

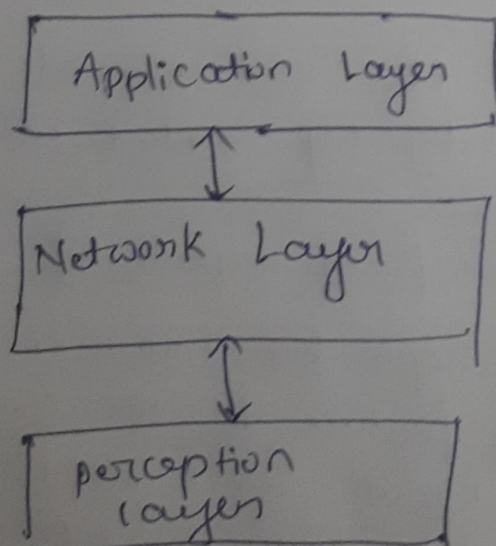
## Three layered architecture of iot.

This is the most basic architecture. It was introduced in the early stages of research in the area of iot.

It has three layers namely perception, network and application layer.

### The perception layer:

This is the physical layer which has the sensor for sensing and gathering information about the environment. It senses some physical parameters or identifies other smart objects in the environment.



- ii) The network layer is responsible for connecting to other smart things, network devices and servers. Its features are also used for transmitting and processing sensor data.
- iii) The application layer is also responsible for delivering application specific data to user.  
Ex: smart homes, smart cities, smart health.

#### Advantage:

- 3-layered architecture is very simple to understand and handling the data in environment becomes easy.
- Less amount of processing is needed as data only travels through 3-layers.

#### Disadvantage

- This is not the best approach as system components are tightly coupled with each other.
- It hinders on finer aspects of IoT.
- Very less scope for improvement.  
adding new feature to the existing layer makes difficult as it needs to compile complete layer modules which are tightly coupled.



## 5 layered iot architecture.

This additionally includes the processing and business layers.

The five layers are, perception, transport, processing, application and business layer.

The role of the perception & application layer is same as in 3-layer architecture.

The transport layer : transfer the data from one perception layer to the processing layer and vice a versa. through networks such as wireless 3G, LAN, Bluetooth, RFID & NFC.

The processing layer is also known as the middleware layer. It stores, analyzes, and processes huge amounts of data that comes transport layer. It can manage and provide a diverse set of services to the lower layer. It employs many technologies, database, cloud computing, Big data processing, Data Mining etc.



## The Business Layer

This manages the whole IoT system. including applications, business and profit models. and user's privacy. This layer Basically involves making flowchart, graphs, analysis of results and how device can be improved etc.

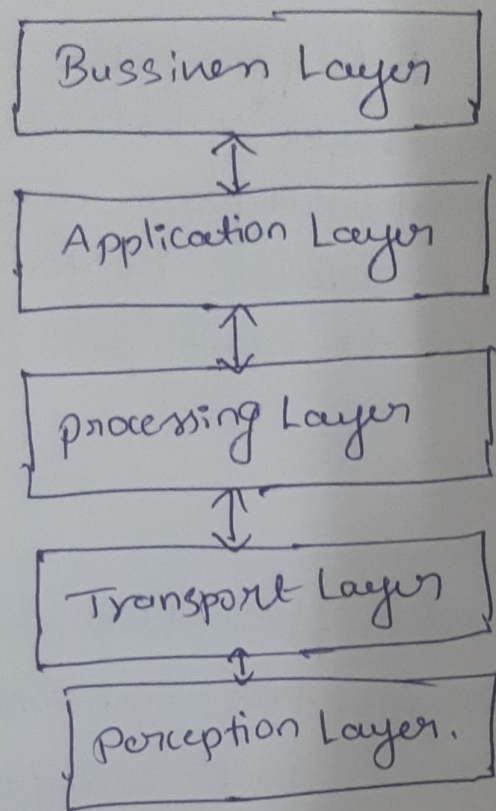
### Advantage:

- lot of scope of improvement for integrating new things to the system in the future.
- All functionality are loosely coupled compared to 3 & 4 layered architecture
- Business layer is extensible to provide good service to the customer.

