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Chapter 2: Introduction

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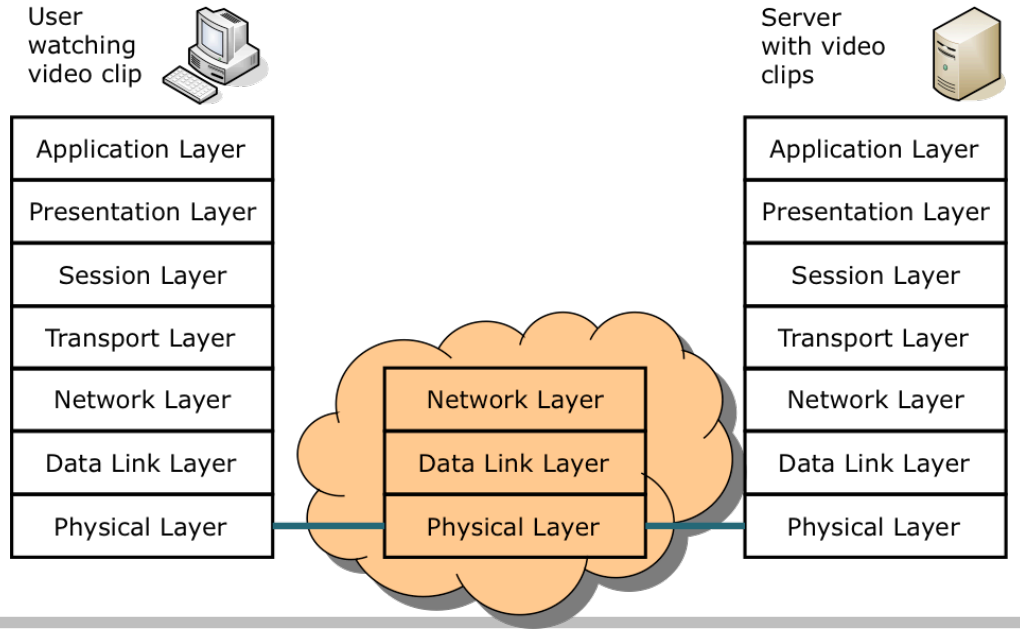

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Data Communication

Data Communication

Data communication is the processing and the transport of digital data over connections between computers (generally over large distances).

Data communication comprises **two** areas:

Computer Networks

- How to connect several computers?
- Which media can be used for data transport?
- How to represent digital data on the medium?
- How to coordinate the access of several computers to the medium?

Communication Protocols

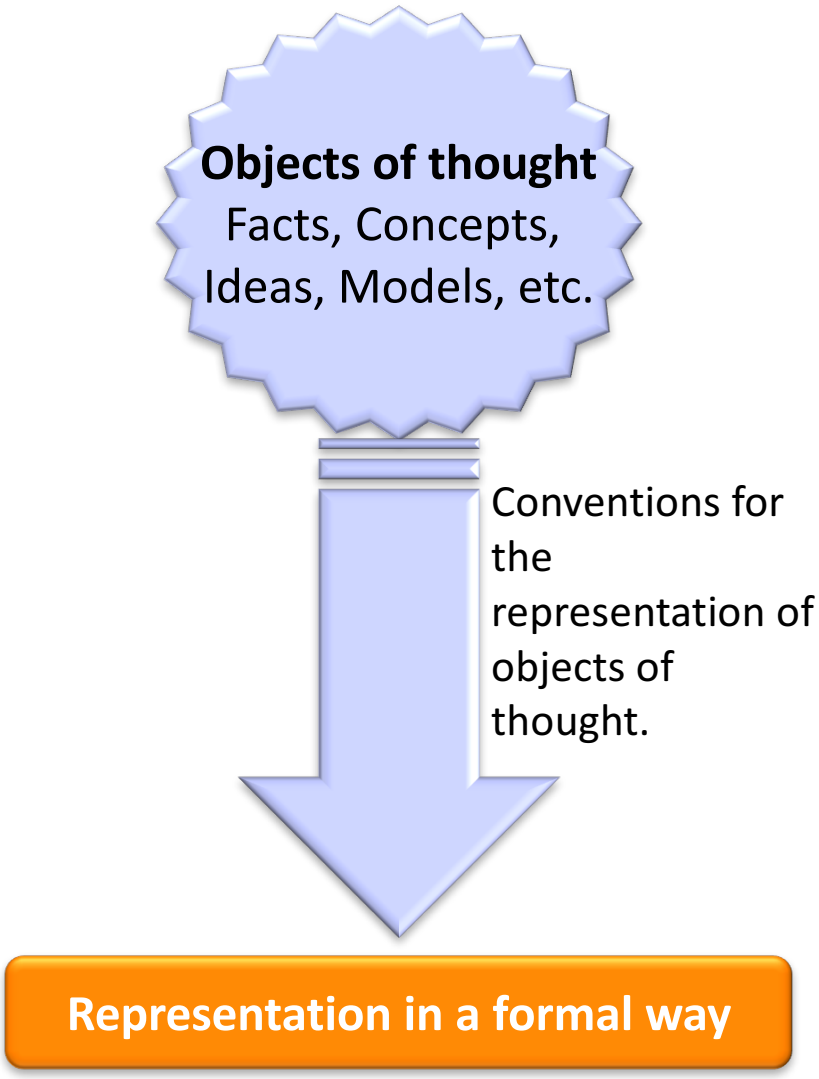
- Design of uniform data units for transfer
- How to achieve a reliable and efficient transfer?

What is Digital Data?

The Term of Data

- **Data (universal)**
  - Representation of facts, concepts, and statements in a formal way which is suitable for communication, interpretation, and processing by human beings or technical means.

- **Examples:**
  - Spoken language
  - Sign language
  - Written language
  - Mathematical notation



The Term of Information

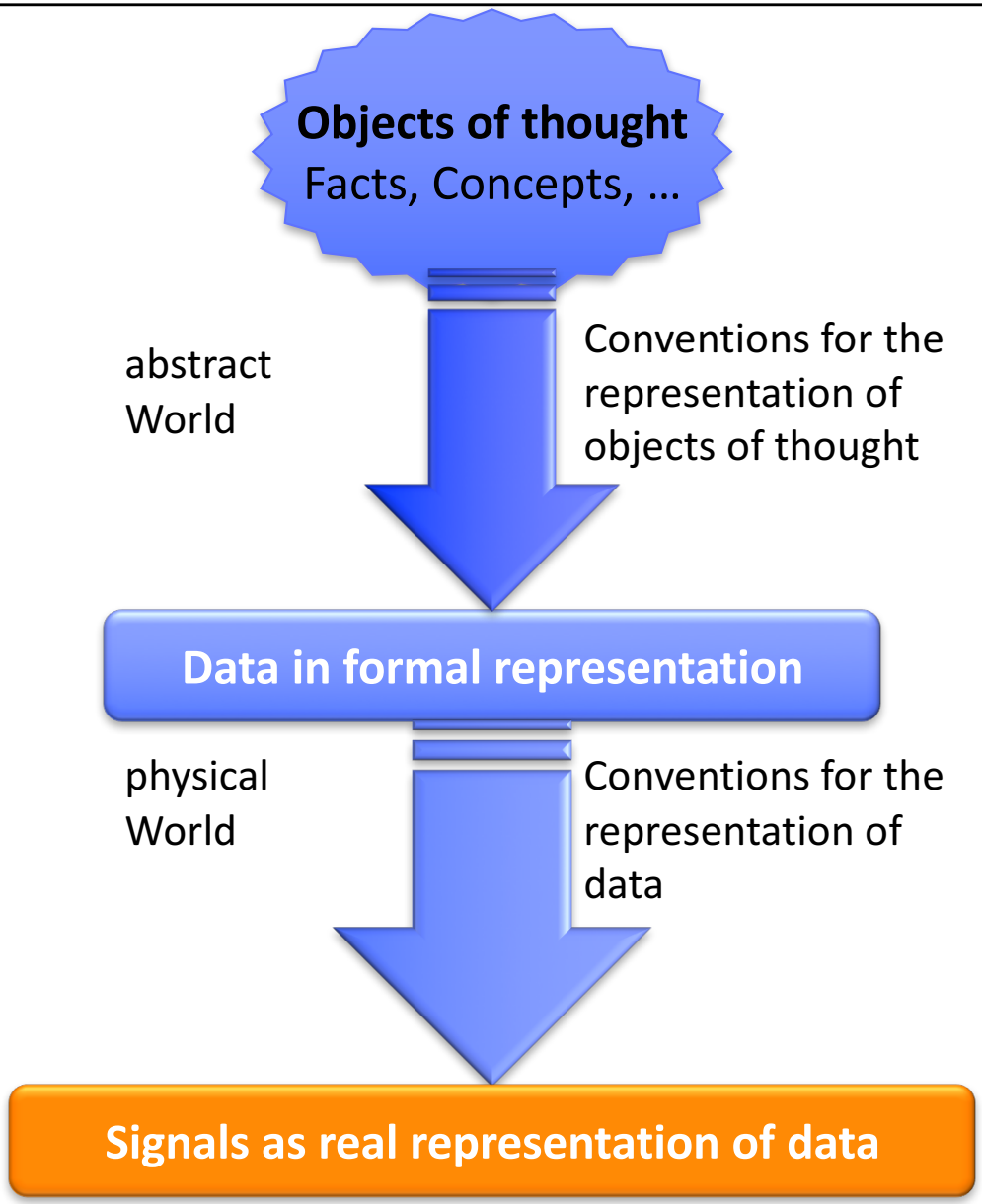
- **Information**
  - Generally, information is whatever is capable of causing a **human mind** to change its opinion about the current state of the real world. Formally, and especially in science and engineering, information is whatever **contributes to a reduction in the uncertainty of the state of a system**; in this case, uncertainty is usually expressed in an **objectively measurable** form.

    (Oxford Reference Online)

  - The communication or reception of knowledge or intelligence
  - Attention: The notion of »Information« is defined for humans
  - Information has to be distinguished from any **medium** that is capable of **carrying** it
  - Humans and machines can handle **data**, however only humans can handle information

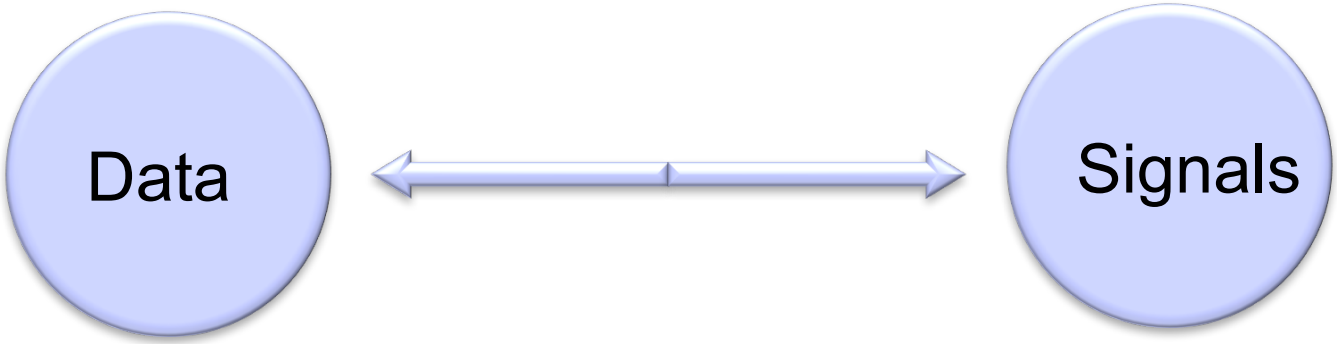
The Term of Signal

- **Signal**
  - A signal is the physical representation of data by spatial or timely variation of physical characteristics
    - The **variable parameter** that contains information and by which information is transmitted in an electronic system or circuit.
    - The **signal** is often a voltage source in which the amplitude, frequency, and waveform can be varied.
  - Signal is the real physical representation of an abstract representation.



Data vs. Signals

- **The border between Data and Signal**
  - The terms »**Data**« and »**Signal**« are often used interchangeably or as synonyms, since storing, transmission, processing of data is done in physical representation as »Signals«.
  - Every specific representation of data is bound to a particular representation of signals.
  - Thus, the conceptual difference between both terms is often not evident.

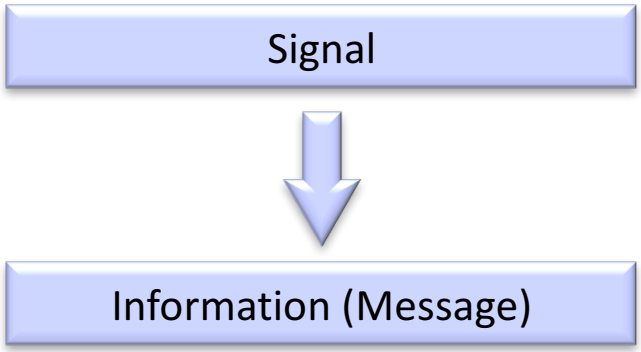


- **Examples:**
  - Sounds of a language (Data) during speaking are acoustic waves (Signals)
  - Printed letters on paper are optical signals of abstract characters (Data)

Communications Engineering vs. Computer Networks

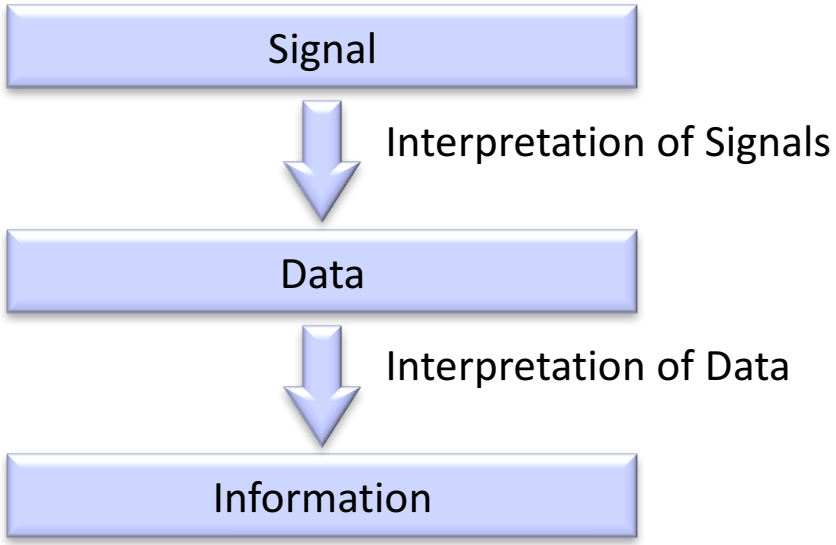
Communications Engineering

- Deals primarily with physical-technological issues of ICT
- Term of »Signal« is important
- Term of »Information« is correlated with the term of »Signal«



Computer Networks

- The term of »Data« is in focus
- The term of »Signal« is restricted on transmission of communication systems
- Model with 2-steps of abstraction from »Signals« to »Information«



Why Data Communication?

Evolution of Data Communication

- **Sharing resources saves costs …**
  - By communication, one can access resources of other parties
    - ➢ reduces the costs (compared to buying own resources)
  - Several institutions can share expensive resources which cannot be completely utilized by a single institution
  - Needed:
    - Efficient mechanisms for data exchange between components of a distributed systems
    - Mechanisms for efficient interaction
- **The »driving power« for the enormous increasing significance of data communication:**
  - Decreasing costs for hardware…

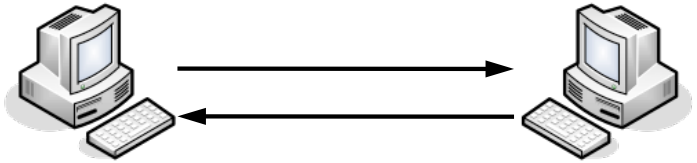
    … while the computing power increases.

➡ **How do several communication partners interact?**

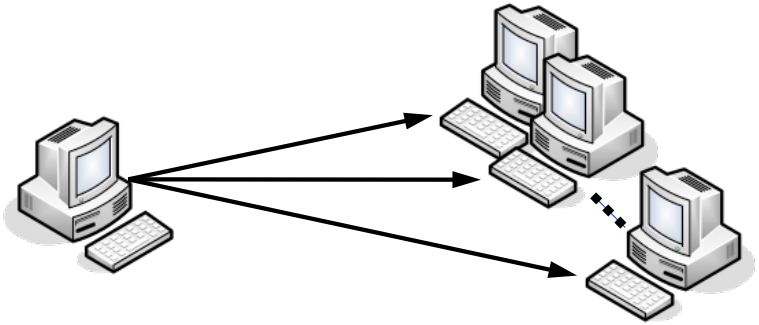
Networking Principles

Communication Peers

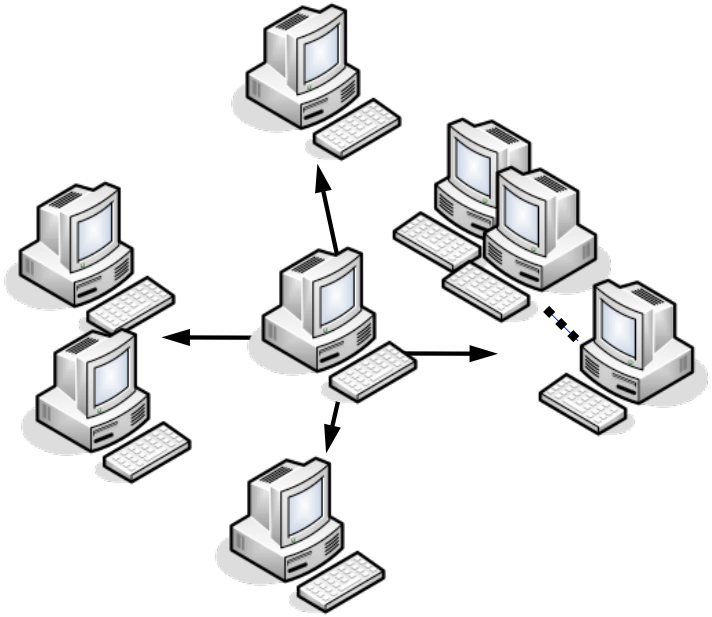
- **Unicast: Two communication peers communicate over a Point-to-Point connection.**



- **Multicast: One sender communicates to several receivers, which are known.**



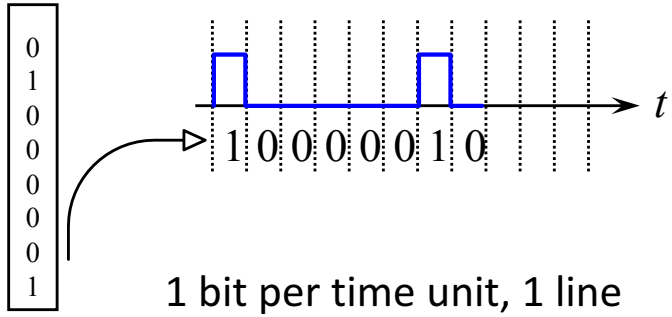
- **Broadcast: One sender transmits to all other peers.**
  - Typically the other peers are (partially) unknown.



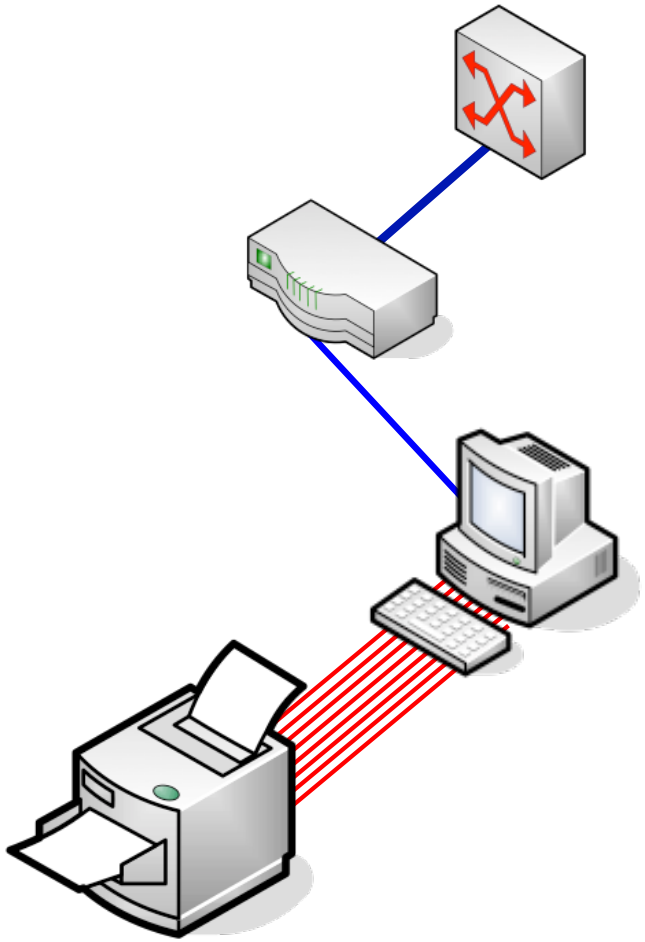
- **Others: Anycast, Geocast, etc.**

Transmission Principles

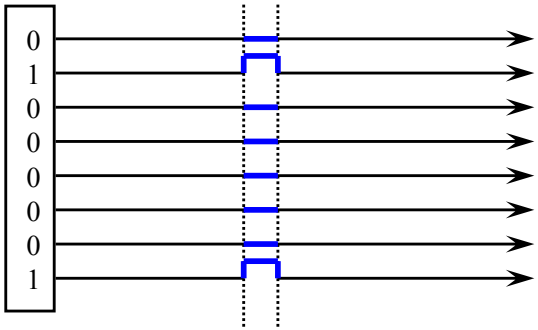
- **Serial** Transmission



1 bit per time unit, 1 line



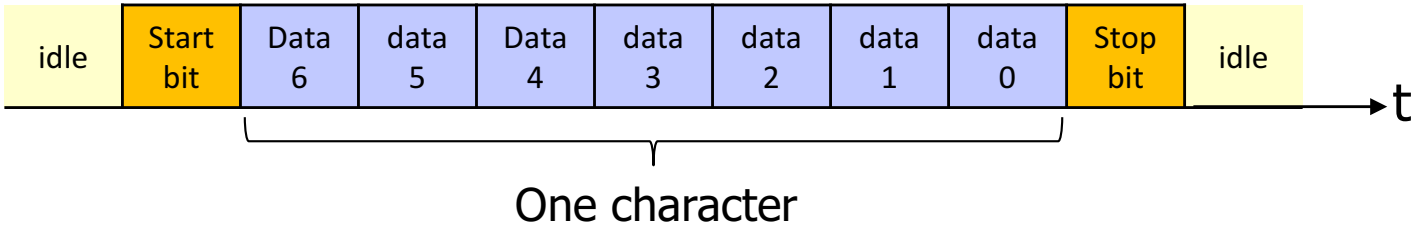
- **Parallel** Transmission



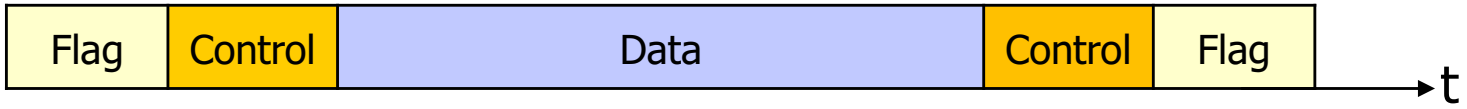
8 bit per time unit, 8 lines

Transmission Principles

- **Asynchronous Transmission: Transmission in which each block (character) is individually synchronized**
  - No long streams of bits
  - Data transmitted as **one character** at a time
    ➡ Character set ➡ ASCII
  - Synchronization must only be maintained for each character



- **Synchronous Transmission: Transmission in which the time of occurrence of each signal representing a bit is related to a fixed time frame**
  - Blocks of bit-streams (frame)



Transmission Principles: ASCII Table

- **American Standard Code for Information Interchange (ASCII)**
  - Character encoding based on English
  - Printable, non-printable, and control characters

