

# Computer Networks / Rețele de Calculatoare

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Grading Type: normal, Credits:3

No prerequisite modules required

Basic knowledge in Physics, Mathematics, Computer Architecture – feel free to ask questions anytime

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**<https://moodle.cs.utcluj.ro>**

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Self-Enrolment key: ***L@b\_key2024***

# ASSESSMENT

- Lab test (last week) - laboratory
- Written Exam (theory, problems)
- Grading constraints: minimum of 5 (out of 10) for each: *mid-term (TBD)*, final, lab
- Grade policy

*40% Lab + 60% Exam*

- Module Credits: 3

## *Lecture 1*

# **Module Description**

Notions of: communications, telecommunications; Communications architecture and protocols; Introduction to computer networks; OSI Model; TCP model; analog and digital transmissions; encoding techniques; transmission media (special focus on fiber optic); synchronous and asynchronous transmissions; digital carriers; multiplexing; circuit and packet switching; Local Area Networks - systems (wired & wireless) & technologies (focus on medium access control techniques); case study: Ethernet LANs; Bridges & Switches; introduction to internetworking & routing; classic IP & IPv6; Transport level protocols; application level services.

## Aim of the module

Introductory module on **data & computer communications, case study: LANs**

data comms: signal transmission, transmission media, interfacing, data link control

networking: technologies and architectures of comms networks (LANs, WANs)

computer communications –basic introduction, basic protocols

simple communications networks (LANs) & their protocols

internetworking

This is the first from a sequence of (at least) 2 modules in Computer Networks!

Why this structure?

-no more much difference between data processing (computers) and data communications (transmission & switching equipment)

-no fundamental difference in transmitting data, voice or video

-today's the metanetwork (let's say Internet), makes no difference

(reference) to single or multi processor computers, or to PAN, LAN, MAN or WAN  
(access to any resource is done easily & uniformly)

# Fields of Study

- data transmissions: data, signals, transmission systems, techniques (coding, multiplexing, switching)
- general aspects of networks: definition, evolution, generations, further developments; history of Internet; case study: LANs
- topologies: star, ring, bus
- introduction to internetworking
- protocols:
  - Architectures & reference models
  - Lower & higher levels
  - Study for levels 1 to 3: Physical, Data Link, Network
  - Internetworking
  - Transport & Application level services

# Bibliography

Main text book for this module:

- **W. Stallings – *Data and Computer Communications*, Prentice Hall, editions 2004 - 2014**
- The ‘most available’ text book (Romanian) is: **Vasile Teodor Dadarlat, Emil Cebuc: *Retele Locale de Calculatoare - de la cablare la interconectare*, Editura Albastra (MicroInformatica), 2005**

**Also you'll get good knowledge and experience reading:**

- L. Peterson, B. Davie – *Computer Networks, Fifth Edition: A Systems Approach*, The Morgan Kaufmann Series in Networking, 2013
- **A. Tanenbaum – *Computer Networks*, Prentice Hall, 2002,2005,2010**
- D. Comer – *Computer Networks and Internets*, Prentice Hall, 2008, 2014

# LAB Activity (compulsory)

## TABLE OF CONTENTS

	Week
1	Introduction to Wireshark and Packet tracer
2	Cooper based transmission media and UTP cabling
3	Optical fibers and components
4	Structured Cabling
5	Connectivity to Network: IPv4 subnets and basic router configuration
6	Connectivity to Network: DHCP and IPv4 static routing
7	Connectivity to Network: IPv6 introduction and static routing
8	Transport layer: TCP/UDP and Network Programming using Socket
9	Ethernet, ARP and NDP
10	VLAN, trunking and inter-VLAN routing
11	Layer 2 networks: Spanning Tree Protocol, Link Aggregation and Etherchannel
12	Security threats in computer networks
13	Recap
14	Laboratory test



