Chapter 1: Introduction

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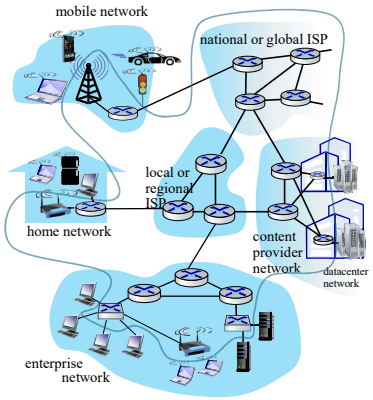
The Internet: a "nuts and bolts" view

Billions of connected computing *devices*:
- *hosts* = *end systems*
- running *network apps* at Internet's "edge"

Packet switches: forward packets (chunks of data)
- *routers*, *switches*

Communication links
- fiber, copper, radio, satellite
- transmission rate: *bandwidth*

Networks
- collection of devices, routers, links: managed by an organization



Methods to transmit data

Morse code is a method used in telecommunication to encode text characters as standardized sequences of two different signal durations, called *dots* and *dashes* or *dits* and *dahs*

"International Morse code Recommendation ITU-R M.1677-1". itu.int. International Telecommunication Union. October 2009. Archived from the original on 6 November 2012. Retrieved 23 December 2011.

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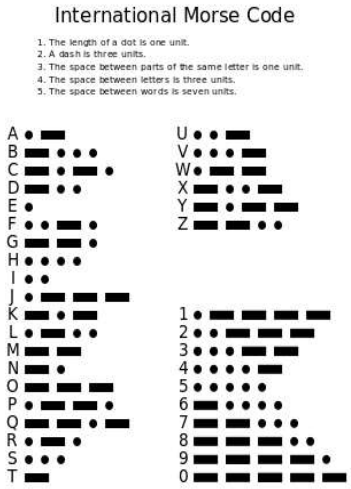

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Telephone network

- *Circuit switching* or *connection oriented network* consists of the simple process of establishing a physical circuit (the so-called dedicated communication path) between two devices.

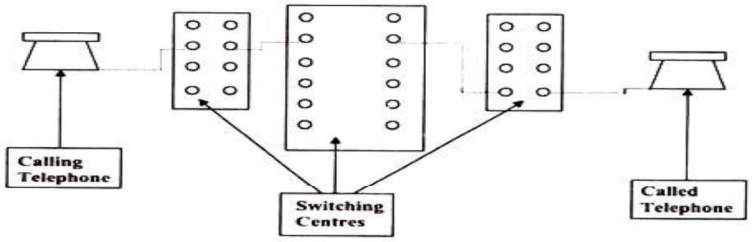

Fig. 6.4 Circuit-Switched Telephone Network

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Computer network

Definition of a computer network:

- A *shared* platform through which a *large* number of users and applications *communicate* with each other.

Connectivity: *who and how to connect?*

Scalability: *how many to connect?*

Resource sharing: *how to utilize the connectivity?*

- Packet switching in datacom
- Circuit switching in telecom

Connectivity: Node, Link, Path

Another definition of a computer network (connectivity version):

- A *connected* platform constructed from a set of *nodes* and *links*, where any two nodes can reach each other through a *path* consisting of a sequence of nodes and links.

Node: host or gateway

- Host: end-point where users or applications reside
- Gateway: device to interconnect hosts

Link: point-to-point or broadcast

- Point-to-point: two end-points
- Broadcast: many attach-points

Path: routed or switched

- Routed: *stateless* concatenation of links
- Switched: *stateful* concatenation of links

Node: Host or Intermediary

Host

- Mainframe, workstation, desktop, hand-held, set-top-box, etc.
- Act as client or server, or both

Intermediary

- Hub, switch, router, gateway, etc.
- Wire-speed processing is a goal
- Embedded system with special ICs for speedup or cost reduction

Link: Point-to-Point or Broadcast

Access type

- Point-to-Point
  - Simplex, half-duplex, full-duplex
  - Usually WANs
- Broadcast
  - Multiple access: contend to transmit
  - Usually LANs (exception: satellite-based ALOHA)