Dec	Hex	Oct	Char	Dec	Hex	Oct	Char	Dec	Hex	Oct	Char	Dec	Hex	Oct	Char
0	0	0		32	20	40	[space]	64	40	100	@	96	60	140	`
1	1	1		33	21	41	!	65	41	101	A	97	61	141	a
2	2	2		34	22	42	"	66	42	102	B	98	62	142	b
3	3	3		35	23	43	#	67	43	103	C	99	63	143	c
4	4	4		36	24	44	$	68	44	104	D	100	64	144	d
5	5	5		37	25	45	%	69	45	105	E	101	65	145	e
6	6	6		38	26	46	&	70	46	106	F	102	66	146	f
7	7	7		39	27	47	'	71	47	107	G	103	67	147	g
8	8	10		40	28	50	(	72	48	110	H	104	68	150	h
9	9	11		41	29	51	)	73	49	111	I	105	69	151	i
10	A	12		42	2A	52	*	74	4A	112	J	106	6A	152	j
11	B	13		43	2B	53	+	75	4B	113	K	107	6B	153	k
12	C	14		44	2C	54	,	76	4C	114	L	108	6C	154	l
13	D	15		45	2D	55	-	77	4D	115	M	109	6D	155	m
14	E	16		46	2E	56	.	78	4E	116	N	110	6E	156	n
15	F	17		47	2F	57	/	79	4F	117	O	111	6F	157	o
16	10	20		48	30	60	0	80	50	120	P	112	70	160	p
17	11	21		49	31	61	1	81	51	121	Q	113	71	161	q
18	12	22		50	32	62	2	82	52	122	R	114	72	162	r
19	13	23		51	33	63	3	83	53	123	S	115	73	163	s
20	14	24		52	34	64	4	84	54	124	T	116	74	164	t
21	15	25		53	35	65	5	85	55	125	U	117	75	165	u
22	16	26		54	36	66	6	86	56	126	V	118	76	166	v
23	17	27		55	37	67	7	87	57	127	W	119	77	167	w
24	18	30		56	38	70	8	88	58	130	X	120	78	170	x
25	19	31		57	39	71	9	89	59	131	Y	121	79	171	y
26	1A	32		58	3A	72	:	90	5A	132	Z	122	7A	172	z
27	1B	33		59	3B	73	;	91	5B	133	[	123	7B	173	{
28	1C	34		60	3C	74	<	92	5C	134	\	124	7C	174	|
29	1D	35		61	3D	75	=	93	5D	135	]	125	7D	175	}
30	1E	36		62	3E	76	>	94	5E	136	^	126	7E	176	~
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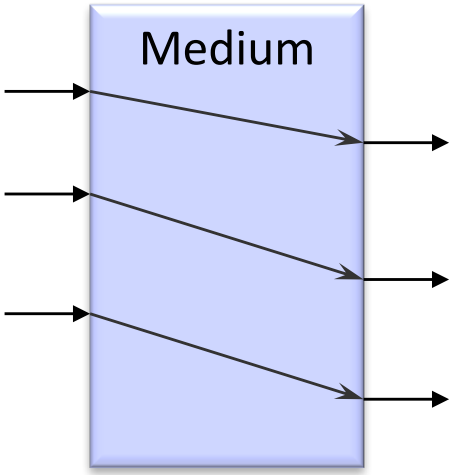
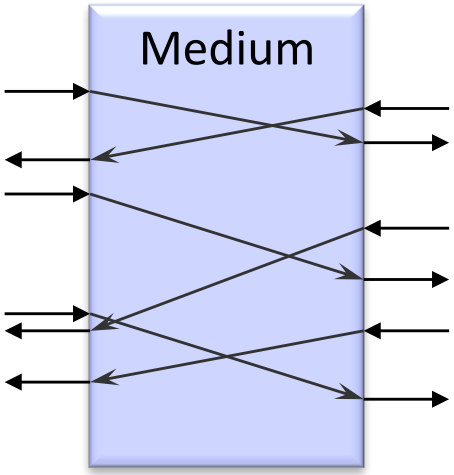
Connection Properties

Simplex



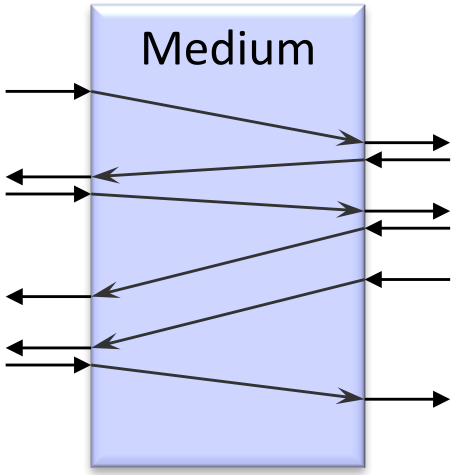
- Fire detector
- Sensors
- Pager

Duplex



- Telephone

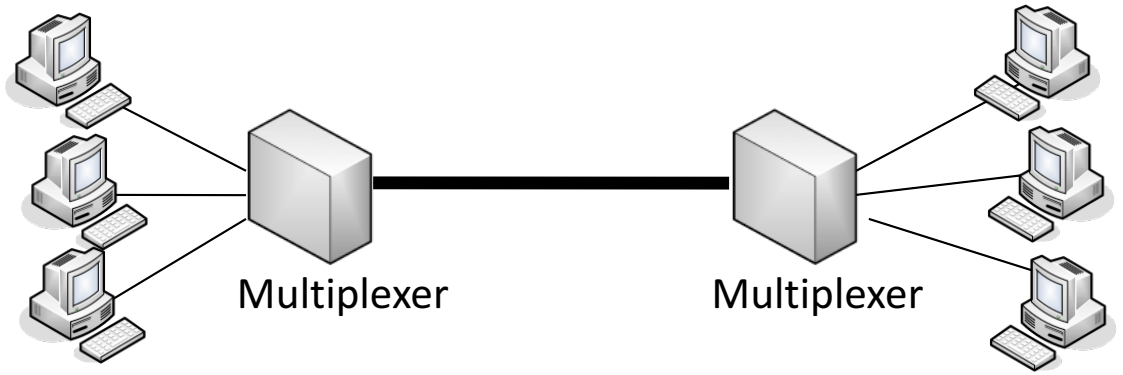
Half-duplex



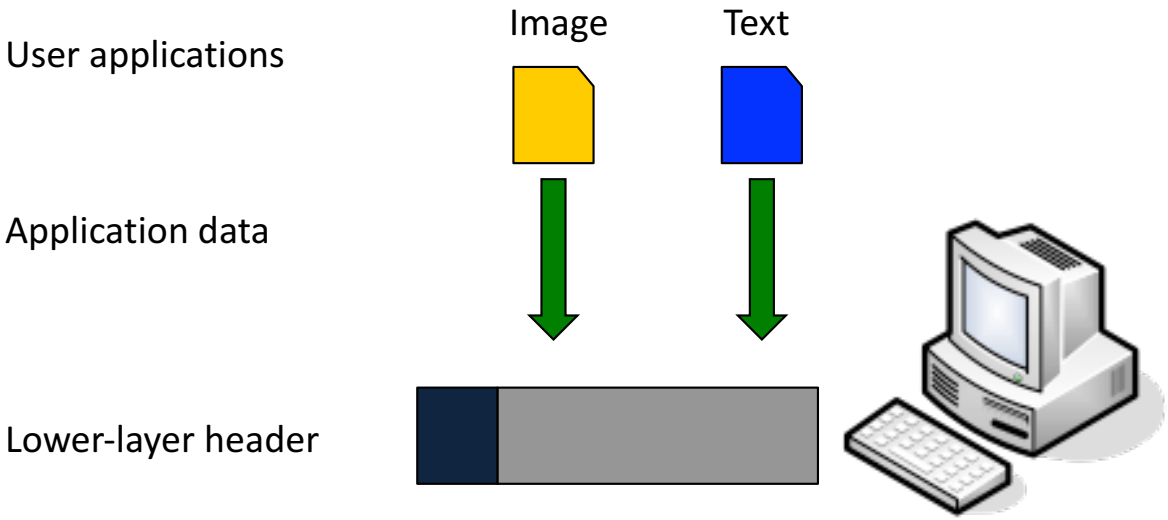
- Walkie-Talkie
- partly GSM-Voice connections

Multiplexing Basics

- **Multiplexing**
  - Combining multiple data channels into a single data channel at the source
- **Demultiplexing**
  - Separating multiplexed data channels at the destination



- **Multiplexing can be implemented on different levels in a communication, i.e., on any of the OSI layers!**

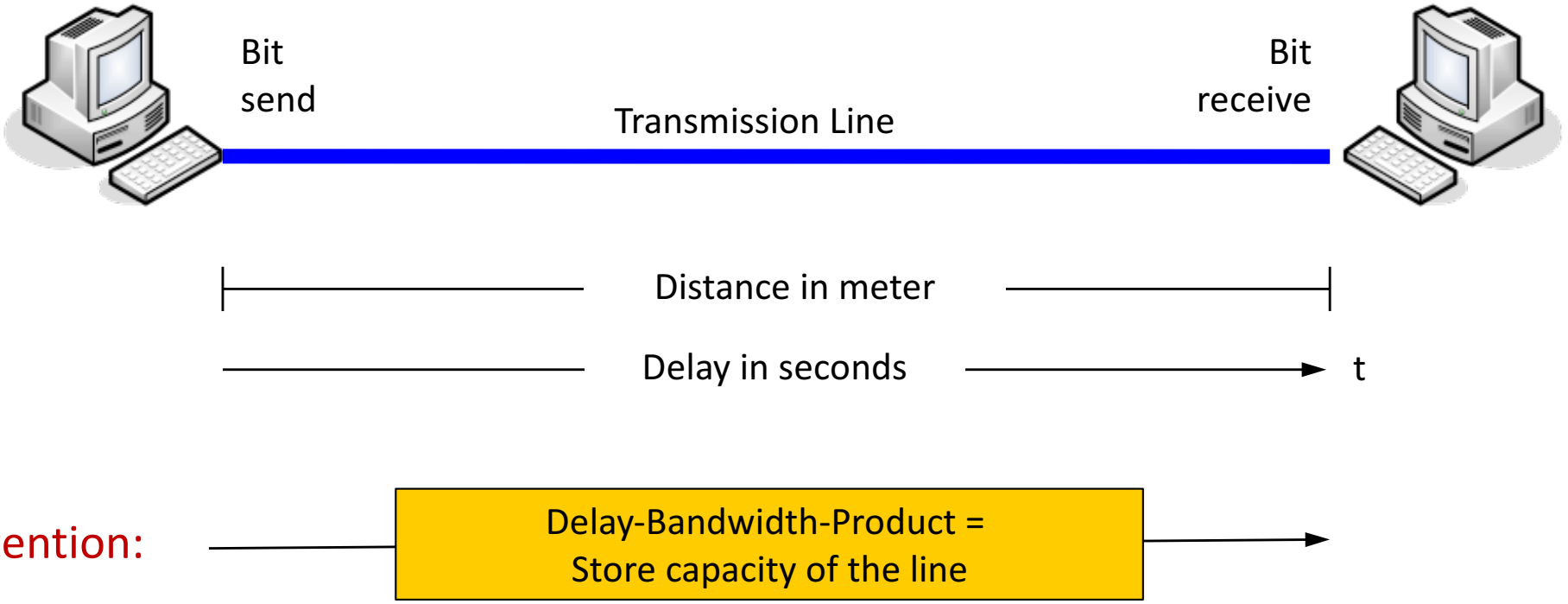


Quality

Besides the functional aspects and usability, the following quality requirements are important.

- **Technical Performance**
  - Delay [s]
  - Jitter [s]
  - Throughput [bit/s]
  - Data rate [bit/s]
- **Costs**
  - Investment costs, cost of operation, etc.
- **Reliability**
  - Fault tolerance, system stability, immunity, availability, etc.
- **Security and Protection**
  - Eavesdropping, authentication, denial of service, etc.

Quality: Technical Performance



Attention:

Delay-Bandwidth-Product =
Store capacity of the line

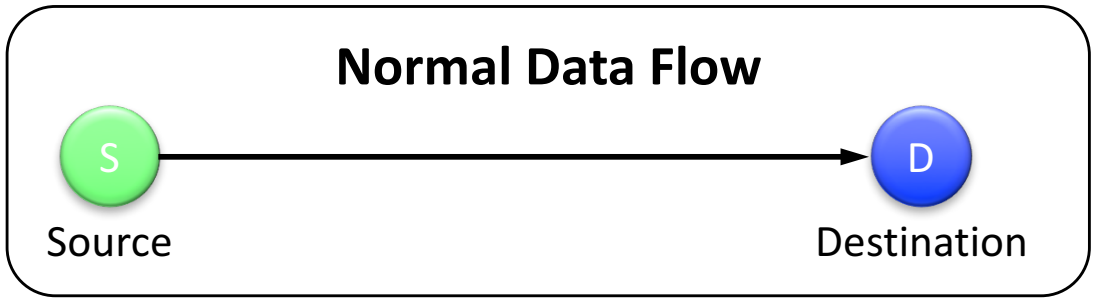
Throughput (“bandwidth”, data rate) = Number of transmitted bits per second [bit/s]

Examples:

- DSL connection: 1 Mbps, 200 ms delay: 1 Mbps × 0.2 s = 200 kBit
- Ethernet 100 Mbps: 100 Mbps, 100 ms: 100 Mbps × 0.1 s = 10 Mbit

Quality: Security and Protection

- **Safety measures**
  - Encryption (cryptographic codes)
  - Trustworthy systems (Authentication, Authorization)



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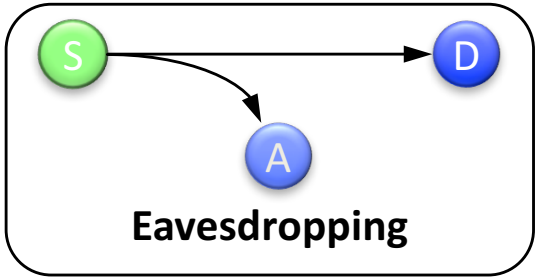

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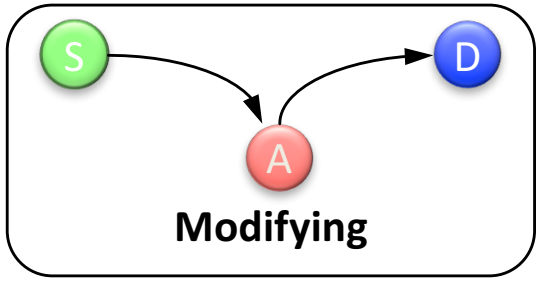
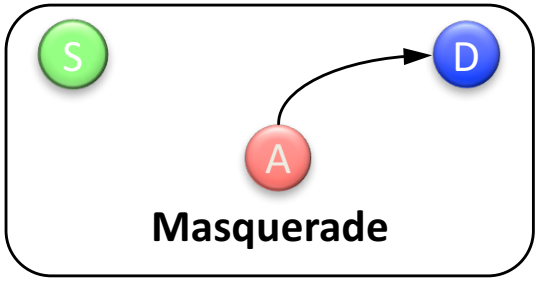
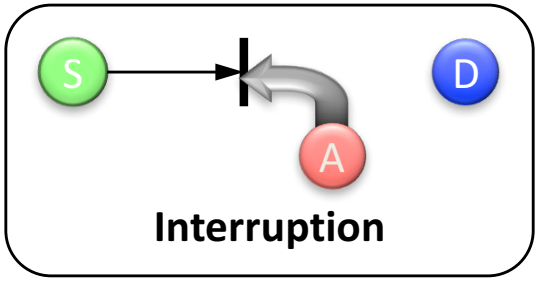
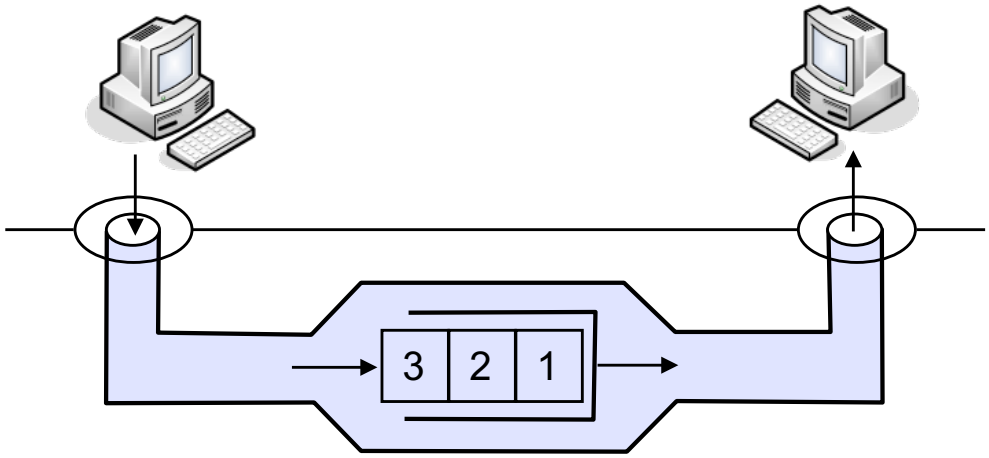




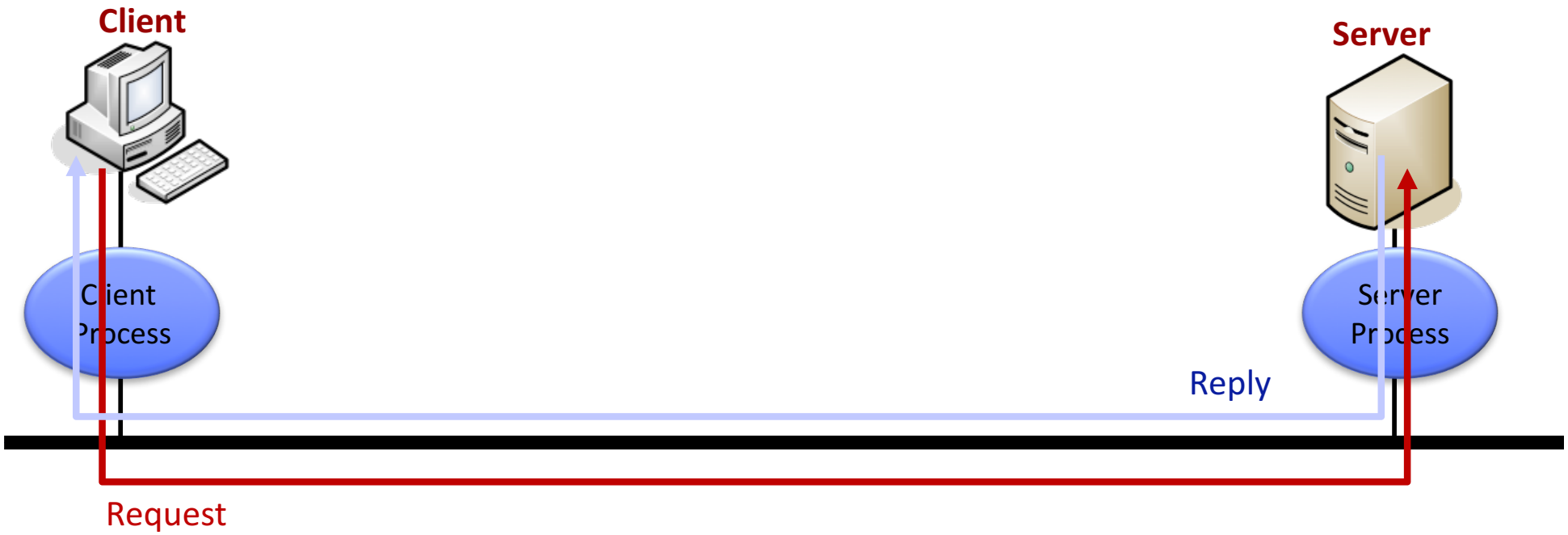


Delivery Principles

- **The delivery principle describes how sent data is received by the receiver**
  - In sequence, i.e., same order as the data was sent by the sender → FIFO
  - FIFO + prioritized
  - Random



The Client/Server Principle



Advantages

- Cost reduction
- Better usage of resources
- Modular extensions
- Reliability by redundancy

The Client/Server Principle

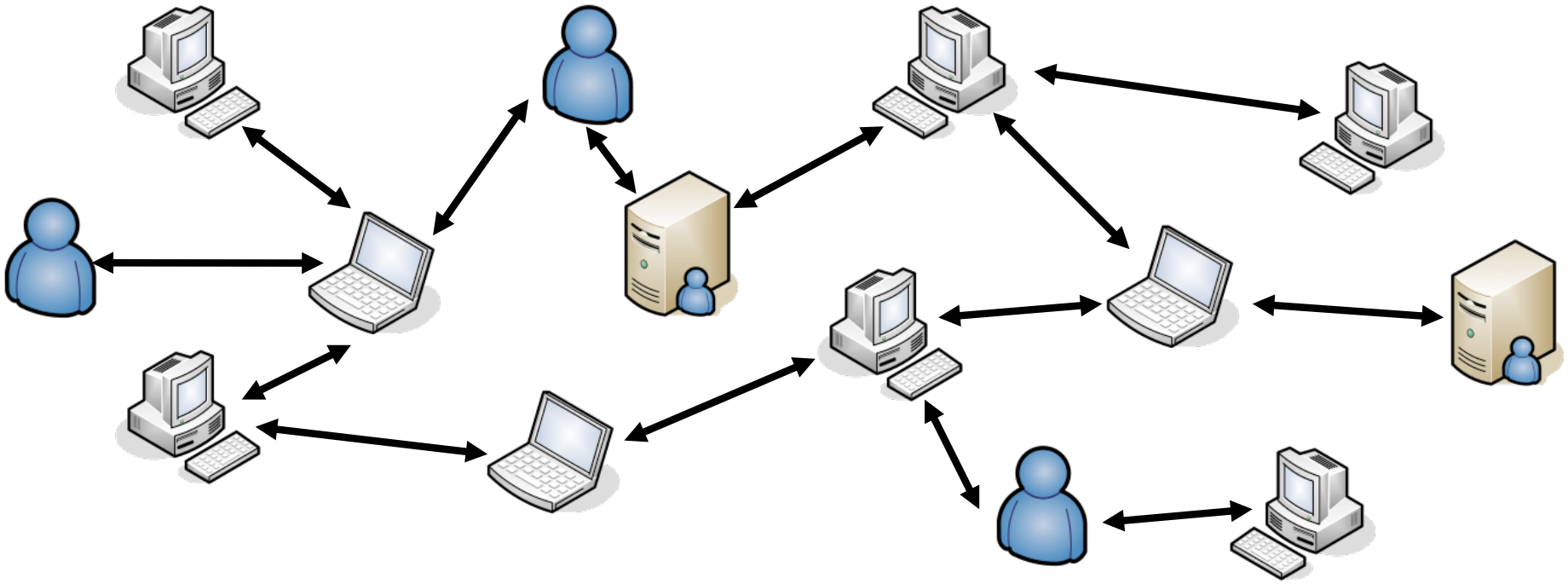
- **Server**
  - Program (process) which offers a service over a network.
    Servers receive requests and return a result to the inquiring party. The services offered include simple operations (e.g. name server) or a complex set of operations (e.g. web server).
- **Client**
  - Program (process) which uses a service offered by a server.

Examples for Client/Server Systems

Client	**Server**
Web Browser	Web Server
E-Mail Program	Domain Name System (DNS)
FTP Client	FTP Server

Peer-to-Peer Principle

- **The P2P Principle**
  - Equal partners, no fixed client and server roles
  - Connections between any pair of computers
  - Establishment of a whole network of connections
  - Best example: File Sharing, e.g., Napster, Gnutella



Non-technical Aspects of Networking

Non-technical Aspects of Networking

Communication networks enable a fast and cheap exchange/distribution of information.
There is however a large number of social, ethical, cultural, juridical, ... side effects.

- **Eventually dubious or forbidden contents**
- **Responsibility**
- **Juridical aspects (legislation)**
- **Potential censorship?**
- **Control over the productivity of employees, of the whereabouts of people**
- **Annoyance through anonymous or unwanted messages (SPAM)**
- **...**

Communication Protocols

What is a Protocol?