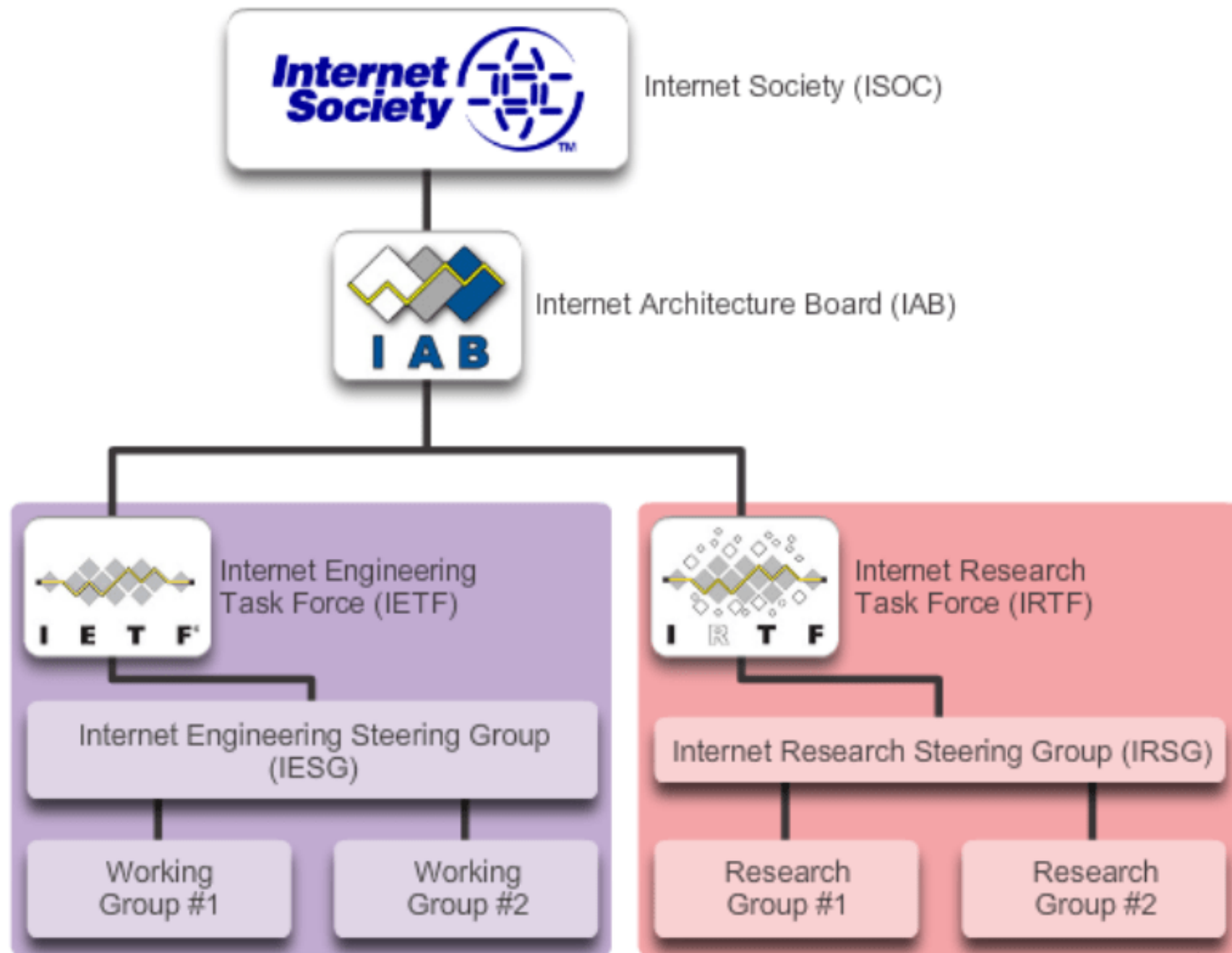
# Standardization bodies

## Why standards?

- for unique specifications
- for global uniformity and interoperability

## What's now?

- still are proprietary networks (big companies): IBM/SNA, Digital/DECNET, Novell/Netware, Cisco
- ‘de facto’ standards: adopted by the market, not yet official standards: TCP/IP protocol suite
- ‘de jure’ standards: official standard, small market acceptance
- consortiums, forums: mix of companies (product promotion), specification & standardization bodies (standardization in progress):
  - IEEE 802.x- formal standardization group
  - Frame Relay Forum, ATM Forum, Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) – application development, IResearchTF – further development (see structure on next page)



## **Standardization bodies** (continued)

*For proprietary standards, closed systems:*

**ECMA** (European Computers Manufacturers Association)

**EIA** (European Industrials Association)

*For interface standards, multi-vendor systems:*

**ITU-T** (International Telecommunications Union, Telecommunications sector),  
former CCITT (Comite Consultatif International pour telephone et telegraphe)

