CME 3004 Computer Networks

LAN Wiring and Interface Hardware



Network Interface Hardware

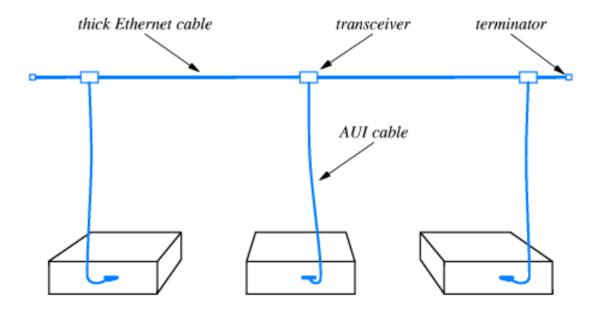


- Network Interface Card (NIC) is a special-purpose hardware usually consists of a printed circuit board that contains electronic components.
- Plugs into the computer's bus, a cable connects it to network medium.

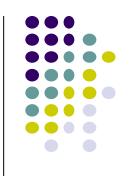


Thick Ethernet Wiring

- Thick wire Ethernet or Thicknet
- 10Base5

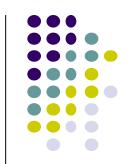


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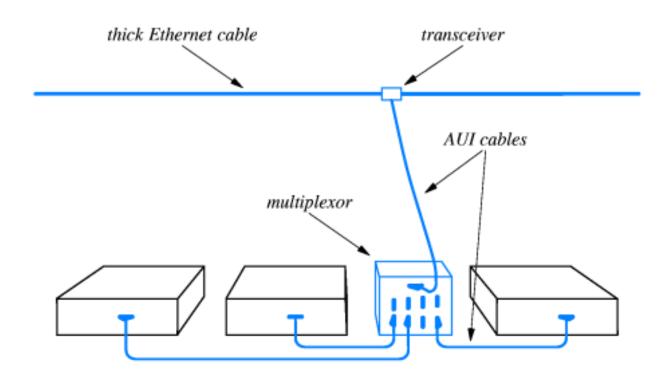


- Attachment Unit Interface (AUI) Cable
- Terminator: Consists of a resistor that connects the center wire in the cable to the shield.





 Connection multiplexor is an electronic device allows multiple computers to attach to a single transceiver.

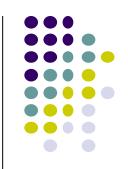


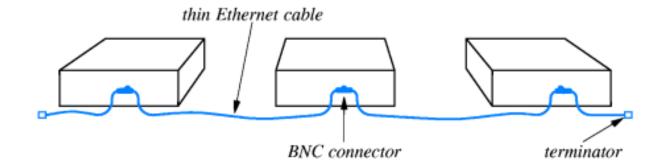
Thin Ethernet Wiring



- Thin wire Ethernet or Thinnet
- 10Base2
- Advantages:
 - Cost less
 - No external transceiver is needed
 - Does not use AUI cable, uses BNC connector.







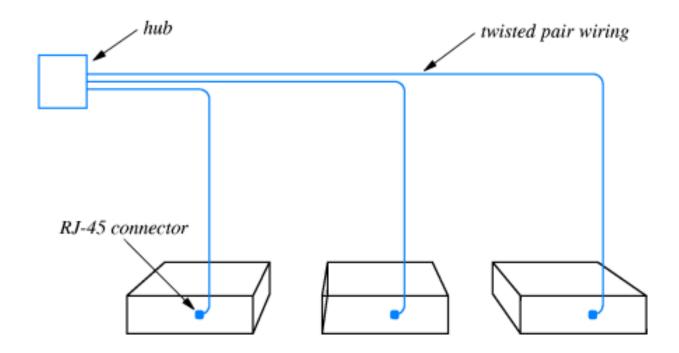
Twisted Pair Ethernet



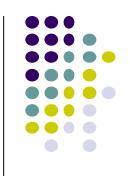
- 10BaseT
- Twisted Pair Ethernet or TP Ethernet
- Uses an electronic device known as Ethernet hub in place of shared cable.
- Uses RJ-45 connector



