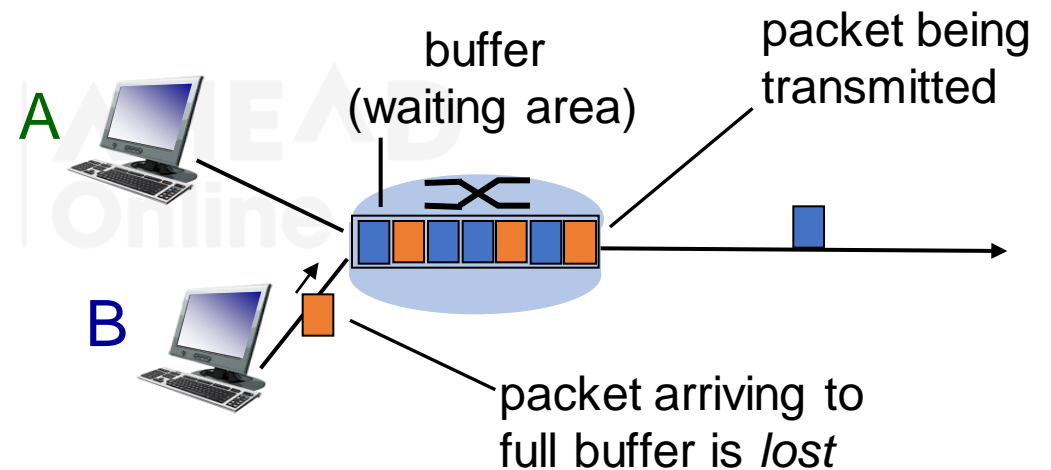
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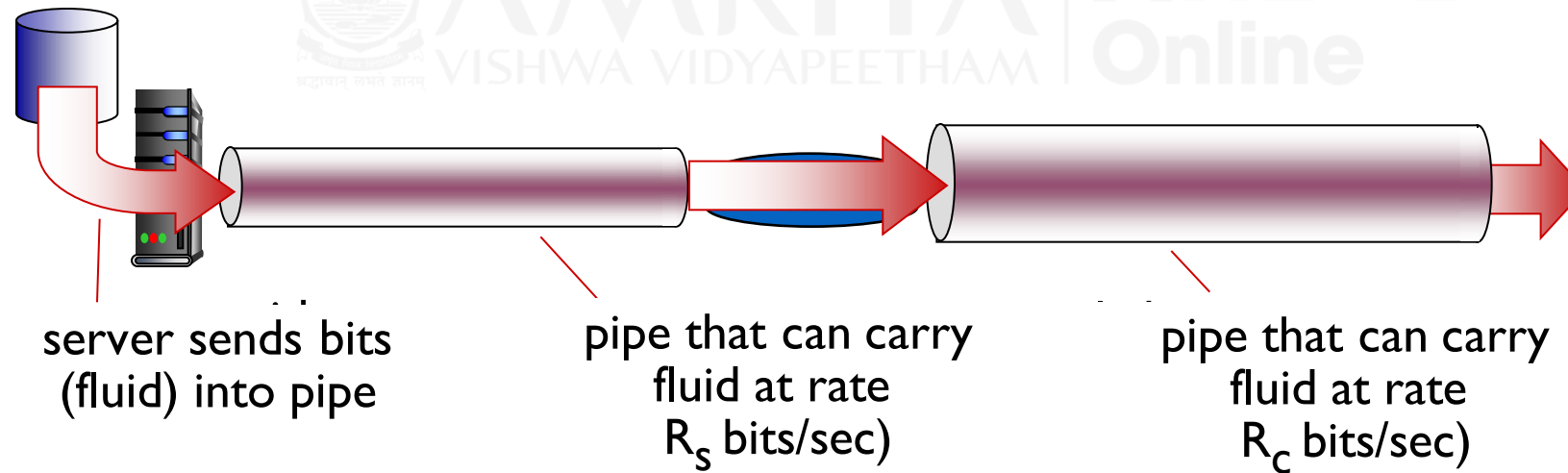
Bandwidth, Throughput and Speed

- **Speed** is a general term used by common user
- Measured in bits per second (**bps**)
- **Bandwidth** often refers to the maximum amount of data transfer per second
  - Refers to the physical total capacity
  - Ex: Gigabit Ethernet bandwidth – 1 Gbps
  - Analogy – 24 hours per day
- **Throughput** is actual amount of data passing through media or a connection
  - Analogy – working hours as 8 or 10 hours per day

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Internet speed test

3.56
Megabits per second

Testing upload…

2.82
Mbps download   Mbps upload

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Throughput

- Rate at which bits transferred between sender/receiver
  - Instantaneous: rate at given point of time
  - Average: rate over longer period of time
  - Measured in bits per second

- Analogy: Water flow through a pipe

server sends bits
(fluid) into pipe

pipe that can carry
fluid at rate
R_s bits/sec)

pipe that can carry
fluid at rate
R_c bits/sec)
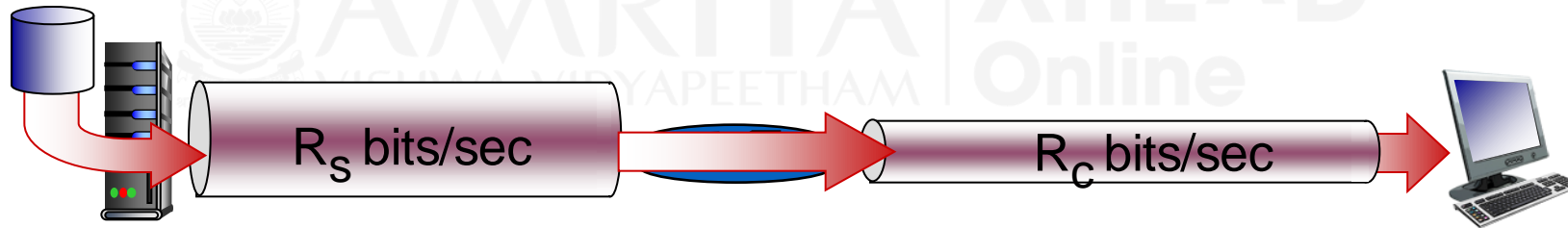
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Throughput

- $R_s < R_c$ What is average end-end throughput?