Media type

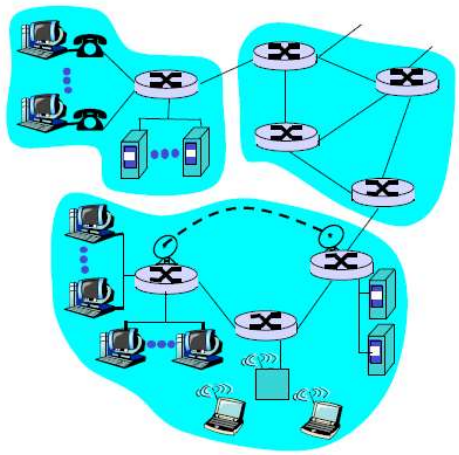
- Wired
  - Twisted pair, coaxial cable, fiber optics
- Wireless
  - Radio(10^4~10^8 Hz), microwave (10^8~10^{11} Hz), infrared (10^{11}~10^{14} Hz)

Computer network structure

Network edge:
- applications and hosts

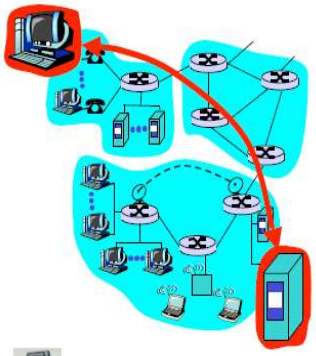
Network core:
- Routers
- Network of networks

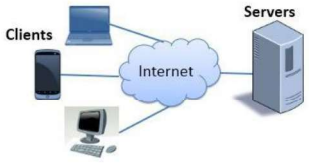
Access networks, physical media:
- Communication links



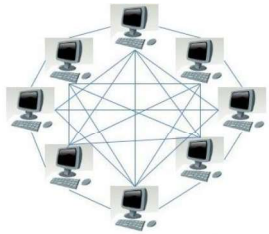
The network edge

- End systems (hosts)
  - Run application programs
  - e.g., web, email
- Client/Server model
- Peer-peer model





Client-Servers Network Model


Peer-to-Peer Network Model

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Internet services models

Connection-oriented service
- Data transfer between end systems
- TCP – Transmission Control Protocol
  - Reliable, byte-stream data transfer. If loss→ acknowledgements and retransmissions
  - Flow control: sender won't overwhelm receiver
  - HTTP, FTP, SMTP, Telnet

Connectionless service
- Data transfer between end systems
- UDP – User Datagram Protocol
  - Connectionless
  - Unreliable data transfer
  - No flow control
  - No congestion control
  - Streaming media, teleconferencing, DNS, Internet telephony

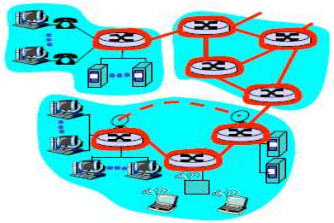
The network core

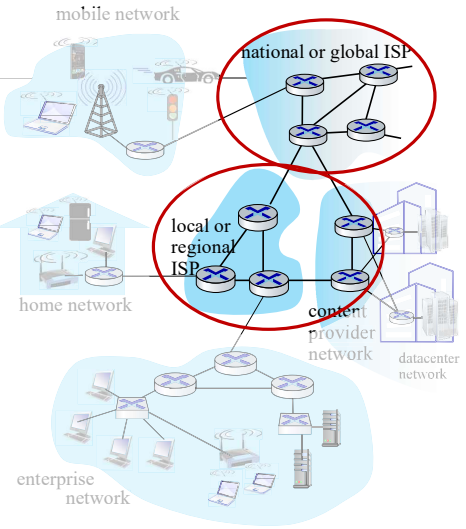
Mesh of interconnected routers

The fundamental question:

How is data transferred through net?

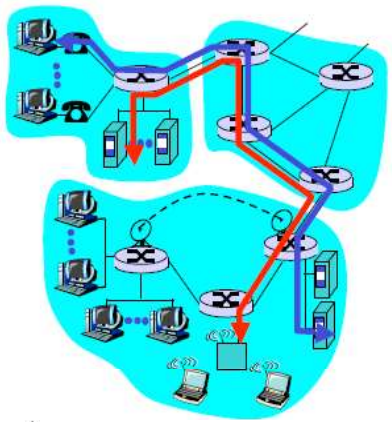
- Circuit switching: dedicated circuit per call (telephone net)
- Packet-switching: data sent through net in discrete "chunks"