**ANSI** (American National Standards Institute)






**IEEE** (Institute for Electrical and Electronic Engineers)

**ETSI** (European Telecom Standards Institute)

*For international standards, open systems:*

**ISO** (International Organization for Standardization) – Technical Committee for  
Information Processing TC 97

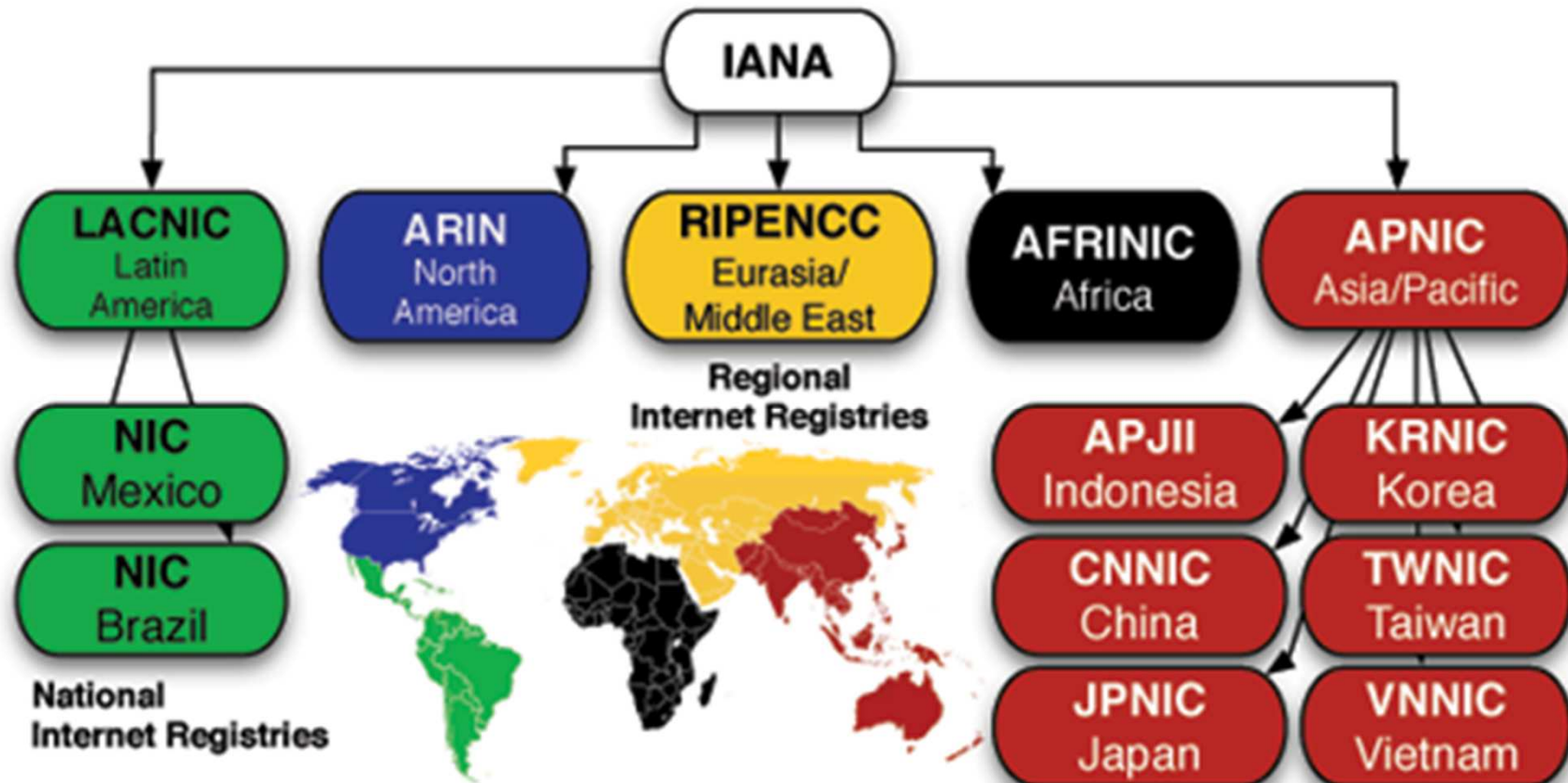
# The Intersection of Media Development Principles and Internet Governance

INTERNET GOVERNANCE BODY	PRINCIPLE AT STAKE	TECHNICAL DEBATE
	<b>Freedom of Expression</b>	<b>Domain Names (gTLDs)</b> Management of new, generic Top-Level Domains (gTLDs)
	<b>Media Pluralism</b>	<b>Social Media as News Platforms</b> Algorithms and Media Plurality
	<b>Access to Information</b>	<b>Wireless Internet</b> 5G Cellular Networks and Unlicensed Spectrum Standards
	<b>Privacy</b>	<b>Web Browsing Privacy</b> Encryption
	<b>Secure Access and Trust</b>	<b>Wi-Fi Security</b> Local Area Networks (LAN) Protocols in Diverse Settings

