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# CPE 490: Information Systems Engineering I: Computer Networking Chapter 1- Introduction

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# Uses of Computer Networks

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- Why people are interested in Computer Networks?
  - ✓ Sharing Resource – programs, equipment, data, etc.
    - E.g., sharing a printer.
  - ✓ Sharing Information – bank, company, etc.
  - ✓ A powerful communication medium among people.
    - Email, Messenger, Video Conference, Voice over IP, etc.
  - ✓ E-business & E-commerce – doing business with consumers over the Internet.
    - Online stores - books, computers, airline tickets, cars, etc.
    - Online banking.
    - Online auction – eBay, etc.
- What they can be used for?
  - ✓ Business Applications
  - ✓ Home Applications
  - ✓ Mobile Users

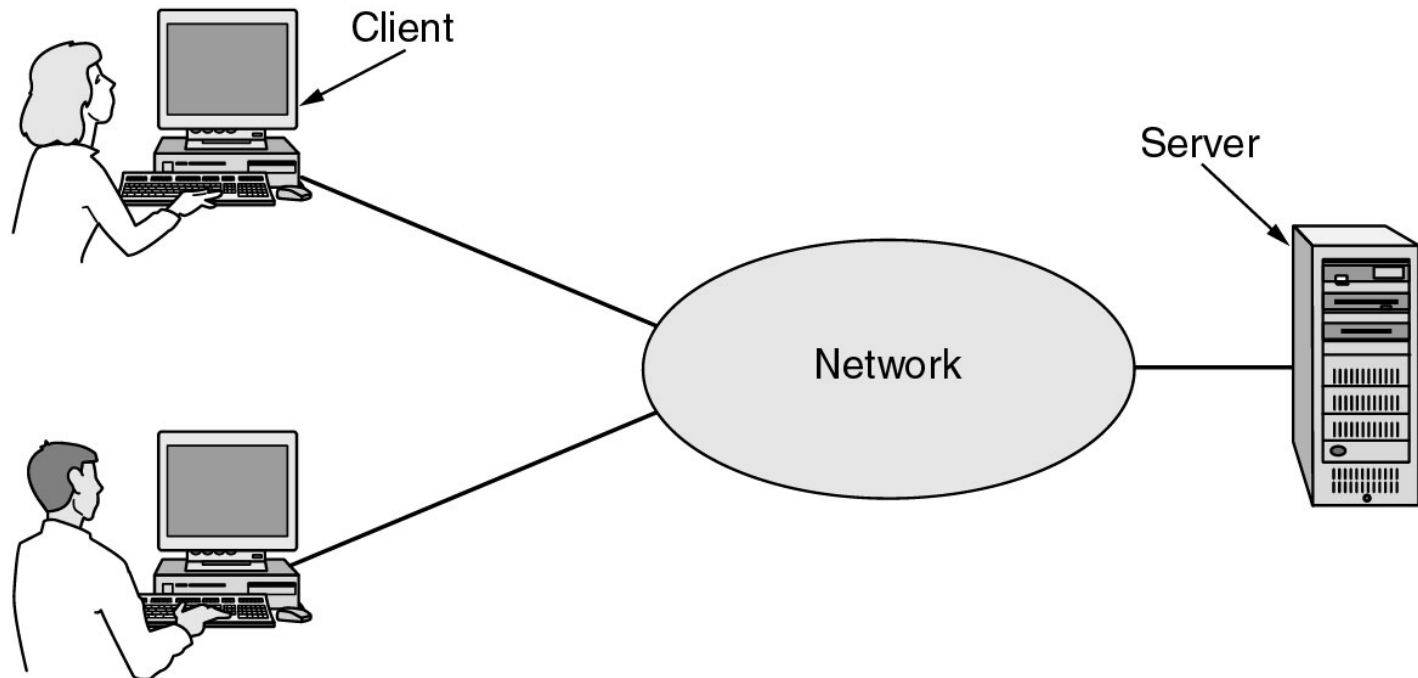
# The Client – Server Model

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- For large companies, the computers and employees may be scattered over dozens of offices and plants in many countries.
  - Remote data access is required.
- The data is stored on powerful computers with network connection – Servers
- Simpler computers used by employees – Clients
- Clients and Servers are connected by a network.

# Business Applications of Networks

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A network with two clients and one server.

# The Client – Server Model

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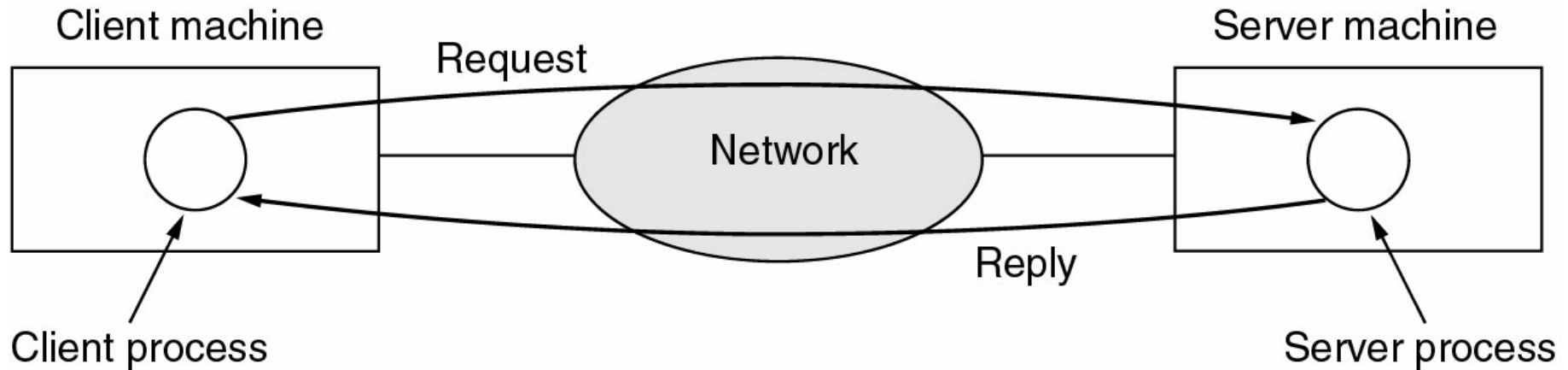
- Two processes:
  - One on client machine – client process.
  - One on server machine – server process.

The communication procedure:

1. Client process sends a message over the network to the server process.
2. Client process waits for a reply message.
3. When the server process gets the request, it performs the requested work and sends back a reply.

# Business Applications of Networks (2)

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The client-server model involves requests and replies.

# Home Network Applications

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- Access to remote information
  - ✓ Web surfing – all kinds of information.
  - ✓ On-line digital library, such as IEEE, ACM.
  - ✓ Interaction between a person and a remote database.
- Person-to-person communication
  - ✓ Email – including text, picture, audio, video.
  - ✓ Instant messaging – Yahoo, MSN, etc.
  - ✓ Chat room – a multi-person version.
  - ✓ Newsgroup – discussion on certain topics.
  - ✓ Peer-to-peer communication (no fixed clients and servers)
    - Napster – with over 50 million music fans swapping music.
    - Families share photos.

# Home Network Applications (2)

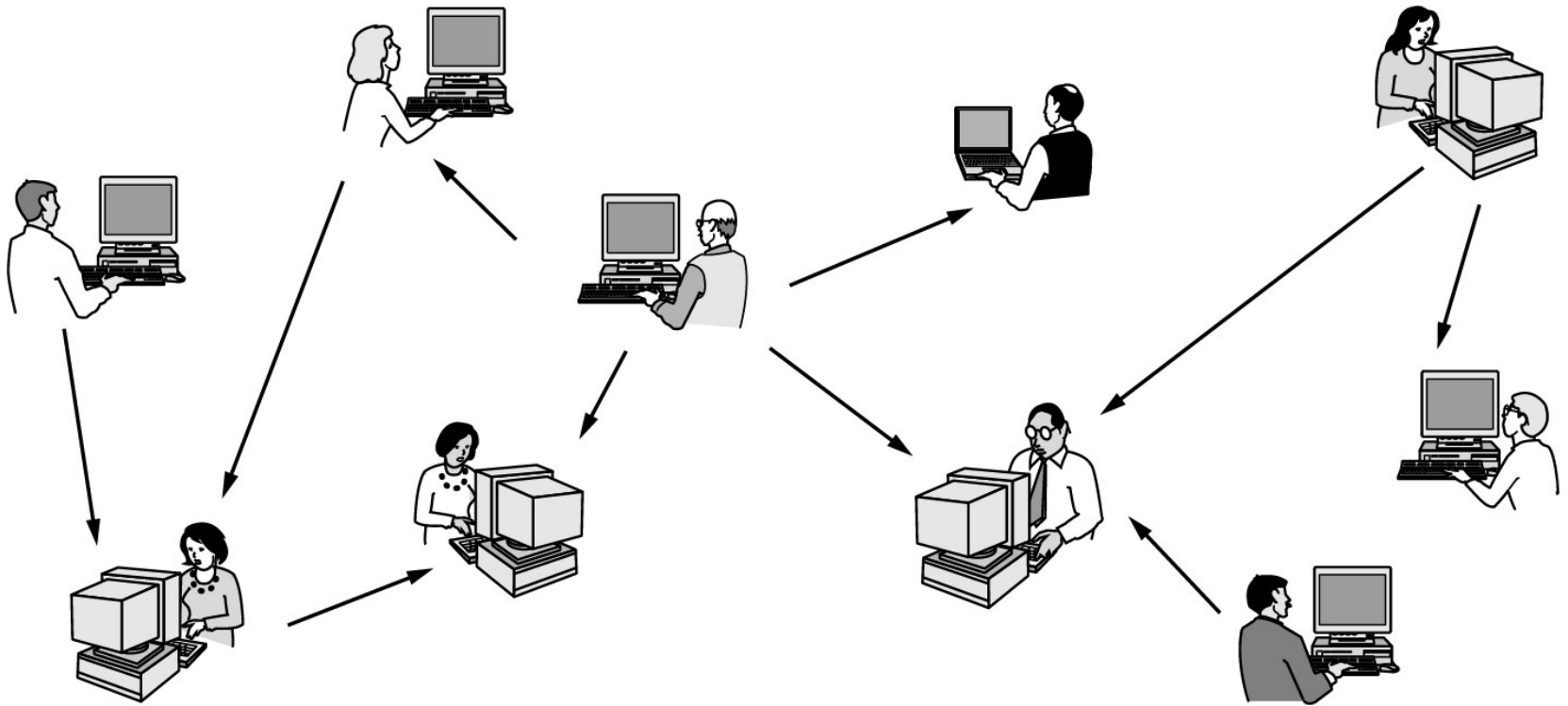
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- Interactive entertainment
  - ✓ Game playing.
  - ✓ Video on demand – select any movie ever made.
- Electronic commerce
  - ✓ Online shopping.
  - ✓ Accessing to financial institutions
    - Paying bill online.
    - Online banking.
    - Online stock trading.
  - ✓ Online auction – second hand goods.



# Home Network Applications (3)

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In peer-to-peer system there are no fixed clients and servers.

# Home Network Applications (4)

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Tag	Full name	Example
B2C	Business-to-consumer	Ordering books on-line
B2B	Business-to-business	Car manufacturer ordering tires from supplier
G2C	Government-to-consumer	Government distributing tax forms electronically
C2C	Consumer-to-consumer	Auctioning second-hand products on-line
P2P	Peer-to-peer	File sharing

Some forms of e-commerce.

# Mobile Network Users

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- Wireless: Connecting to a network without wire line.
  - Wireless networking access.
- Mobility: Accessing information from various locations.
  - Portable devices, e.g., laptops, cell phones, PDAs.

Wireless	Mobile	Applications
No	No	Desktop computers with wired cable connection
No	Yes	A laptop with wired cable connection
Yes	No	Desktop computers with a wireless card
Yes	Yes	Cell phones

Combinations of wireless networks and mobile computing.

# Mobile Network Users

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- An example of achieving both wireless and mobility - A PDA used for rental car returning.
- The PDA
  - has a wireless networking card.
  - uses the license plate number of the car as input.
  - accesses the server to obtain rental information.
  - prints out the bill on the spot.
- Other examples.

# Network Hardware

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## **Taxonomy of Computer Networks:** **Transmission Technology**

- ✓ Broadcast links
- ✓ Point-to-point links

## **Network Scale**

- ✓ Home Networks
- ✓ Local Area Networks
- ✓ Metropolitan Area Networks
- ✓ Wide Area Networks
- ✓ Wireless Networks
- ✓ Internetworks

# Broadcast Networks

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## Types of transmission technology

### ➤ Broadcast links

- ✓ A single communication channel is shared by all computers in the network.
- ✓ Packets sent by any machine are received by all the others.
- ✓ An address field within the packet specifies the receiver.
- ✓ Broadcasting – transmission to all machines.
- ✓ Multicasting – transmission to a subset of all machines.

### ➤ Point-to-point links

- ✓ Point-to-point networks consist of many connections between individual pairs of machines, e.g., Internet.
- ✓ Selecting the route (path) is an issue – routing.
- ✓ Unicasting – Point-to-point transmission with one sender and one receiver.

# Computer Networks

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Interprocessor distance	Processors located in same	Example
1 m	Square meter	Personal area network
10 m	Room	Local area network
100 m	Building	
1 km	Campus	
10 km	City	Metropolitan area network
100 km	Country	Wide area network
1000 km	Continent	
10,000 km	Planet	The Internet

Personal Area Network – e.g., a wireless printer, mouse, keyboard and a computer.