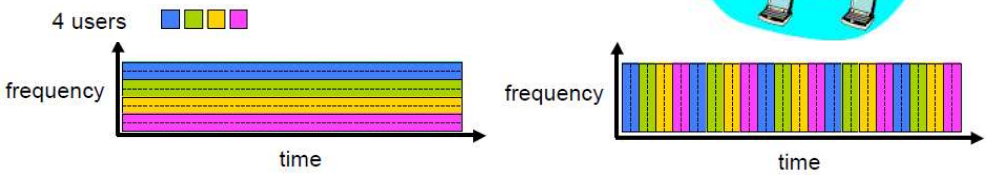




The network core: circuit switching

End-to-end resources reserved for "call"
- Dedicated resources: no sharing
- Circuit-like (guaranteed) performance
- Call setup required
- Must divide link between into pieces
- E.g., Frequency Division Multiple Access (FDMA) and Time Division Multiple Access (TDMA)

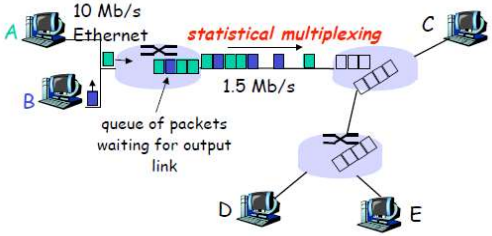




The network core: packet switching

Each end-end data stream divided into packets
- User A, B packets share network resources
- Each packet uses full link bandwidth
- Resources used as needed

Resource contention
- Aggregate resource demand can exceed amount available
- Congestion: packets queue, wait for link use
- Store and forward



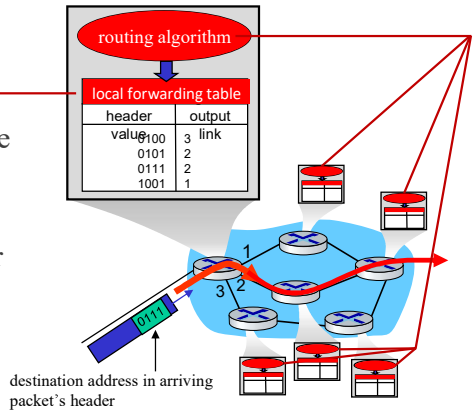
Datagram network
- Destination address in packet determines next hop
- Routes may change during session
- Analogy: driving, asking directions
- Datagram network is NOT either connection-oriented or connectionless

Virtual circuit network
- Each packet carries tag (virtual circuit ID), tag determines next hop
- Fixed path determined at call setup time
- Routes maintain per-call state

Two key network-core functions

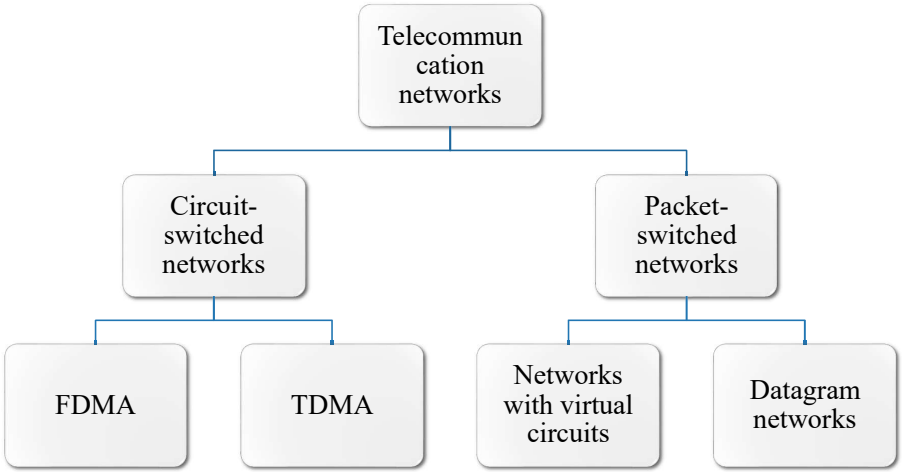
Forwarding:

local action: move arriving packets from router's input link to appropriate router output link



Routing:
- *global* action: determine source-destination paths taken by packets
- routing algorithms