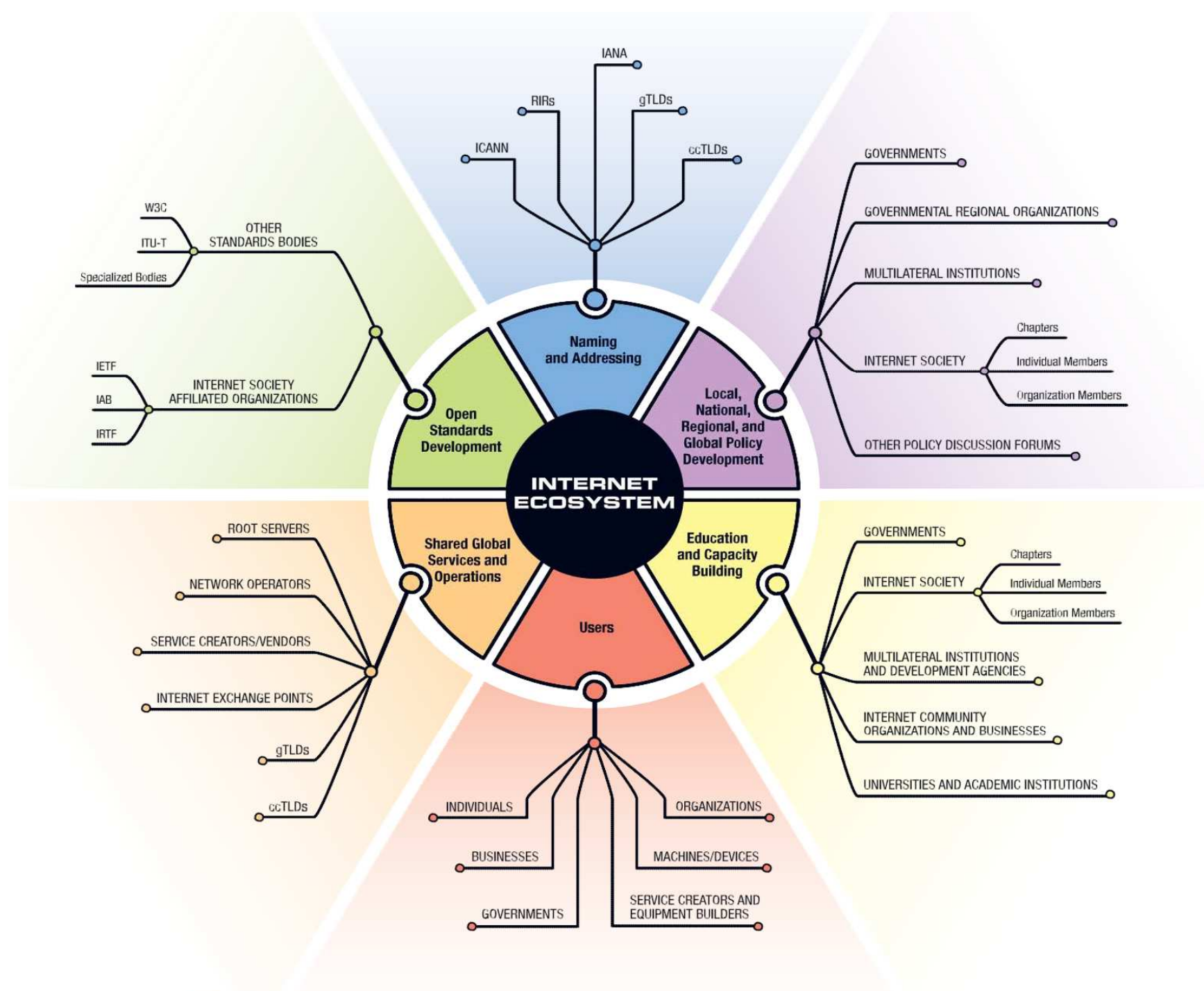
<http://www.cima.ned.org/publication/media-development-digital-age-five-ways-engage-internet-governance/>

# Internet Assigned Numbers Authority

- global coordination of:
  - DNS Root, IP addressing, and other Internet protocol resources



[http://www.caida.org/funding/nets-ipv6/nets-ipv6\\_proposal.xml](http://www.caida.org/funding/nets-ipv6/nets-ipv6_proposal.xml)

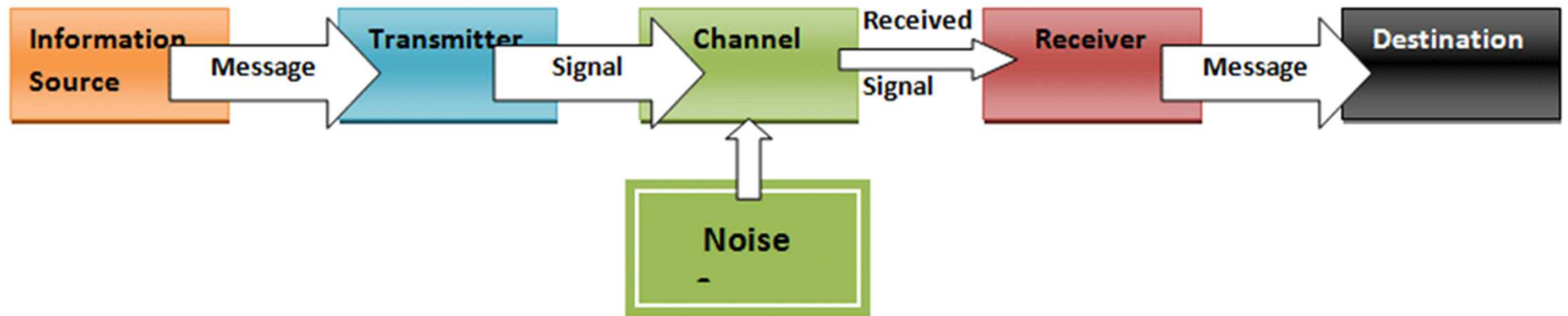




# Notions of: Communications, Telecommunications

The 'old' need to communicate: use of symbols, writing, languages

## Claude Shannon's model of communication



## The Communications Model

### Source

Generates data to be transmitted (the message)