**Classification of interconnected processors by scale.**

# Local Area Networks (LANs)

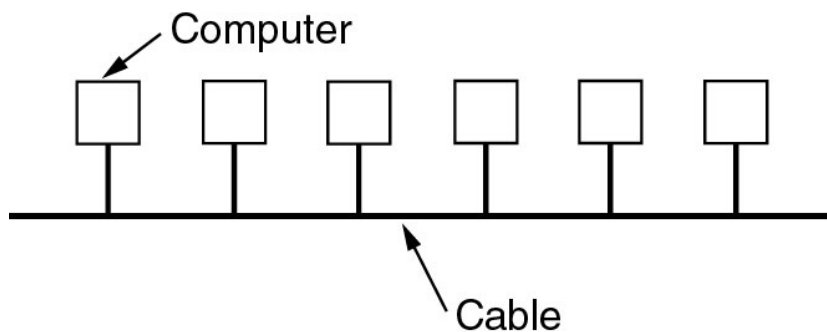
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- LANs are privately-owned networks
  - ✓ Within a single building or campus.
  - ✓ Up to a few miles in size.
- LANs are distinguished from other kinds of networks by three characteristics:
  - ✓ Size
    - LANs are restricted in size.
    - The worst-case transmission time is bounded and known in advance.
  - ✓ Transmission technology
    - Cable – 10 Mbps to 100 Mbps (1 Mbps = 1,000,000 bits/sec).
    - Low delay (microseconds or nanoseconds).
    - Few errors from transmission.
    - New LANs operate at up to 10 Gbps (1 Gbps = 1,000,000,000 bits/sec).
  - ✓ Topology
    - Bus
    - Ring

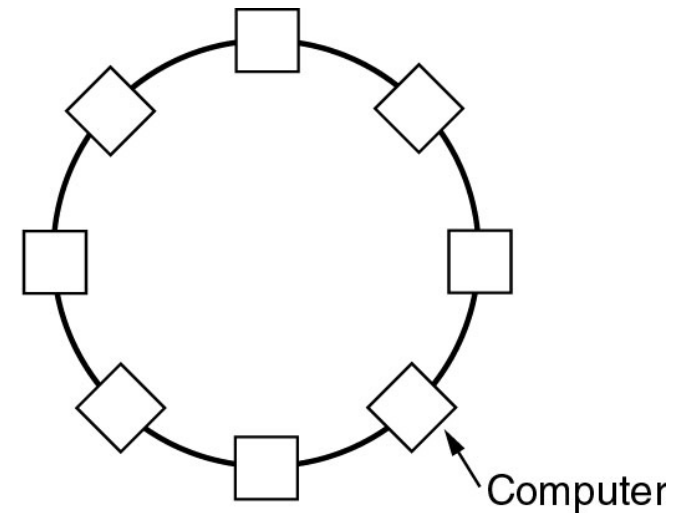


# Local Area Networks

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(a)



(b)

Two broadcast networks

(a) Bus

(b) Ring

# Local Area Networks

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## Two broadcast networks – (a) Bus

- ✓ At any instant at most one machine is the master and is allowed to transmit.
- ✓ An arbitration mechanism is needed to resolve the conflicts
  - when two or more machines want to transmit at the same time.
  - centralized or distributed.
- ✓ The IEEE 802.3 - Ethernet is a bus-based broadcast network with distributed control.
  - 10 Mbps to 10 Gbps.

## (b) Ring

- ✓ Each bit circumnavigates the entire ring without waiting for the rest of the packet.
- ✓ An arbitration mechanism is needed to resolve the concurrent transmission issue. E.g., round robin – each computer takes turn.
- ✓ IEEE 802.5 – the IBM token ring network.

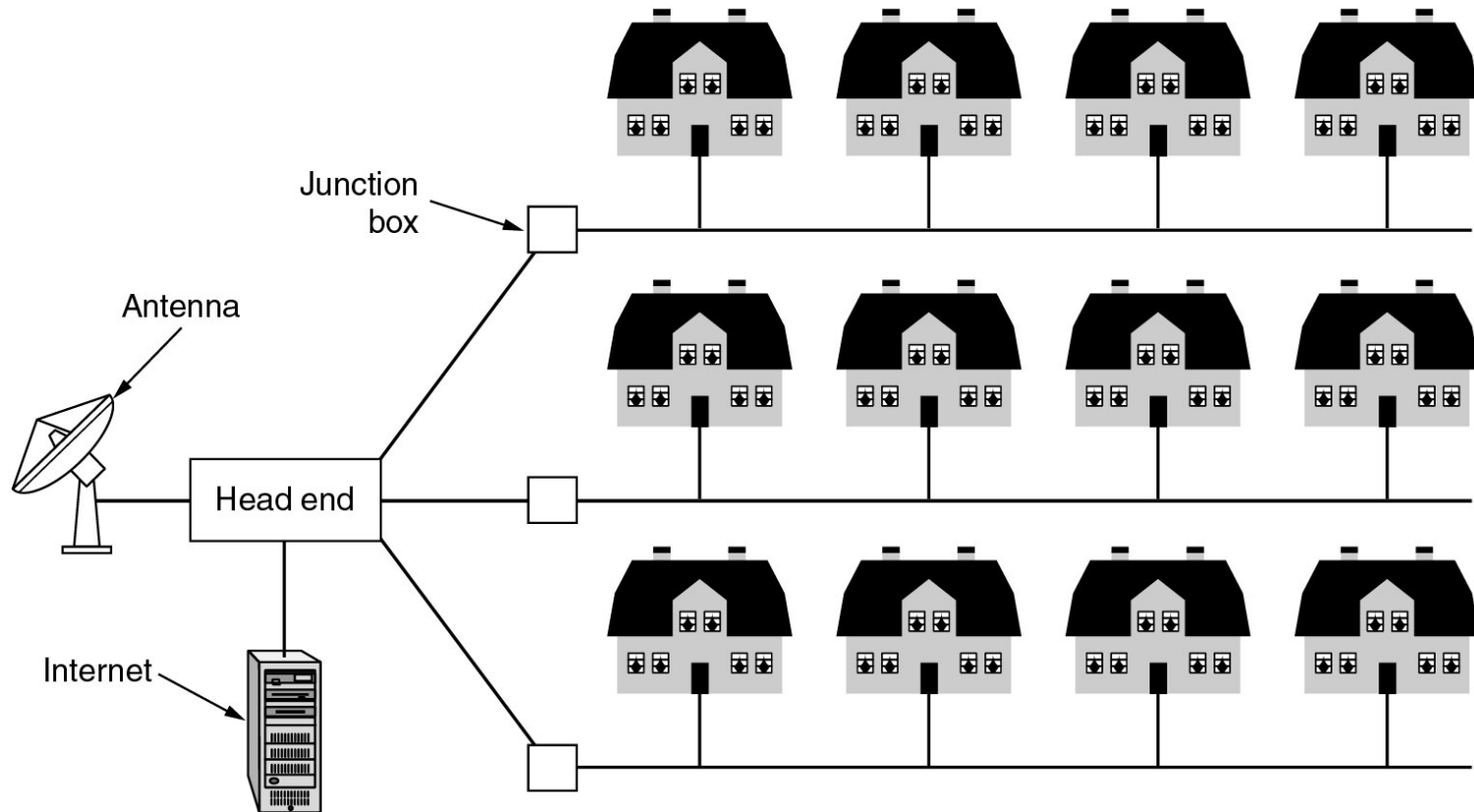
# Metropolitan Area Networks (MANs)

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- A Metropolitan Area Network covers a city.
- ✓ MANs use the cable TV network in many city.
  - E.g., Cable One in Fargo.
- ✓ The cable TV network can also be used to provide Internet service.
- ✓ Both TV signals and Internet are fed into the **head end**.
- ✓ Another example of MANs
  - High-speed wireless Internet access networks
  - IEEE 802.16 (will be covered in Chap. 2)

# Metropolitan Area Networks

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A metropolitan area network based on cable TV.

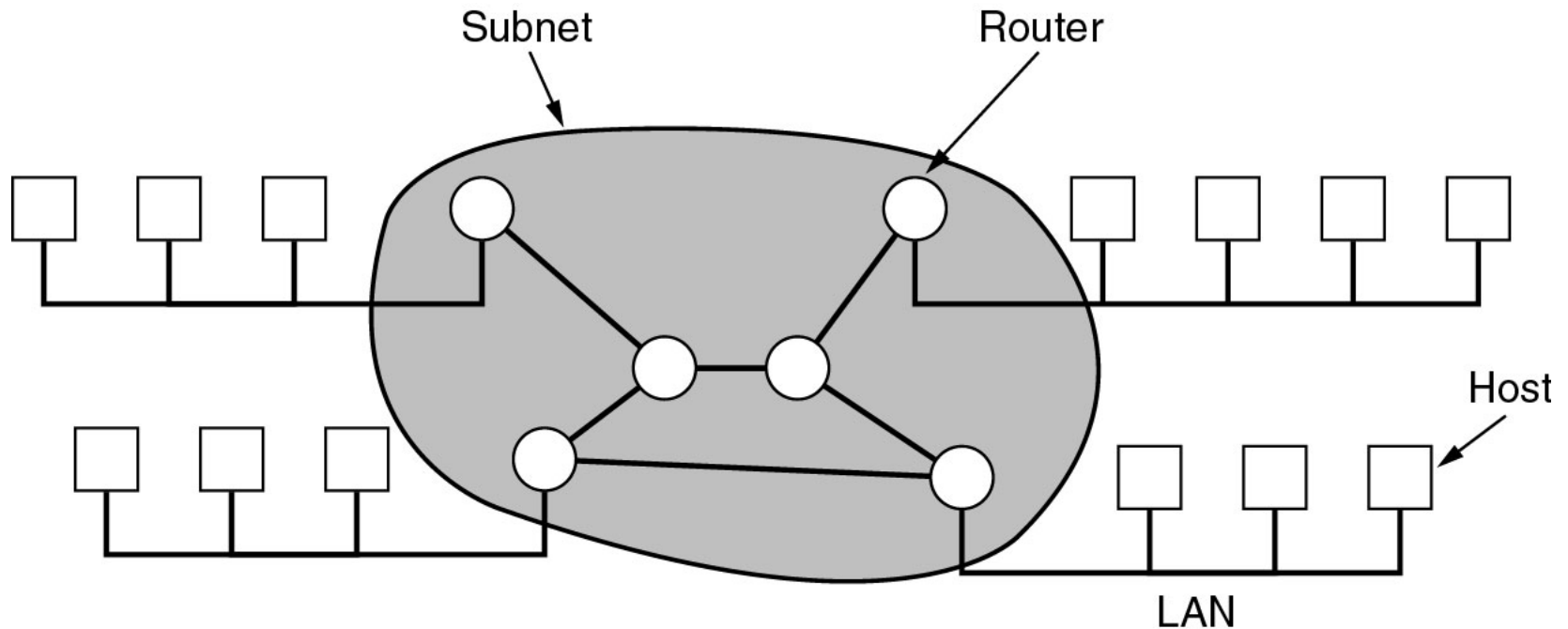
# Wide Area Networks

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- A Wide Area Network (WAN) spans a large geographic area.
  - ✓ A country or continent.
  - ✓ A WAN consists of several subnets.
  - ✓ A subnets consists of many computers – hosts.
  - ✓ The hosts are owned by the customers (personal computers).
  - ✓ The subnets are owned by a telephone company or Internet Service Provider (ISP).
  - ✓ The job of a subnet is to carry messages from host to host.
- A subnet consists of two distinct components:
  - ✓ Transmission lines
    - Move bits between computers.
    - Copper wire, optical fiber or radio links.
  - ✓ Switching elements
    - choose path (route) for data transmissions.
    - Specialized devices - routers.

# Wide Area Networks

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Relation between hosts on LANs and the subnet.

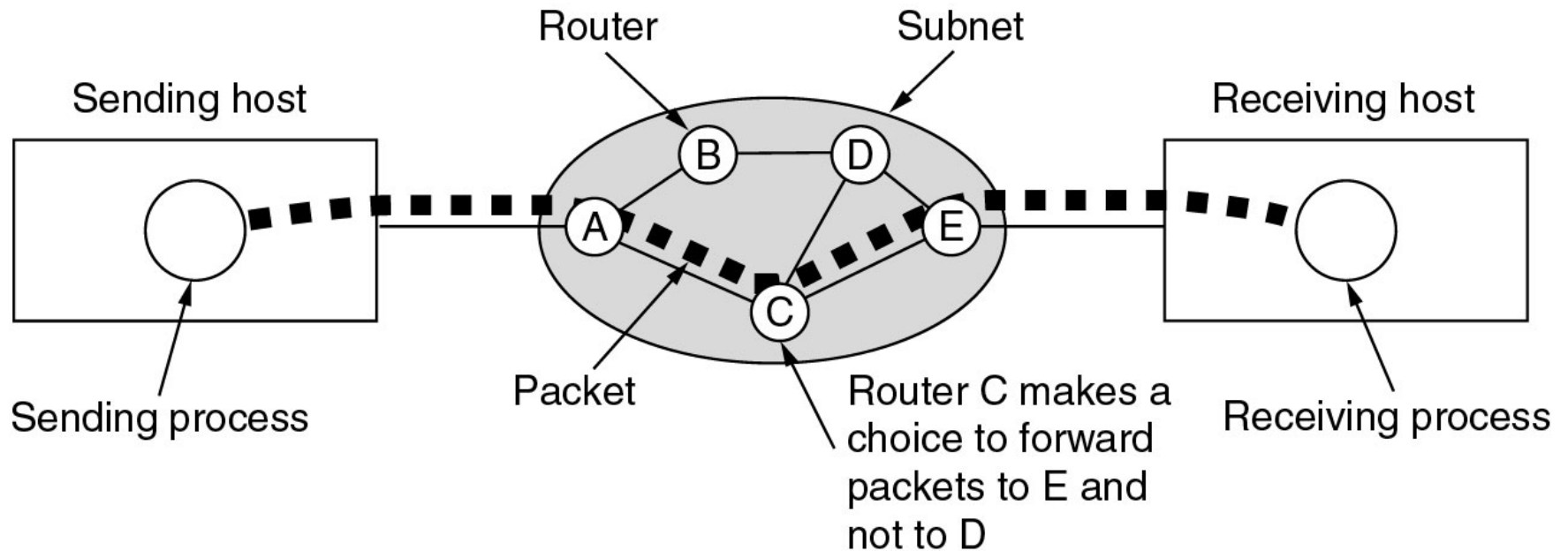
# Wide Area Networks

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- A packet may travel across several subnets before reaching the destination host.
- The store-and forward (packet switched) subnets are used in most WANs.
  - ✓ A packet is sent from one router to another via several intermediate routers.
  - ✓ The packet is received at each intermediate router in its entirety,
  - ✓ and stored there until the outgoing line is free.
  - ✓ A long message is divided into several packets for transmission.
  - ✓ Packets of the same message may travel via different routes.
  - ✓ Routing algorithms are used to select the route.