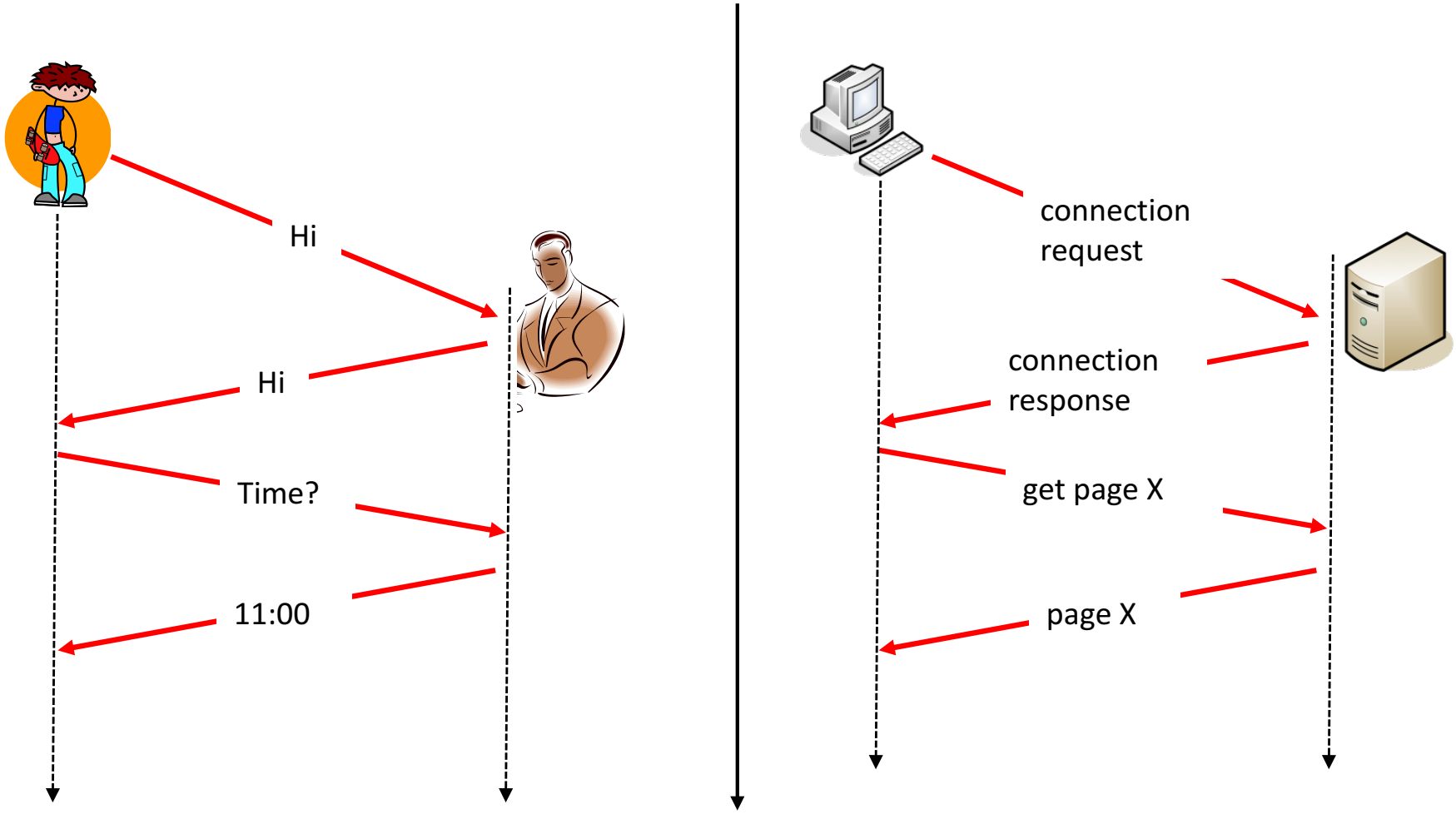
- **Human protocols:**
  - »What's the time?«
  - »I have a question«
  - Introductions

- **Network protocols:**
  - Machines rather than humans
  - All communication activities in the Internet is governed by protocols

- **In General**
  - … specific messages sent
  - … specific actions taken when messages received or other events happen

- **In General**
  - Protocols define format, order of messages sent and received among network entities, and actions taken on message transmission and receipt

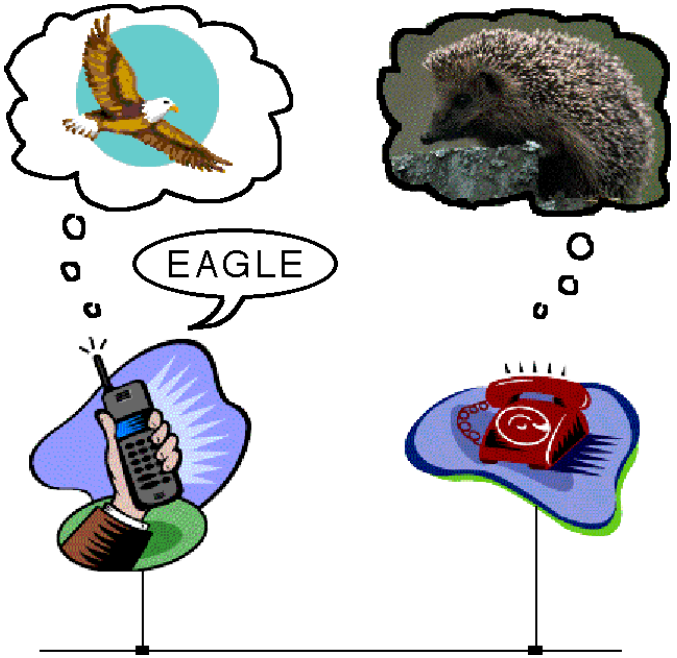
What is a Protocol?



Why Protocols?

To enable understanding in communication, all communication partners have to speak the same »language«.

- Data formats and their semantics
- Control over media access
- Priorities
- Handling of transmission errors
- Sequence control
- Flow control mechanisms
- Segmentation and composition of long messages
- Multiplexing
- Routing



Protocol

A protocol is the set of agreements between (application) processes with the purpose of communication.

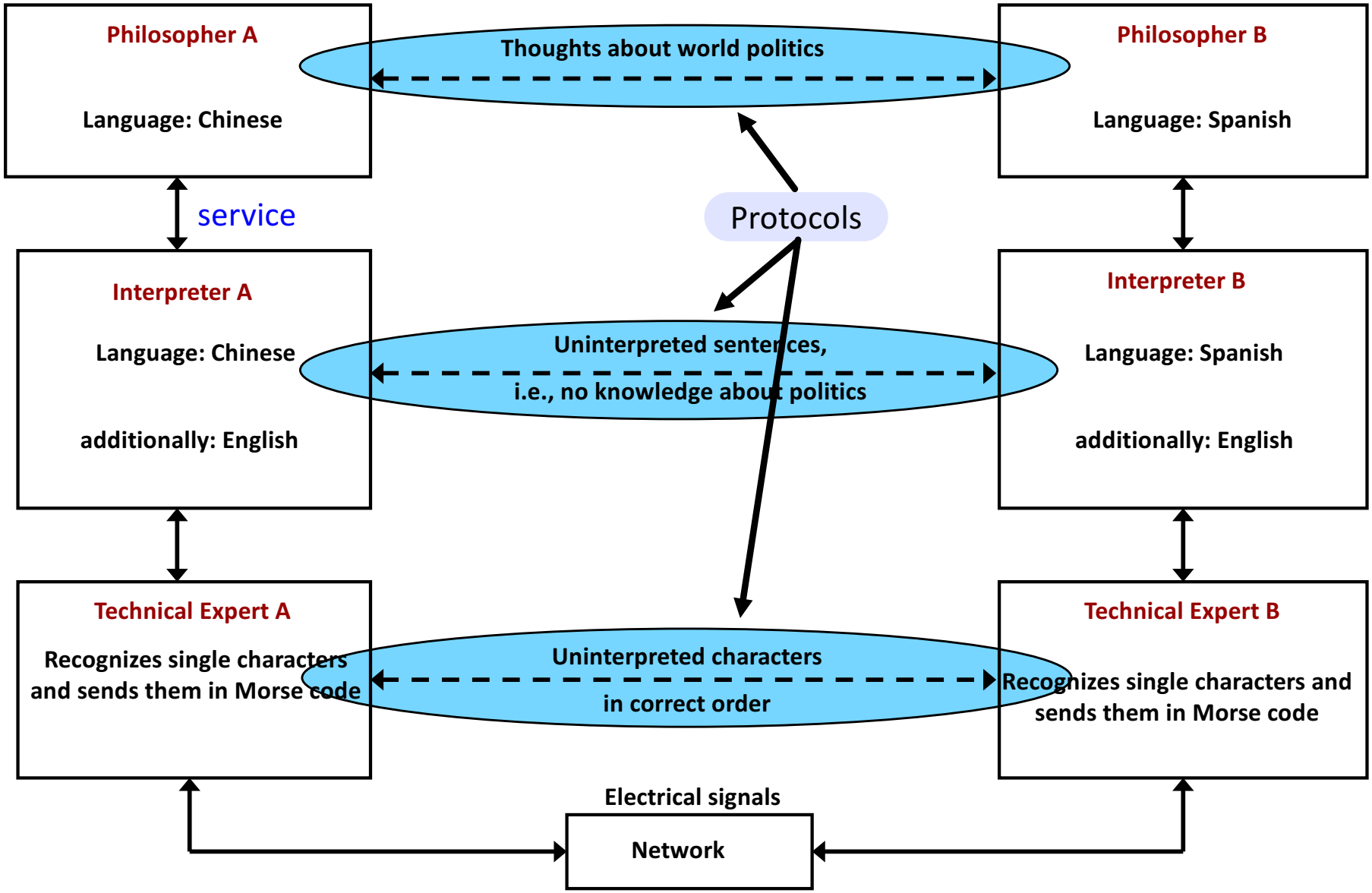
Implementation of Protocols

- **Solution 1:**
  - Write one large »Communication Program« which fulfills all requirements needed to establish a communication process.
    - Advantage: efficient data exchange for a given application.
    - Disadvantage: No flexibility! Adoptions require large efforts.

- **Solution 2:**
  - Write a set of small programs specialized to special tasks of the communication process. For each application, the needed programs can be combined.
    - Advantage: Very flexible, since single components can be exchanged.
    - Disadvantage: Fixed structures of program interworking; adds more complexity and overhead.

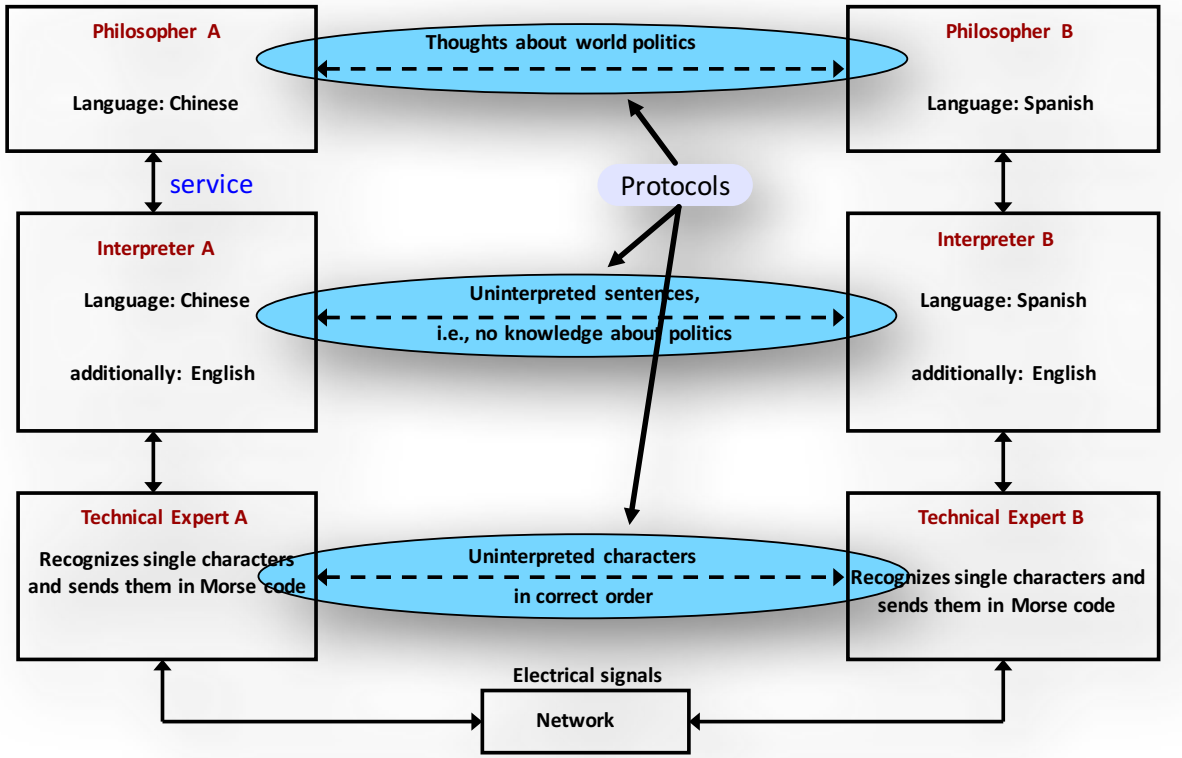
- **Accepted today: Solution 2.**
  - The implementation takes place in **layer models**.

Example: Exchange of Ideas between Philosophers



Services and Protocols

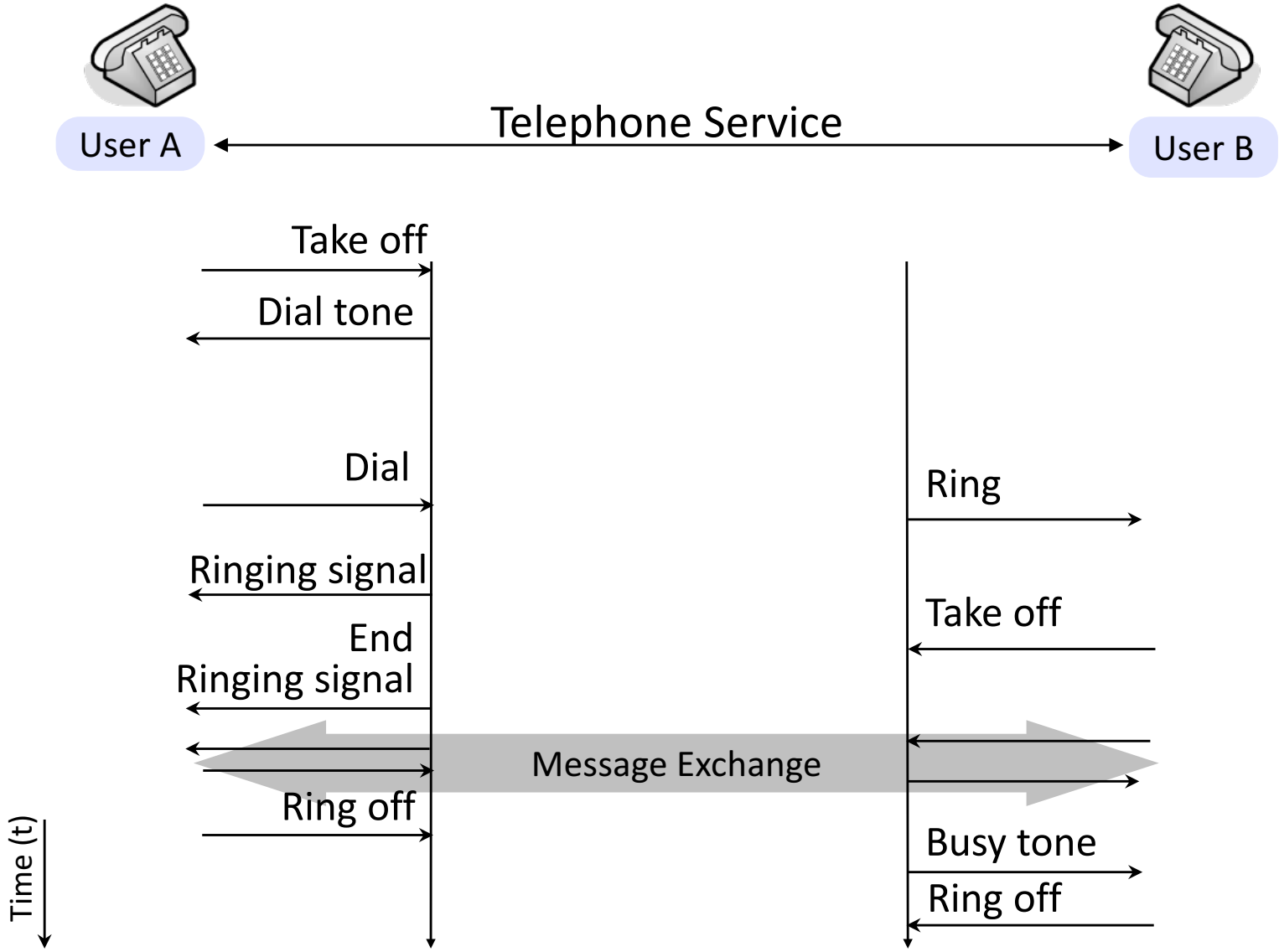
- **Peer of a Layer**
  - use one service (except the bottom)
  - offer a service (except the top)
  - do not need to know other than the next lower one
  - talk according to the rules
    - Telephone: dial/ring/busy
    - With humans often context sensitive



- **Communication architectures are based on**
  - Service = Communication Service
  - Rules = Communication Protocol

Services and Protocols:

Example Telephone System



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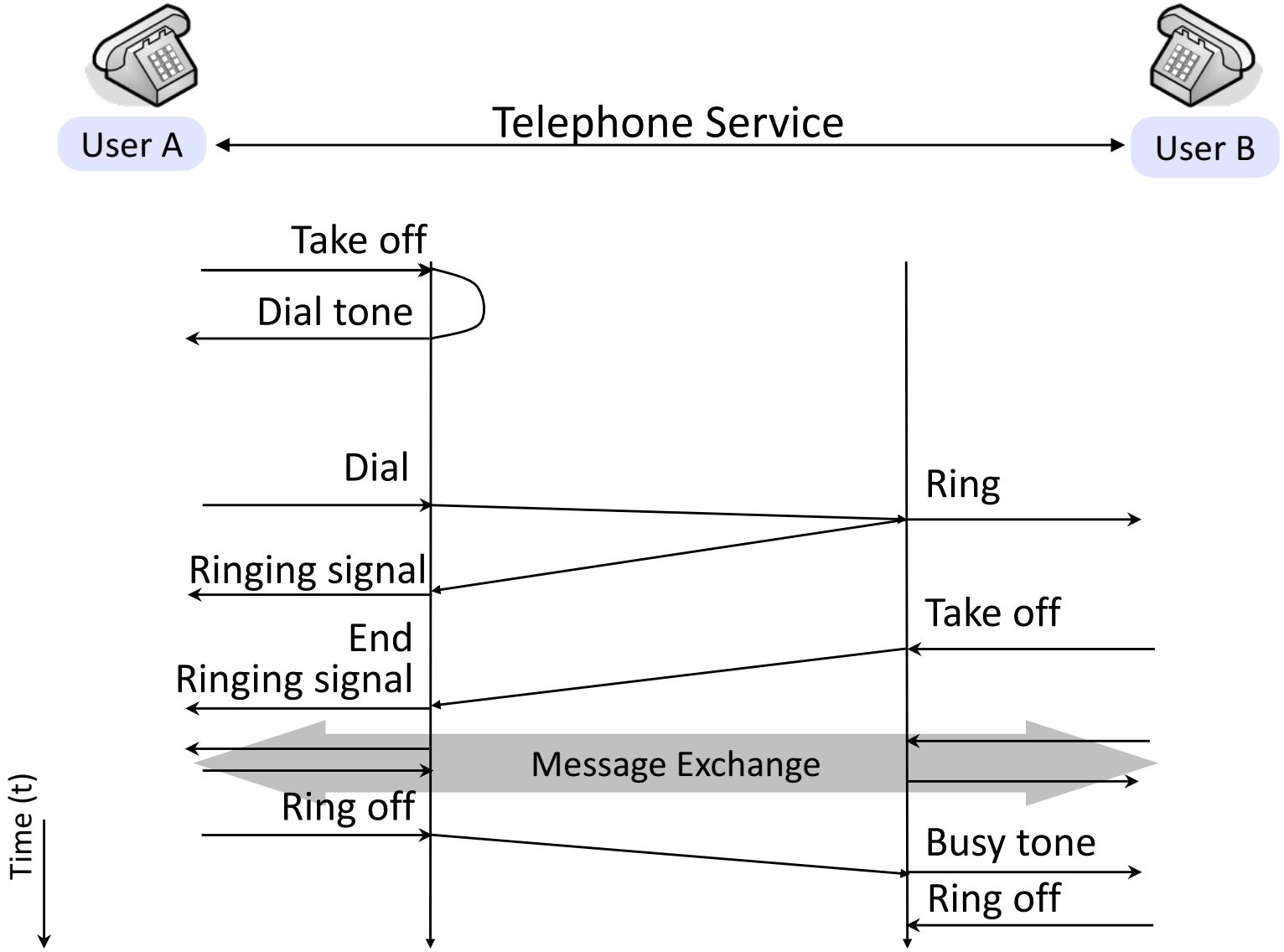

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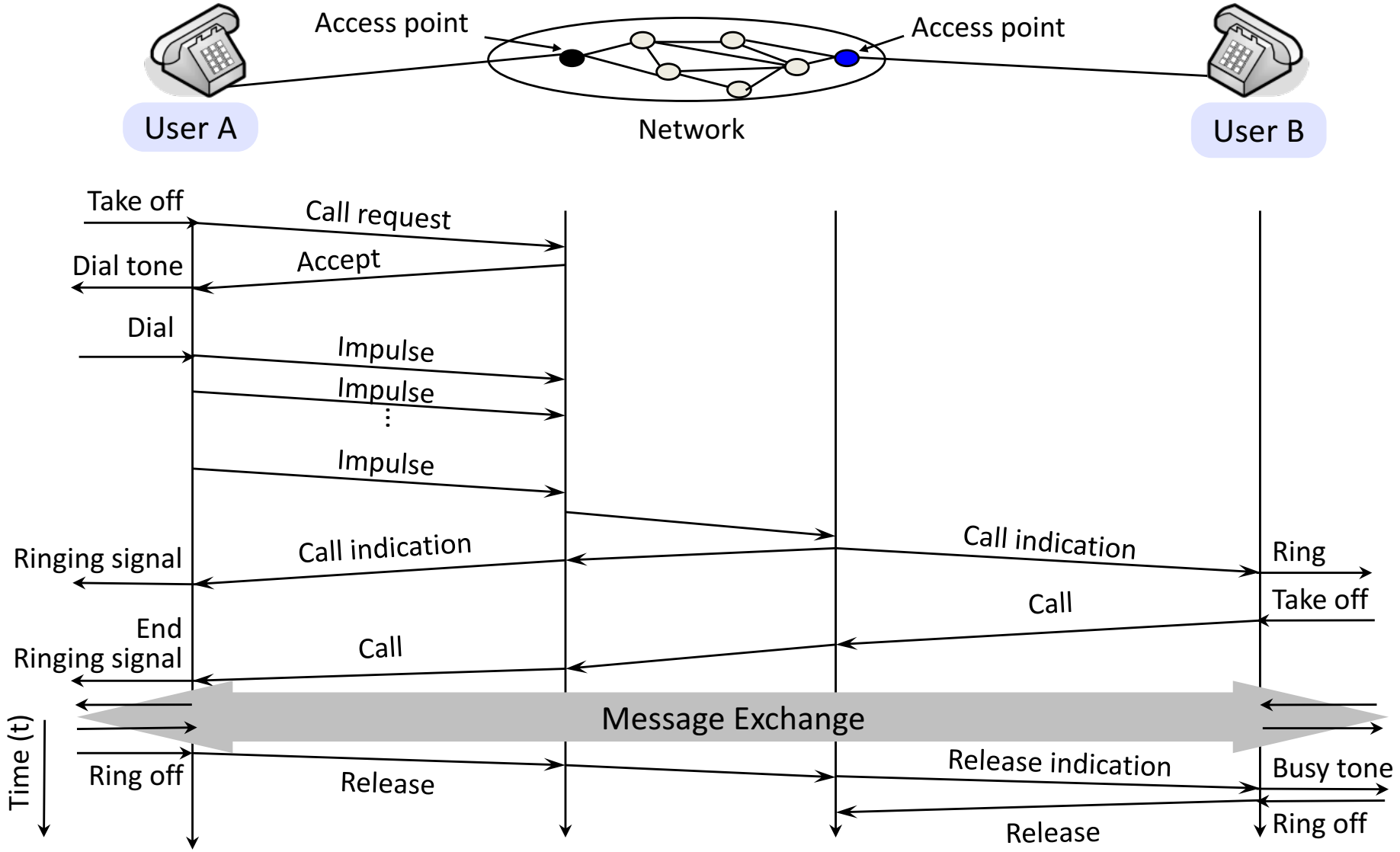
Example Telephone System

- **Signaling protocol in the plain old telephone service (POTS)**



The Notion of Service

- **Functionality of a layer is offered as a set of services.**
- **The service in a layer is realized by data exchange between peers. The exchange of these data is according to rules and formats, which is denoted as protocol.**
- **A service is offered from a service provider at a service interface to service users.**
- **The service definition specifies the available services and rules for its usage.**

- **Types of services are:**
  - Request
  - Indication
  - Response
  - Confirmation