Network taxonomy



Access networks

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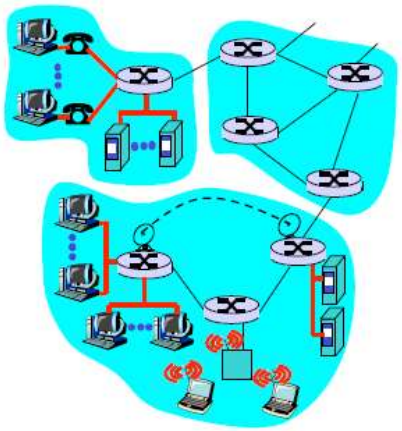
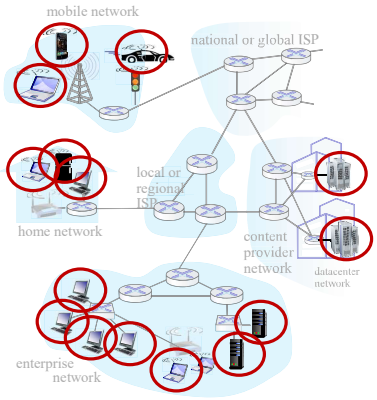


A closer look at Internet structure

Network edge:

hosts: clients and servers

servers often in data centers



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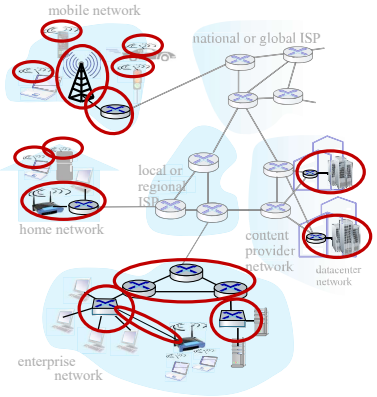

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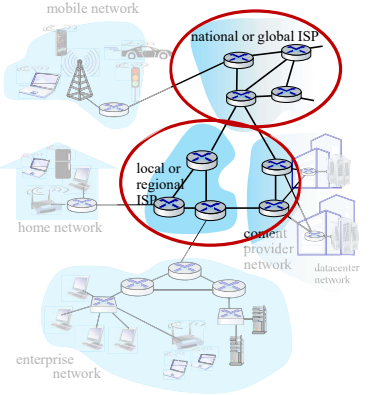


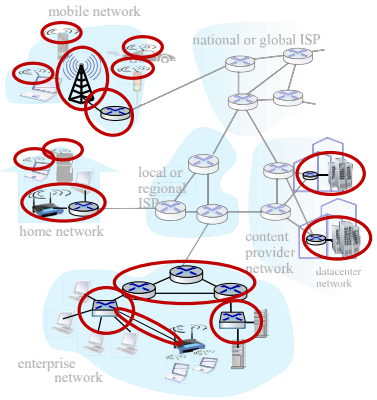
Access networks and physical media

Q: How to connect end systems to edge router?

residential access nets

institutional access networks (school, company)

mobile access networks (WiFi, 4G/5G)



What to look for:

- transmission rate (bits per second) of access network?
- shared or dedicated access among users?

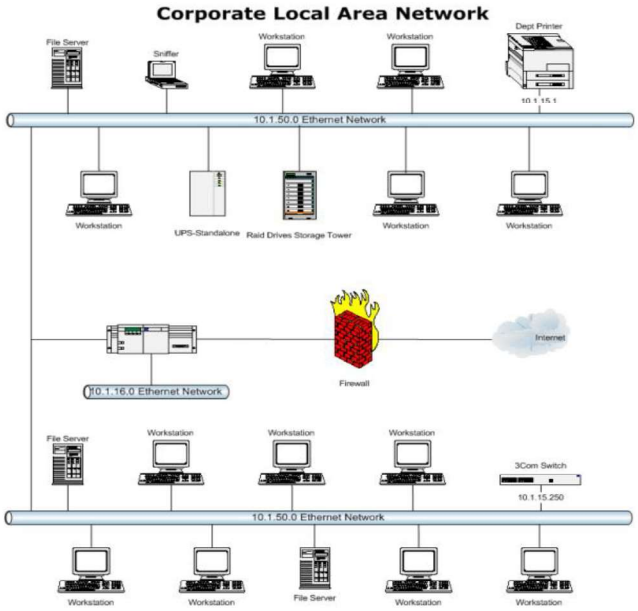
Types of networks

The two most common types of network infrastructures are:

- Local Area Network (LAN)
- Wide Area Network (WAN)

Other types of networks include:

- Metropolitan Area Network (MAN)
- Wireless LAN (WLAN)
- Storage Area Network (SAN)



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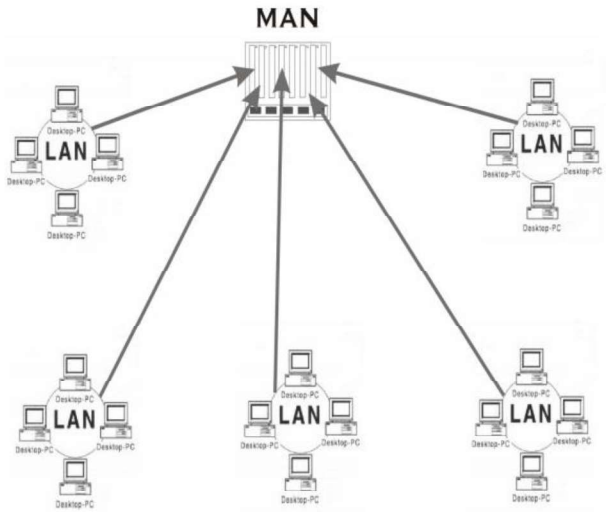

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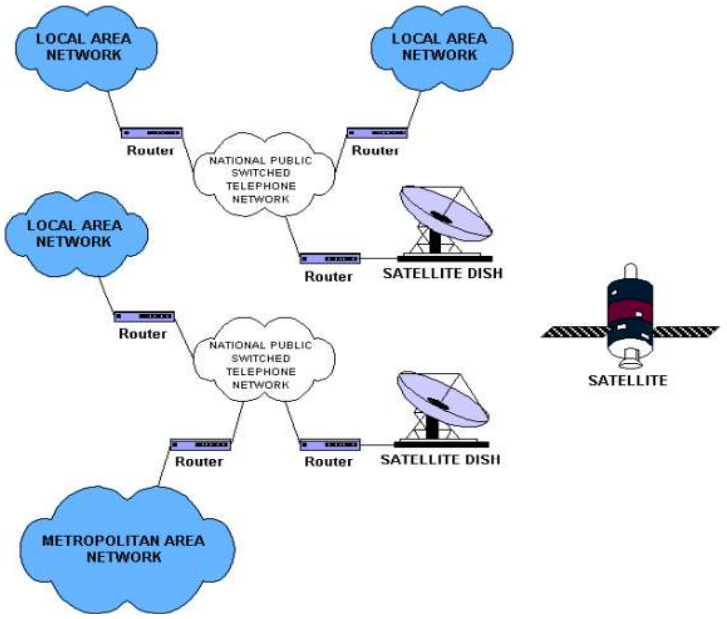

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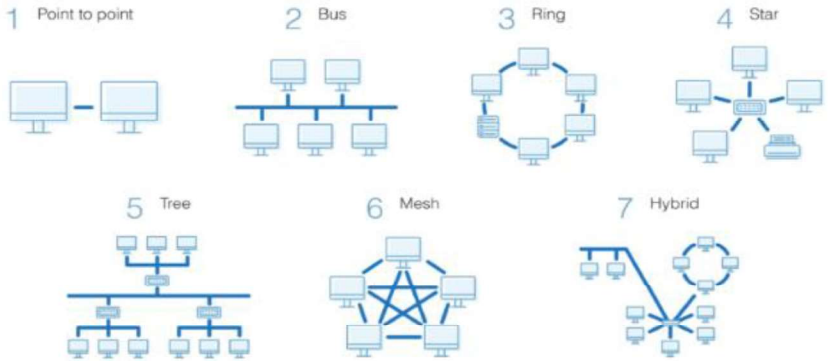

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What's a protocol?

human protocols:

"what's the time?"

