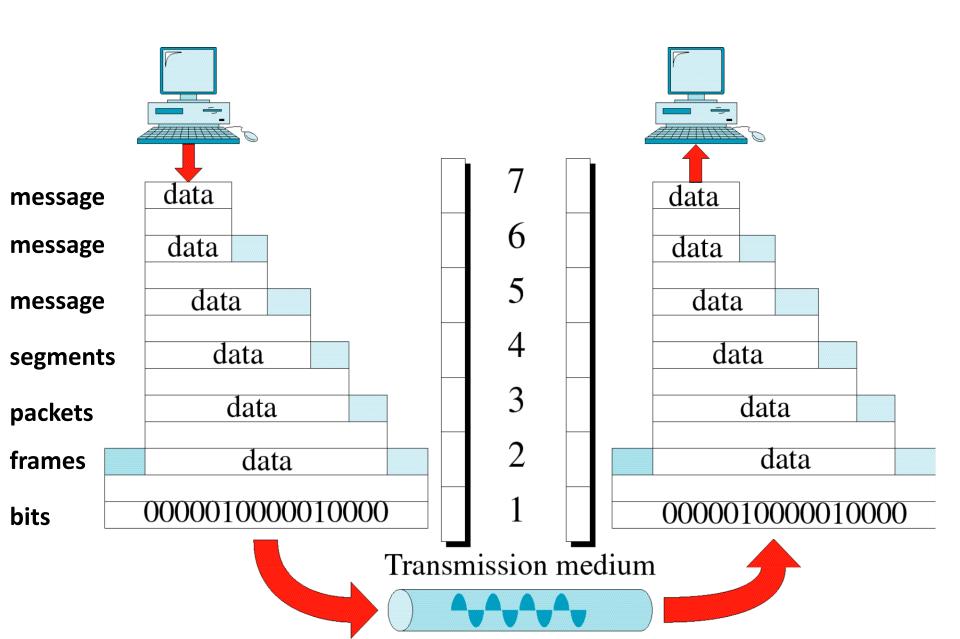
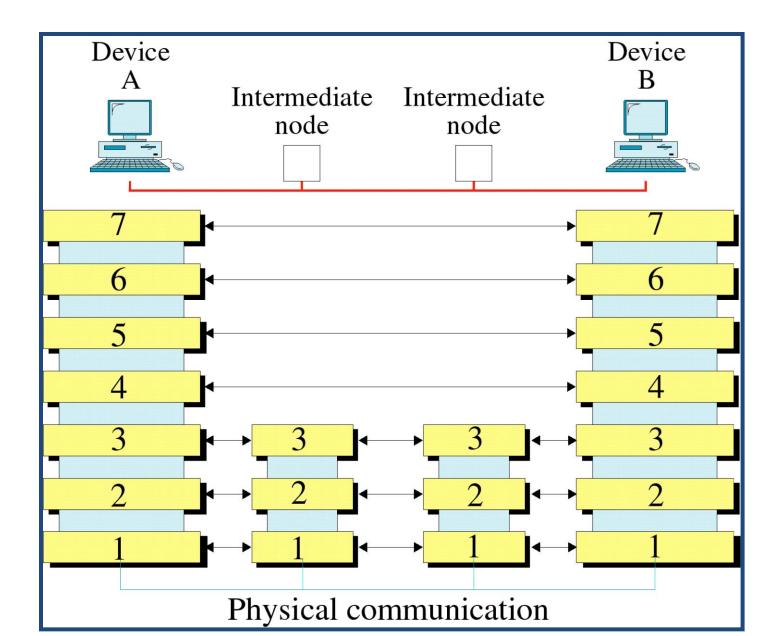
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An Exchange Using the OSI Model



PEER-to-PEER Process Communications



Physical Layer

This layer is responsible for physical mechanics of a network connection which includes the following:-

- •The type of interface used on the network device
- •The type of cable used for connecting devices
- •The connectors used on each end of the cable
- •The pin patterns used for each of the connections on the cable
- •The encoding of a message on a signal by converting binary digits to physical representation based on the media type, such as electrical for copper, light for fibre or a radio wave for wireless.

The physical layer is also responsible for how binary information is converted to a physical layer signal and vice-versa.

The physical layer defines properties for connections and communications, including wires (UTP & fibre) and connectors (RJ-45 and DB-9).

Data Link Layer

This layer is responsible for the following:-

- Define the MAC or Hardware address
- Define the physical or hardware topology for connections
- •Define how the network layer protocol is encapsulated in the data link layer frame.
- Providing both connectionless and connection oriented services.

Network Layer

This layer is responsible for three main functions:-

- Defines logical address used at layer 3
- Find paths based on the network numbers of logical addresses, to reach destination components.
- Connects different data link layer types together, such as Ethernet,
 Fibre Distributed Data Interface (FDDI), Serial and Token ring.

Transport Layer

- This layer has five main functions:-
- It sets up, maintains and tears down a session connection between two components.
- It can provide for the reliable and unreliable delivery of data across this connection.
- It segments data into smaller, mora manageable sizes.
- It multiplexes connections, allowing multiple applications to send and receive data simultaneously on the same networking device.
- It can implement flow control through ready, not ready signals or windowing to ensure one component does not overflow another.

Session Layer

This layer is responsible for :-

- Setting up a network connection
- Maintaining a network connection
- Tearing down network connection
- Examples:- RPCs and NFS.

Presentation Layer

- •This layer determines how data is transmitted and represented to the user.
- •This layer defines how various forms of text, graphics, audio/video information is transmitted and used correctly by the application layer.
- •Examples of presentation layer protocols and standards include ASCII, BMP, JPEG, AVI, WAV, GIF and MPEG.

Application Layer

•It provides the interface that a person uses to interact with the application. This interface can be command line based or graphics based.

Common examples of application layer protocols are

Telnet, Secure Shell (SSH), File Transfer Protocol (FTP), Email etc.

Summary of the Layer Functions

To translate, encrypt, and compress data

To provide end-to-end message delivery and error recovery

To organize bits into frames; to provide node-to-node delivery

Application

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To allow access to network resources

To establish, manage, and terminate sessions

To move packets from source to destination; to provide internetworking

To transmit bits; to provide mechanical and electrical specifications

The End