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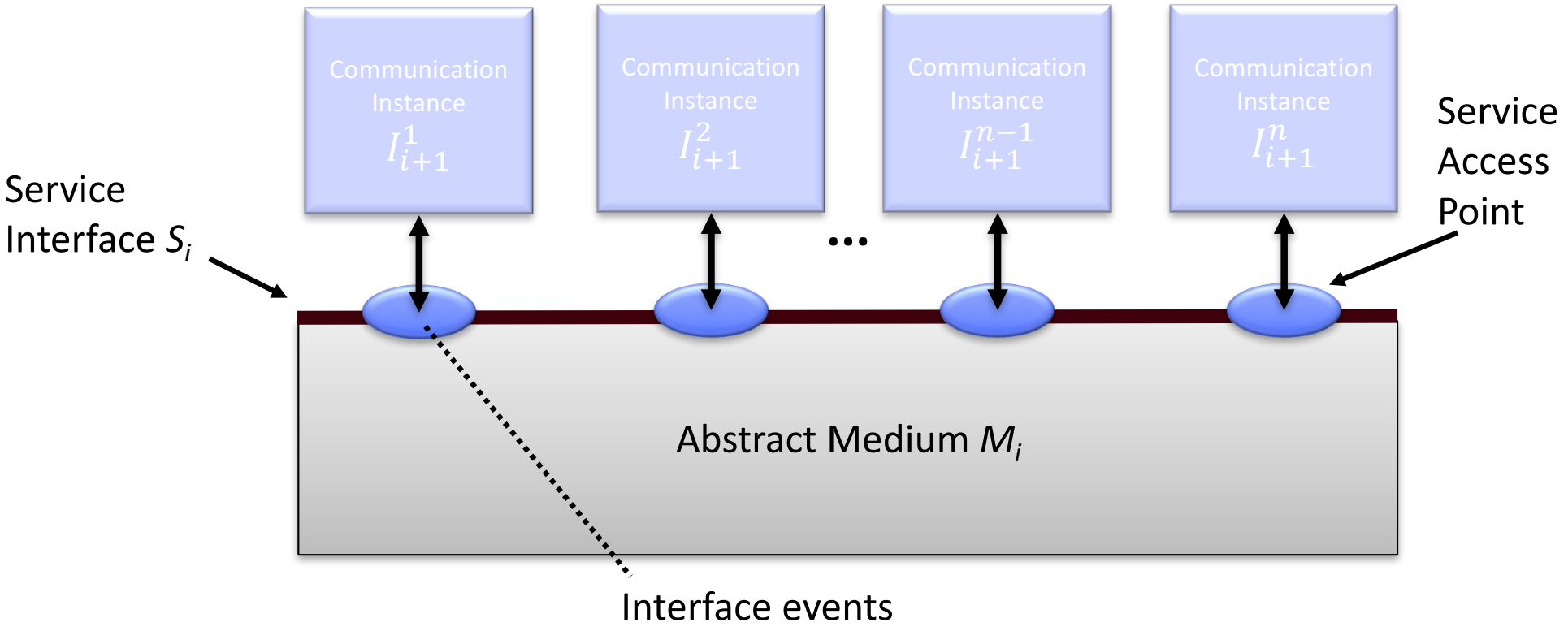
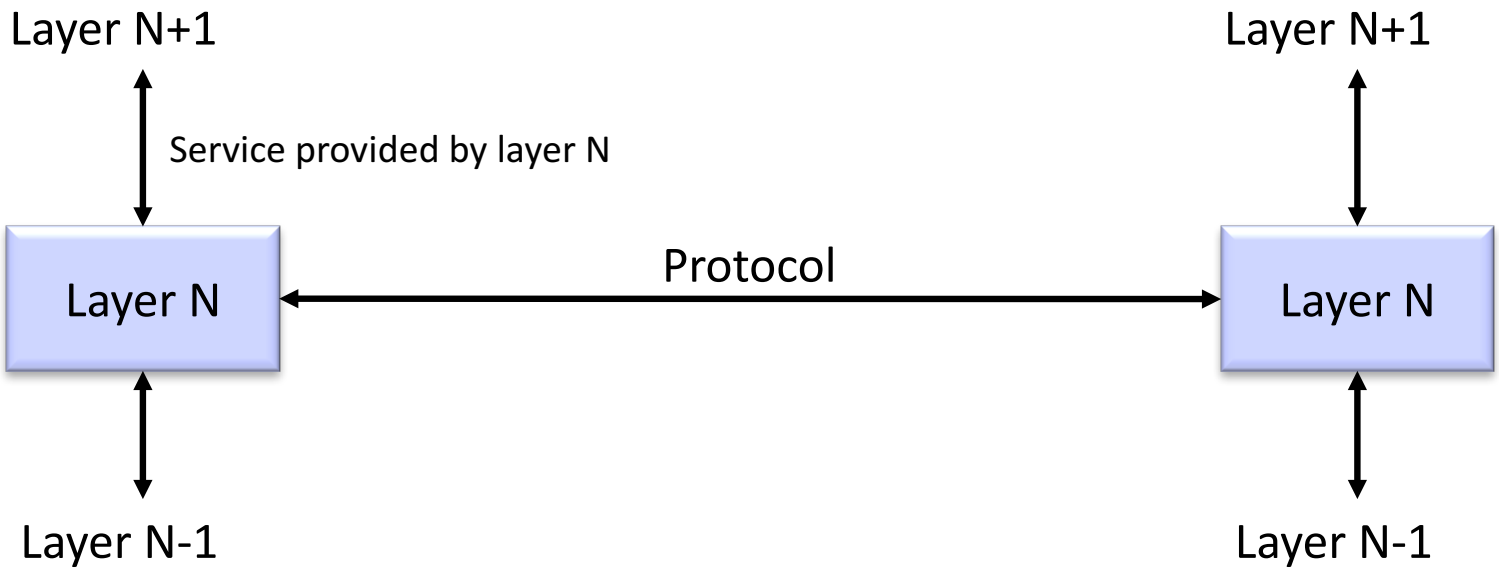


Service of Layer N

- **Layer-(N) Service**
  - Set of functions, which Layer-(N) provides to the (N+1)-Instances at the interface between Layer-(N) and Layer-(N+1)
    - Vertical communication
  - The (N)-Instances provide the functions of Layer-(N) by exchanging of particular data
    - Horizontal communication
    - For this, they use the services of Layer-(N-1)
  - The implementation of the service on Layer-(N) is hidden from Layer-(N+1)

Relationship of Services to Protocols



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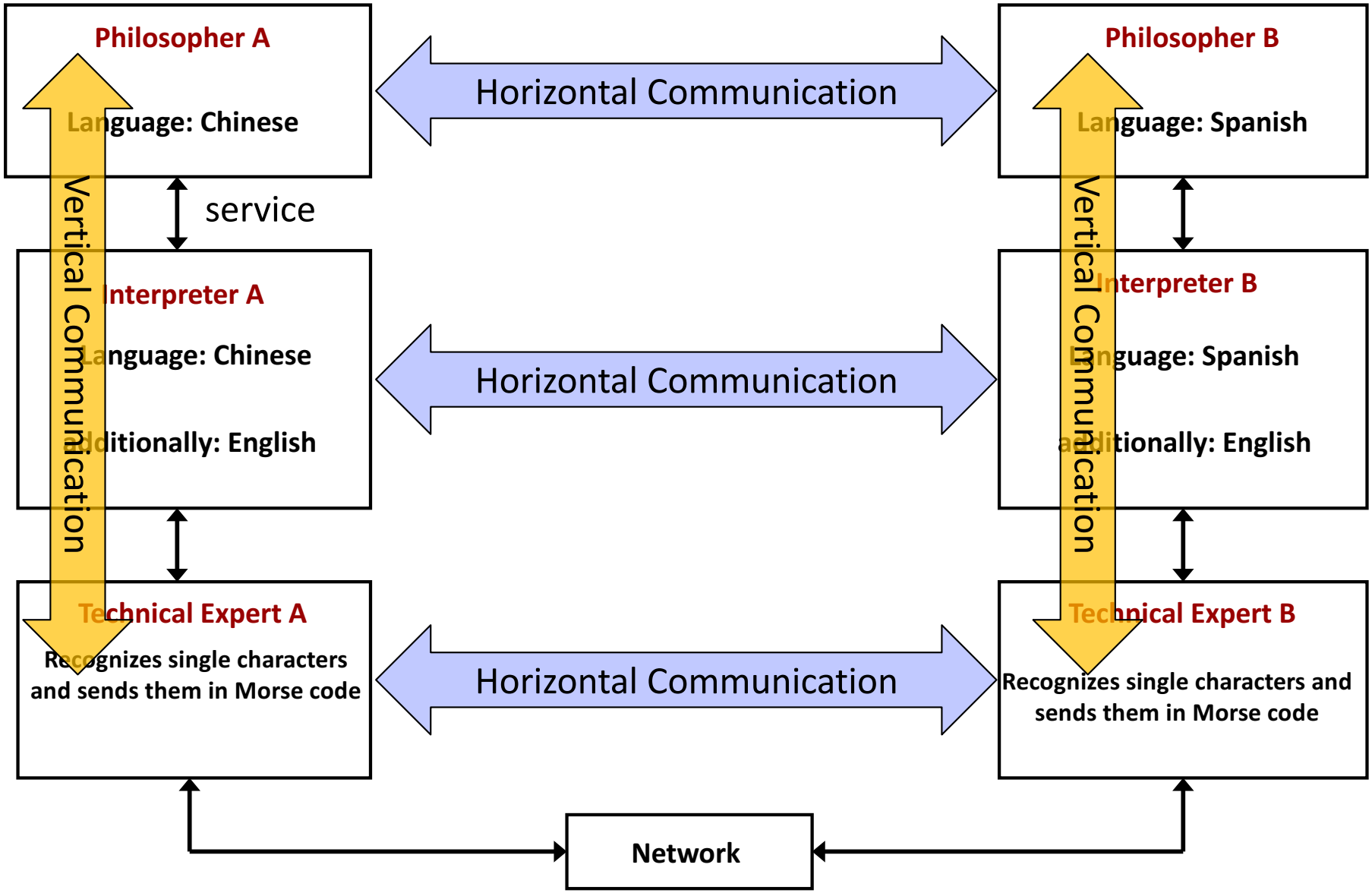
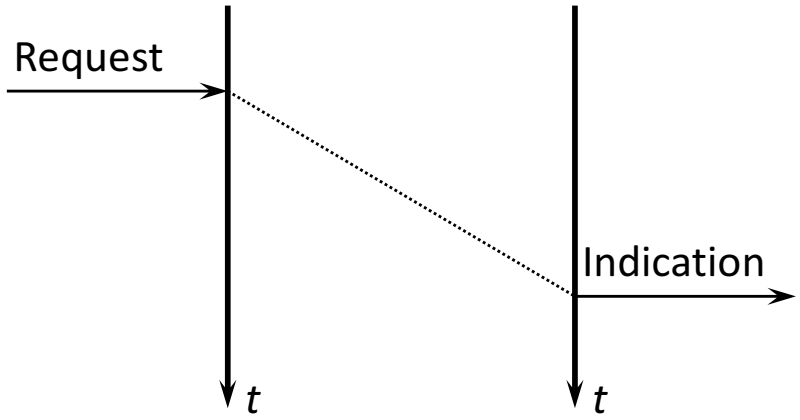
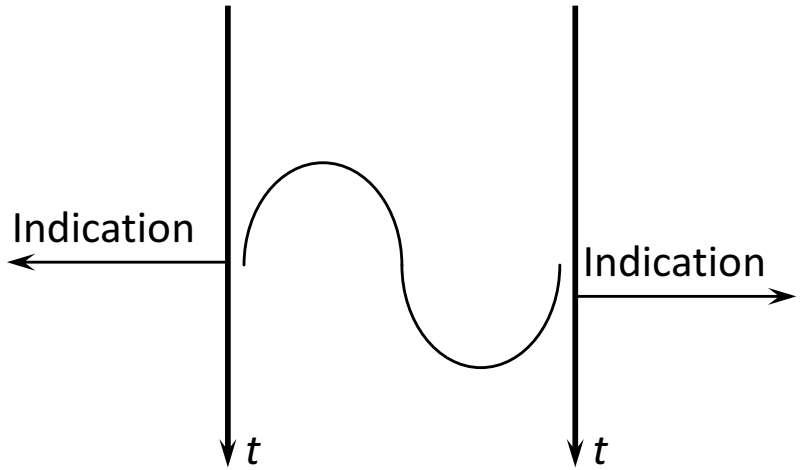


Types of Services

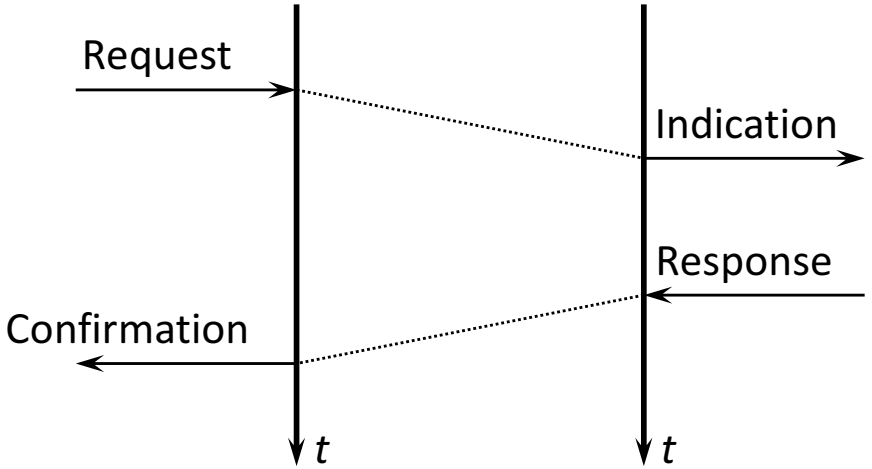
- **Unacknowledged Service**
  - Modeled after the postal service
  - Initiated by the service user



  - Initiated by the service provider



- **Acknowledged Service**
  - Transaction



Types of Services

- **Connection-oriented Service**
  - Modeled after the telephone system
  - Before the instances on Layer-(N) can exchange data, a connection on Layer-(N-1) has to be established
    - Request of such a connection is done by the services provided by Layer-(N-1)
  - Negotiation of protocol parameters
    - Buffer size
    - Quality of Service (QoS)
    - Routes, etc.

➢ Exchange of data happens in respect to these parameters

➢ Communication context

- **Connectionless Service**
  - Modeled after the postal service
  - No establishment of connection on a lower layer required

➢ Each data exchange is independent from others

- No communication context

Connection-oriented Service

Three Steps

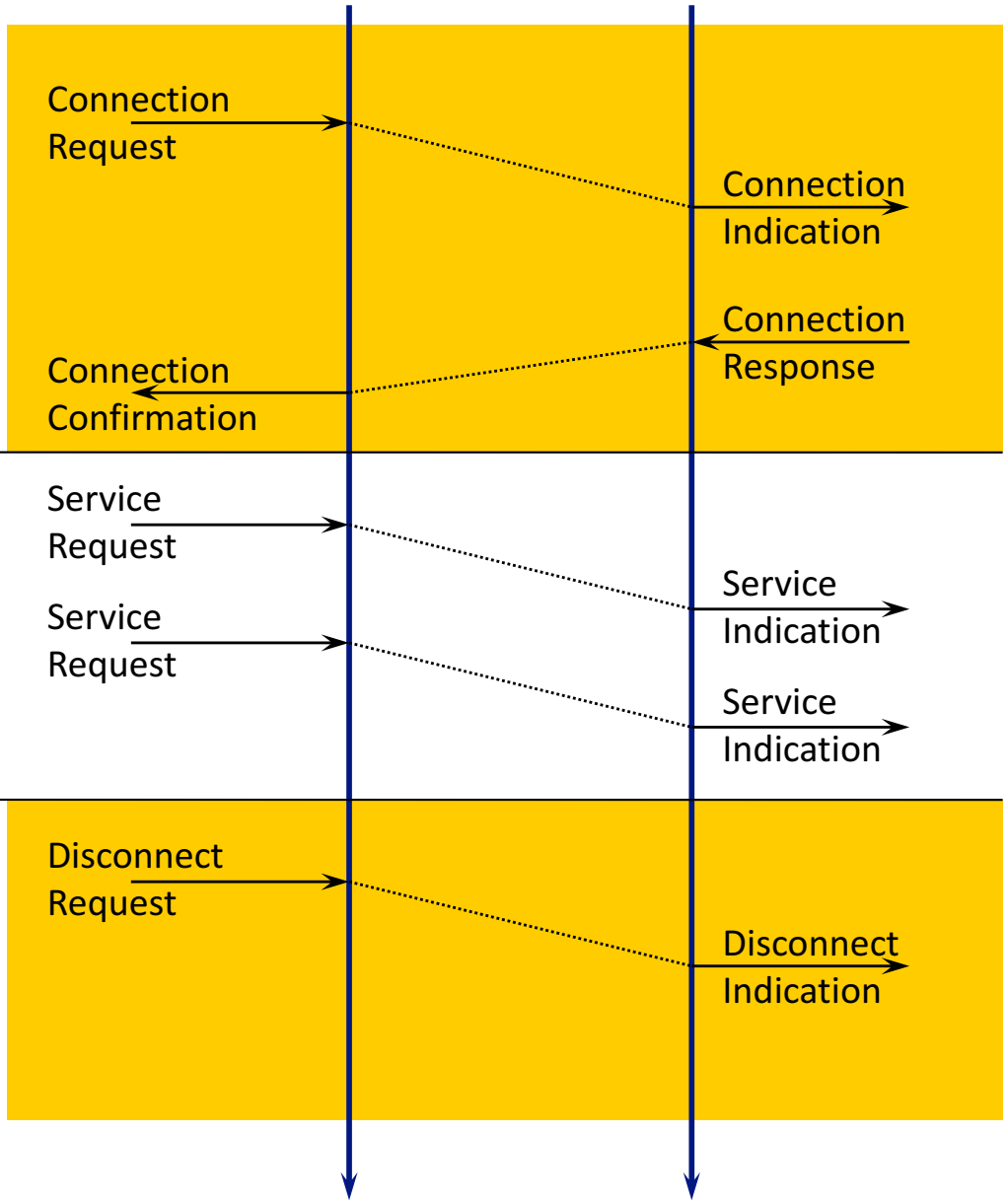
1. Connection establishment

- Context creation
  - End systems
  - Network

2. Data exchange (simplex)

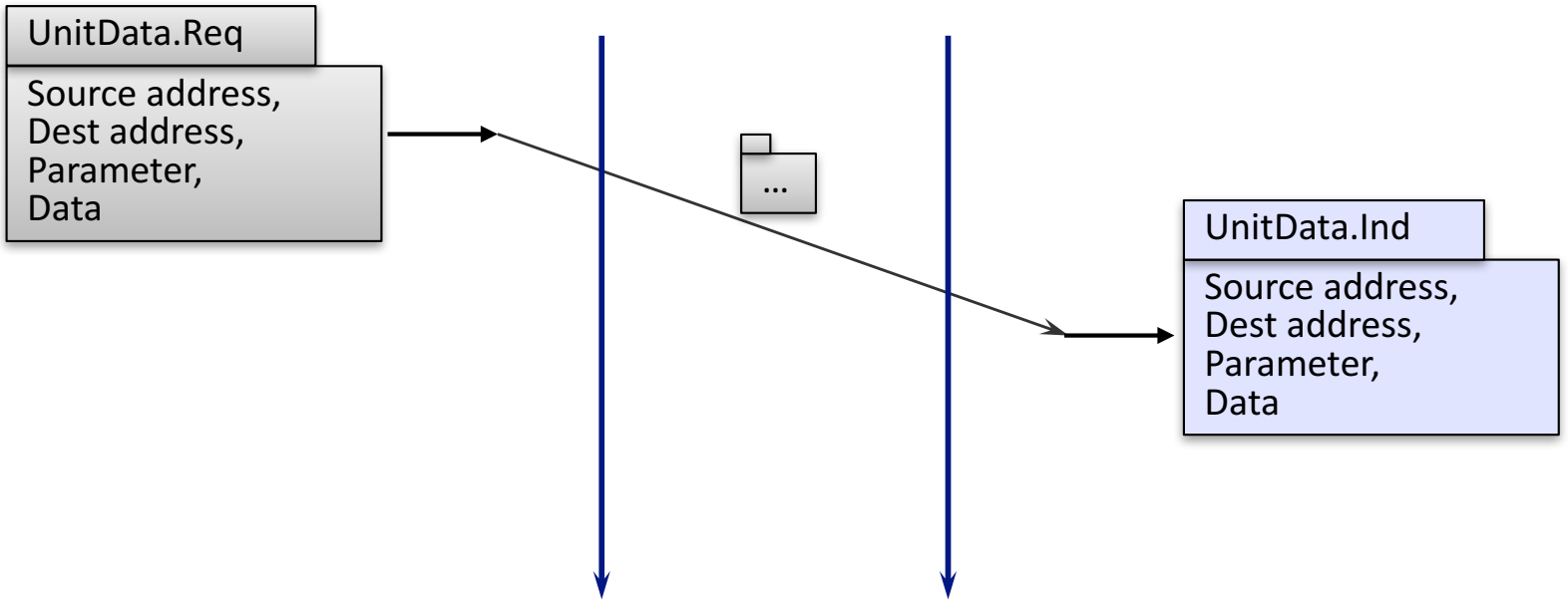
3. Connection termination

- Context release
- Resource release



Connectionless Service

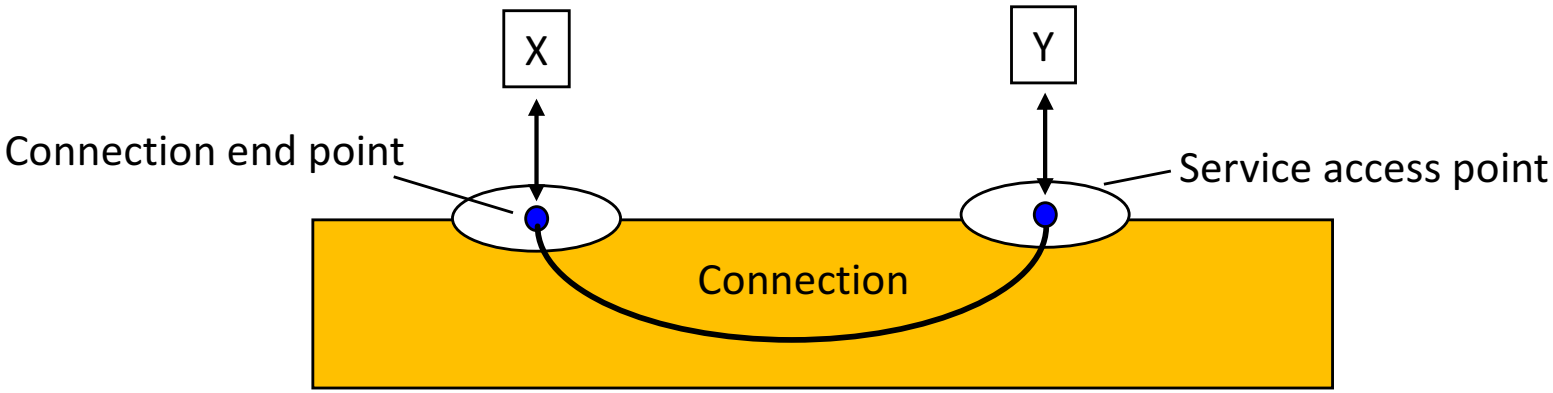
- **Connectionless Service is also called Datagram Service**
  - Does not provide relationship between transmissions
  - Does not guarantee the sequence of send data
  - Does not provide reliability
    - No acks!