### Sender (transmitter)

Converts data into transmittable signals (ex. modem)

## Transmission System

Simply, the **channel** - carries data, using signals; may be affected by noise; from a single transmission line to a complex network connecting the parts

## Receiver

Converts received signal into data

## Destination

Takes incoming data

## Oral communication between two people:

*Source & destination:* the brain

*Sender:* transmitting device, the mouth

*Channel:* medium traversed, the air

*Receiver:* the receiving device, the ear



# Communications

Problems (limitations) with the Shannon's model:

- one way
- no feedback
- not appropriate to group communications
- no explanation for the sending/receiving process

## Questions?

- which are the formats a message is delivered?
- which are today's communications methods (radio, TV, papers, phone, Internet): one-way, two-way, multiple, interactive? Which will be preferred in the future?
- what about the teaching process?
- how to make the message secure?

## **Key Communications Tasks** (from an engineering view)

*Utilization of the Transmission System:* optimal, efficient allocation of existing resources

*Interfacing with the Transmission System:* electromagnetic signals

*Signal generation:* for optimal propagation & proper interpretation at receiver

*Synchronization between the communication parts*

*Message exchange management:* rules of the conversation

*Error detection and correction, flow control:* part of the exchange management

*Addressing and routing:* more devices may share the transmission facilities

*Recovery:* resume of activity from the point of interruption

*Message formatting:* bit or character oriented

*Security:* data received only by intended receivers, and unaltered

*Network Management:* configure the system, monitor its status, detect failures & overloads, planning the future growth

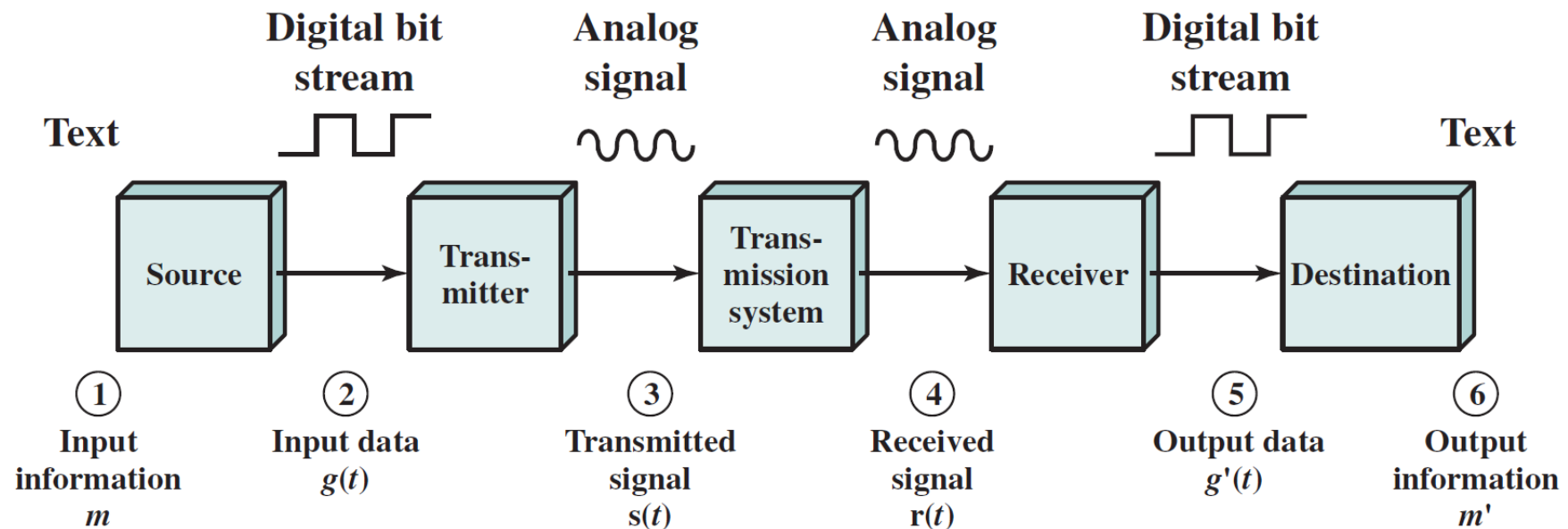
# Telecommunications

**Etymology:** communication at a distance, as the *tele* prefix states (see television, teleaction, telecommand, telephony)

**Definition:** the *information transfer* between *two (or more) points*, usually at a distance, using *media* other, or perhaps including audio.