"I have a question"

introductions

network protocols:

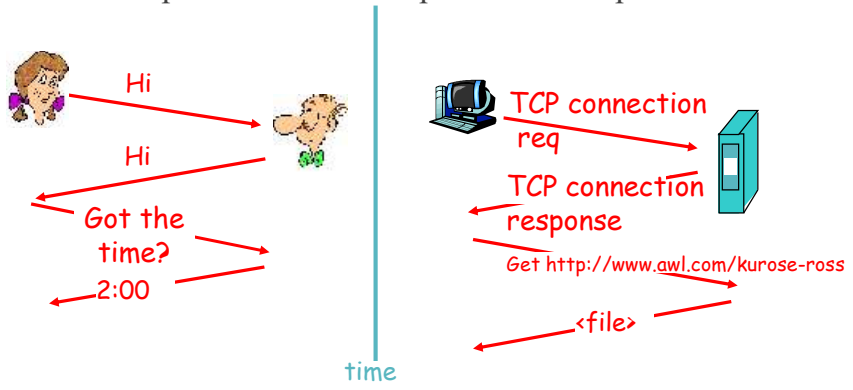
machines rather than humans

all communication activity in Internet governed by protocols

protocols define format, order of msgs sent and received among network entities, and actions taken on msg transmission, receipt

What's a protocol?

a human protocol and a computer network protocol:

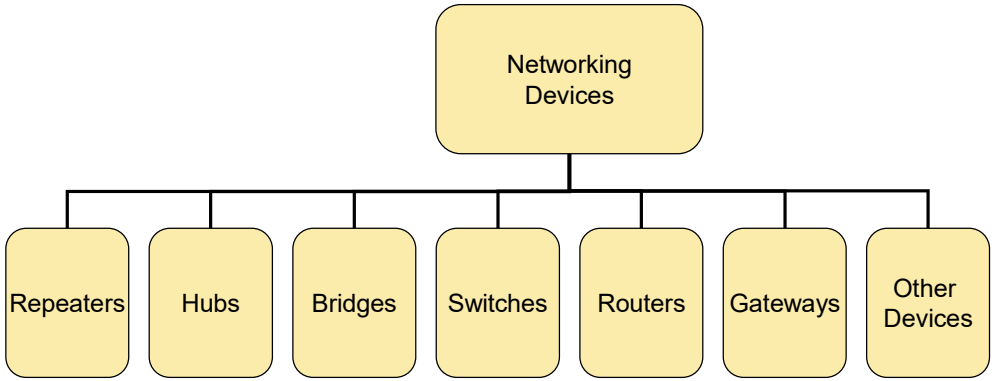


Q: Why are protocols so important?

Network protocols

- Rules of Communication
- Network Protocols and Standards
- Moving Data in the Network

Networking devices



OSI model

OPEN SYSTEMS INTERCONNECTION MODEL

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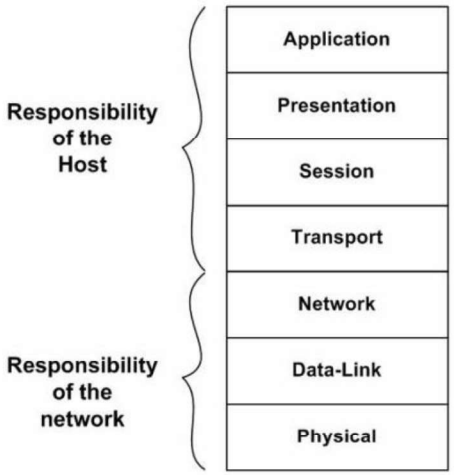

- Developed by the ISO
- Describe flow of information from one computer to others
- Consist of 7 layers

OSI model

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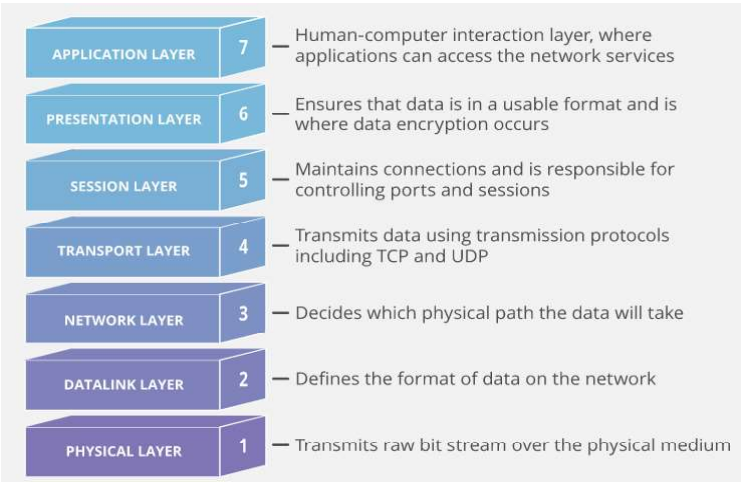