# Wide Area Networks (2)

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A stream of packets from sender to receiver.



# Wireless Networks

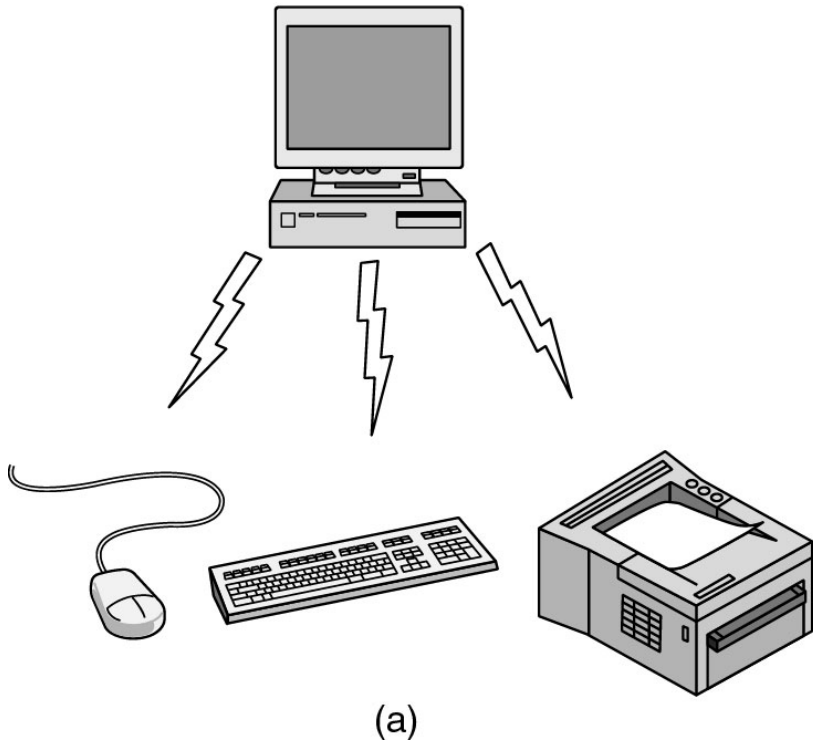
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## Categories of wireless networks:

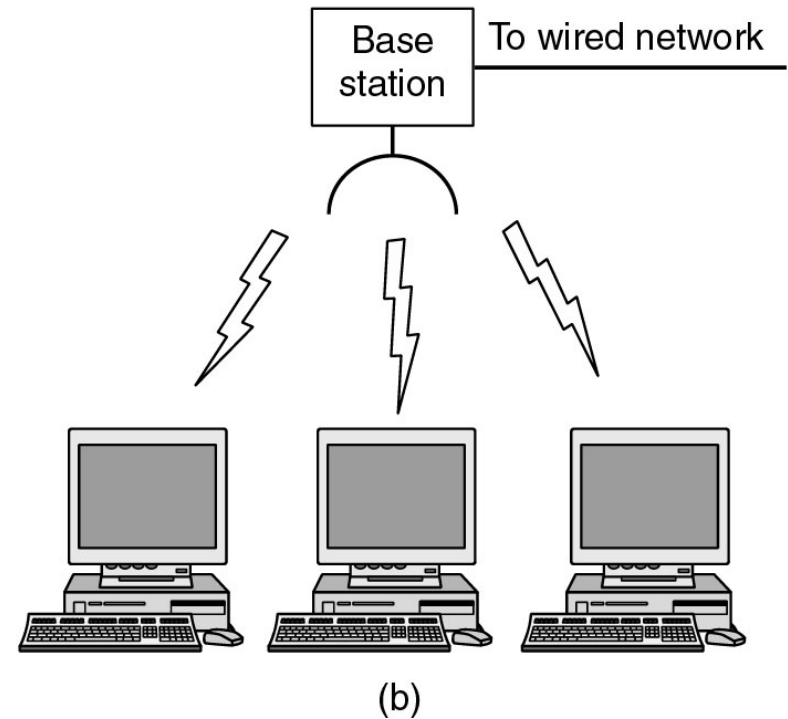
- Cellular Networks
  - ✓ Providing cell phone service.
- WLANs (Wireless Local Area Networks)
  - ✓ IEEE 802.11; etc.
- WPANs (Wireless Personal Area Networks)
  - ✓ IEEE 802.15.1 (Bluetooth); 802.15.3; 802.15.4
- WMANs (Wireless Metropolitan Area Networks)
  - ✓ IEEE 802.16; etc.
- Wireless MANETs (Mobile Ad Hoc Networks)
- Wireless Sensor Networks

# Wireless Networks (2)

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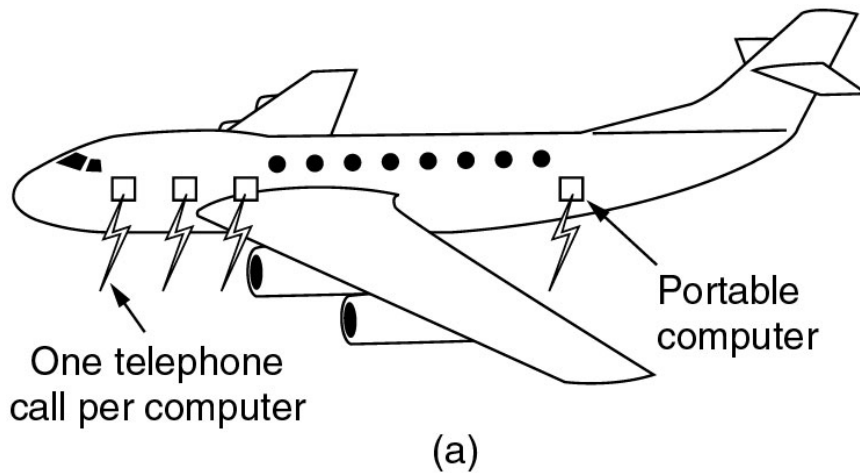
(a) Bluetooth configuration



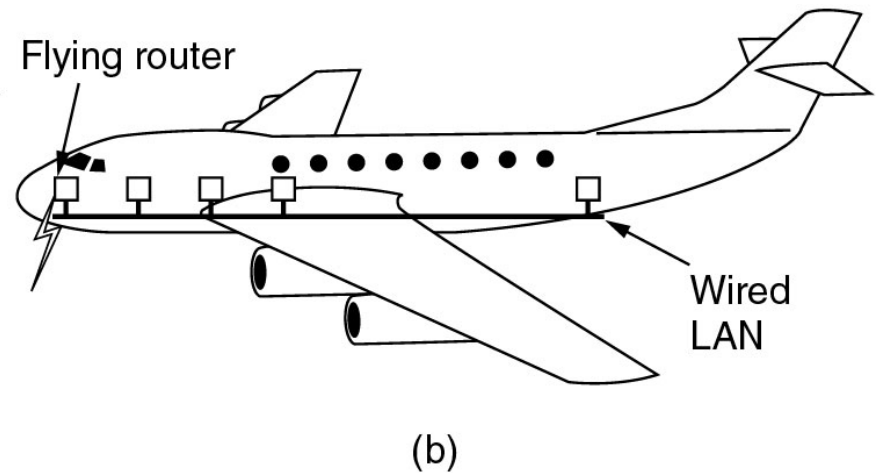
(b) Wireless LAN

# Wireless Networks (3)

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(a) Individual mobile computers



(b) A flying LAN

# Network Architecture and Software

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- Protocol Hierarchies
- Design Issues for the Layers
- Connection-Oriented and Connectionless Services
- Service Primitives
- The Relationship of Services to Protocols

# Protocol Hierarchies

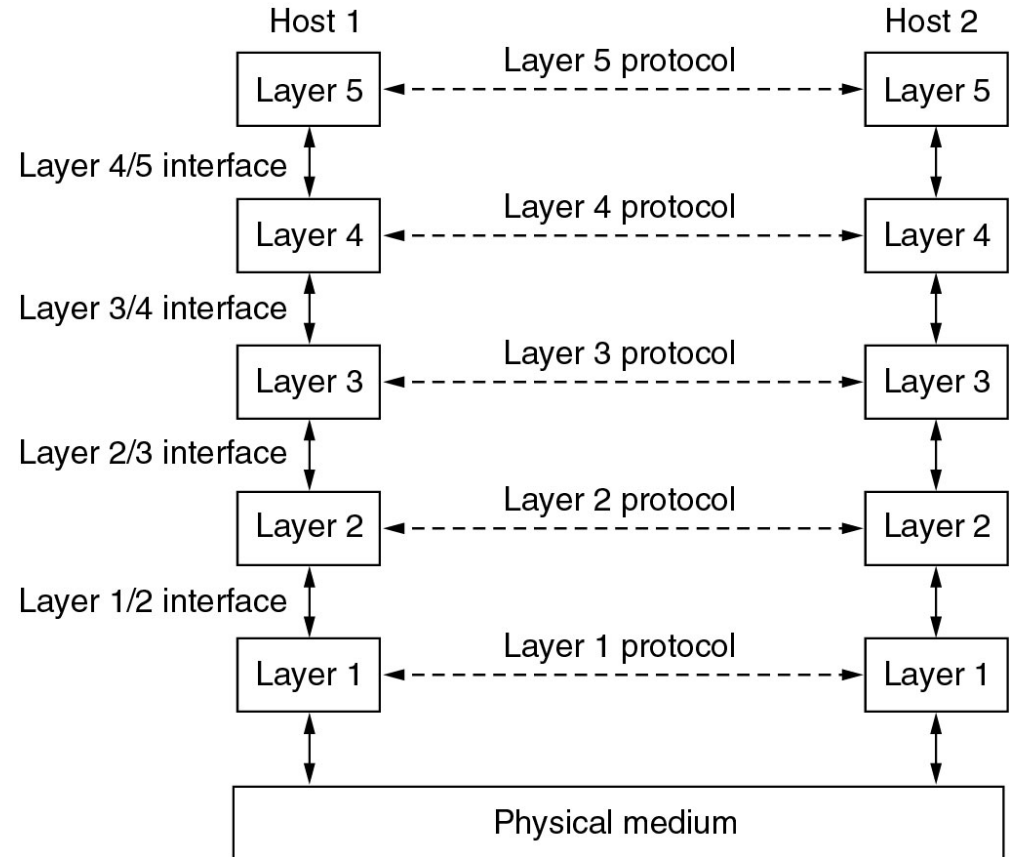
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- Today's network software is highly structured.
- To reduce the design complexity, most networks are organized as a stack of layers (levels).
  - ✓ One layer build upon another.
  - ✓ The number of layers, the name, content and function of each layer - differ from network to network.
  - ✓ Each layer offers certain services to the higher layers
    - Shielding those layers from the details of the implementation of the services.
  - ✓ The concept of layering is similar to information hiding, abstract data type, etc.
- A **protocol** is an agreement between the (two or more) communicating parties on how communication is to proceed.
  - ✓ Behavior protocol – e.g., introducing a woman to a man.

# Protocol Hierarchies (2)

The entities comprising the corresponding layers on different machines are called **peers**.

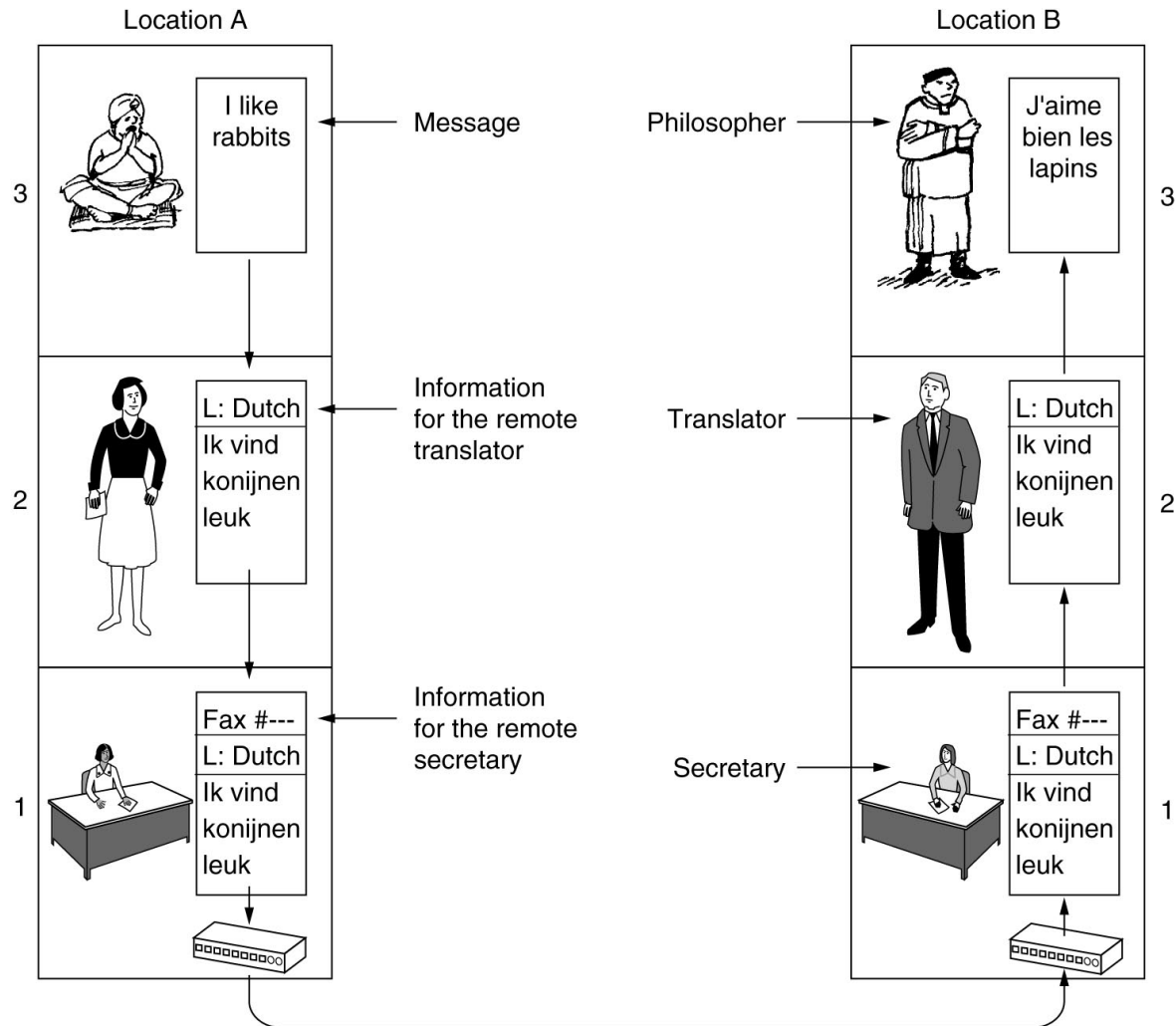
- Processes, hardware devices, or even human beings.
- Peers communicate by using the protocol.
- Dotted line – virtual comm.
- Solid lines – physical comm.
- **An interface** defines the primitive operations and services to the upper layer.
- A clear-cut interface is important.
- A set of layers and protocols is called a **network architecture**.