## Example

Communication between two computers exchanging text files, using modems:



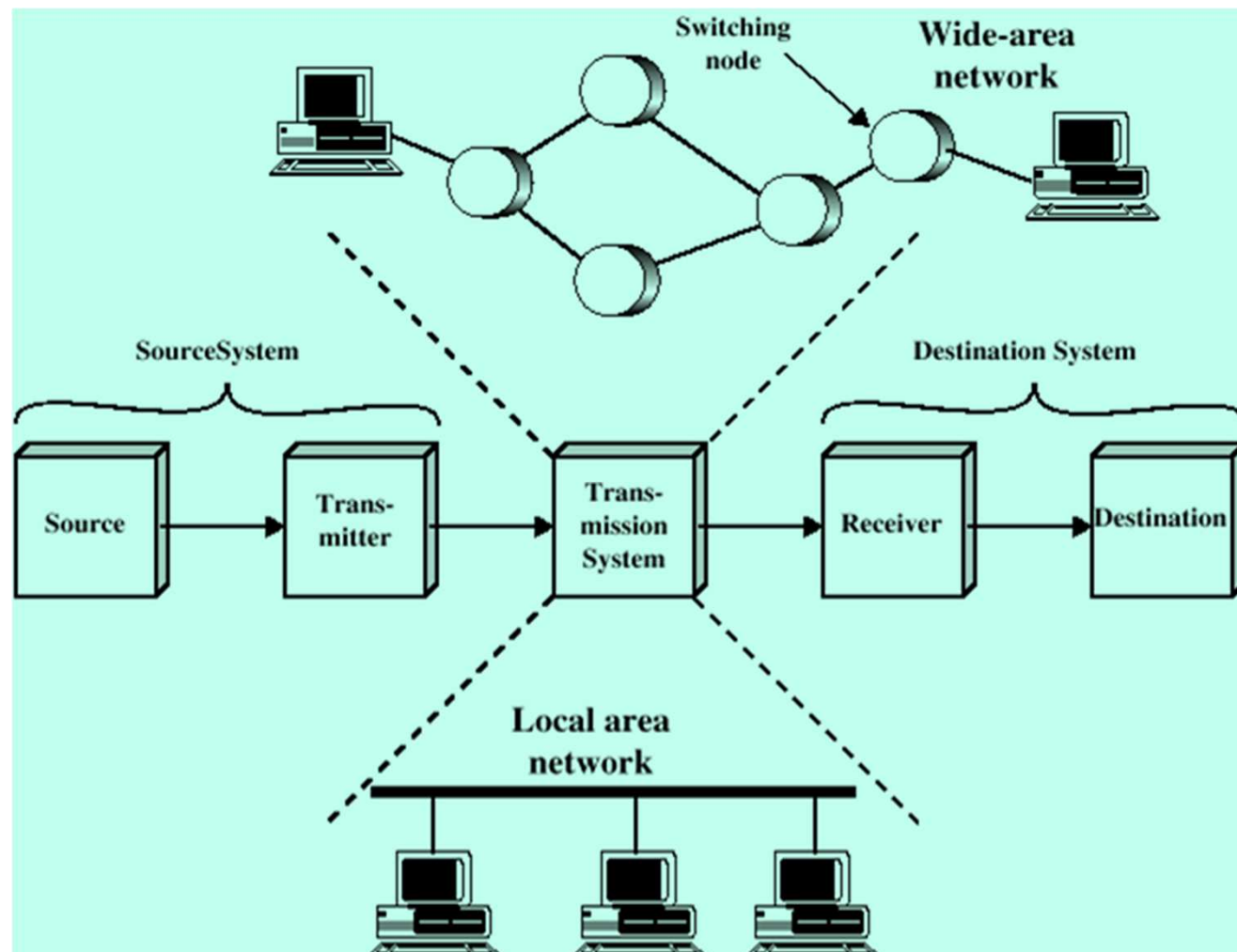
# Networking

**Point to point** communication not usually practical

Devices are too far apart

Large set of devices would need impractical number of connections

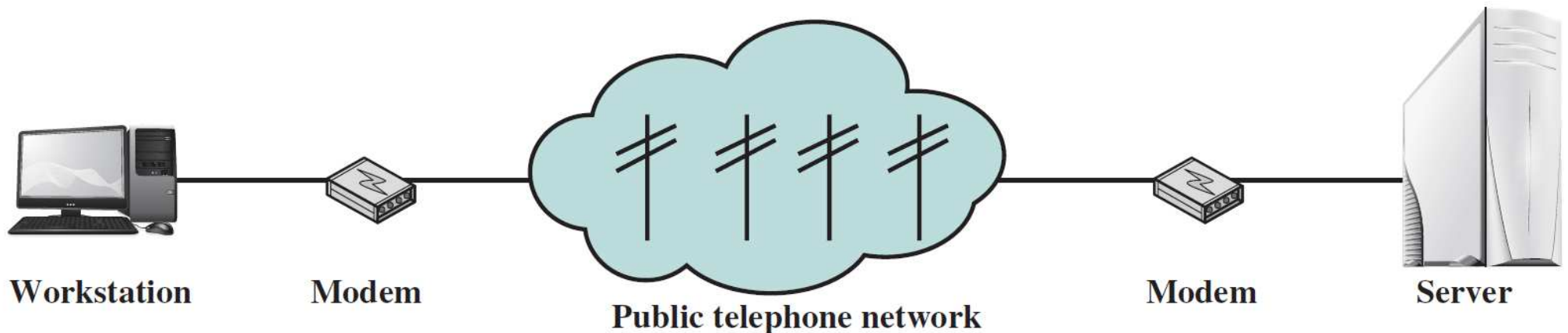
Solution is a **communications network** (see below an example)



# Communications Networks

**Definition:** a mesh of switching nodes and links, enabling one or more ‘network hosts’ to have access to a telecommunications infrastructure which supports a range of tele-services to the network hosts or between network hosts.

*Example:* telecommunications connection between a computer and an e-mail server (ISP) – two network hosts – application: e-mail exchange, carrier: PSTN (Public Switch Telephone Network).



## Communications Networks continued

Generally all networks are **telecommunications** (data networks, computer networks, telephony networks, mobile cellular networks, TV broadcasting networks).

In the past, a difference : computer networks carry data, telecomm networks operate with voice; no more, today's networks (let's say Internet) carry voice+data+video!

### Question?

A lecture is a telecommunication activity and has the structure of a network?

**Answer:** a lecture has communications attributes, like: point-to-point, simplex or half duplex, symmetric in bandwidth (4KHz), unbalanced, analogue transmission, but is not telecommunication (not at distance) and there is no network (not distance transporting system).

# Global Telecommunications Networks

Today we speak about **Global Networks**

Issues:

- fixed or mobiles
- application driven networks
- integrated telecommunication networks (carry data, voice, video)
- convergence of networks (in terms of access interfaces, packet size, service supply)
- seamless (network of networks, metanetwork)
- increased number of services
- need for an ordered development, based on **reference models**

# **Some Milestones for Communications Networks evolution**

(concerning offered services)

1850: Telegraphy

1890: Telephony