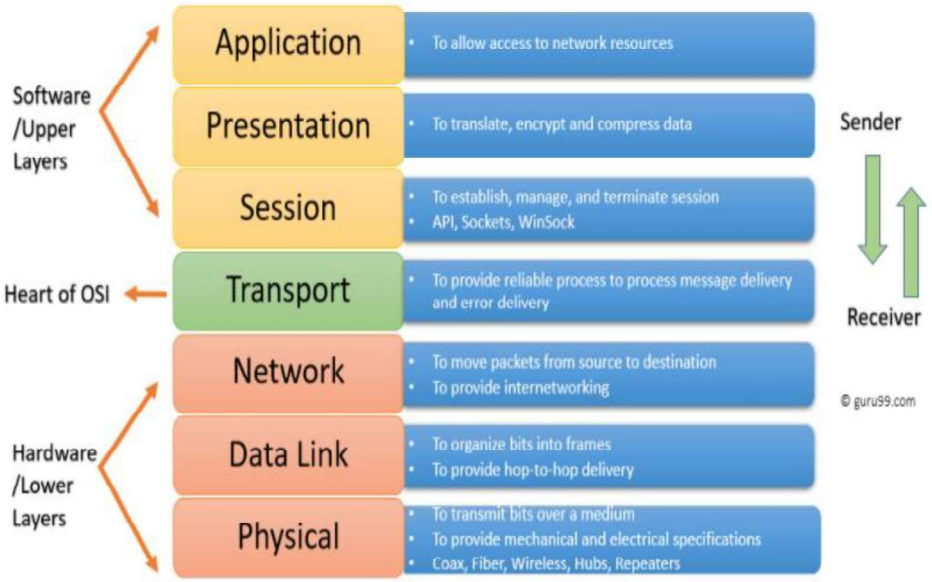

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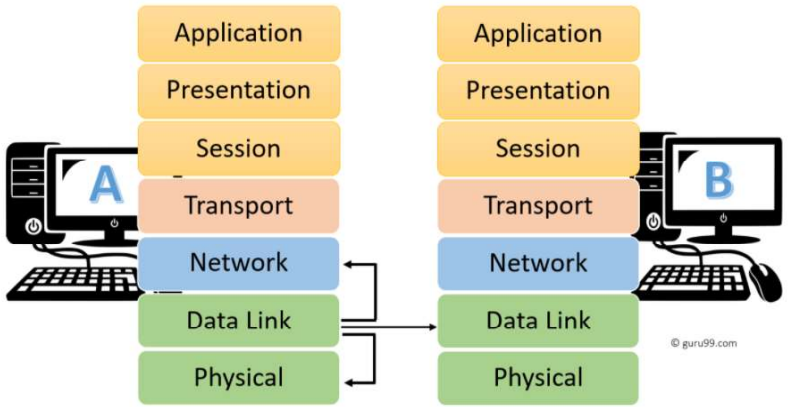
Interaction between OSI Model Layers



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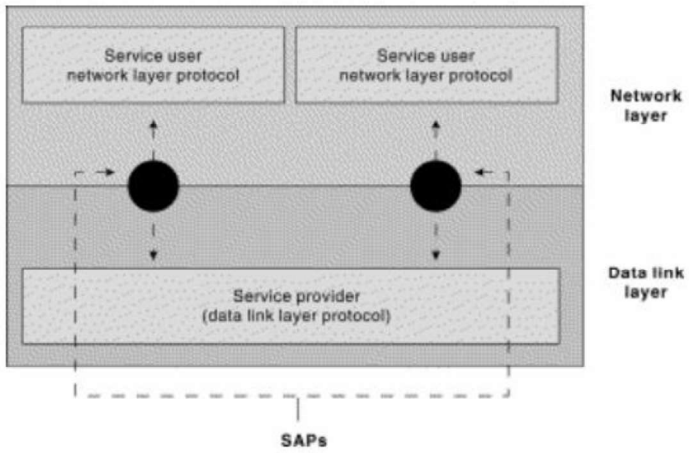
Services and service access points