**Layers, protocols, and interfaces.**

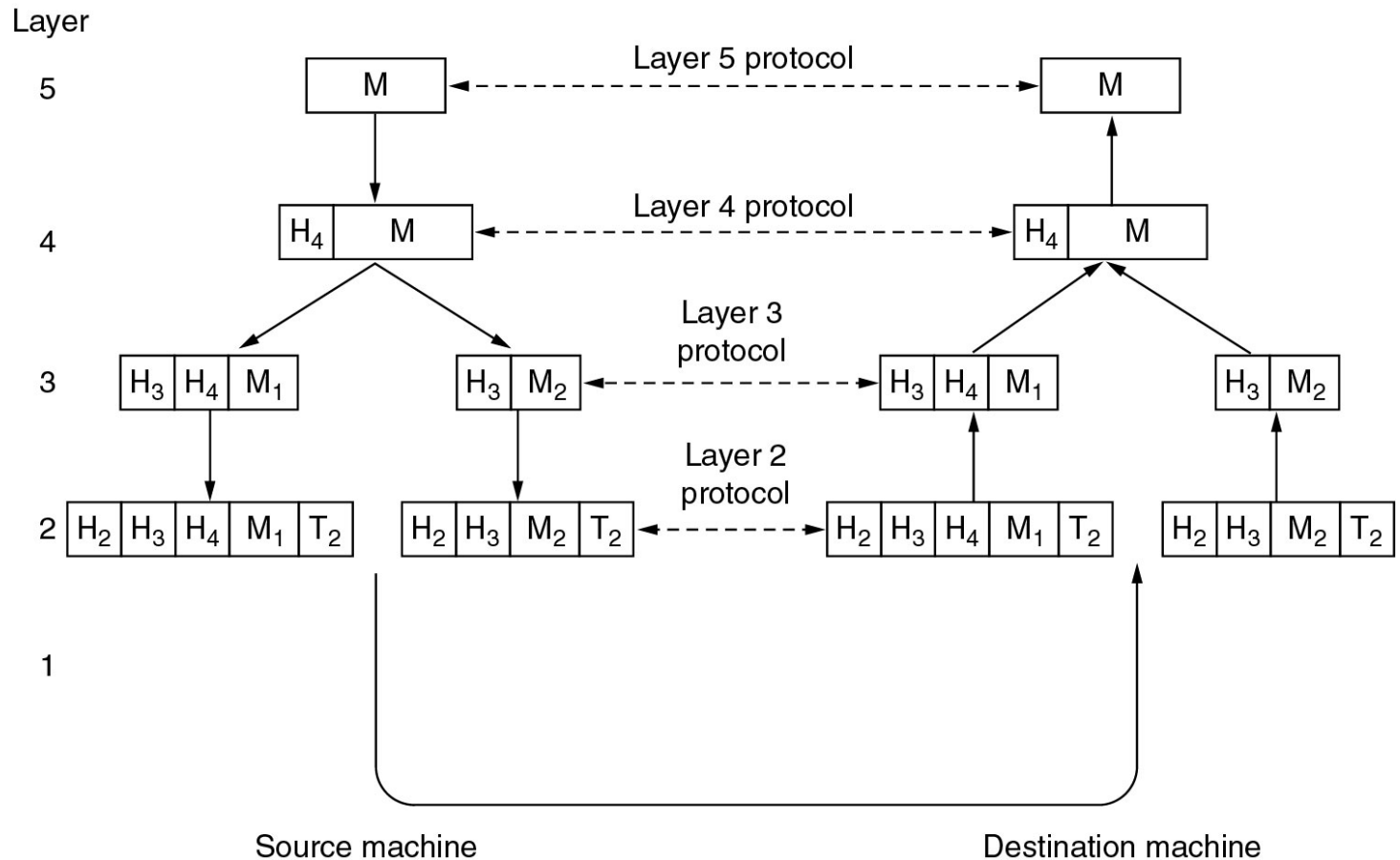
# Protocol Hierarchies (3)

The philosopher-  
translator-  
secretary  
architecture.



# Protocol Hierarchies (4)

- M - message
- H4 – header  
Control info.  
E.g., size,  
timestamp,  
sequence #,  
etc.
- Layer 3  
breaks down  
a large  
message.
- T2 – trailer
- E.g., check  
sum.



**Fig. 1-15: Example information flow supporting virtual communication in layer 5.**



# Design Issues for the Layers

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- Addressing
  - ✓ Every layer needs a mechanism for identifying senders and receivers.
    - To specify a machine or a process.
- Error Control
  - ✓ Physical communication circuits are not perfect.
    - Transmission errors could happen.
- Flow Control
  - ✓ How to keep a fast sender from swamping a slow receiver with data?

# Design Issues for the Layers

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## ➤ Multiplexing

- ✓ Multiple connections have to be sent over a few physical links.

## ➤ Routing

- ✓ When there are multiple paths between source and destination, a mechanism is needed to choose the route.
- ✓ Routing protocols – e.g., OSPF, BGP, etc.

# Connection-Oriented and Connectionless Services

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## ➤ Connection-Oriented Services

- ✓ Modeled after telephone system.
- ✓ The user first establishes a connection, uses the connection, and then releases the connection.
- ✓ The sender and receiver can negotiate parameters, such as max. message length, quality of service (QoS).
- ✓ Reliable Connection-Oriented Services – Using Ack.

# Connection-Oriented and Connectionless Services

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## ➤ Connectionless Services – Datagram Services

- ✓ No connection needs to be setup
- ✓ unreliable services – similar to first-class mails.
- ✓ Acknowledged datagram service
  - with Ack but without connection.
- ✓ Request – reply service
  - The sender transmits a request.
  - The receiver replies the answer.
  - E.g., database query.

# Service Primitives

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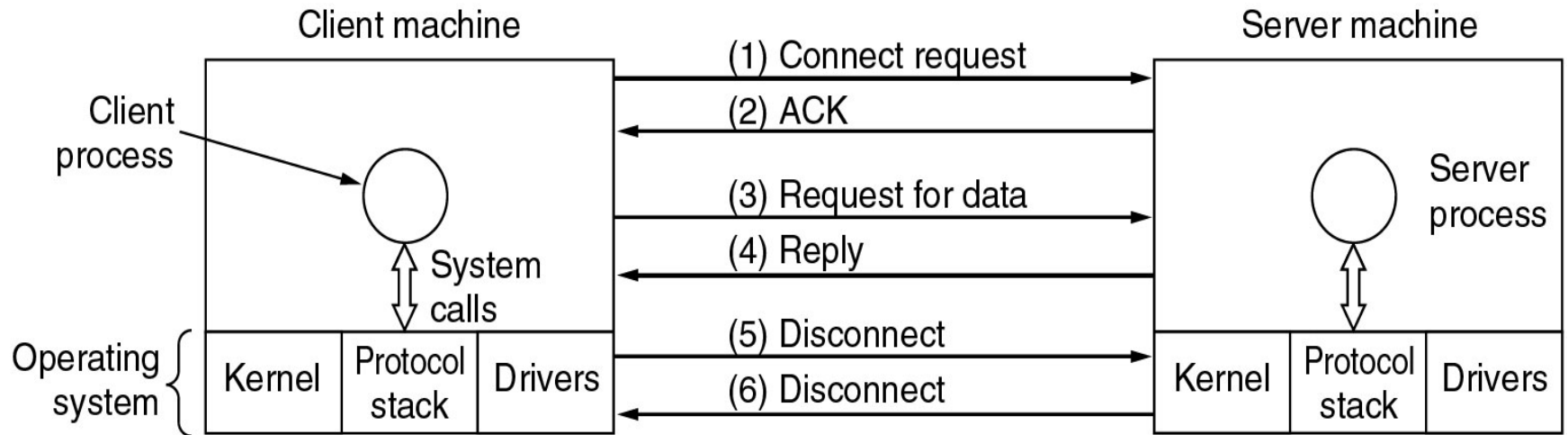
Primitive	Meaning
LISTEN	Block waiting for an incoming connection
CONNECT	Establish a connection with a waiting peer
RECEIVE	Block waiting for an incoming message
SEND	Send a message to the peer
DISCONNECT	Terminate a connection

Five service primitives (operations) for implementing a connection-oriented service.

**The procedure:**

- The server executes LISTEN – The server is blocked until a request for connection appears.
- The client executes CONNECT – to establish a connection.
- The server sends back an Ack.
- The client and server can communicate with each other - SEND, RECEIVE.
- When all the communication is done, the connection is released – DISCONNECT.

# Service Primitives (2)

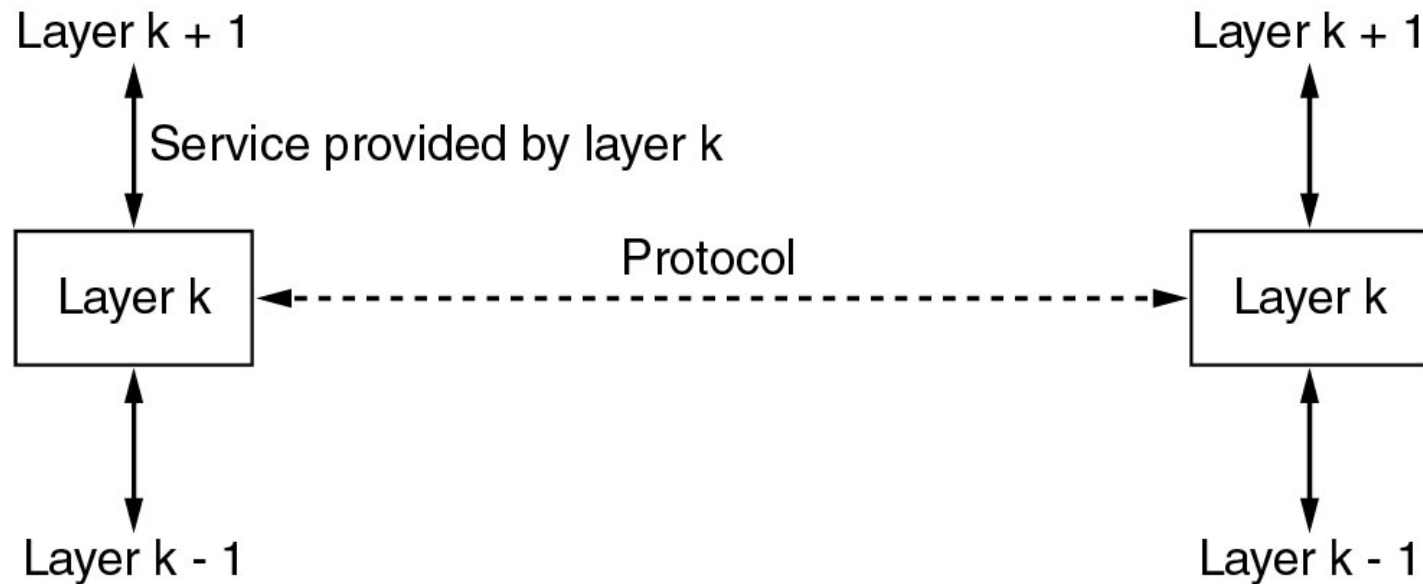


Packets sent in a simple client-server interaction on a connection-oriented network.

# Services to Protocols Relationship

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- A service is a set of primitives (operations) that a layer provides to the layer above it.
- A protocol is a set of rules governing the format and meaning of the packets that are exchanged by the peer entities within a layer.



The relationship between a service and a protocol.

# Reference Models

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- The OSI Reference Model
- The TCP/IP Reference Model
- A Comparison of OSI and TCP/IP
- A Critique of the OSI Model and Protocols
- A Critique of the TCP/IP Reference Model



# The OSI Reference Model

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- The OSI (Open System Interconnection) Reference Model is
  - ✓ based on a proposal developed by the ISO (International Standards Organization).
- Seven Layers
- The Physical Layer
  - ✓ Transmission of raw bits (1 or 0) over a communication channel.
  - ✓ Design Issues
    - How many volts should be used to represent a 1 (and 0)?
    - Transmission proceed simultaneously in both direction?
    - and so on.