1930: Radio, Television, Facsimile, Branch Exchange

1970: Color TV, Stereo radio, low-speed data transmissions(Kbps), remote computing

1990: ISDN, medium & high speed data transmissions (Mbps), multimedia, LANs, WLANs, video...

2000: Very high speed transmissions (Gbps), mobile, home access, security, virtual reality, teleworking, banking .....

2010: Mobile communications, cloud computing, High Performance computing ...





75 YEARS



38 YEARS



13 YEARS



4 YEARS



3.5 YEARS



3 YEARS



2.5 YEARS



50 DAYS



35 DAYS

# Reaching 50 Million users

*It took about 75 years for the telephone to connect 50 million people. Today a simple iPhone app like Draw Something can reach that milestone in a matter of days. In the past 10 years the rate of adoption of new technologies has accelerated at a dizzying speed. Can we keep up with it all?*

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# Introduction to Computer Networks

**Computer Networks are an interconnection of computers.**

Two computers are said to be interconnected if they are able to exchange information (data).

**The main reasons** why computers are networked are:

- to share hardware resources – higher reliability (files, printers, modems, fax machines)
- to share application software (MS Office)
- to save money – downsizing process: from mainframes to a lot of small intelligent computers spread around
- to increase productivity (make it easier to share data among various users)

# Types of computer networks

Different criteria:

- public (ex. educational WANs) or private (company owner)
- geographical location (coverage): Personal Area Networks (PAN), Local Area Networks (LANs), Metropolitan Area Networks (MANs), Wide Area Networks (WANs)
- type of transmission media: hard-wire (copper based wire or fiber optic), soft-wire (radio, satellite, infrared)
- topologies: mesh, star, ring, bus
- transmission type: broadcast/multicast, point-to-point, peer-to-peer
- classes of reliability
- application domains (ex. multimedia applications)
- way in which nodes exchange information: broadcast (LANs, Wireless), switched (circuit switching, packet switching (datagrams, virtual circuits))