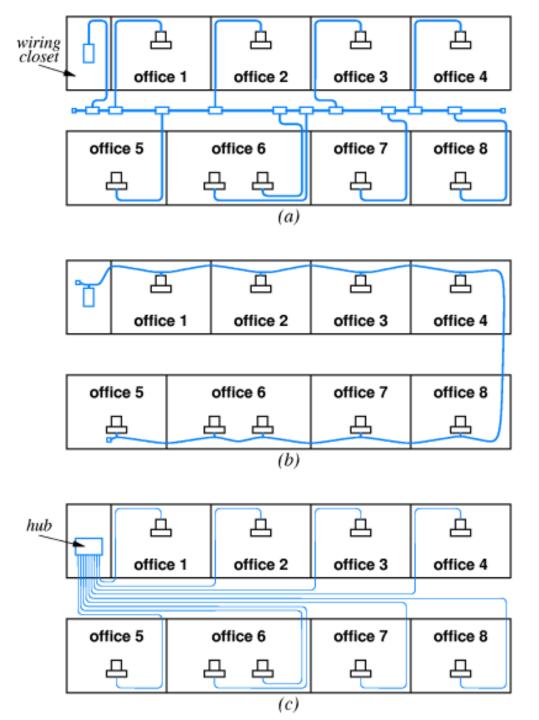


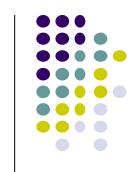


The Topology Paradox

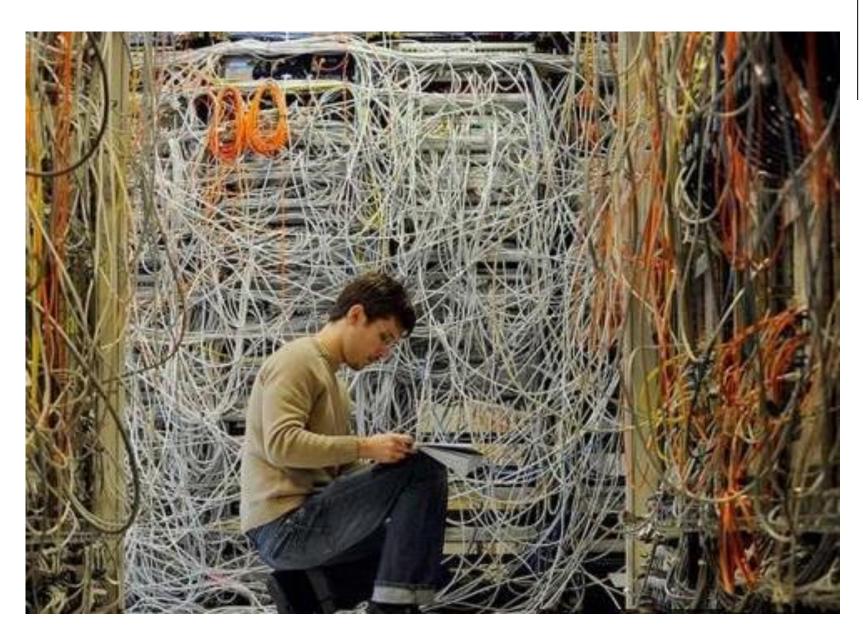


- A given network technology can use a variety of wiring schemes.
- The technology determines the logical topology, and the wiring scheme determines physical topology.