Addressing of the Service User

- **Datagram Service**
  - Request: Address of the destination
  - Indication: Address of the source

- **Connection-oriented Service**
  - The context of the connection contains also address information



Types of Services: Example Services

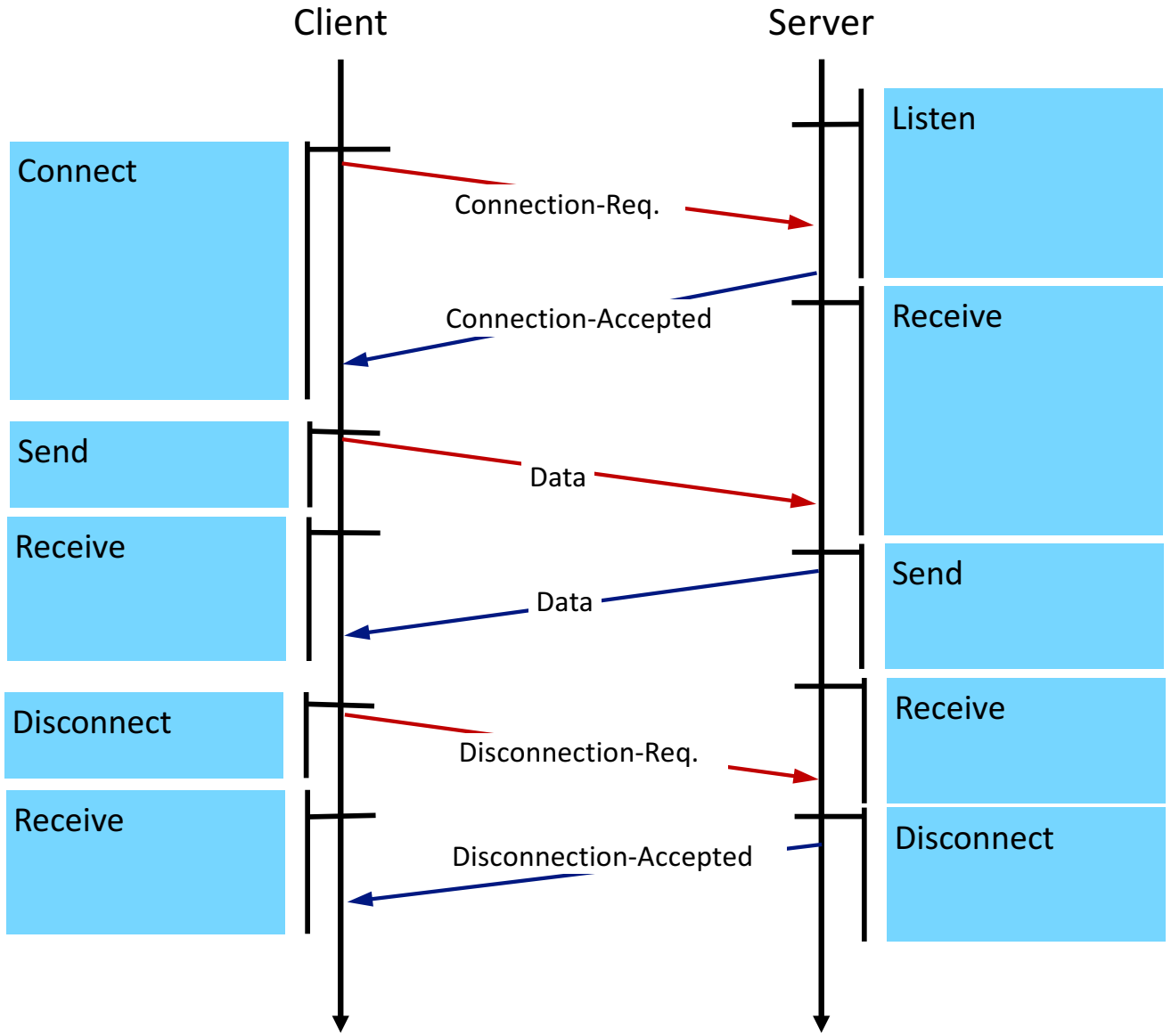
	Service	Example
Connection-oriented	Reliable message stream	Sequence of pages
	Reliable byte stream	Remote login
	Unreliable connection	Digitized voice
Connection-less	Unreliable datagram	Electronic junk mail
	Acknowledged datagram	Registered mail
	Request-reply	Database query

Service Primitives

- **Five service primitives for implementing a simple connection-oriented service.**

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

Service Primitives



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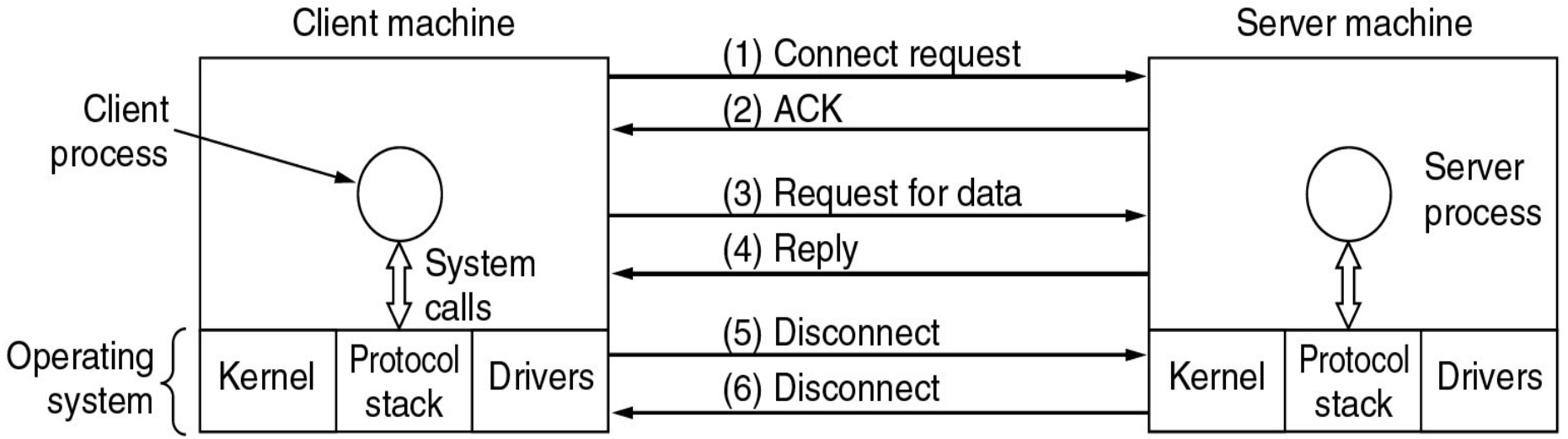


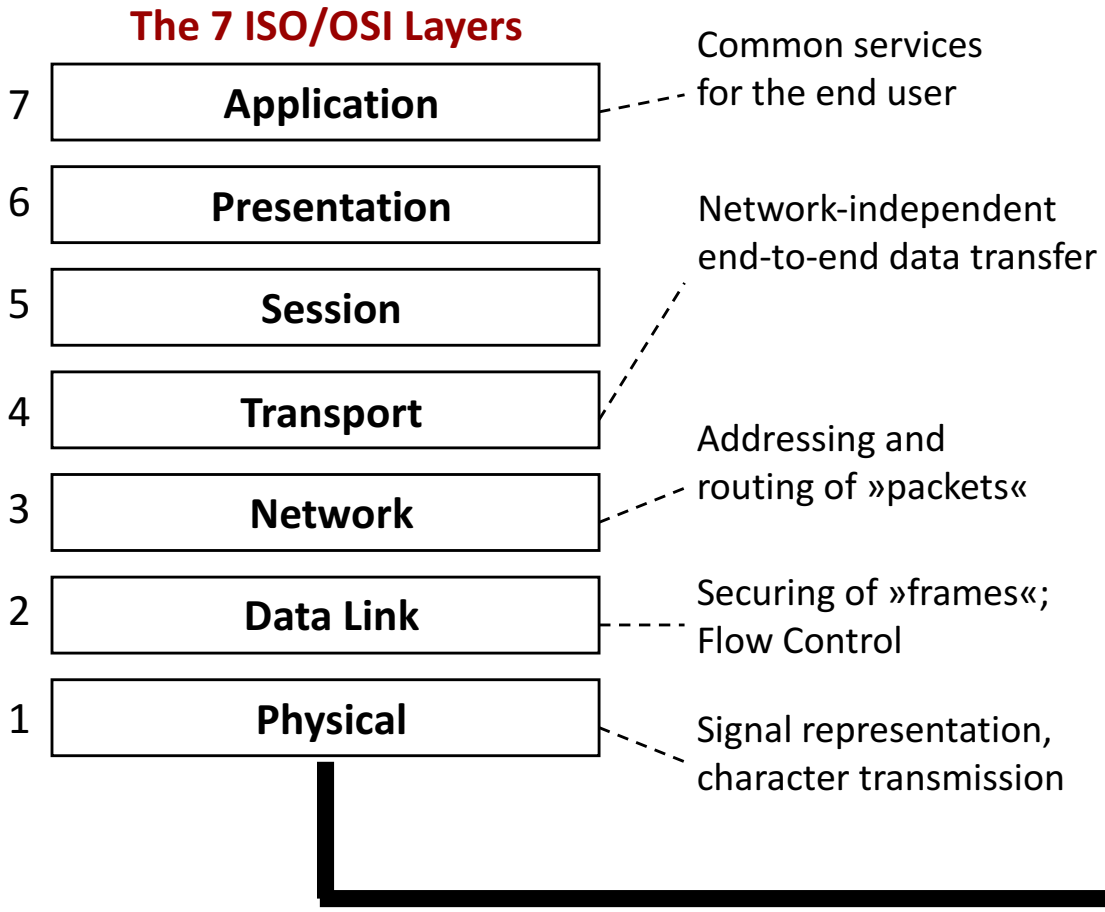
The ISO/OSI Reference Model

International Organization for Standardization (ISO)

Open Systems Interconnection (OSI)

The ISO/OSI Reference Model

Reduce the complexity of the communication process through layers.



Critics on the model

Layer 5 and 6 are rarely implemented

Generally too much overhead – some details are unnecessary, some layers are overloaded

Layer Tasks

1. Physical layer

- This layer is responsible for transmitting **single bits** over the medium. Signal representation is defined to ensure that a sent »1« is understood by the receiver as »1«. For this, e.g., on a copper cable, it is defined which voltage represents a »1« resp. a »0« and the duration for one bit.
- Details are also defined, e.g., the **type of cables**, **meaning of pins** of network connectors, **transmission direction** on the cable (uni-/bidirectional), …

2. Data Link Layer

- Ensures an **error-free** data transmission between two directly connected devices. Therefore, the incoming data are segmented into so-called **frames** which are transmitted separately. The receiver checks **correctness** of received frames (**checksum**).
- Additionally, **flow control** is used to control the re-transmission of corrupt frames and protect the receiver from overload.
- An additional task in broadcast networks is the control of **medium access**, i.e., the stations are coordinated in some way to prevent access conflicts.

Layer Tasks

3. Network Layer

- This layer is responsible for the data transmission over large distances and between heterogeneous **sub-networks**.
- One main task is (worldwide) **uniform addressing** of hosts.
  - Requirement: Common address range
- Other task is **routing:** select a path through the network.
  - Intermediate stations (**routers**) manage tables with routing information and use the addresses to decide about the best path to the receiver.
- **Quality of Service (QoS)** issues, i.e., if too many packets are present at the same time in the network, they may form bottlenecks.
  - Forming of **congestion**.
  - An agreement about a **maximum** size of the **transfer**red data **unit**s (MTU).
  - Control of delay, jitter, transit time, etc.

Layer Tasks

4. Transport Layer (ISO/OSI)

- Layer 4 manages **end-to-end communication** between two **processes**.
- Ensure that the data are receipt **complete** and in **correct order**.
  - For this, again **flow control** is used (sequence numbers, acknowledgements) to detect missing or wrong ordered data units.
- Beneath this, the current network state is monitored to **adapt** to the receiver and to the **network capacity**.
- **Addressing** is a topic here as well. On the transport layer, a single **communication process** on receiver side is addressed.

Layer Tasks

5. Session Layer

- This layer (like the transport layer) manages reliable data transport between the computers. However, additional services are offered, e.g., **dialogue control,** i.e., define the direction of the transmission.
- Closely related with this topic is the **token management**. During the transmission »tokens« are. Only the communication partner which owns the token is allowed to perform the operation.
- Token management is also used here for other purposes, i.e., a set of tokens exists to coordinate several operations. One important operation is to set **synchronization points** in the communication process, to restart the transmission at the point it has ended in case of a connection loss.

Layer Tasks

6. Presentation Layer

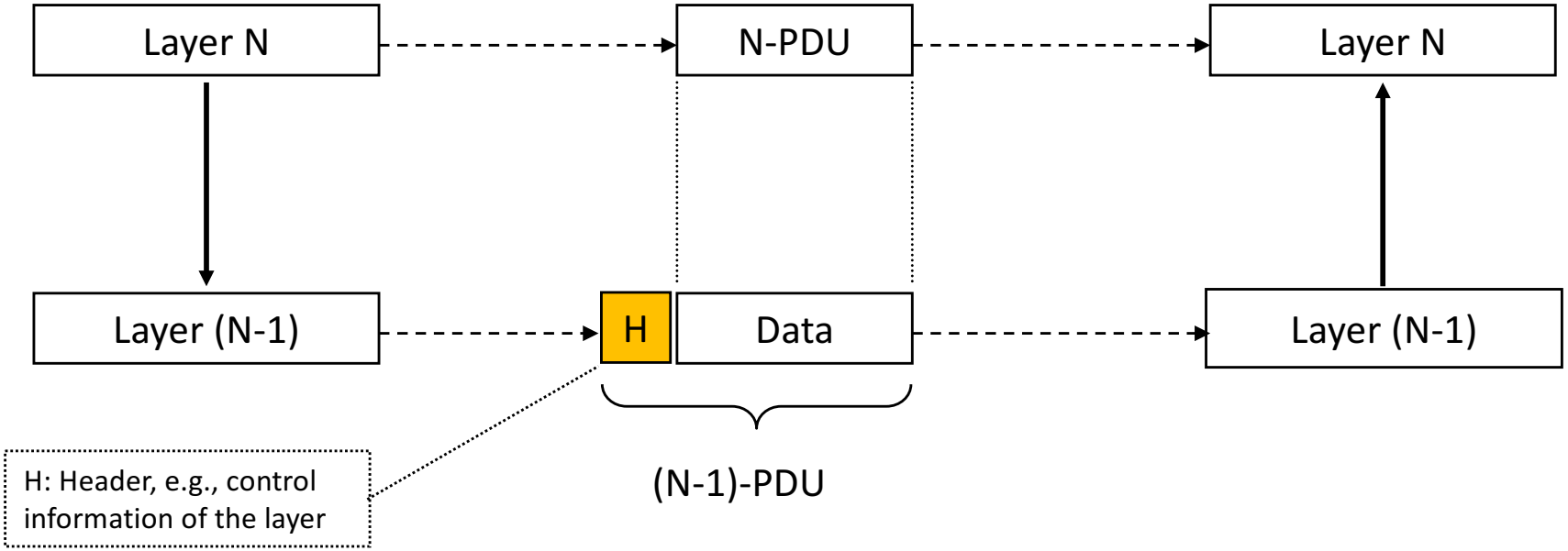
- Represent the data to be transmitted in a way, that they can be handled from different computer systems (CPU, OS, ...).
- Different data representation in computer:
  - Strings: ASCII vs. Unicode
  - Integers: 8, 16, 32, 64 bit
  - Solution for all different computer systems?
- Data are **encoded** in an **abstract** (and commonly recognized) **data format** before the transmission and are coded back by the receiver into its own data format.

7. Application Layer (ISO/OSI)

- In this layer (standard-) protocols are provided, that can be used from applications, e.g., file transfer.
- On the application layer a universally valid protocol including an interface to file transfer is provided. For systems from different manufacturers only the link-up into the local file system has to be realized. Other examples are e-mail, remote operations, etc.

Interplay between the Layers

- Layer (N-1) offers its functionality to layer N as a **communication service**.
- Layer N enhances the data to be sent with control information (**Header**) and sends the data together with the header as **Protocol Data Units** (**PDU**).
- Two communication partners on layer N exchange PDUs by using the communication service of the lower layer (N-1).
- For layer (N-1), these PDUs are the data (payload) to be transmitted.



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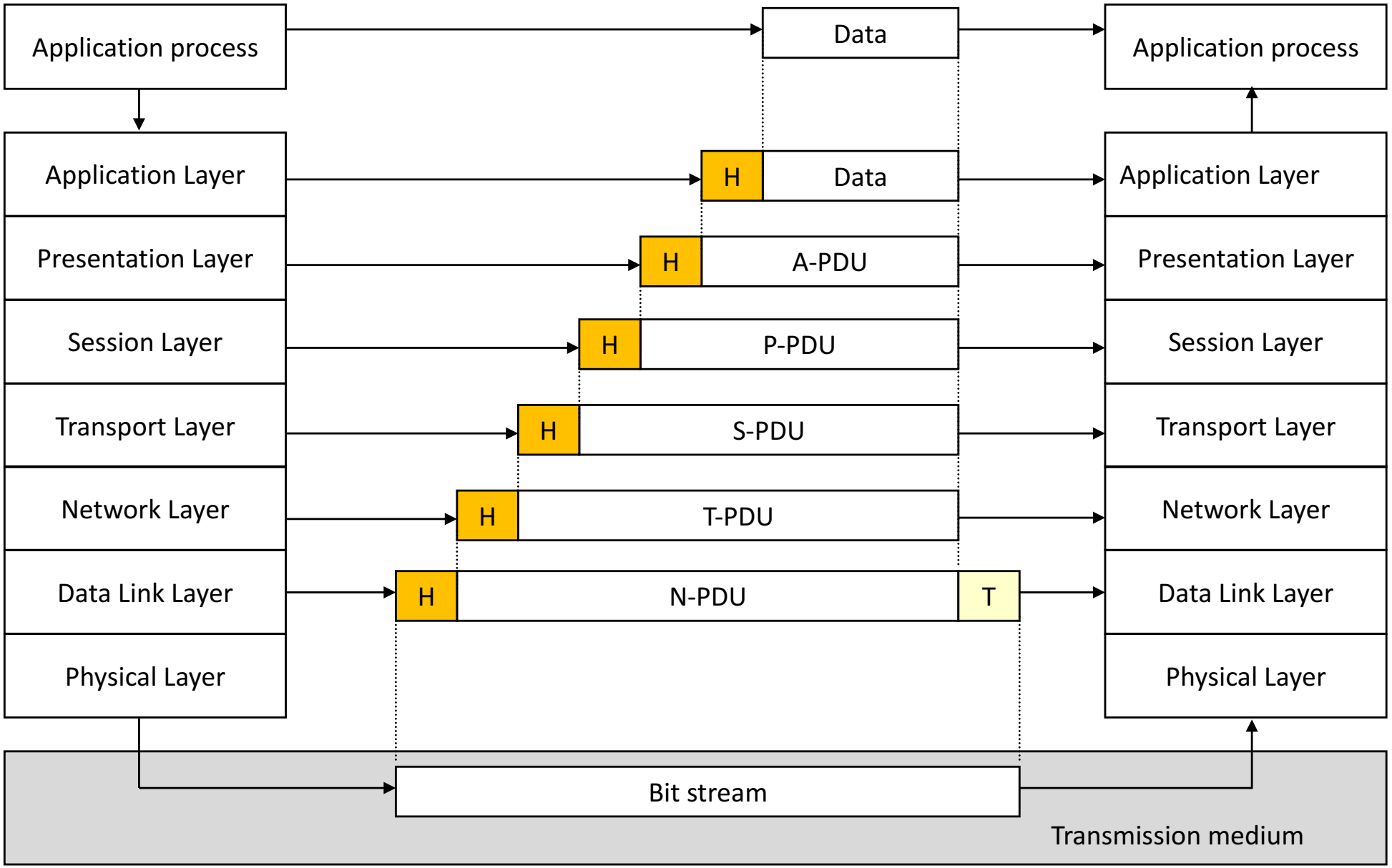
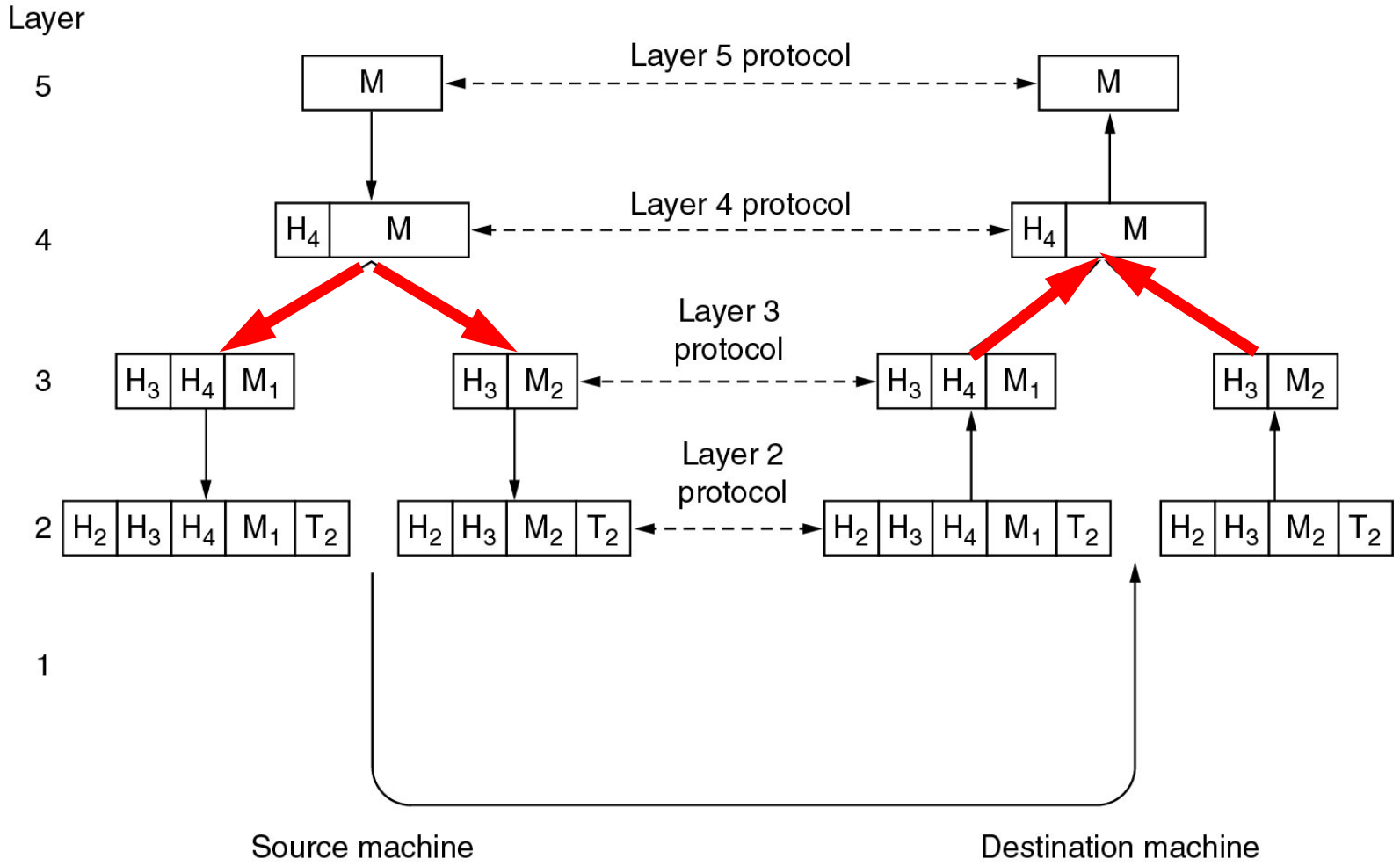
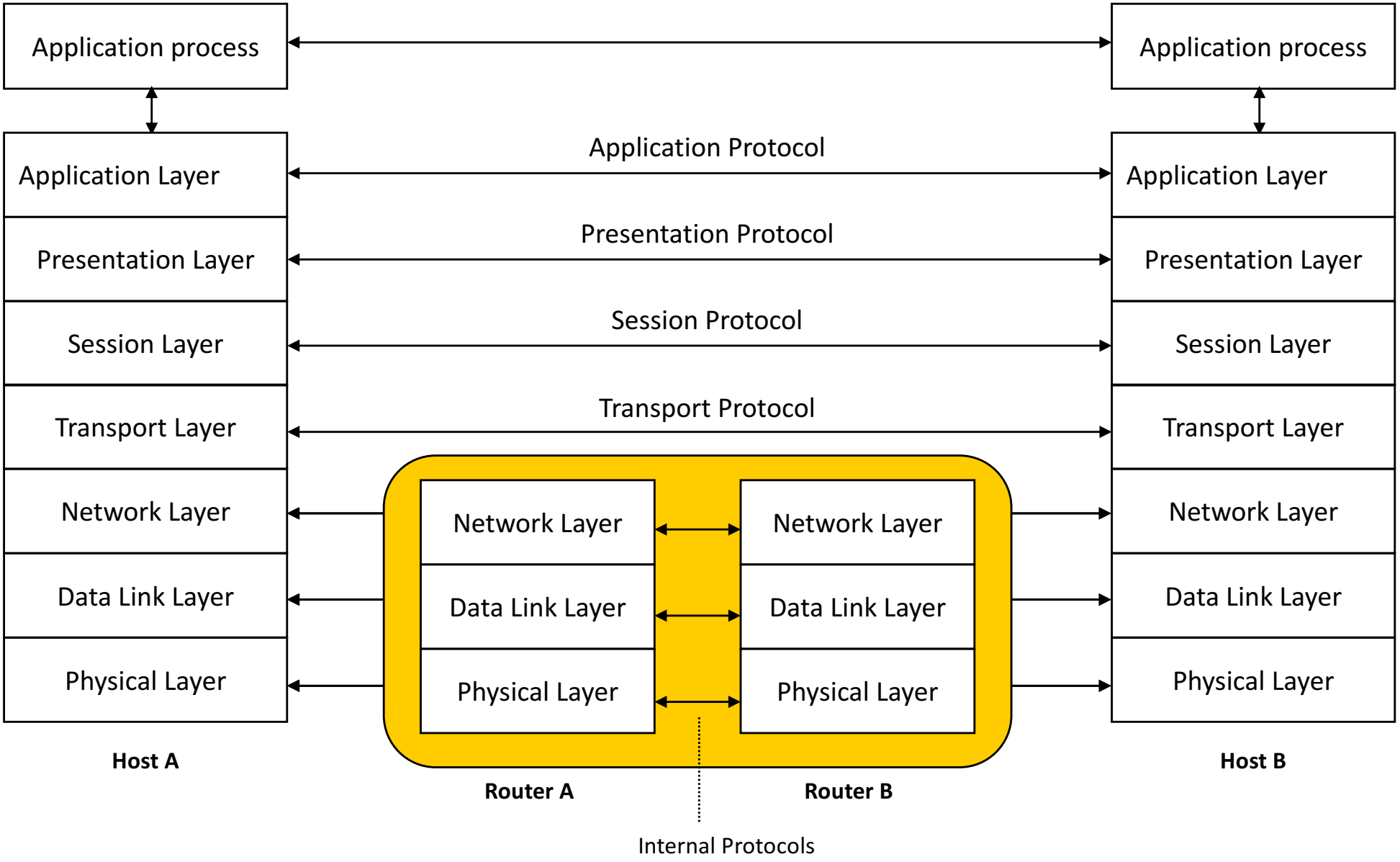


The Communication Process

- Not necessarily a one-to-one mapping between layers
- Depending on the protocol, N-PDUs can be segmented into several (N-1)-PDUs before transmission:



The OSI Reference Model in the Network



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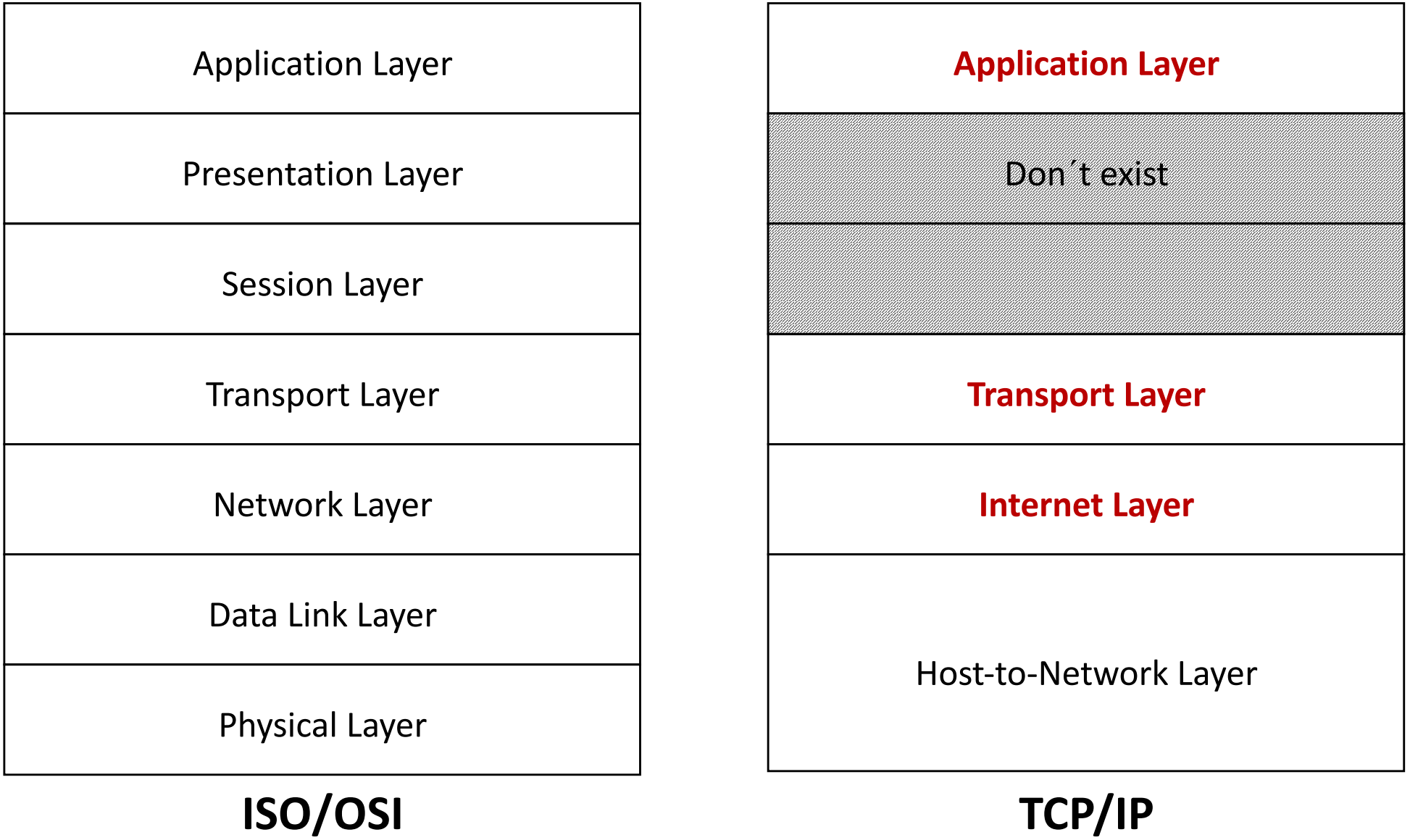

The Tasks of the TCP/IP Layers

Host-to-Network Layer (corresponds to ISO/OSI 1-2)

- **Not defined exactly.** The design does not matter, it is only required that a host must be connected to the network via a protocol in a way that it is able to send and receive **IP datagrams**. The protocol design is left to other standards to cover heterogeneous networks of all kinds.