Service Users, Providers, and SAPs interact at the Network and Data Link



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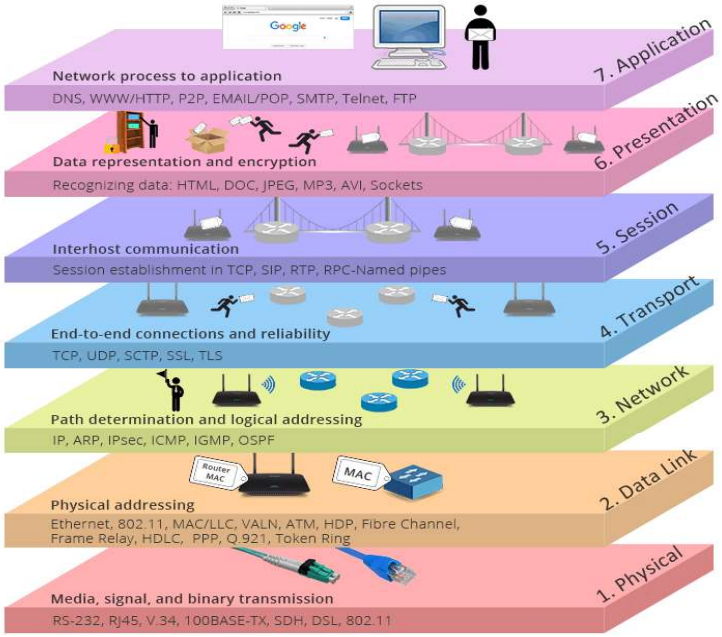

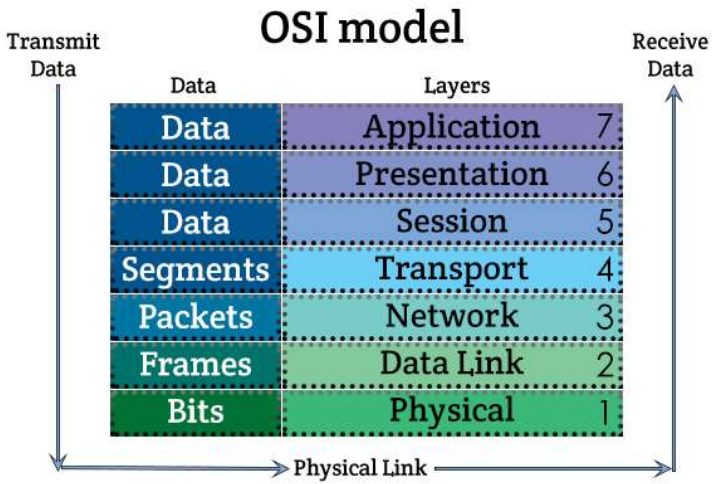

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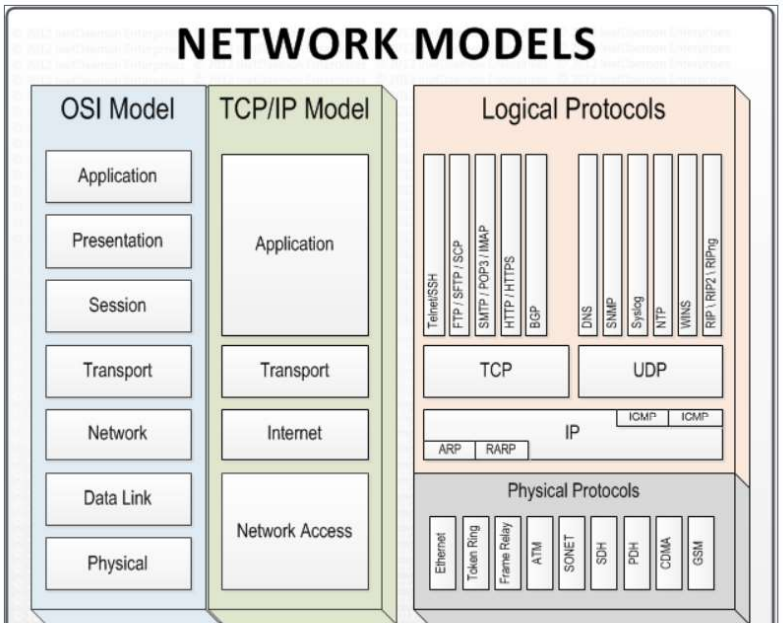

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