

Supplementary Reading for The OSI Networking Model

In addition to the five layer model we are working with, it's important to note that other models exist. The traditional TCP/IP Model only has four layers, as it doesn't differentiate between the physical layer and the data link layer, but is otherwise very similar to the one we'll be working with. The most well known other model is the OSI model. It's the model taught by many other networking certificate programs, like Net+ and Cisco's many networking certifications. The primary difference between our five layer model and the seven layer OSI model is that the OSI model abstracts the application layer into three layers total.

You can learn more about the **OSI Networking Model** by checking out these links:

- <https://www.sans.org/reading-room/whitepapers/standards/osi-model-overview-543>
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/OSI_model