Internet Layer (corresponds to ISO/OSI 3)

- The term **Internet** refers here to the interworking of different networks.
- The protocol enables communication between hosts over the own network borders. In the Internet, the transmission is **connectionless**, meaning that the data are segmented into **packets** which are addressed and sent independently into the network. On each network border, a **router** takes over the **forwarding** of the packets. The choice of a **path** can be dynamic, depending on the current network load. As a result, single packets can get lost by overload situations or received in wrong order. Such faults are not handled (this task is left to the transport layer).
- In contrast to ISO, only one packet format is defined, together with a connectionless protocol, the **Internet Protocol (IP)**.

The Layers of TCP/IP

Transport Layer (corresponds to ISO/OSI 4)

- This layer covers the communication between the end systems. To adapt to different applications, two protocols are defined.
- **TCP** (**Transmission Control Protocol**) is a **reliable**, **connection-oriented** protocol for the transmission of a **byte stream** between two **hosts**.
  - The byte stream is segmented to fit into IP packets.
  - On the receiving side the packets are re-assembled in the original order with the purpose of restoring the original data stream.
  - It also includes flow control to adapt to the receiver‘s capabilities and to overcome the errors caused by the connectionless IP.
- **UDP** (**User Datagram Protocol**) is an **unreliable** and **connectionless** protocol (**best effort**). No error correction is integrated, thus the transmission is used when the speed of the data transmission is more important than the reliability (speech, video).

Application Layer (corresponds to ISO/OSI 7)

- This layer defines common communication services. This comprises TELNET (remote work on another computer), FTP (file transfer), SMTP (electronic mail), DNS (»phonebook« for the Internet), HTTP (used for World Wide Web), etc.

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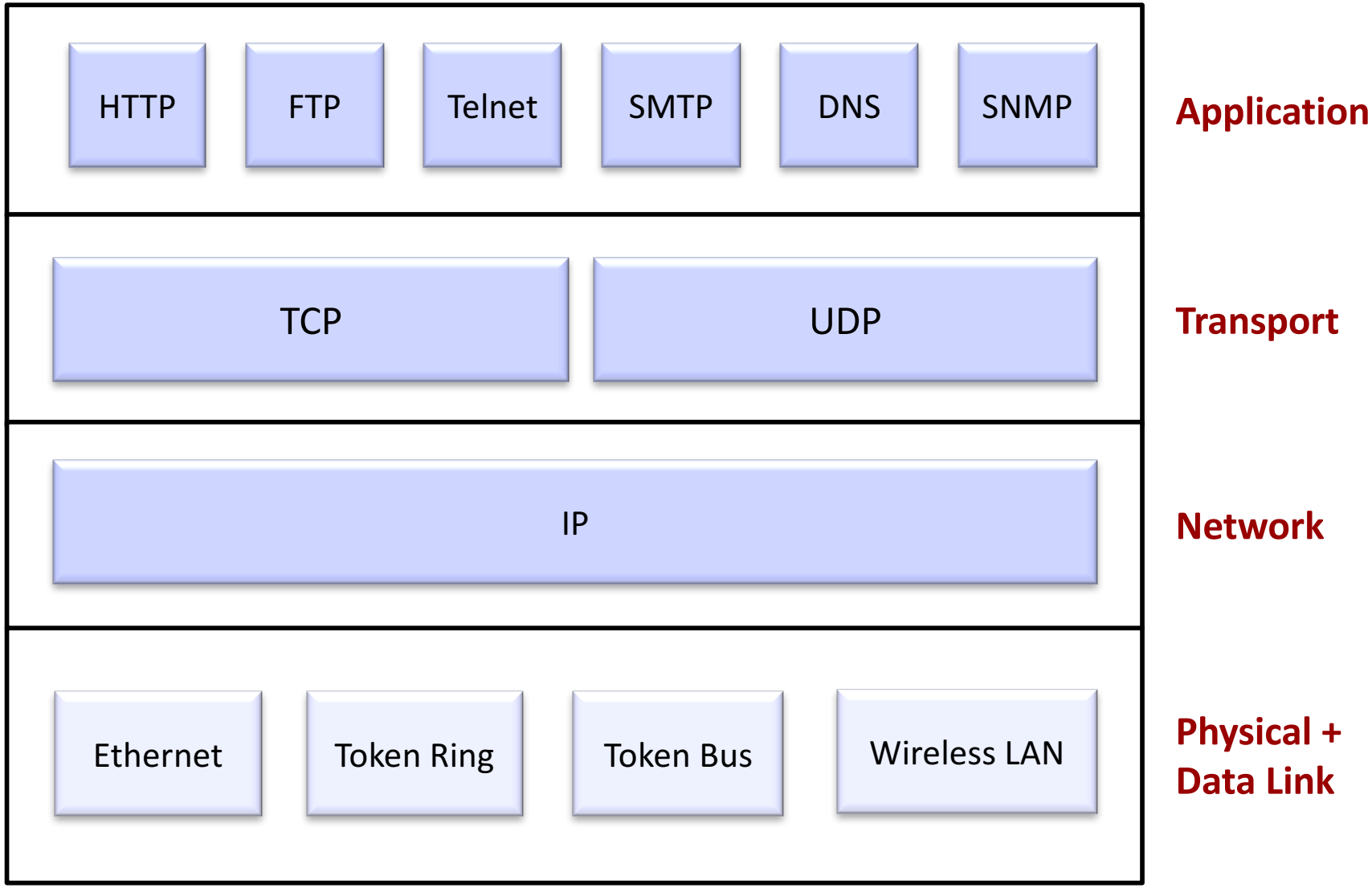

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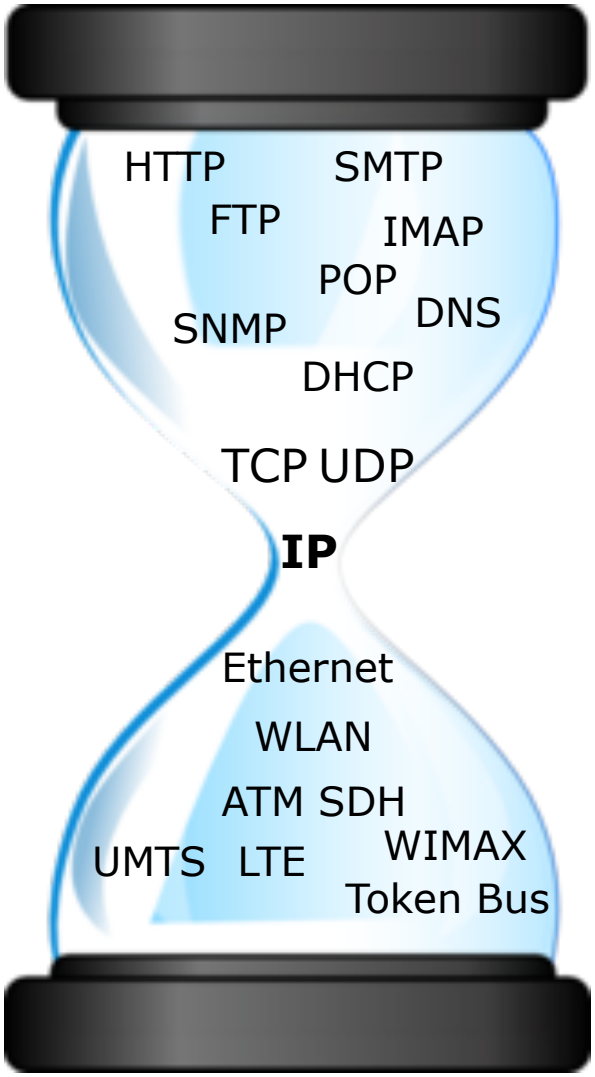

OSI vs. TCP/IP

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1. Time

- The TCP/IP protocols were already widely used before OSI had finished the standardization activities.

2. Freedom from obligation

- A »reference model« like OSI is free from obligation. It only defines **what** is to be done, but not **how** to do it.
  ➡ incompatibility of products.

3. Complicatedness

- Very complicated and partly unnecessary features in the OSI specification (thousands of pages of specification descriptions).
- By the wish to consider all special cases, lots of options were included, making the products lavish, unhandy, and far too expensive.
  ➡ »The option is the enemy of the standard«!

OSI vs. TCP/IP

4. Political reasons

- OSI was dominated too much by Europe – especially from the national telecommunication companies which had lucrative monopolies. The real market power was in the USA – nobody was interested in OSI over there.

5. Hurriedly product implementation

- The first OSI products were implemented too fast (driven by the success of TCP/IP protocols), were covered with faults, and had an overall low performance.
- In contrast, the »theoretically far more unmodern« TCP/IP protocols were continuously modified and improved. They were of high quality level and successfully tested before deployment and cheap to buy due to high production numbers.

Standardization

Standardization

- **Standardization is indispensable for the area-wide practical use of communication systems**
  - On the national as well as the international level!
- **Successful standardization is quite difficult since …**
  - complex technical problems have to be solved
  - the involved parties (companies) often work against each other
  - confidentially restrictions slow down/hinder the information flow
- **Consequence**
  - Standardization processes are very slow (due to many, often non-technical reasons).
- **Two types of standards**
  - De facto standards
  - De jure standards

Standardization: The Global Players

- **ITU www.itu.int**
  International Telecommunication Union
  United Nations agency for information and communication technologies
  - Radiocommunication (ITU-R)
  - Standardization (ITU-T)
  - Development (ITU-D)
- **CEPT www.cept.org**
  Conférence Européenne des Administrations des Postes et des Télécommunications
  - European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations
- **ISO www.iso.org**
  International Organization for Standardization (ISO Greek »uniform«)
  - ISO coordinates the standardization except from PTT
- **W3C http://www.w3.org**
  - World Wide Web Consortium: Develops standards for the web.
- **DIN www.din.de**
  (Deutsches Institut für Normung)
  - German partner of the ISO

Standardization: ISO

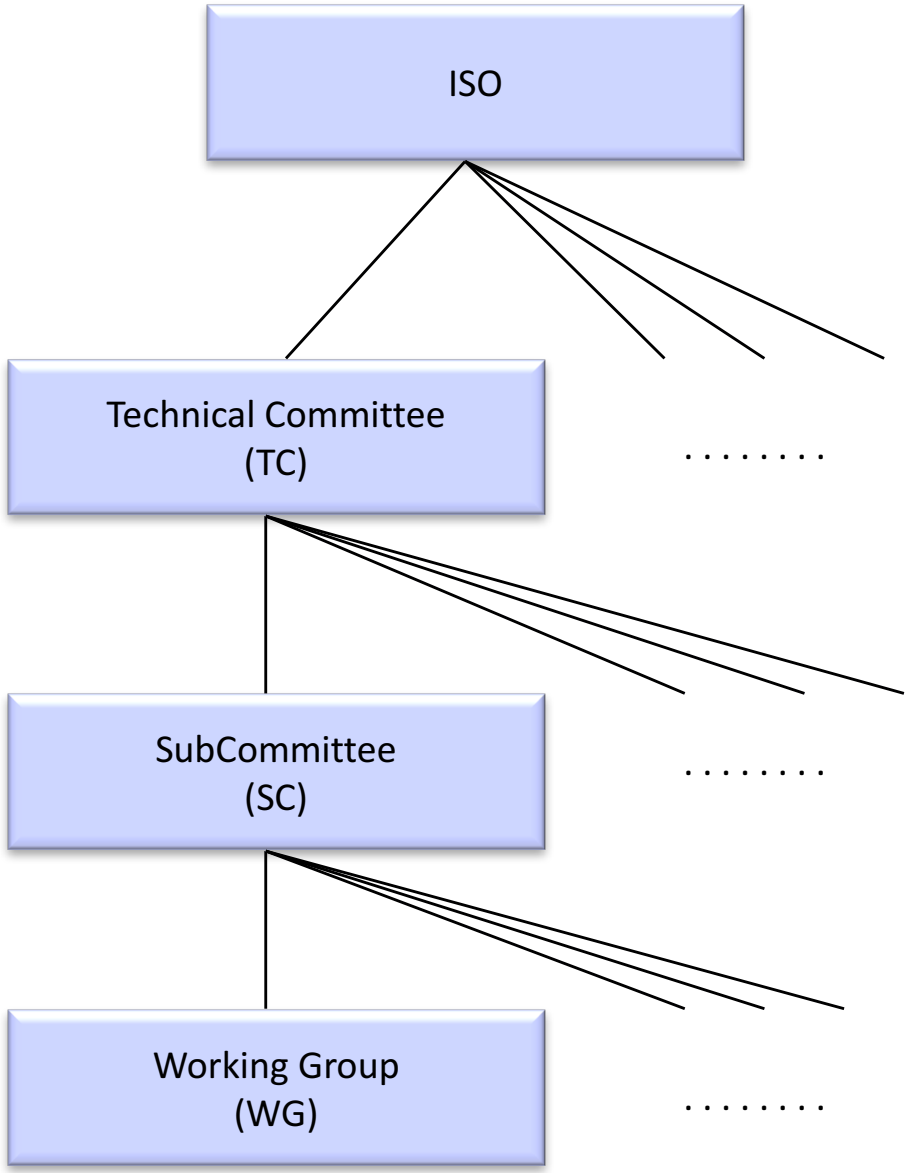
www.iso.org

- **International Standards Organization (ISO)**
  - Official name: International Organization for Standardization
  - Organization, working on a volunteer basis (since 1946).
  - Members: standards organizations of 163 countries
  - Deals with a **very** broad range of standards
  - 200 Technical Committees (TC) for specific tasks (e.g. TC97 for computer and information processing)
  - TCs consist of subcommittees comprising in turn several working groups
  - Interworking with ITU-T regarding telecommunication standards, (ISO is a member of ITU-T).
  - **Pioneering work of ISO regarding data communication: the ISO/OSI reference model**
    - Open Systems Interconnection (OSI)
  - Notice: only the concept is pioneering – not the products developed from those concepts!

Standardization: ISO

- **WG-Meetings:**
  - Every 6-9 months to give the national organizations time to check the proposals.
  - The process of standardization
    - DP: Draft Proposal
    - DIS: Draft International Standard
    - IS: International Standard
  - A proposal gets higher in the hierarchy after an international vote and the incorporation of critics.

➡ A very slow process!!!



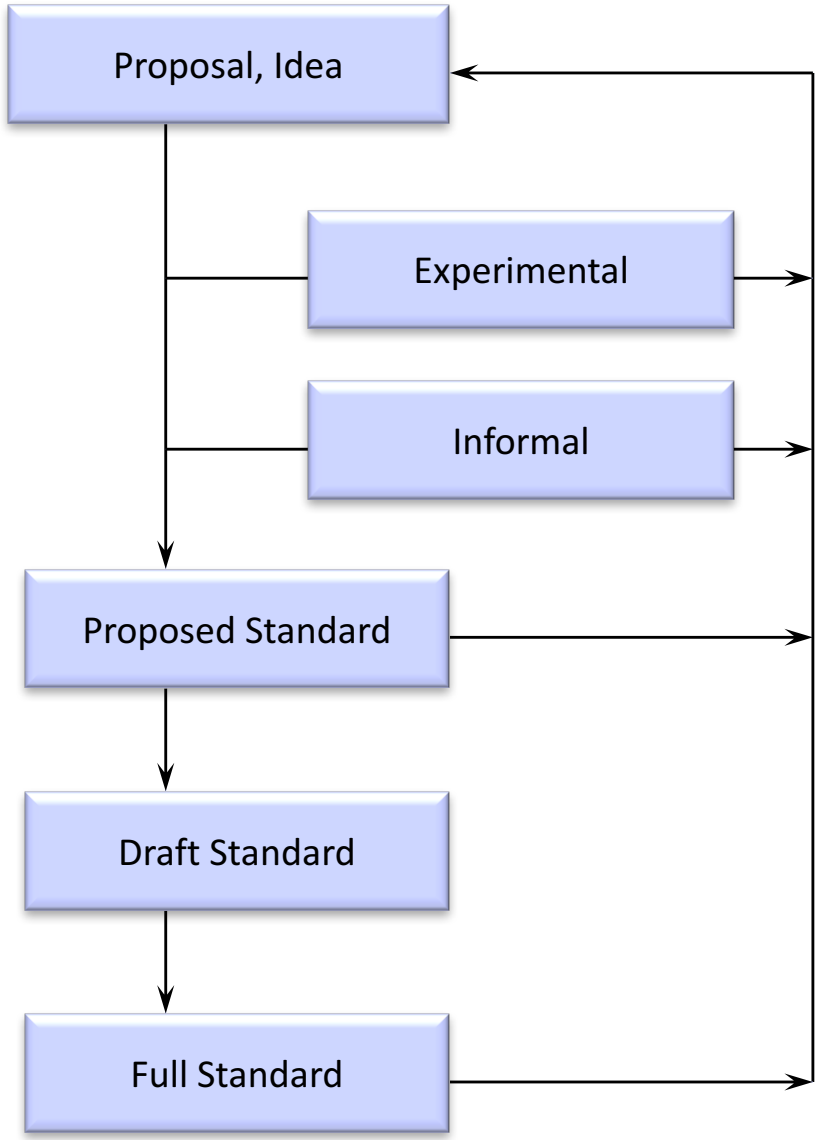
Standardization: IETF

www.ietf.org

- **Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF)**
  - Forum for the technical coordination of the work regarding ARPANET, the precursor of the Internet (since 1986).
  - Evolution to a large, open, and international community of administrators, vendors, and researchers.
  - Works on evolution of the Internet architecture and the smooth operation of the Internet.
  - Several working groups on Internet protocols, applications, routing, security, …
  - Standard draft proposals can become a full standard only if an implementation of the proposal is successfully tested at **two independent** locations for at **least four months**.
  - Result of such a standardization process: the resounding success of the Internet protocols TCP/IP

Standardization: Internet

- **Standardization in the Internet is organized by the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF)**
  - The Internet Engineering Steering Group (IESG) steers the discussion
- **Two possible outcomes:**
  - RFC: Request for Comments = Standard
  - FYI: For Your Information = informal / experimental
  - Proposed Standard: The idea must be completely explained in an RFC
  - Draft Standard: Working implementation must have been rigorously tested by at least two independent sites for at least four month.
- **RFC 2026:**
  - The Internet Standards Process – Revision 3



Standardization: Internet

- **Well known and important RFCs**
  - RFC 768 User Datagram Protocol (UDP), August 1980
  - RFC 791 Internet Protocol (IP), September 1981
  - RFC 792 Internet Control Message Protocol (ICMP), September 1981
  - RFC 793 Transmission Control Protocol (TCP), September 1981
  - RFC 959 File Transfer Protocol (FTP), October 1985
  - RFC 997 Internet Numbers, March 1987
  - RFC 1034 Domain Names - Concepts and Facilities, November 1987
  - RFC 1035 Domain Names - Implementation and Specification, Nov. 1987
  - RFC 2068 Hypertext Transfer Protocol - HTTP/1.1, January 1997
  - RFC 2205 Resource ReSerVation Protocol (RSVP) - Version 1 Functional Specification, September 1997

- **Further information**
  - There are ~8200 RFCs (04/2017)
  - The Internet Engineering Task Force: www.ietf.org
  - Homepage of RFC Editor: www.rfc-editor.org
  - IETF Tools: http://tools.ietf.org

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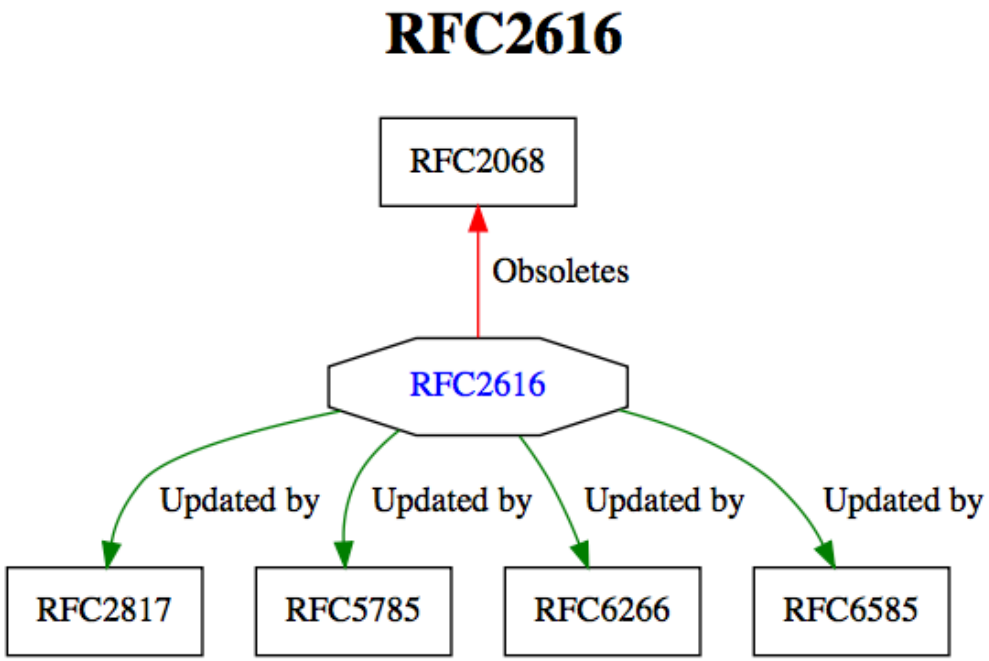

