

the network layer

the Internet Protocol (IP) version 4 or version 6

there are also others, but quite uncommon today

allows send messages to/recv messages from other networks

“internetwork”

messages usually called “packets”

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includes dropped by link layer
(e.g. if detected corrupted there)