R$_S$ bits/sec   R$_C$ bits/sec

- $R_s > R_c$ What is average end-end throughput?

R$_S$ bits/sec   R$_C$ bits/sec
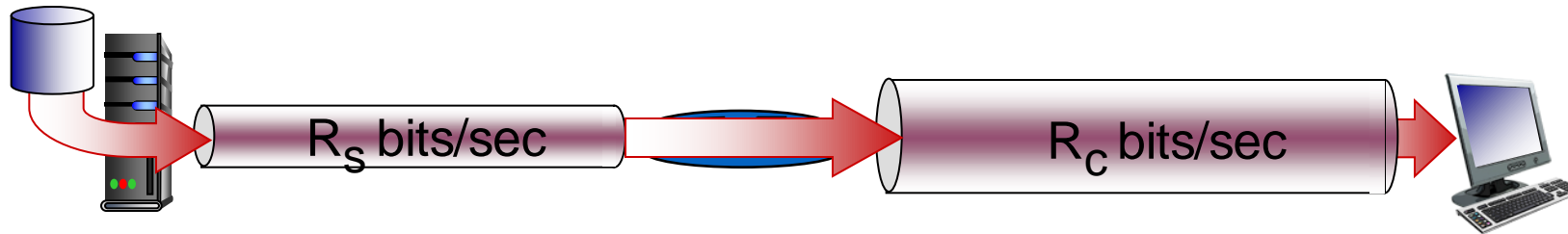
bottleneck link

link on end-end path that constrains end-end throughput

Real time Internet delays

- Delay = Time taken after the request before responding request

- How to understand Internet delay experienced by us?

- Traceroute: provides delay measurement from source to router along end-end Internet path towards destination. For all i:

  - sends three packets that will reach router i on path towards destination

  - router i will return packets to sender

3 probes 3 probes
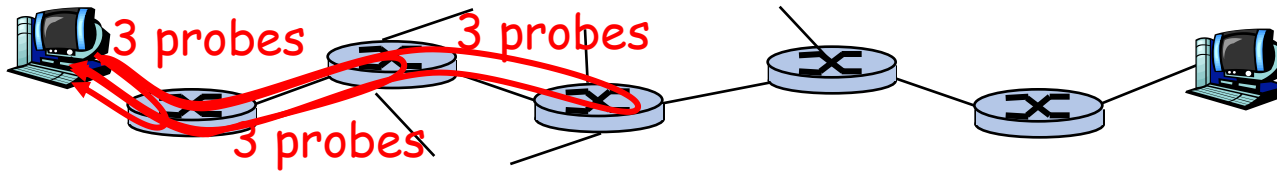
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Tracert example

- Ex: tracert google.co.in from 192.168.42.253

- 8 hop routers

- 3 probe messages sent to each router

- No response to reach india.com hop routers

  * means no response (probe lost, router not replying)


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C:\WINDOWS\system32\cmd.exe                                          —    □    ×

at
C:\Users\student3>ipconfig

Windows IP Configuration


Ethernet adapter Ethernet 2:

    Connection-specific DNS Suffix  . :
    Link-local IPv6 Address . . . . . : fe80::859d:c25c:c87a:7983%11
    IPv4 Address. . . . . . . . . . . : 192.168.42.253
    Subnet Mask . . . . . . . . . . . : 255.255.255.0
    Default Gateway . . . . . . . . . : 192.168.42.129

C:\Users\student3>tracert google.co.in

Tracing route to google.co.in [216.58.200.131]
over a maximum of 30 hops:

  1      2 ms      1 ms     <1 ms   192.168.42.129
  2     65 ms     49 ms     48 ms   10.47.100.100
  3     51 ms     48 ms     49 ms   10.174.19.110
  4     66 ms       *        62 ms   192.168.23.13
  5     58 ms     48 ms     62 ms   100.64.0.94
  6    310 ms     52 ms     57 ms   72.14.197.130
  7     61 ms     53 ms     60 ms   74.125.242.129
  8     66 ms     44 ms     47 ms   216.239.54.197
  9     60 ms     47 ms     53 ms   maa05s10-in-f3.1e100.net [216.58.200.131]

Trace complete.

C:\Users\student3>tracert india.com

Tracing route to india.com [54.173.62.149]
over a maximum of 30 hops:

  1      1 ms     <1 ms    <1 ms   192.168.42.129
  2      *         *         *      Request timed out.
  3    ^C
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3 Packet delays measurements from the first router 192.168.42.129

Recap

- Different delays in a network
  - Transmission delay
  - Propagation delay
  - Processing delay
  - Queuing delay

- Packet Loss
- Bandwidth & Throughput

- Real Internet delays
  - Tracert command