# The OSI Reference Model

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## ➤ The Data Link Layer

- ✓ Providing services to the Physical and Network Layers
  - To transform a raw transmission facility into a line that appears free of undetected transmission errors to the network layer
  - Having the sender break up the input data into data frames
  - A typical data frames ranges from a few hundred to thousand bytes.
  - If the service is reliable, the receiver sends back ACK frame.
- ✓ Error Control
  - ✓ Detecting and correcting transmission errors.
- ✓ Flow Control
  - How to keep a fast transmitter from drowning a slow receiver?
- ✓ Medium Access Control
  - For broadcast networks.

# The OSI Reference Model

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## ➤ The Network Layer

- ✓ The Network Layer controls the operation of the subnet.
- ✓ The inter-connection of heterogeneous networks (subnets).
  - The addressing, the lower layer protocols may differ.
- ✓ Routing
  - How packets are routed from source to destination?
  - Routes can be based on static tables, or determined dynamically.
- ✓ Congestion Control
  - Congestion happens when too many packets are present in a subnet at the same time.
- ✓ Quality of Service
  - Delay, bandwidth, jitter, etc.

# The OSI Reference Model

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## ➤ The Transport Layer

- ✓ (sender) accepts data from above, and splits it into smaller units if needed, then passes them to the network layer,
- ✓ (receiver) ensures the pieces all arrive correctly at the other end.
- ✓ is a true end-to-end layer – between source and destination.
- ✓ In the lower layers, the protocols are between neighbor machines.

## ➤ The Session Layer

- ✓ Allows users on different machines to establish sessions.
- ✓ Session services
  - Dialog control – keeping track of whose turn it is to transmit.
  - Token management – preventing two parties from attempting the same critical operation at the same time.
  - Synchronization – Checkpointing long transmissions to allow them to continue from where they were after a crash.

# The OSI Reference Model

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## ➤ The Presentation Layer

- ✓ is concerned with the syntax and semantics of the information transmitted.
- ✓ manages abstract data structures
  - To make it possible for computers with different data representations to communicate.
- ✓ allows higher-level data structures (e.g. banking records) to be defined and exchanged.

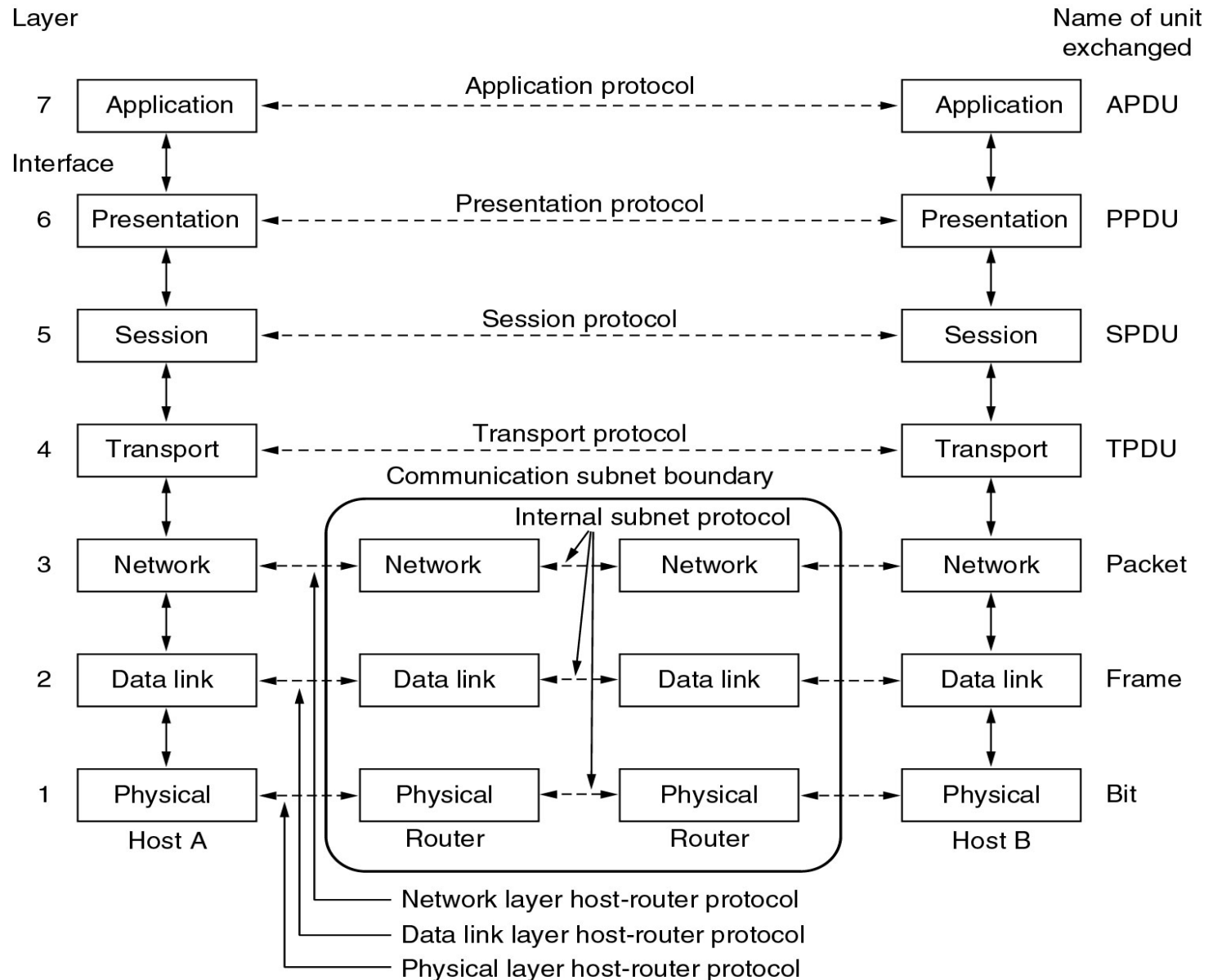
## ➤ The Application Layer

- ✓ contains a variety of commonly-used protocols, such as
  - HTTP (HyperText Transfer Protocol) - WWW.
  - FTP – file transfer.
  - SMTP - email.

# Reference Models

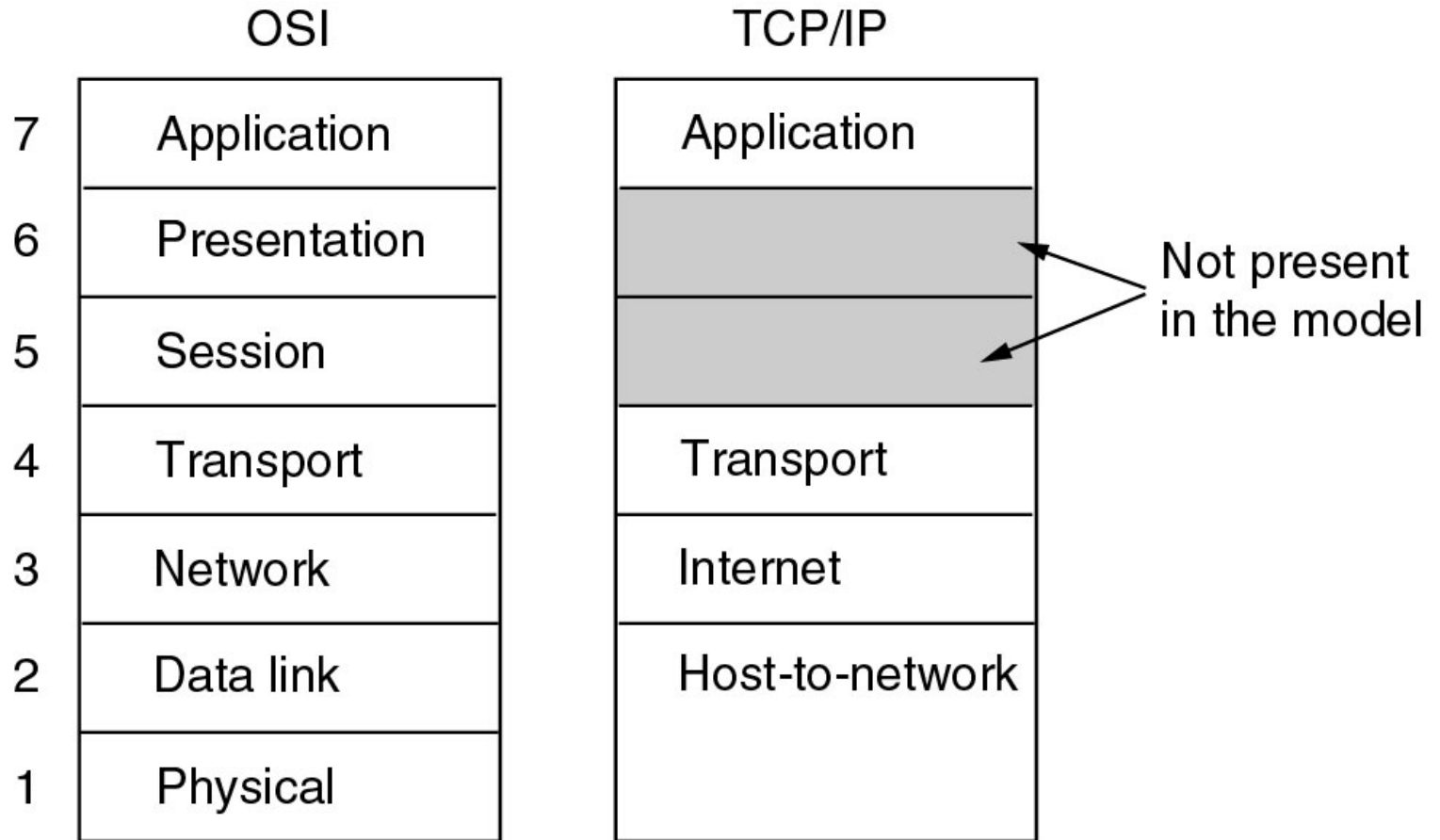
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model.

- PDU –  
Protocol Data  
Unit.



# Reference Models (2)

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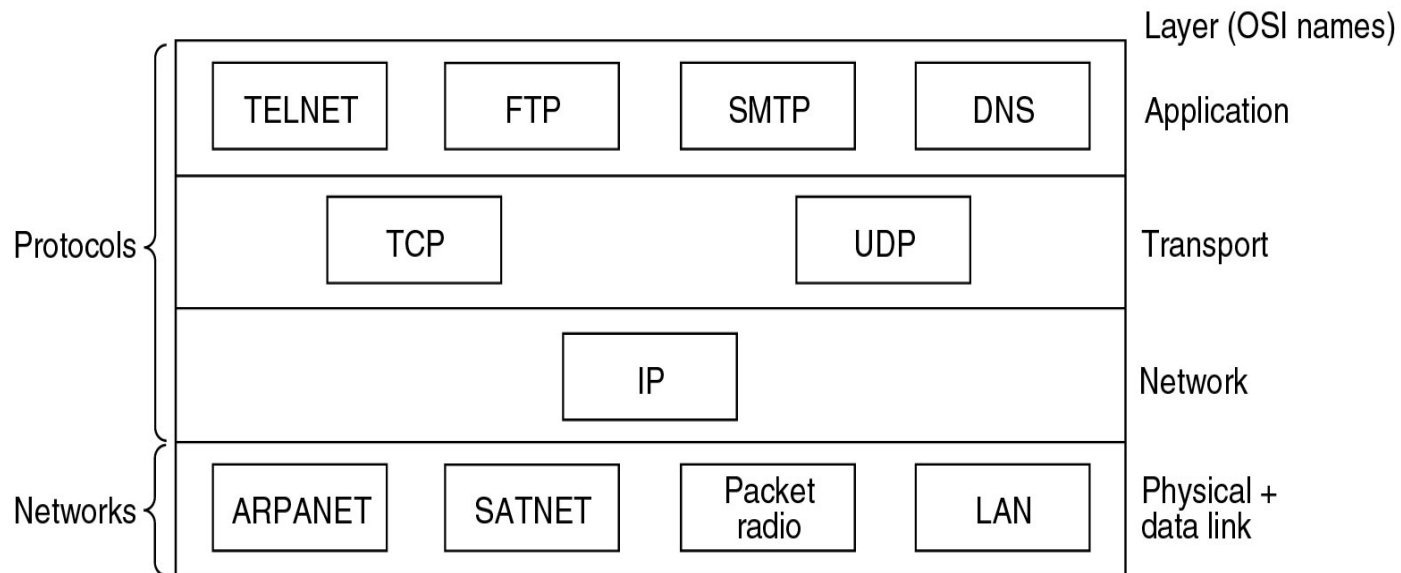


The TCP/IP reference model.

# The TCP/IP Reference Model

## ➤ ARPANET

- ✓ A research network sponsored by the DoD.
- ✓ Connected hundreds of univ. and government networks using leased telephone lines.
- ✓ A new architecture was needed – TCP/IP Reference Model
  - when satellite and radio networks were added.



Protocols and networks in the TCP/IP model initially.



# The TCP/IP Reference Model

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- One major design goal was that
  - ✓ Connections remain intact as long as the source and destination machines were functioning
    - even if some machines or transmission lines in between were down.
- The Host-to-Network Layer
  - ✓ The TCP/IP model does not specify this layer.
- The Internet Layer
  - ✓ A packet-switching network based on a connectionless layer.
  - ✓ defines an official packet format and protocol – IP (Internet Protocol).
  - ✓ delivers IP packets.
  - ✓ is similar in functionality to the OSI network layer.

# The TCP/IP Reference Model

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## ➤ The Transport Layer

### ✓ TCP (Transmission Control Protocol).

- A reliable connection-oriented protocol.
- It fragments the incoming byte stream into fixed-size packets and passes them to the internet layer.
- TCP also handles flow control and congestion control.

### ✓ UDP (User Datagram Protocol).

- An unreliable, connectionless protocol.
- UDP is widely used for applications in which prompt delivery is more important than accurate delivery, e.g., speech and video.

## ➤ The Application Layer

### ✓ contains a variety of higher-layer protocols, such as

- TELNET – remote login, virtual terminal.
- DNS (Domain Name System) – mapping host names onto IP addresses.

