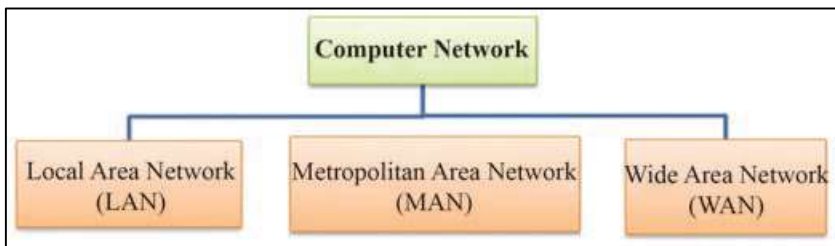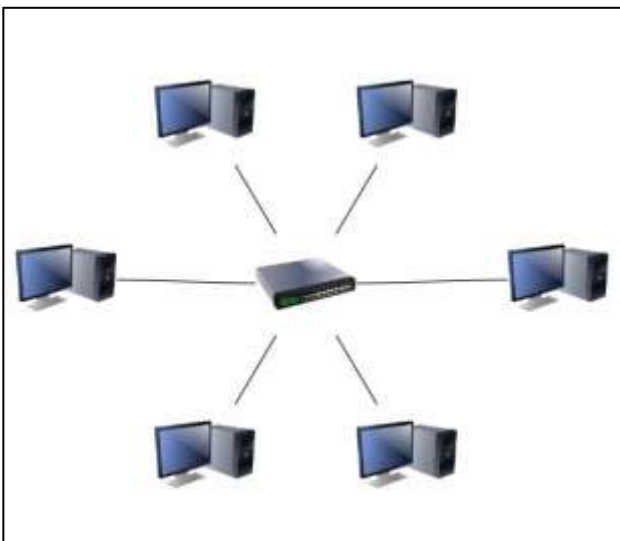# 1.4 Types of Computer Networks

Computer networks can be classified according to geographical distribution of computers in the network.
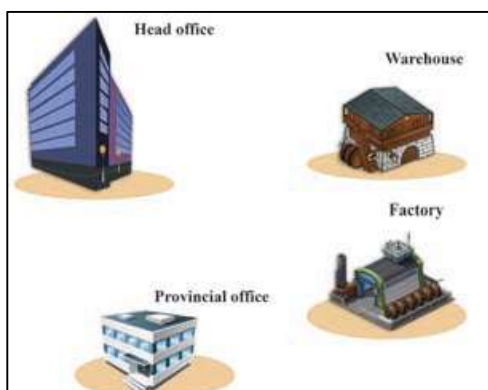

1. Local Area Network (LAN)

- A LAN connects computers inside a room or several rooms in a building. A computer network built in a school, university, a small scale business or an office can be given as examples.

2. Metropolitan Area Network (MAN)

- MAN is a combination of several Local Area Networks which covers less than 16 miles Examples include banking networks, institutes and universities with branches.

3. Wide Area Network (WAN)

- These networks cover a wide area. This can be within or outside a country. The best example for WAN is the Internet.