### Disadvantage

- This layer do not considers the security and authentication of the devices
- Data authentication & User authorization are not handled separately
- It does not check for malicious content in the data.





### 6 Layered IoT architecture.

This architecture contains the separate 6 layers for each fine grain task thereby loosely coupling each system functionality.

#### The perception layer:

It identifies the object in order to gather the information. For this purpose different types of sensors & actuators are attached to this layer. It sends collected information to the observer layer to check the authentication of these sensor and devices.

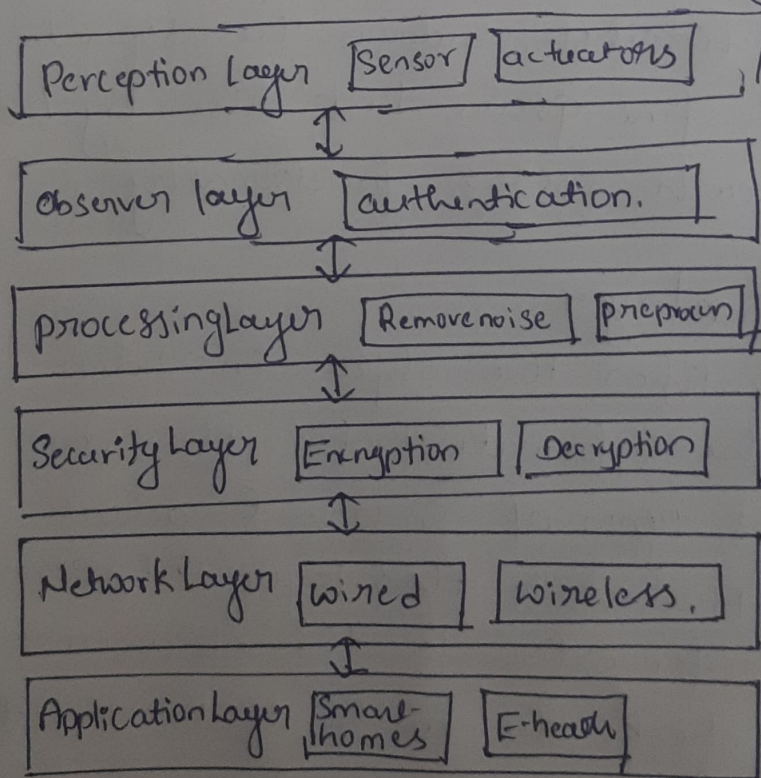


## Observer Layer:

It monitors the info from the perception layer. This layer checks whether the information is protected from any kind of intruders and viruses. If there is any breach in the data it won't pass the info to next layer.

## Processing Layer:

It process the data from the observer layer. This layer eliminates the unnecessary information. It stores and analyzes the huge amount of data from observer layer. It saves the networks from heavy traffic





### Security layer:

This is designed to make architecture of IoT secure. It converts information collected by Processing layer into an unknown form called cipher text. It also performs decryption of cipher.

### Network Layer:

This is also known as transmission layer. It connects all the devices using some common networks and shares the information to other connected things.

This layer can transmit the data any medium based on the network used.

### Application Layer:

It delivers the numerous application features into the user using protocols or API. Examples like sending email, API for sending command to device, API for pushing and pulling of info from server.

### Advantage:

- This is one of the most flexible IoT architecture.
- new methods and technologies can be added without much modification in existing tech.

### Disadvantage:

- There are problems like cascading failures exist.
- lot of time consumed in passing info to multiple layers.



#### 4 Layered architecture.

This architecture only contains 4 layers.

##### Application layer:

It helps to control and monitor various aspects of the iot system. It helps to visualize and analyze system status at present stage of action.

##### Service, Application Support layer:

- Device Modeling
- Device Control
- Data publishing
- Data analytics
- Data Discovery.

##### Network / communication layer:

Communication between devices and remote sensors.

Device layer: This layer provides sensing actuation control and monitoring activities.