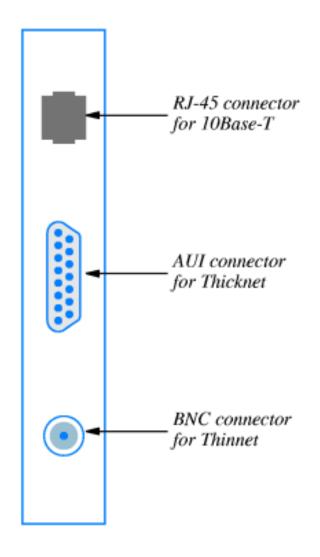




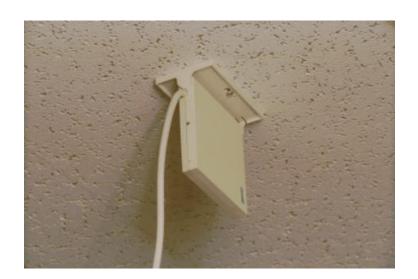








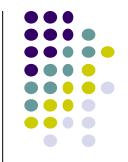






Physical Layer Standard	Speed	Maximum Run Length	Medium
UTP			
10Base-T	10 Mbps*	100 meters	4-pair Category 3 or better
100Base-TX	100 Mbps	100 meters	4-pair Category 5 or better
1000Base-T	1,000 Mbps	100 meters	4-pair Category 5 or better

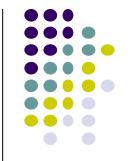
^{*}With autosensing, 100Base-TX NICs and switches will slow to 10 Mbps for 10Base-T devices. Often called 10/100 Ethernet



Physical Layer Standard	Speed	Maximum Run Length	Medium
Optical Fiber			
100Base-FX	100 Mbps	2 km	62.5/125 multimode, 1300 nm, switch

Physical Layer Standard	Speed	Maximum Run Length	Medium
1000Base-SX	1 Gbps	220 m	62.5/125 micron multimode, 850 nm, 160 MHz-km modal bandwidth
1000Base-SX	1 Gbps	275 m	62.5/125 micron multimode, 850 nm, 200 MHz-km
1000Base-SX	1 Gbps	500 m	50/125 micron multimode, 850 nm, 400 MHz-km
1000Base-SX	1 Gbps	550 m	50/125 micron multimode, 850 nm; 500 MHz-km

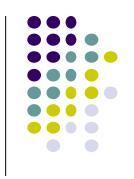
Gigabit Ethernet, 850 nm, various core sizes and modal bandwidths



Physical Layer Standard	Speed	Maximum Run Length	Medium
1000Base-LX	1 Gbps	550 m	62.5/125 micron multimode, 1310 nm
1000Base-LX	1 Gbps	5 km	9/125 micron single mode, 1310 nm

Gigabit Ethernet, 1300 nm, multimode versus single mode

Perspective

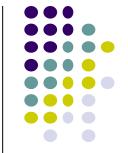


- Access links to client stations today are dominated by 100Base-TX
- Trunk links today are dominated by 1000Base-SX
 - Short trunk links, however, use UTP
 - Longer and faster trunk links use other fiber standards



Physical Layer Standard	Speed	Maximum Run Length	Medium
10GBase-SR/SW	10 Gbps	65 m	62.5/125 micron multimode, 850 nm
10GBase-LX4	10 Gbps	300 m	62.5/125 micron multimode, 1300 nm, WDM with 4 lambdas

10 Gbps Ethernet, multimode S = 850 nm, L = 1300 nm R=LAN, W=WAN

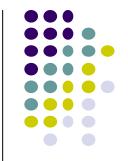


Physical Layer Standard	Speed	Maximum Run Length	Medium
10GBase-LR/LW	10 Gbps	10 km	9/125 micron single mode, 1300 nm.
10GBase-ER/EW	10 Gbps	40 km	9/125 micron single mode, 1550 nm.

10 Gbps Ethernet, for wide area networks

L = 1300 nm, E = 1550 nm

R = LAN, W = WAN



Physical Layer Standard	Speed	Maximum Run Length	Medium
40 Gbps Ethernet	40 Gbps	Under Development	9/125 micron single mode.



Notes:

- For 10GBase-x, LAN versions (R) transmit at 10 Gbps. WAN versions (W) transmit at 9.95328 Gbps for carriage over SONET/SDH links (see Chapter 6)
- The 40 Gbps Ethernet standards are still under preliminary development