# Comparing OSI and TCP/IP Models

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## Concepts central to the OSI model

- Services
- Interfaces
- Protocols

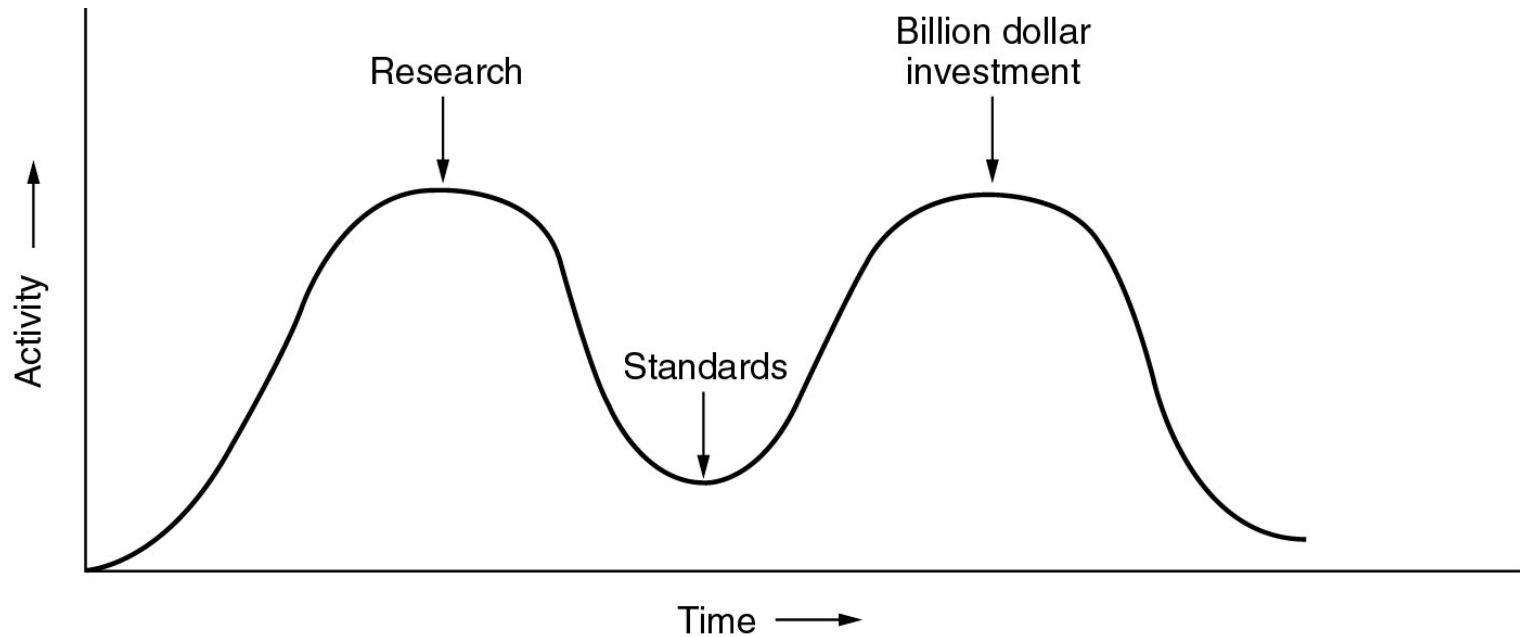
# A Critique of the OSI Model and Protocols

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Why OSI did not take over the world?

- Bad timing
  - ✓ The competing TCP/IP protocols were already in wide use by research univ. by the time OSI protocols appeared.
- Bad technology
  - ✓ Both the model and protocols are flawed.
  - ✓ Seven layers was more political than technical
    - The session and presentation layers are nearly empty.
- Bad implementations
  - ✓ The OSI model is too complex.
    - Difficult to implement and inefficient in operation.
  - ✓ While the 1<sup>st</sup> implementation of TCP/IP was
    - part of Berkeley UNIX
    - good and free.
- Bad politics
  - ✓ Government bureaucrats pushed the standard down to researchers.

# Bad Timing



- If the standards are written too early, before the research is finished, the subject may still be poorly understood.
- If the standards are written too late, so many companies may have already made major investments, and the standards are ignored.

The apocalypse of the two elephants.

# A Critique of the TCP/IP Reference Model

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## Problems:

- Service, interface, and protocol not distinguished
- Not a general model
- Host-to-network “layer” not really a layer
- No mention of physical and data link layers
- Minor protocols deeply entrenched, hard to replace

# Hybrid Model

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5	Application layer
4	Transport layer
3	Network layer
2	Data link layer
1	Physical layer

The hybrid reference model to be used in this book.

# Example Networks

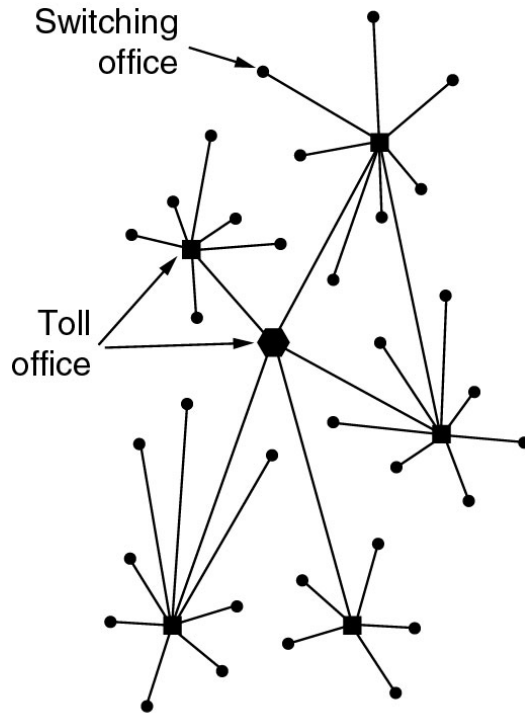
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- The Internet
  - ✓ ARPANET
  - ✓ NSFNET
- Connection-Oriented Networks:
  - ✓ X.25
    - The first public data network – based on telephone systems.
    - A computer first places a telephone call to set up connection with a remote computer.
    - A data packet has a 3-byte header + up to 128 bytes of data.
  - ✓ Frame Relay
    - ✓ Replaced X.25 in the 1980s.
    - ✓ without error control and flow control.
    - ✓ Packets were delivered in order.
    - ✓ It is still in use in places today.
  - ✓ ATM (Asynchronous Transfer Mode)
- Ethernet
- Wireless LANs: 802.11

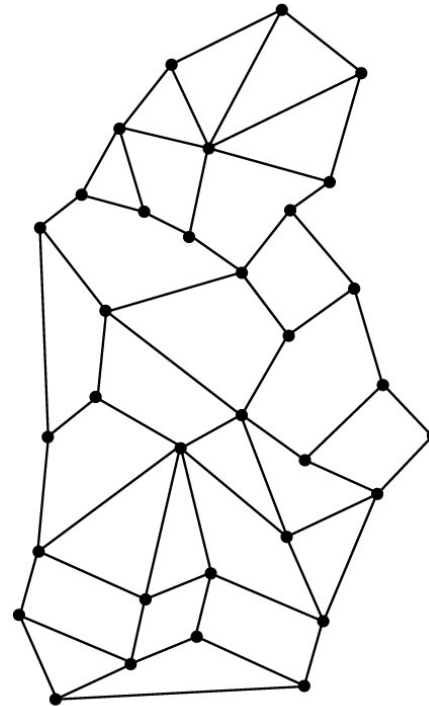


# The ARPANET

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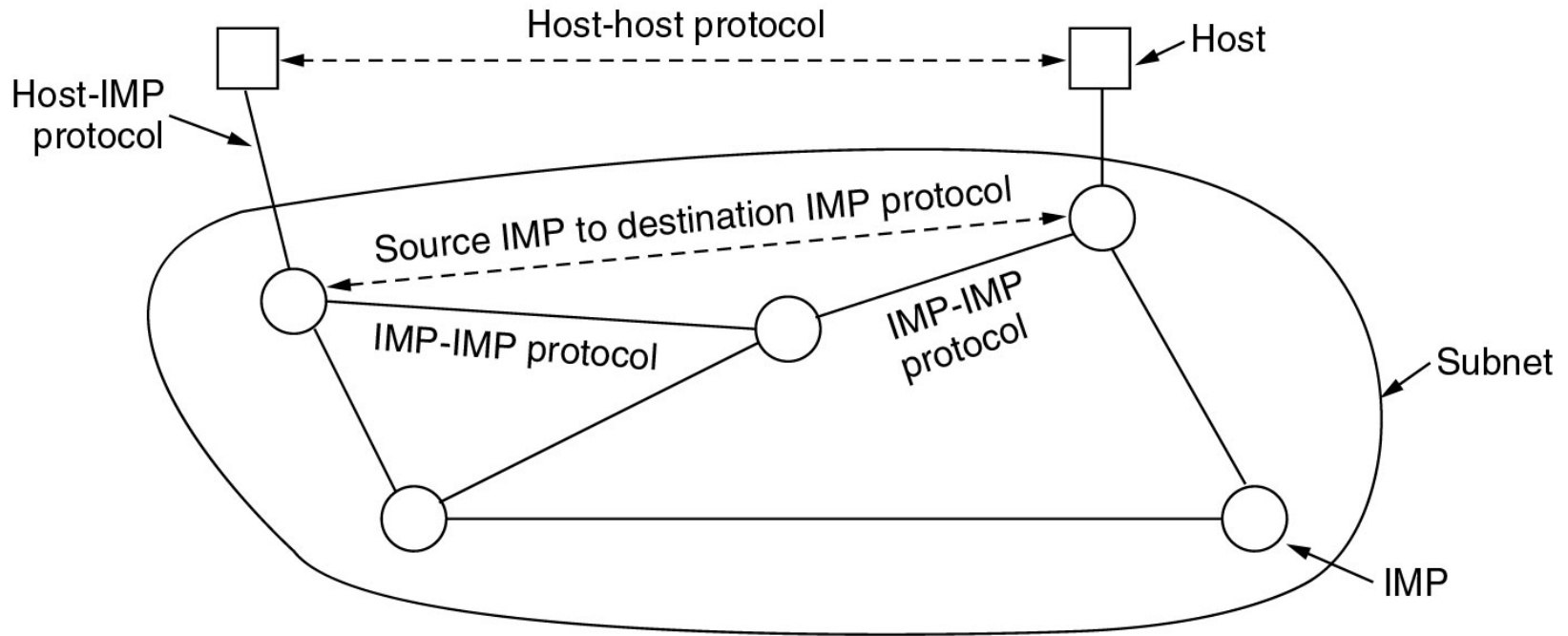
(b)

(a) Structure of the telephone system.

(b) Baran's proposed distributed switching system.

# The ARPANET (2)

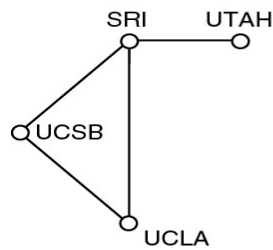
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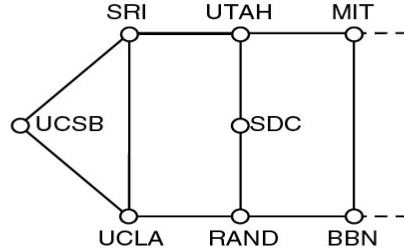
The original ARPANET design.

IMP (Interface Message Processors) – minicomputers.

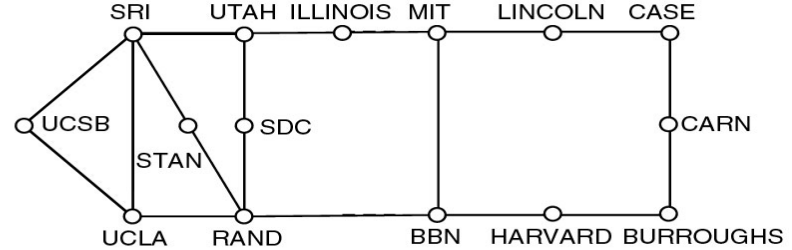
# The ARPANET (3)