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Standardization: Internet

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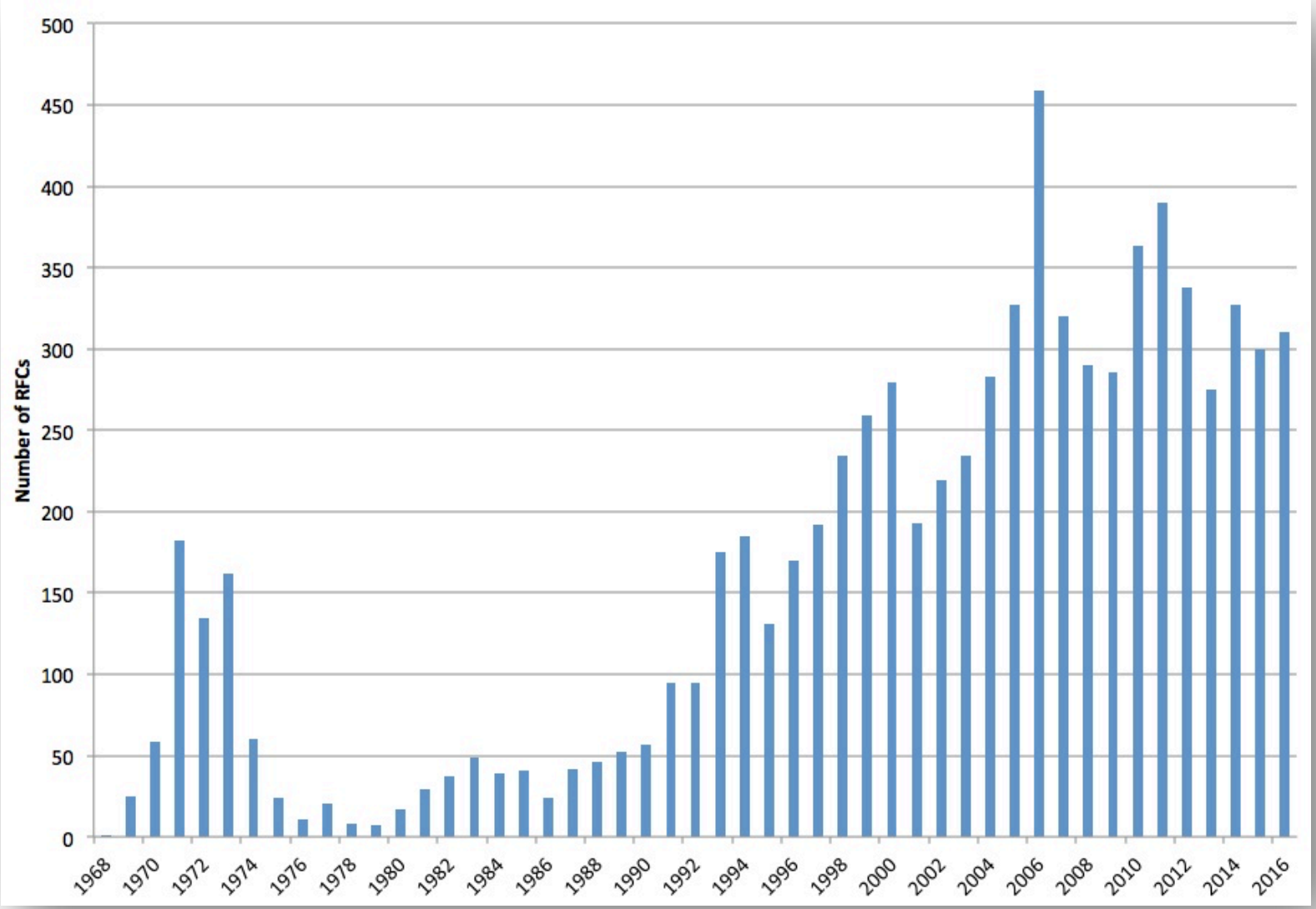

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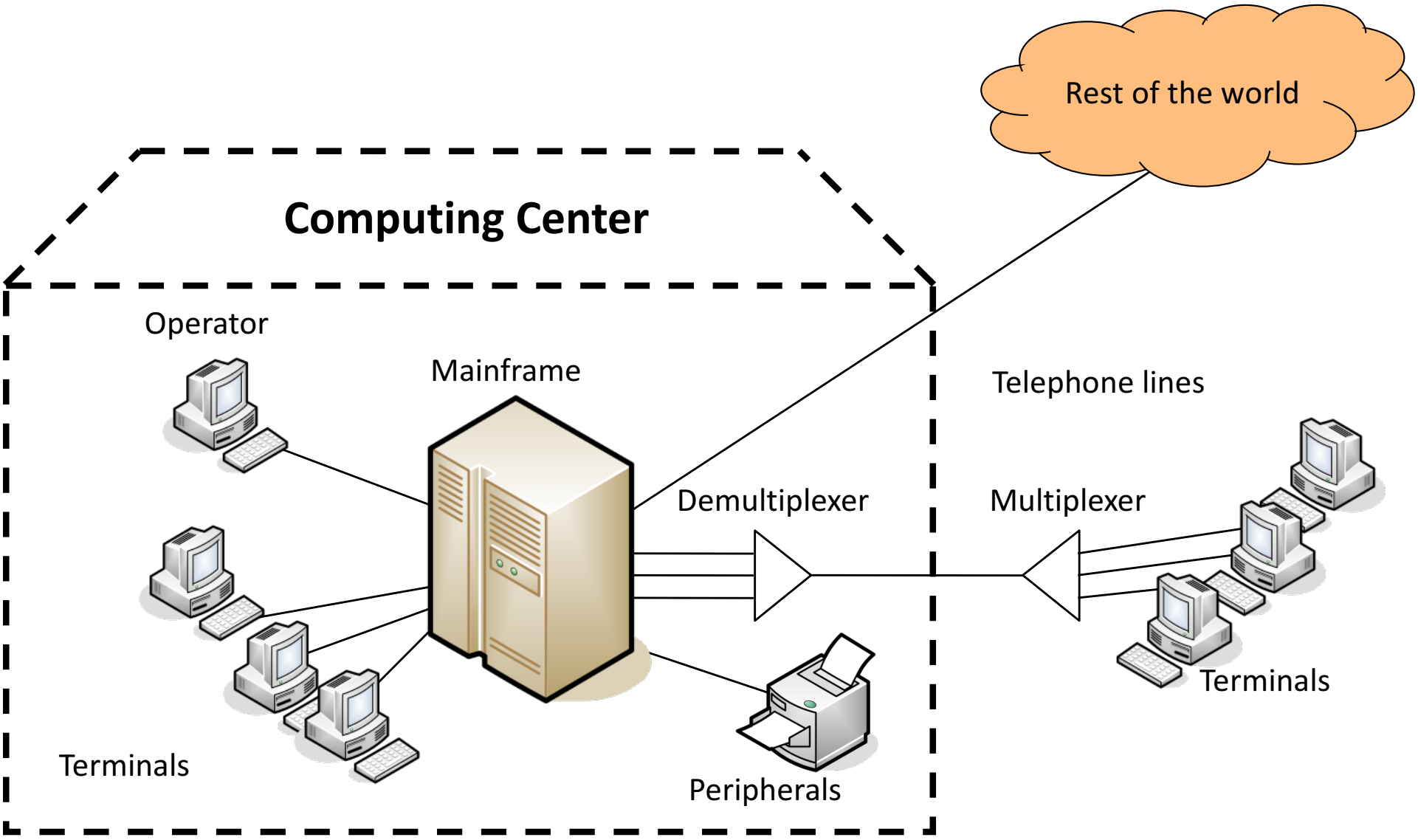
Standardization: IEEE

- **Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE)**
  - Standardization e.g. of the IEEE 802.X-Standards for Local Area Networks (www.ieee802.org, grouper.ieee.org/groups/802/dots.html)

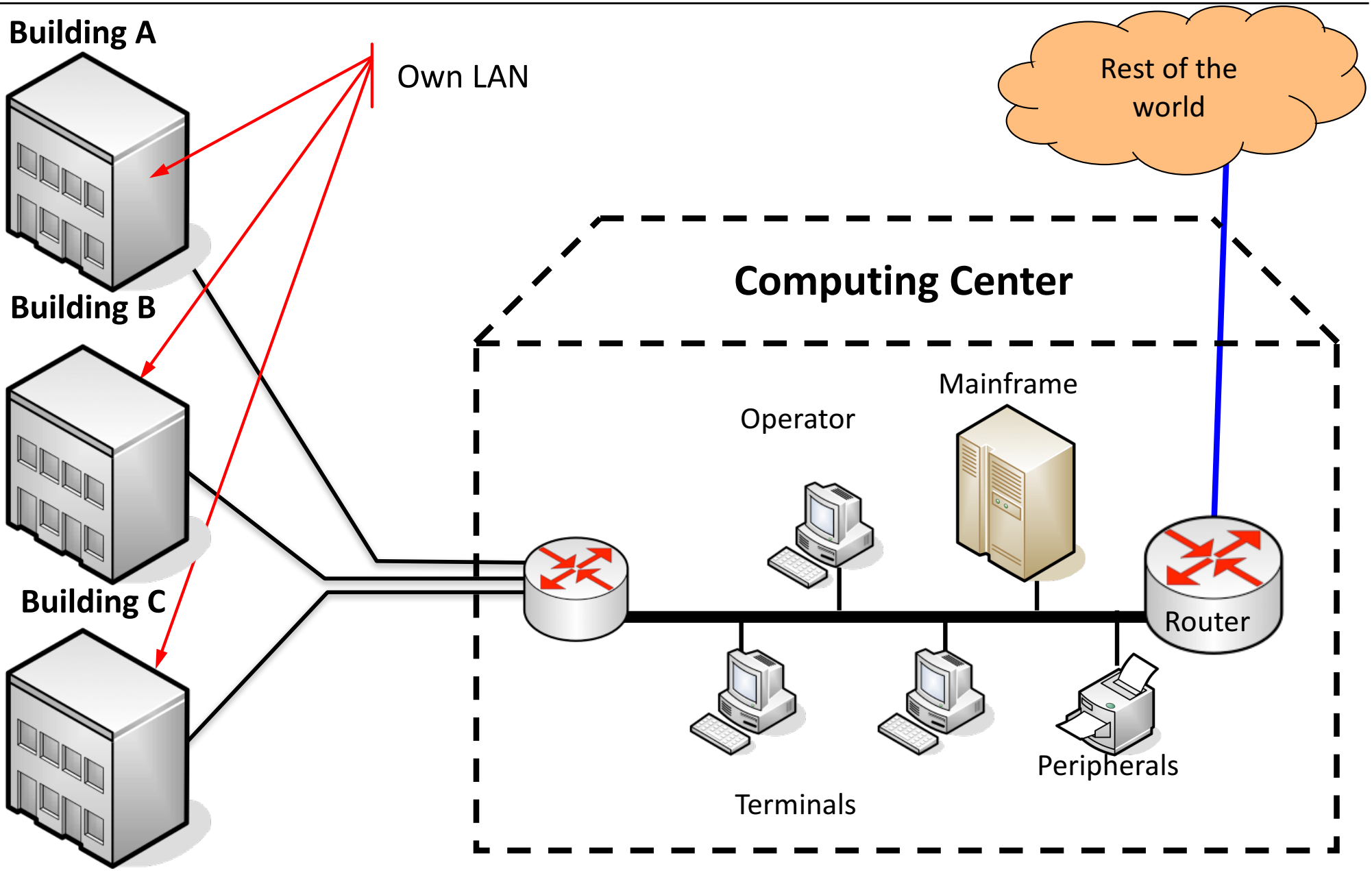
- 802.1 Overview and Architecture of LANs
- 802.2 Logical Link Control (LLC)
- 802.3 CSMA/CD (Ethernet)
- 802.4 Token Bus
- 802.5 Token Ring
- 802.6 DQDB (Distributed Queue Dual Bus)
- 802.7 Broadband Technical Advisory Group (BBTAG)
- 802.8 Fiber Optic Technical Advisory Group (FOTAG)
- 802.9 Integrated Services LAN (ISLAN) Interface
- 802.10 Standard for Interoperable LAN Security (SILS)
- 802.11 Wireless LAN (WLAN)
- 802.12 Demand Priority (HP's AnyLAN)
- 802.14 Cable modems
- 802.15 Personal Area Networks (PAN, Bluetooth)
- 802.16 Wireless MAN
- 802.17 Resilient Packet Ring
- 802.18 Radio Regulatory Technical Advisory Group (RRTAG)
- 802.19 Coexistence Technical Advisory Group
- 802.20 Mobile Broadband Wireless Access (MBWA)
- 802.21 Media Independent Handover

Evolution of Computer Networks

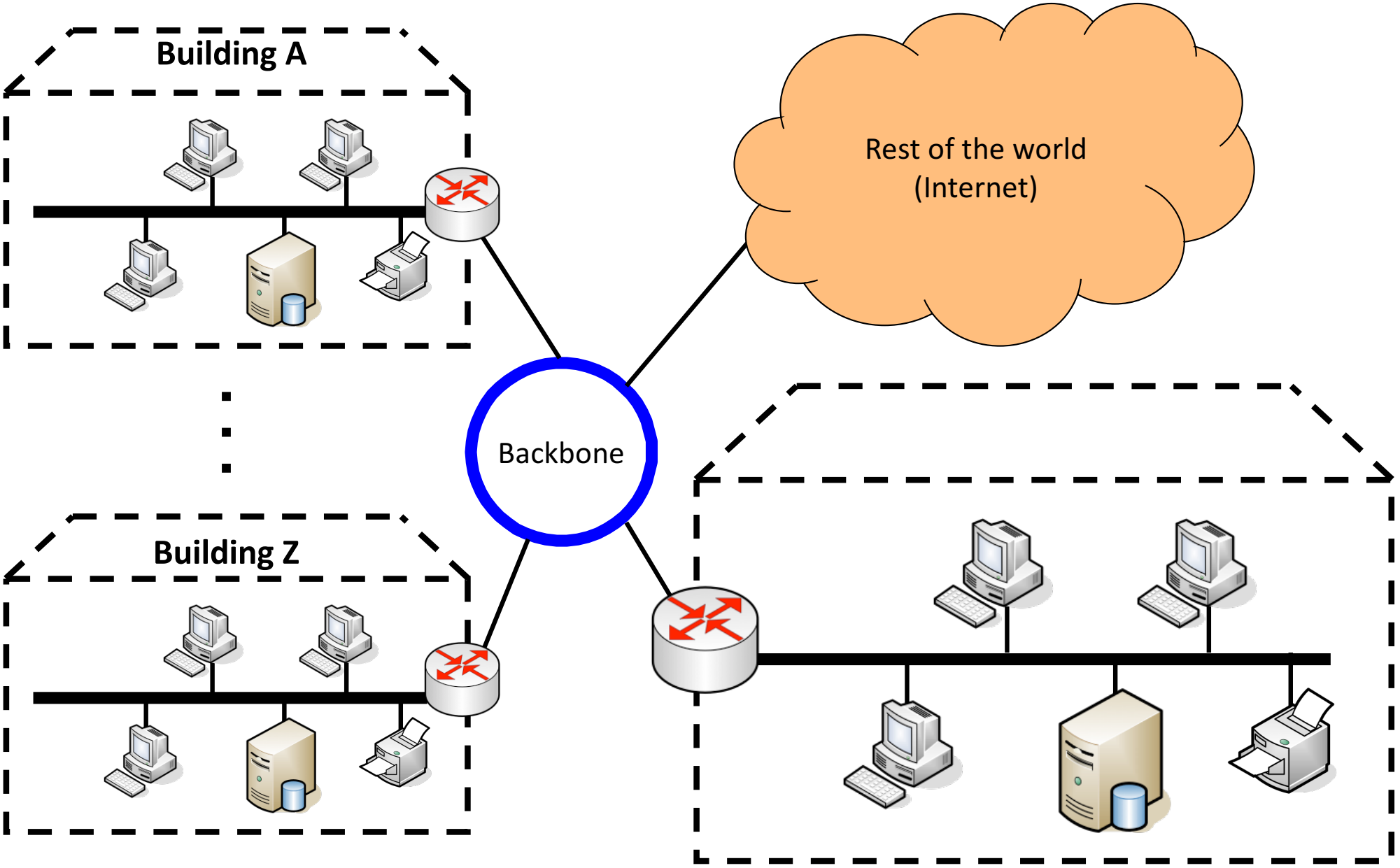
First generation computer networks



Introduction of Local Area Networks (LAN)



Global networking



Classification of Computer Networks

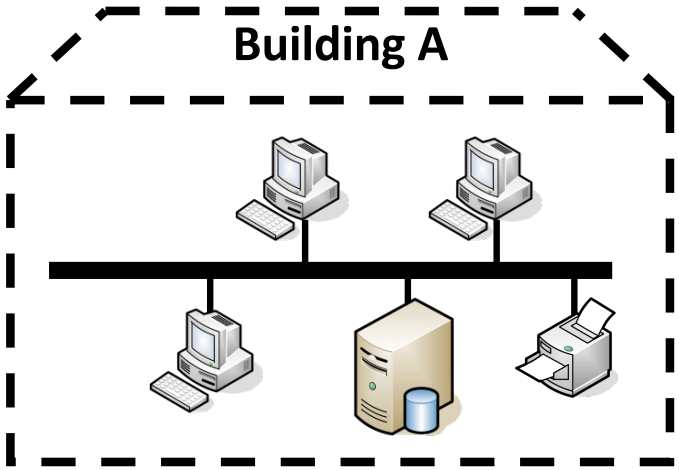
Classification of Networks

- **Classification of networks by distance**

Distance	Example	
1 m	Body	Personal Area Network (PAN)
10 m	Room	Local Area Network (LAN)
100 m	Building	
1 km	Campus	Metropolitan Area Network (MAN)
10 km	Town	
100 km	Country	Wide Area Network (WAN)
1000 km	Continent	
10000 km	Planet	Internet

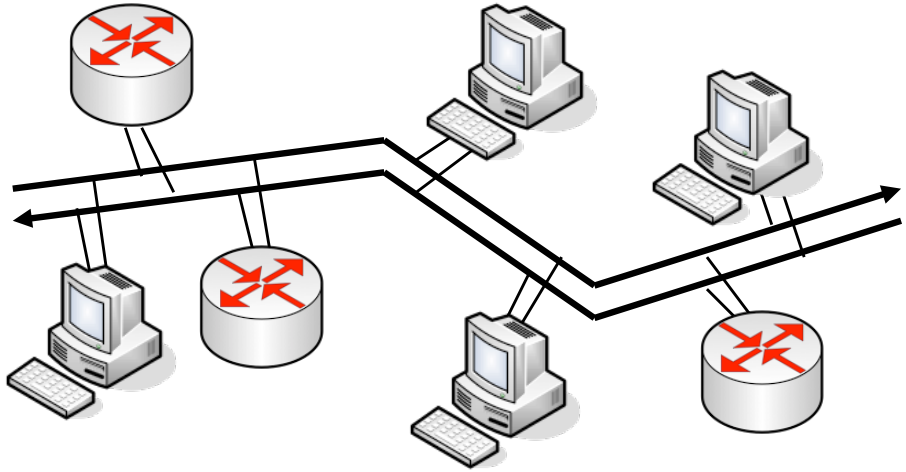
Local Area Networks

- **Communication infrastructure for a restricted geographical area (10 m up to some km)**
- **Usually maintained by one local organization**
- **Used to link PCs/Workstations/.... for exchanging information and sharing peripherals and resources**
- **Transmission capacity up to 1000 Mbps**
- **Transmission delay of a message in the range of milliseconds (~10 ms)**
- **Simple connection structures (»Simple is beautiful«)**
- **Topologies**
  - Bus
  - Star
  - Ring
  - Tree
  - Meshed network



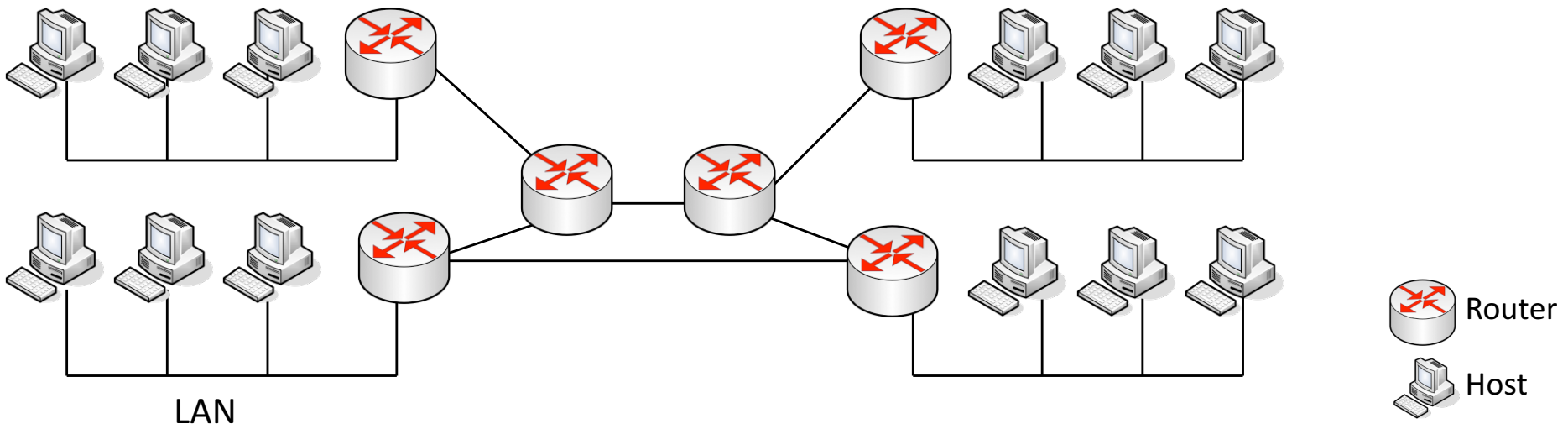
Metropolitan Area Network (MAN)

- **Designed for larger distances than a LAN**
  - usage e.g. in a whole town
- **Similar technologies as in a LAN**
- **In general, only 1 or 2 cables without additional components**
- **Main difference to LANs: Time slots**



Wide Area Network (WAN)

- Bridging of any distance
- Connects LANs and MANs over large distances
- Irregular topology, based on current needs
- Consists out of stations (routers) which are connected through point-to-point links with each other
- Mostly quite complex interconnection of subnetworks which are owned by independent organizations



Important Terms

Switch

- A switch has several connectors, from each connector a cable can be drawn to a computer. These computers are linked to a small network. The switch knows which computer is plugged in at which connector (address of the network interface card) and forwards data to a destination computer.

Router

- A switch only knows which computers are connected to it directly; if someone wants to send data to a computer far away, some instance is needed which knows the way to the destination over several other computers. Routers are used to manage global address information and forward data through complex networks.

Backbone

- A backbone is a set of computers (usually routers) which are connected by point-to-point links over large distances. A backbone serves for covering a large region with a communication network which can interconnect small, local networks of single institutions.