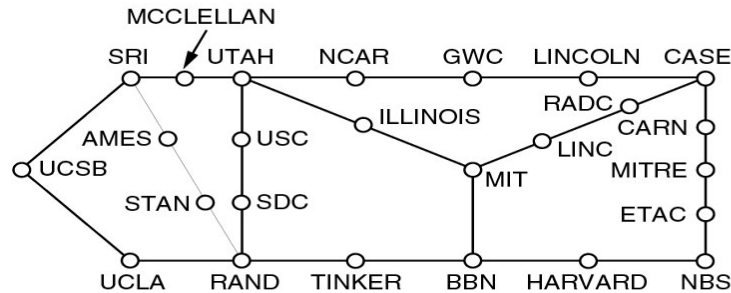
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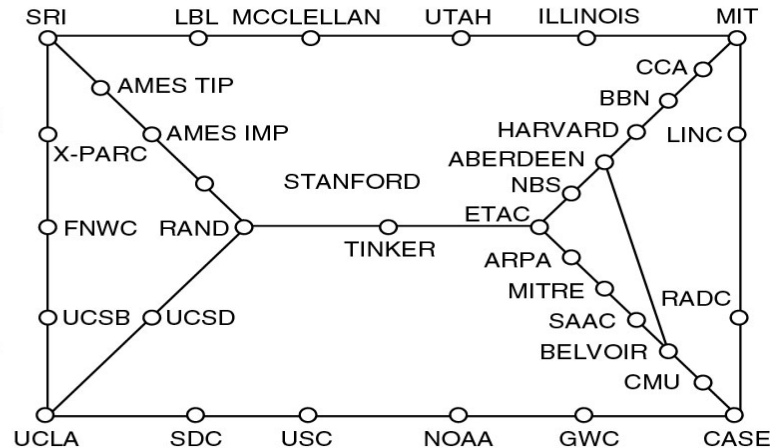
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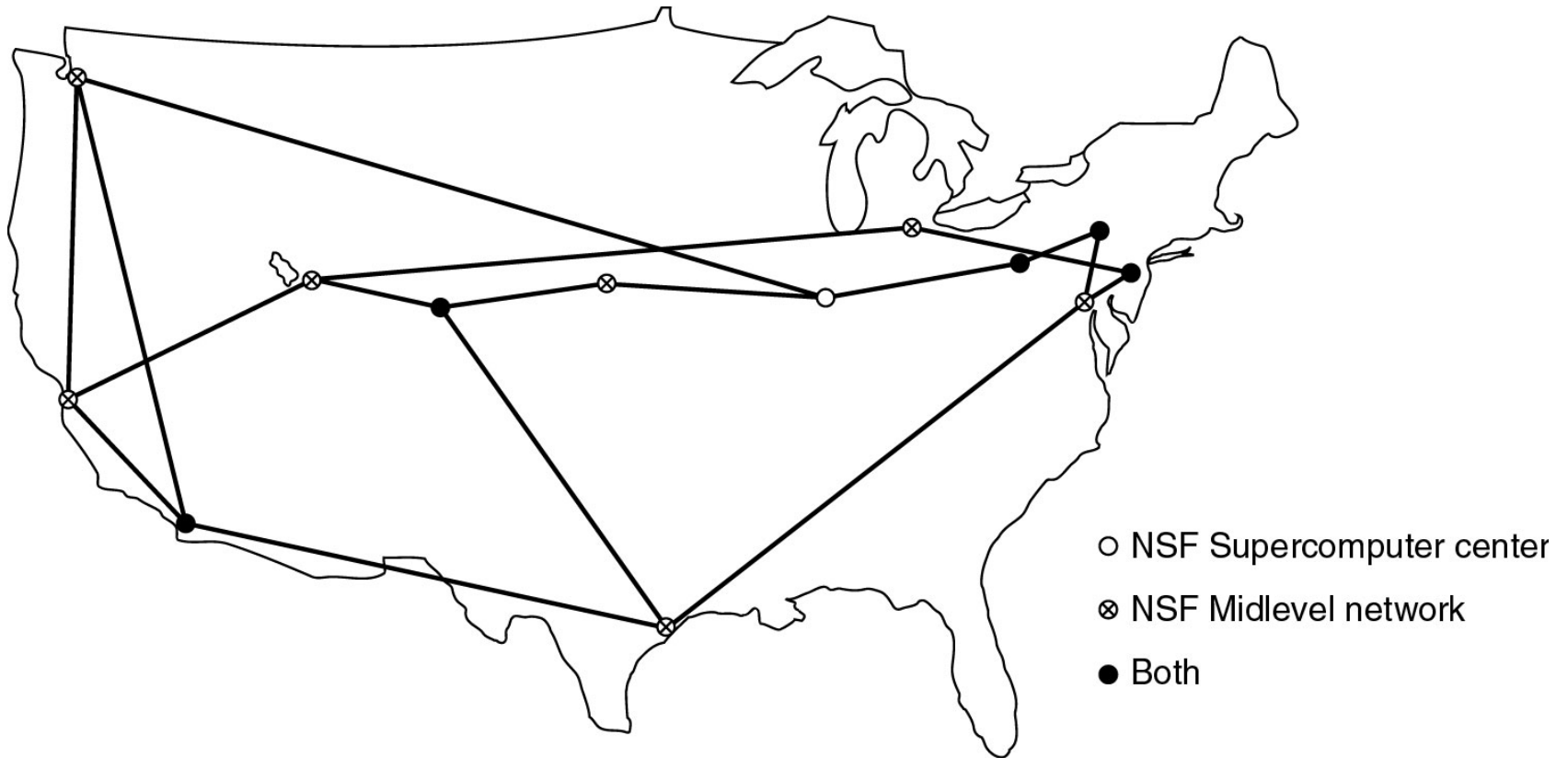


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Growth of the ARPANET (a) December 1969. (b) July 1970. (c) March 1971. (d) April 1972. (e) September 1972.

# NSFNET

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The NSFNET backbone in 1988.

# Internet Usage

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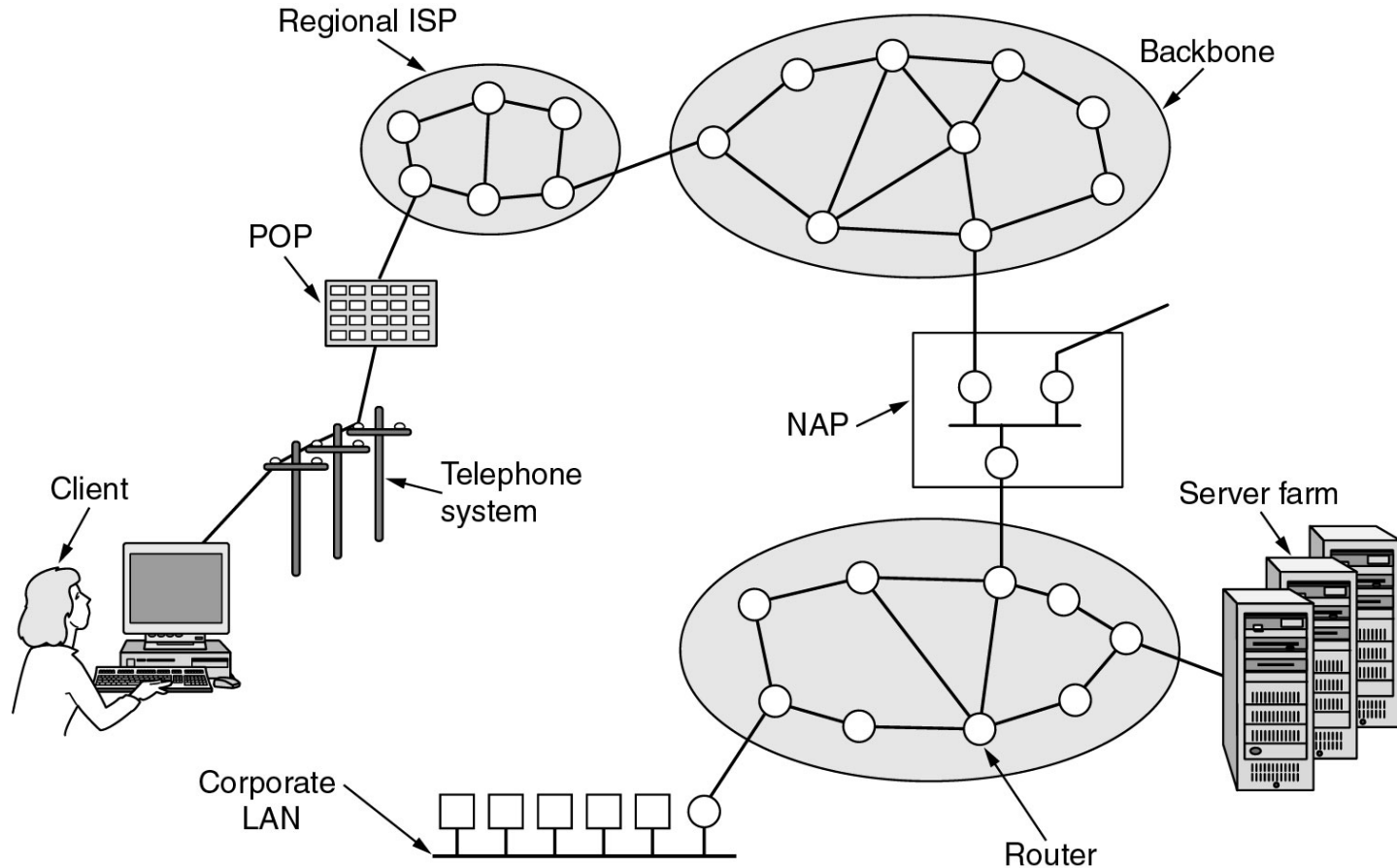
## Traditional applications (1970 – 1990)

- E-mail
- News
- Remote login
- File transfer

## New applications

- E-business
- Online gaming
- Online auction, etc.

# Architecture of the Internet



POP (Point of Presence) – located in the telephone switching office.

NAP (Network Access Point) – a room full of routers.

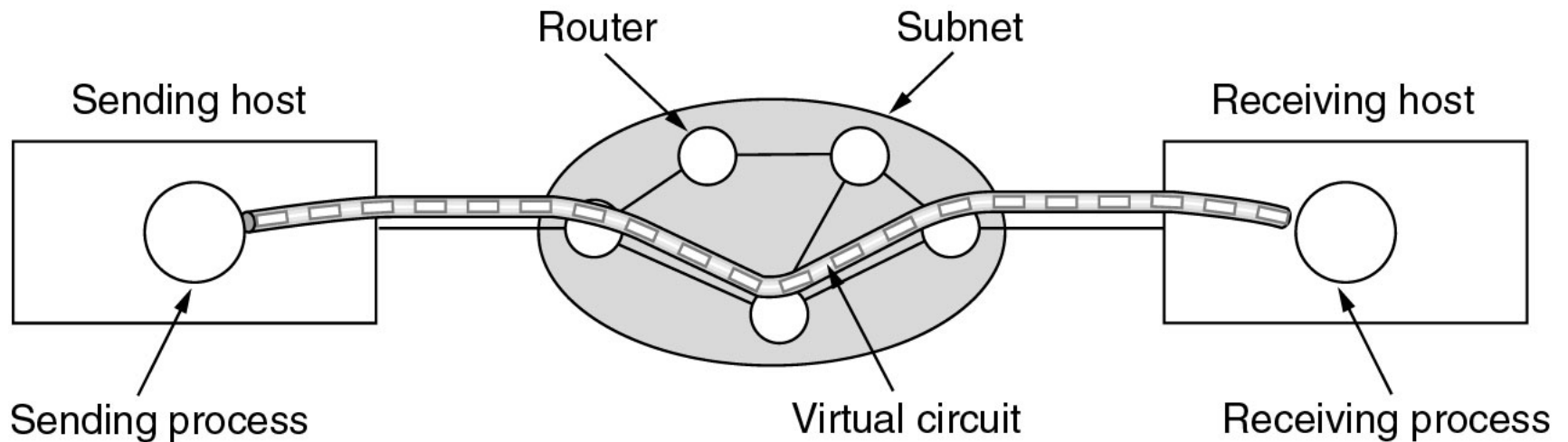
# ATM (Asynchronous Transfer Mode)

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- ATM networks are connection-oriented
  - ✓ Sending data requires setting up a connection.
  - ✓ A setup packet travels through the subnets, and all the routes in the path reserve resources for the connection – Virtual Circuits (VC).
- An ATM packet has a fixed-size - 53 bytes, and is called **Cell**.
  - ✓ header (5 bytes) + data (48 bytes)
  - ✓ Cell routing is done in hardware – faster than software routing.
  - ✓ The most common speeds for ATM networks are 155 Mbps and 622 Mbps.
- The ATM reference model
  - ✓ Different from OSI model and TCP/IP model.
  - ✓ Three layers: the physical, ATM and ATM Adaptation Layer (AAL).
  - ✓ The ATM layer deals with cells and cell transport.
  - ✓ The AAL layer provides interface services to various applications.
    - E.g., file transfer and video on demand have different requirements on error handling, timing, etc.
  - Control plane deals with connection management.
  - User Plane deals with data transport, flow control, error control, etc.
  - The layer and plane management functions relate to resource mgmt. and interlayer coordination.

# ATM Virtual Circuits

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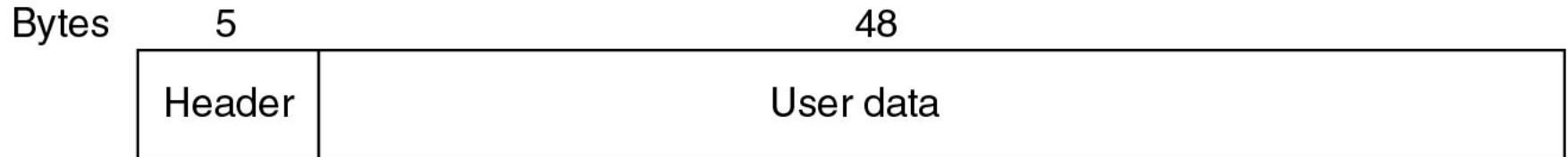


A virtual circuit.



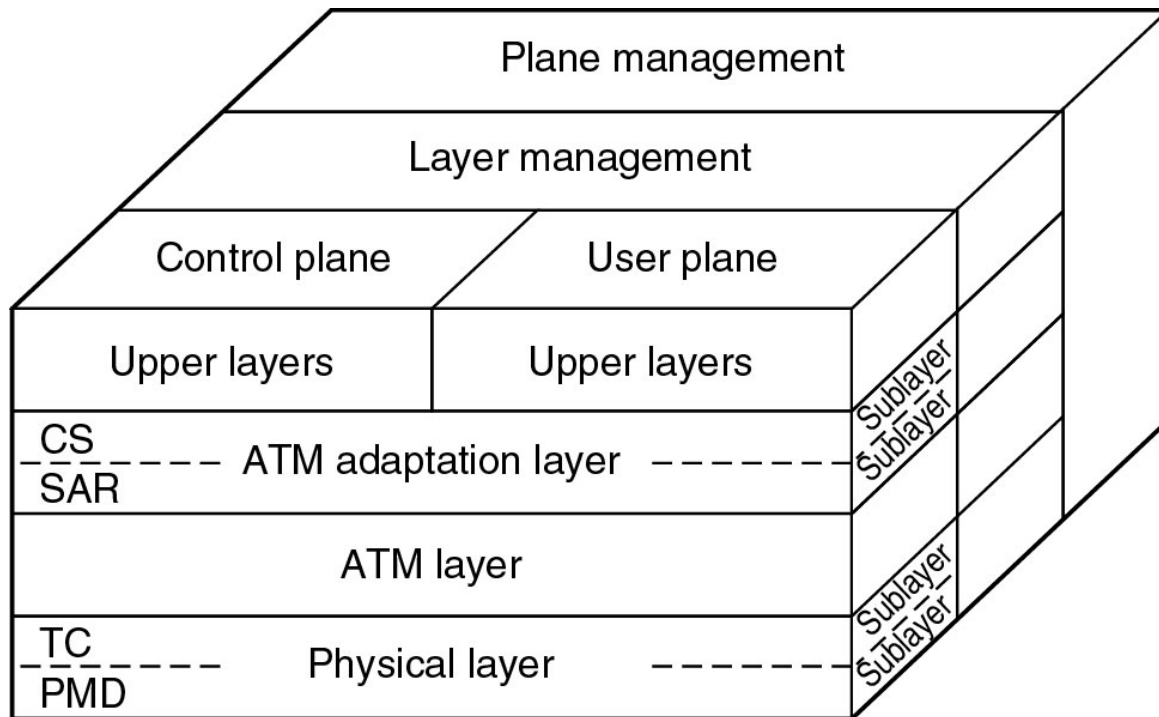
# ATM Virtual Circuits (2)

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An ATM cell.

# The ATM Reference Model



CS: Convergence sublayer  
SAR: Segmentation and reassembly sublayer  
TC: Transmission convergence sublayer  
PMD: Physical medium dependent sublayer

The ATM reference model.

# The ATM Reference Model (2)

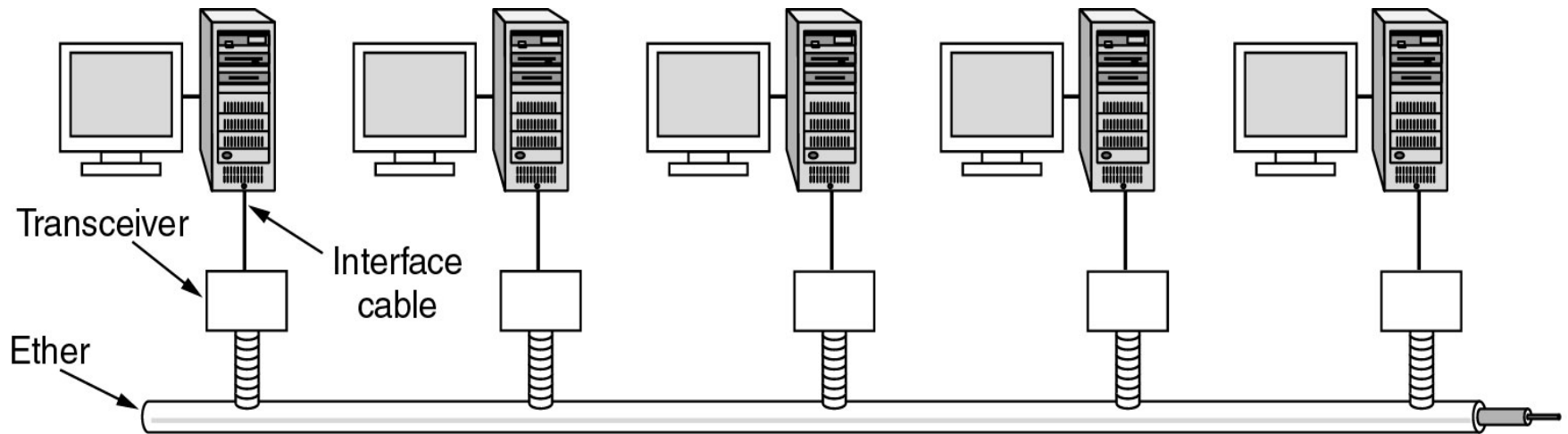
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OSI layer	ATM layer	ATM sublayer	Functionality
3/4	AAL	CS	Providing the standard interface (convergence)
		SAR	Segmentation and reassembly
2/3	ATM		Flow control Cell header generation/extraction Virtual circuit/path management Cell multiplexing/demultiplexing
2	Physical	TC	Cell rate decoupling Header checksum generation and verification Cell generation Packing/unpacking cells from the enclosing envelope Frame generation
1		PMD	Bit timing Physical network access

The ATM layers and sublayers and their functions.

# Ethernet

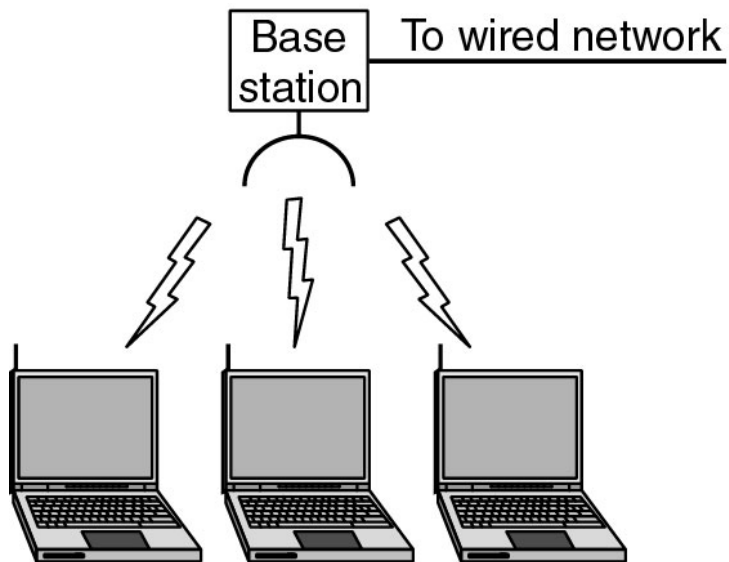
- Ethernet (IEEE 802.3) is the most popular LAN.
- Using thick coaxial cables up to 2.5 km long.
- Up to 256 computers can be attached to the system via transceiver screwed onto the cable.
- Transmission speed varies from 10 Mbps to 10 Gbps.



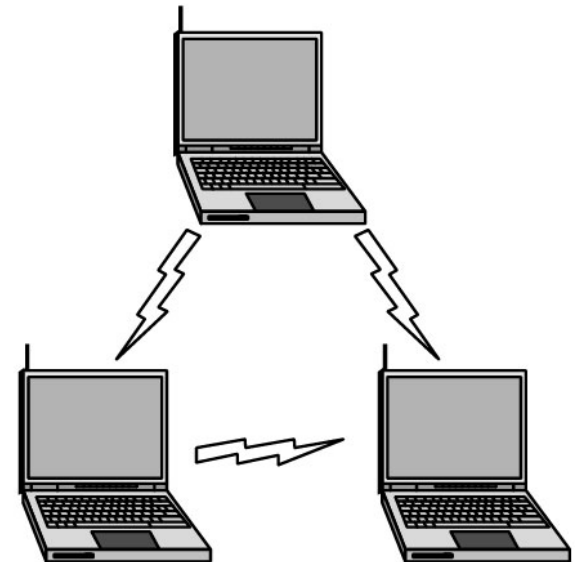
Architecture of the original Ethernet.

# Wireless LANs

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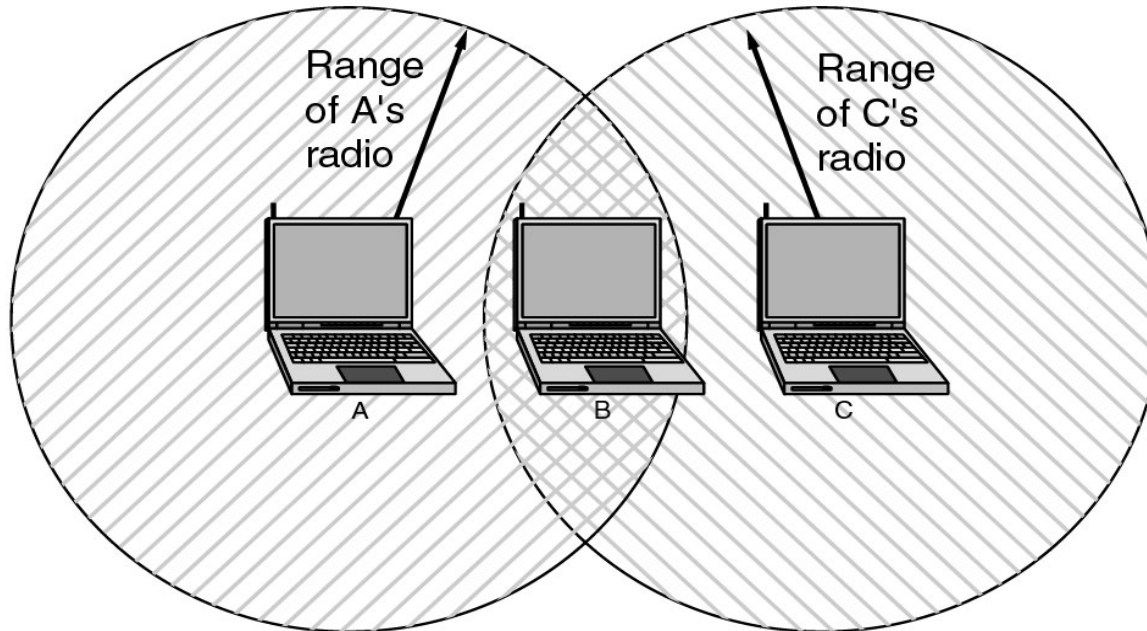


(b)

- (a) Wireless networking with a base station (access point).
- (b) Ad hoc networking.

# Wireless LANs (2)

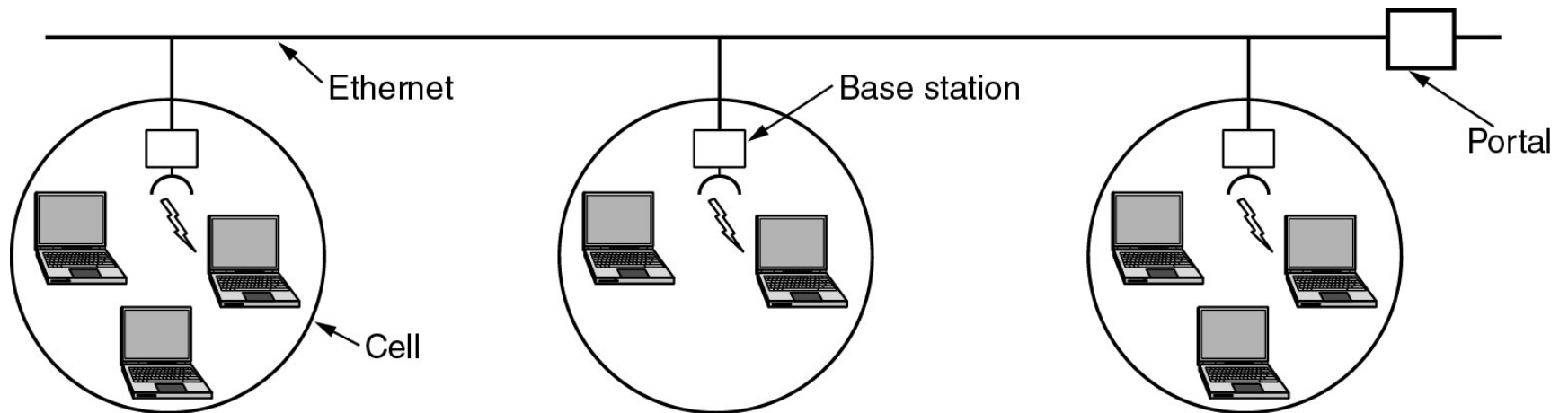
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The range of a single radio may not cover the entire system.

# Wireless LANs (3)

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A multi-cell 802.11 network.

# Network Standardization

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- Who's Who in the Telecommunications World
- Who's Who in the International Standards World
- Who's Who in the Internet Standards World



# ITU (International Telecommunication Union)

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## ➤ Main sectors

- ✓ Radiocommunications (ITU-R)
- ✓ Telecommunications Standardization (ITU-T)
- ✓ Development (ITU-D)

## ➤ Classes of Members

- ✓ National governments – most countries in the world.
- ✓ Sector members
  - Telephone companies, vendors, media companies, etc.
  - E.g., AT&T, Cisco, Nortel, HP, Sun, AOL, CBS.
- ✓ Associate members
  - smaller organizations interested in a particular study group.
- ✓ Regulatory agencies – who watch over telecom business.
  - ✓ E.g., the US Federal communications Commission (FCC).

# IEEE 802 Standards

Number	Topic
802.1	Overview and architecture of LANs
802.2 ↓	Logical link control
802.3 *	Ethernet
802.4 ↓	Token bus (was briefly used in manufacturing plants)
802.5	Token ring (IBM's entry into the LAN world)
802.6 ↓	Dual queue dual bus (early metropolitan area network)
802.7 ↓	Technical advisory group on broadband technologies
802.8 †	Technical advisory group on fiber optic technologies
802.9 ↓	Isochronous LANs (for real-time applications)
802.10 ↓	Virtual LANs and security
802.11 *	Wireless LANs
802.12 ↓	Demand priority (Hewlett-Packard's AnyLAN)
802.13	Unlucky number. Nobody wanted it
802.14 ↓	Cable modems (defunct: an industry consortium got there first)
802.15 *	Personal area networks (Bluetooth)
802.16 *	Broadband wireless
802.17	Resilient packet ring

The 802 working groups. The important ones are marked with \*. The ones marked with ↓ are hibernating. The one marked with † gave up.

# Metric Units

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Exp.	Explicit	Prefix	Exp.	Explicit	Prefix
$10^{-3}$	0.001	milli	$10^3$	1,000	Kilo
$10^{-6}$	0.000001	micro	$10^6$	1,000,000	Mega
$10^{-9}$	0.000000001	nano	$10^9$	1,000,000,000	Giga
$10^{-12}$	0.000000000001	pico	$10^{12}$	1,000,000,000,000	Tera
$10^{-15}$	0.000000000000001	femto	$10^{15}$	1,000,000,000,000,000	Peta
$10^{-18}$	0.000000000000000001	atto	$10^{18}$	1,000,000,000,000,000,000	Exa
$10^{-21}$	0.000000000000000000001	zepto	$10^{21}$	1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000	Zetta
$10^{-24}$	0.000000000000000000000001	yocto	$10^{24}$	1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000	Yotta

The principal metric prefixes.