Classification of Networks

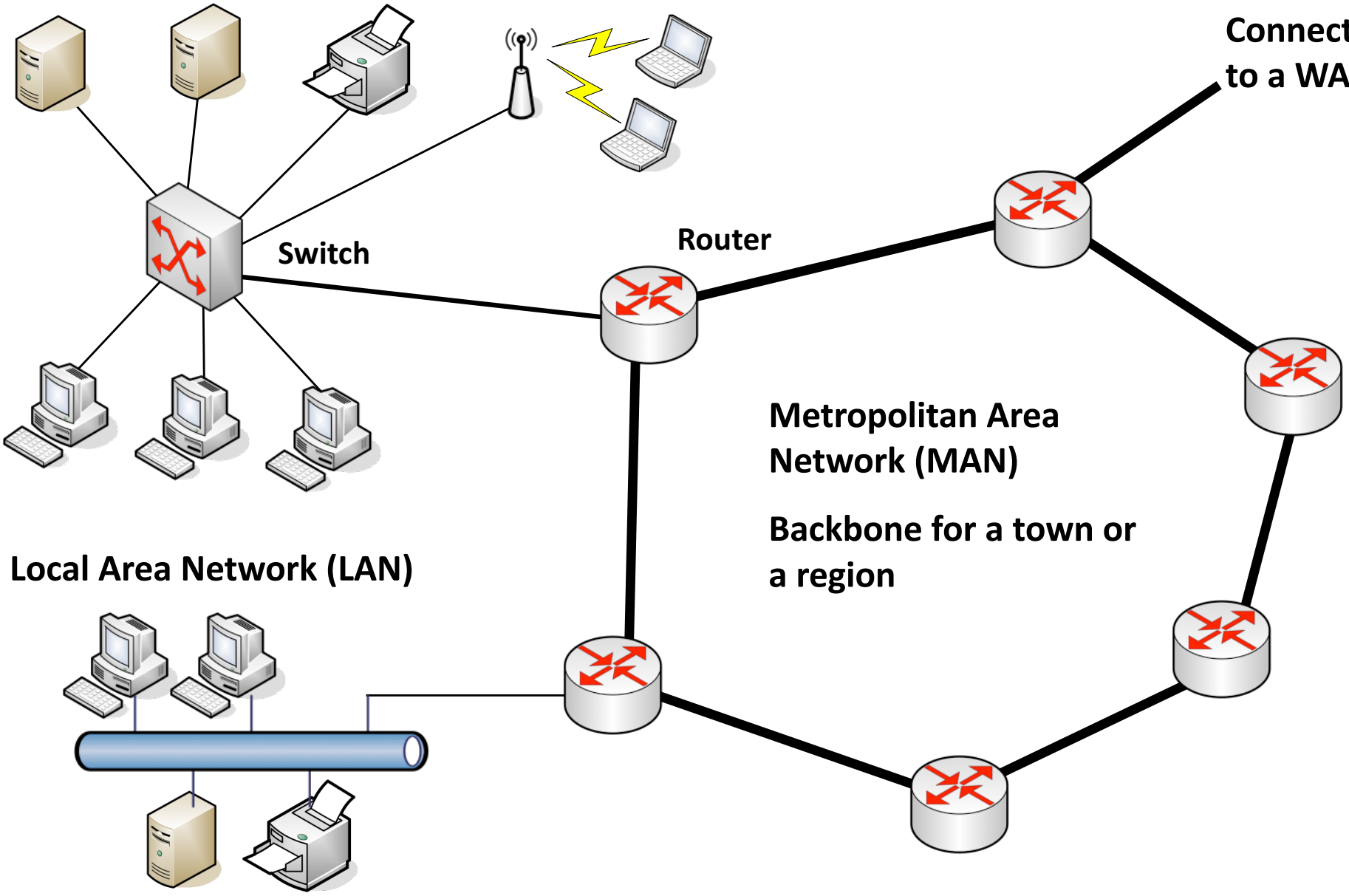
Point-to-Point Network

- A pair of computers is directly connected by one cable

Broadcast Network

- One-to-all (e.g.: radio, television)
- All connected stations are sharing one transmission channel
- For ensuring that the data are sent to the correct receiver, they have to marked with the address of the receiving computer
- Data are being packed into packets with the unicast address of the receiver
- Every computer connected controls each received packet for its address. Only the addressed computer processes the data, all others are simply deleting them.
- To address all connected stations at once, so-called broadcast addresses are used

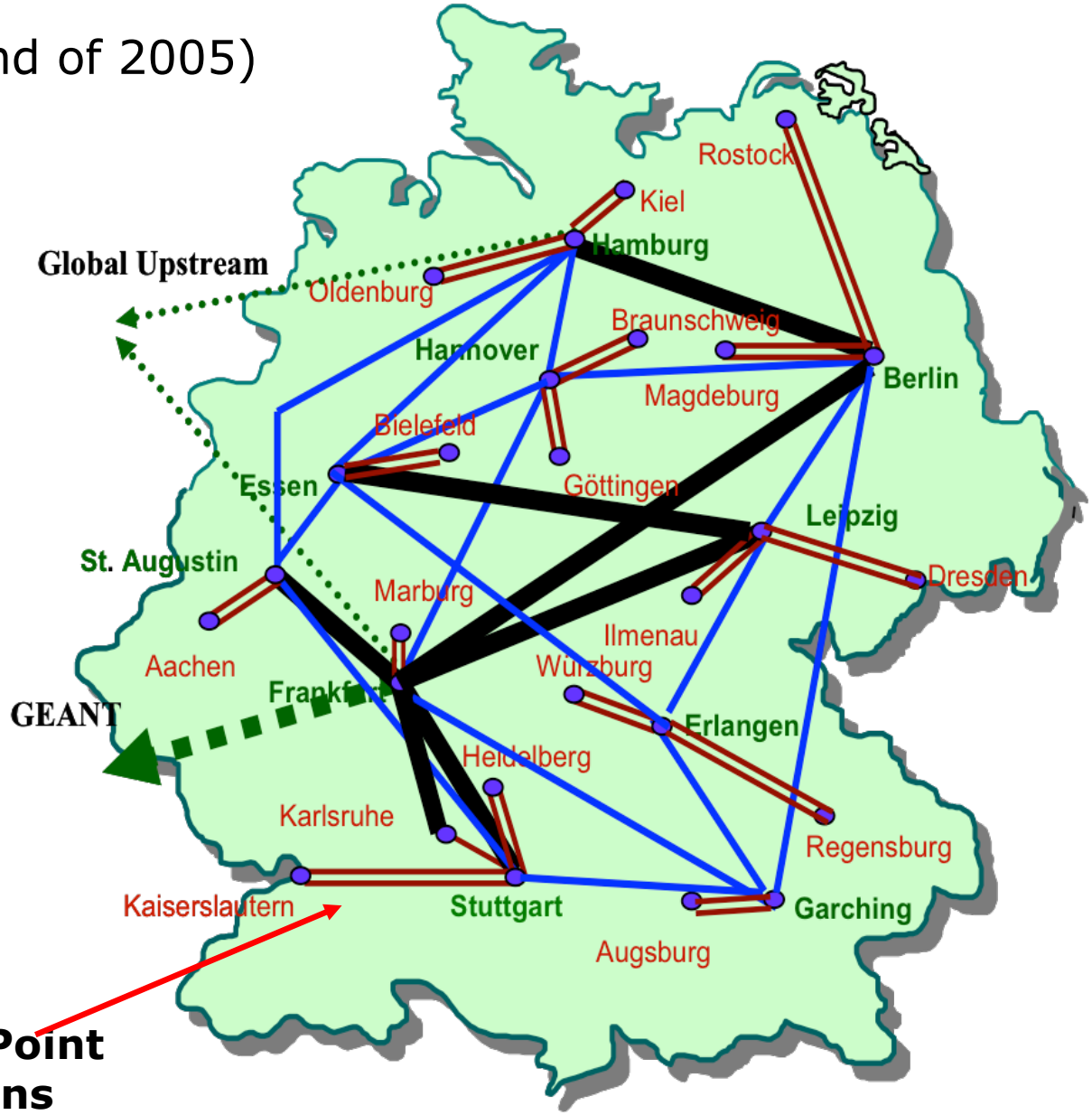
Networks


Connection
to a WAN
Switch
Router
Metropolitan Area
Network (MAN)
Backbone for a town or
a region
Local Area Network (LAN)

Networks

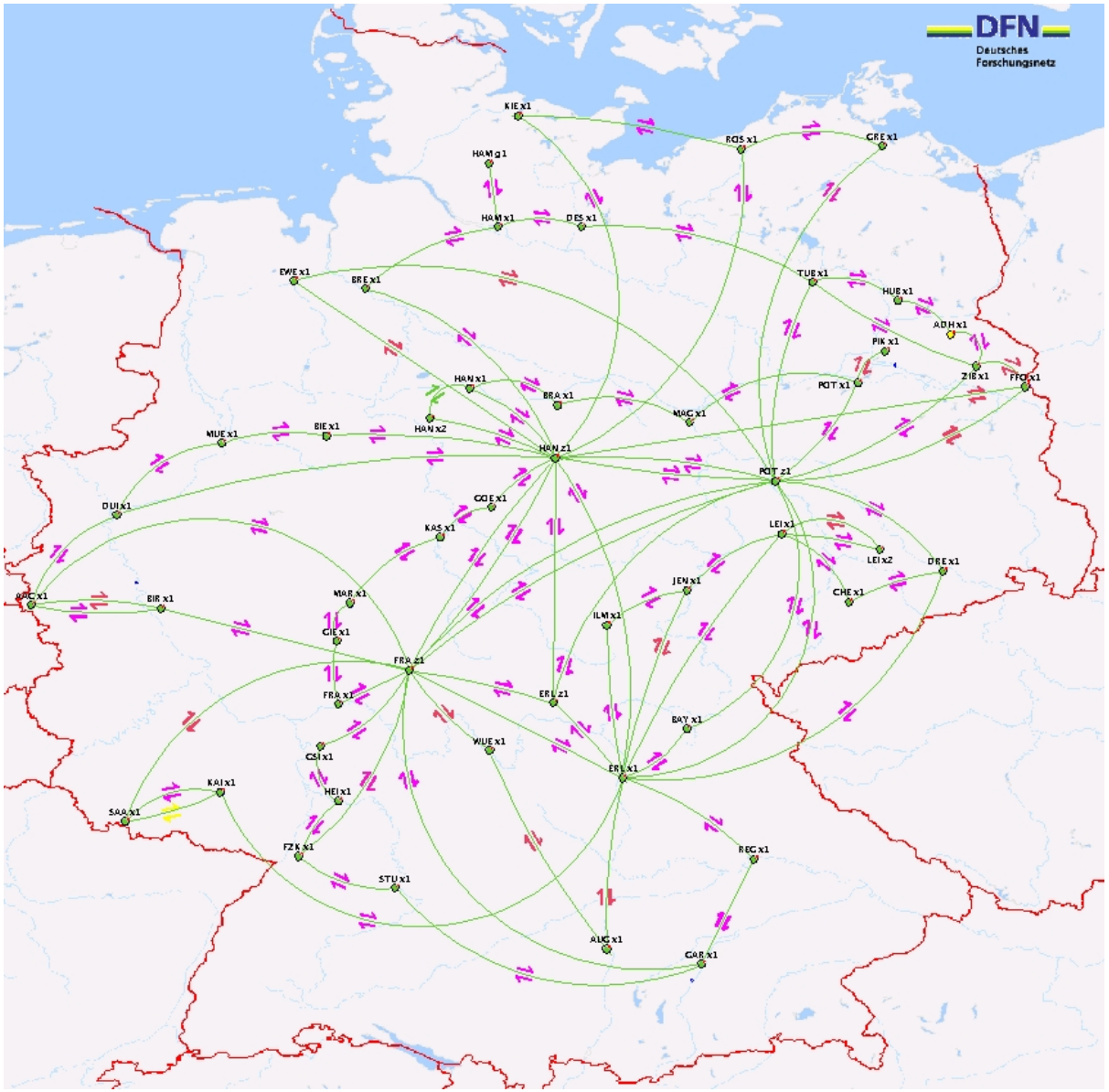
Backbone in Germany (till end of 2005)

- 27 nodes
- 10 Gbps
- 2,4 Gbps
- 2,4 Gbps



Networks

- **Backbone in Germany**
  - Since 2006 X-WIN
  - Connected to the European Backbone GÉANT
  - More than 50 nodes
  - Capacities
    - 10 Gbps
    - 1Gbps
    - 200Mbps
    - 100Mbps



X-WiN-Topologie

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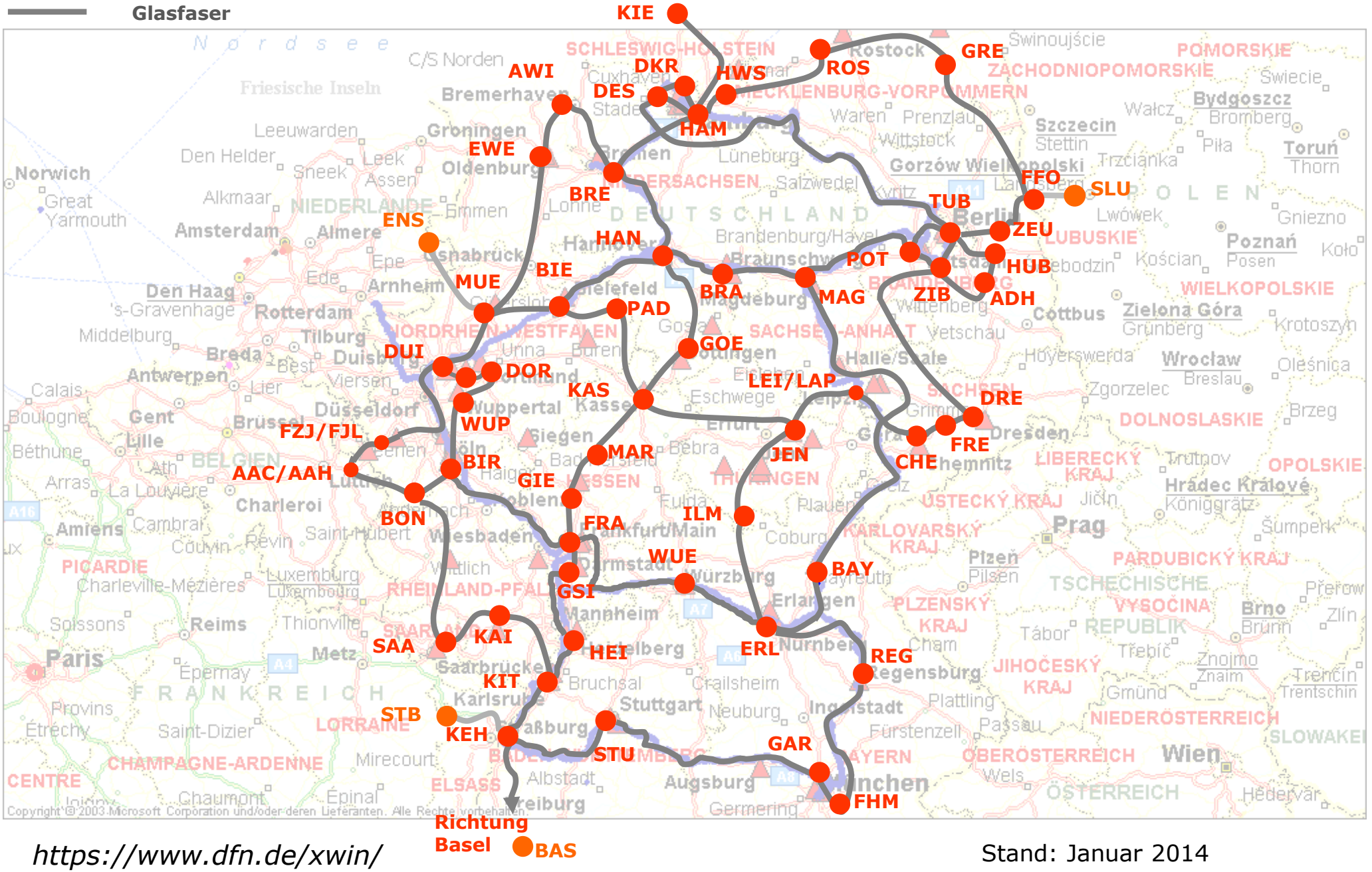

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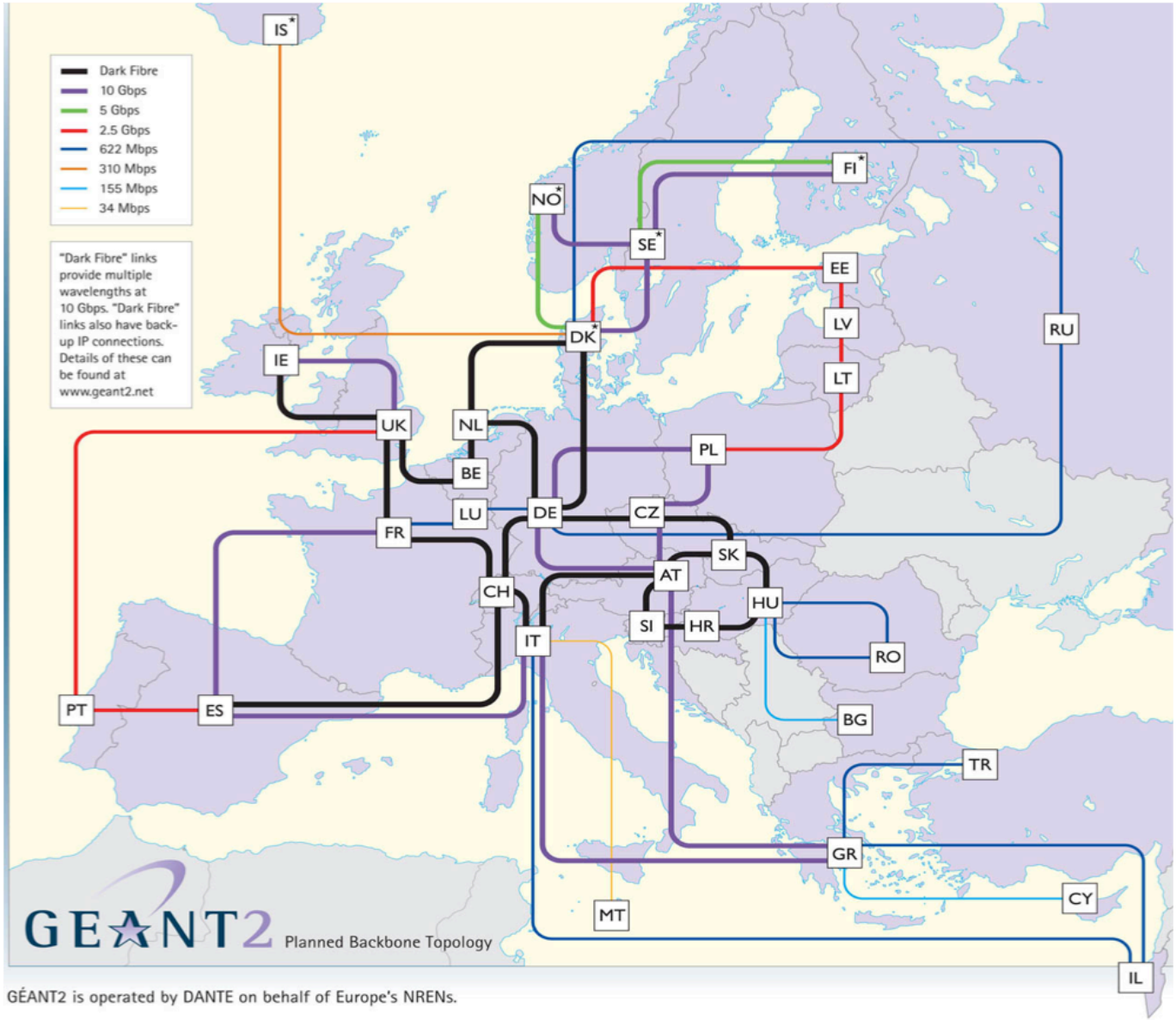
Networks

Central node Frankfurt – connection to the European research network Géant.

Also in Frankfurt and Hamburg: intercontinental connections.



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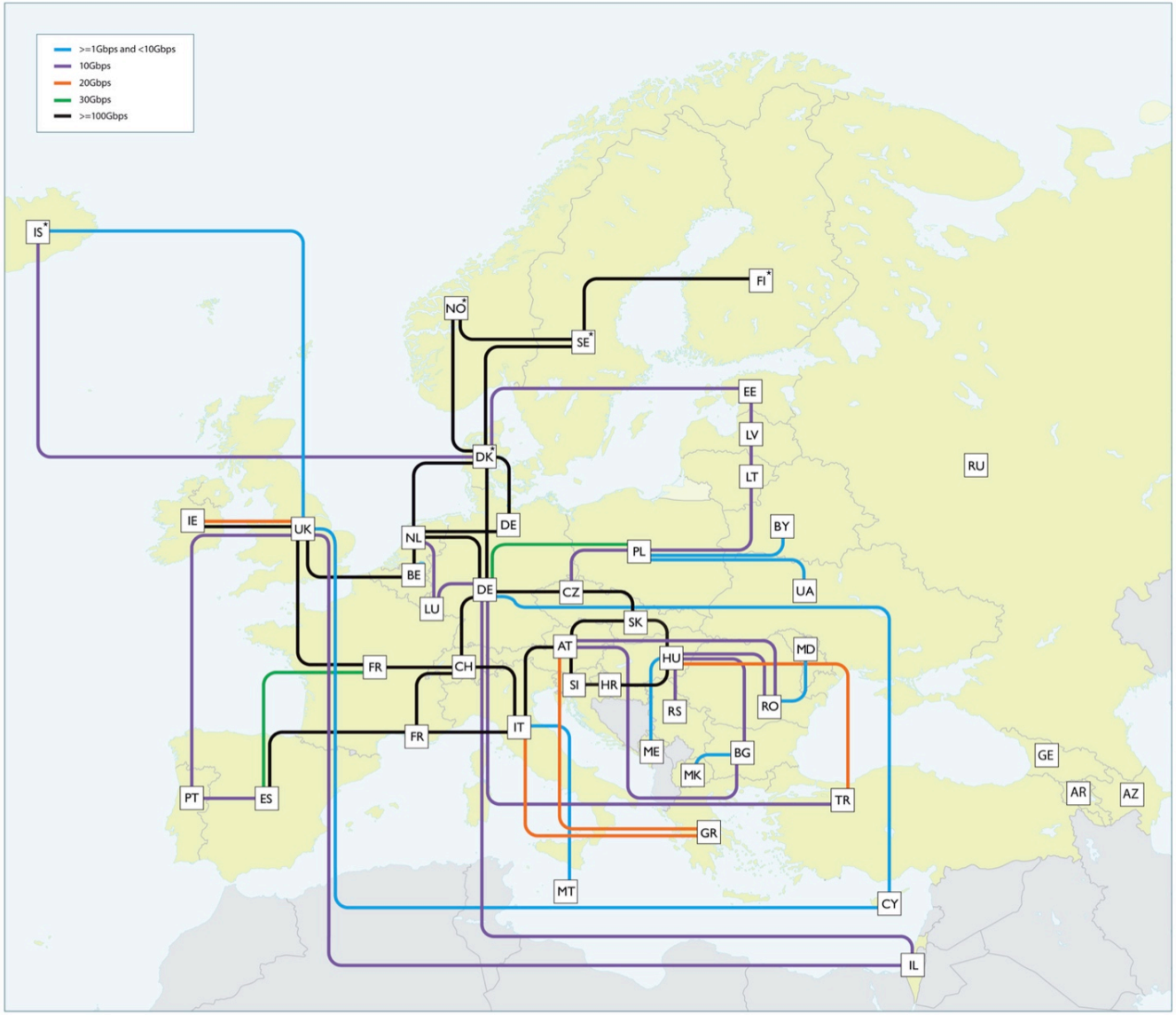
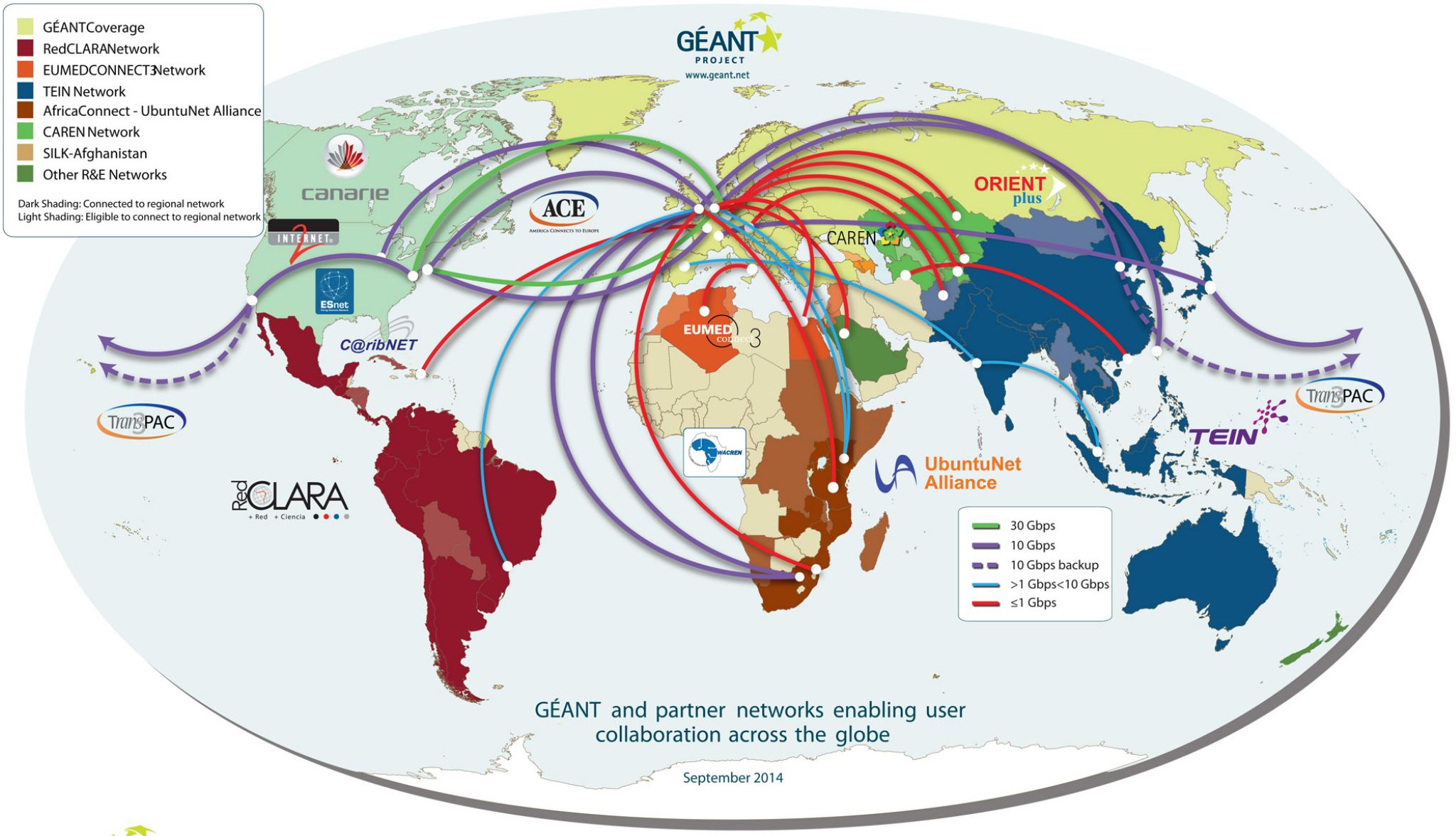


GÉANT connectivity as at January 2014.

At the Heart of Global Research and Education Networking



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Summary

- **Computer networks have many applications**
  - Sharing of resources
  - Exchange of information
- **Computer networks are very complex and consists of two parts**
  - Software
  - Hardware
- **Model of layers is applied to simplify the complexity**
  - ISO/OSI
  - TCP/IP
- **There are many global players in computer networking**
  - Standardization
- **Computer networks**
  - Different kinds of computer networks exist