# Internet Evolution

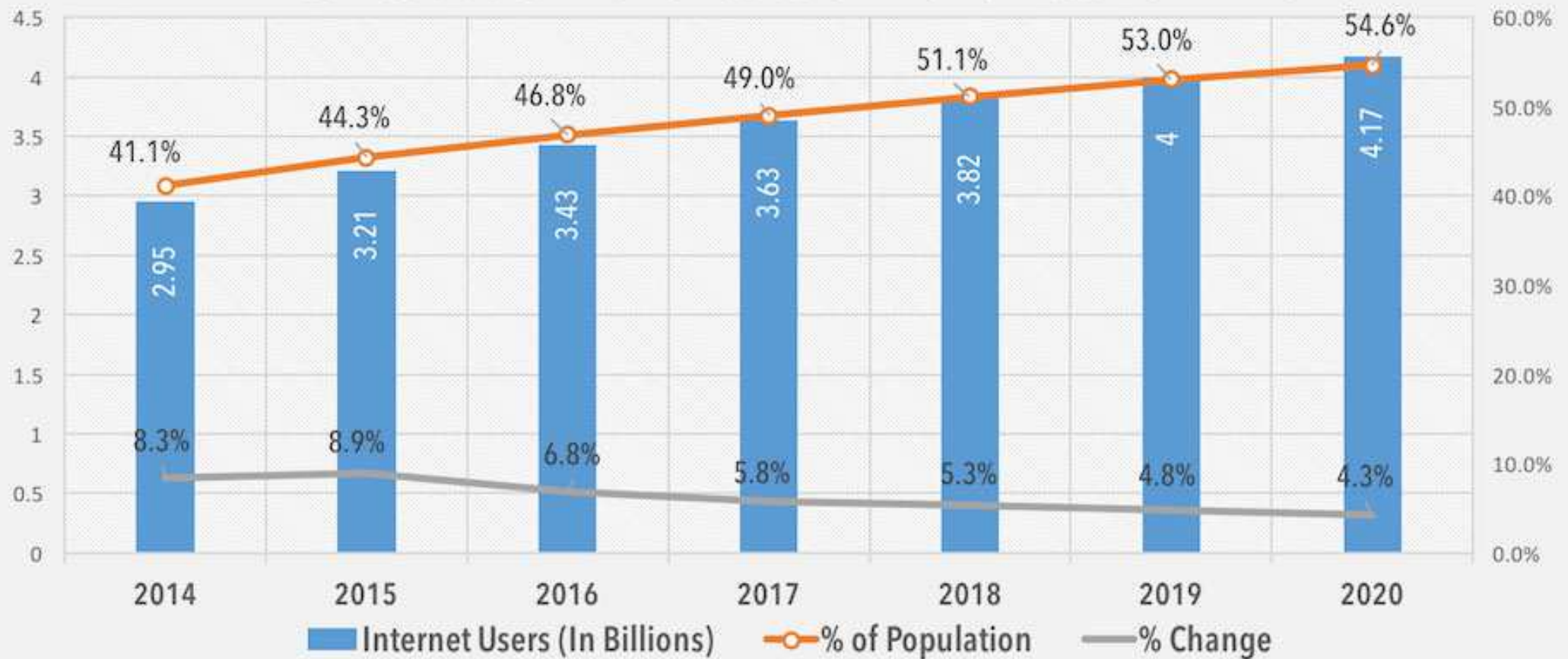
"The best predictor of future behavior is past behavior" (Dr. Phil)

# Introduction

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- ▶ "All Science Is Computer Science"  
(New York Times, 2001)
- ▶ The Internet
  - ▶ global network connecting millions of computers
  - ▶ network of networks, a networking infrastructure

## Internet Users And Penetration Worldwide 2014 - 2020



Note: Individual of any age who use the internet from any location any devices atleast once a month.

Source: eMarketer, April 2016

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# Internet Users in 2021



<https://www.websitepulse.com/blog/internet-in-numbers-2021>

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# COUNTRIES WITH THE LARGEST POPULATIONS

THE WORLD'S TOP 20 COUNTRIES, RANKED BY THE SIZE OF THEIR TOTAL POPULATION ON 01 OCTOBER 2022



GLOBAL OVERVIEW

#	COUNTRY	POPULATION
01	CHINA	1,425,868,312
02	INDIA	1,419,597,776
03	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	338,684,815
04	INDONESIA	275,943,509
05	PAKISTAN	236,972,694
06	NIGERIA	219,843,721
07	BRAZIL	215,557,721
08	BANGLADESH	171,630,186
09	RUSSIAN FEDERATION	144,703,713
10	MEXICO	127,743,896

#	COUNTRY	POPULATION
11	ETHIOPIA	124,156,150
12	JAPAN	123,788,275
13	PHILIPPINES	116,004,493
14	EGYPT	111,417,927
15	DEM. REP. OF THE CONGO	99,805,197
16	VIETNAM	98,358,992
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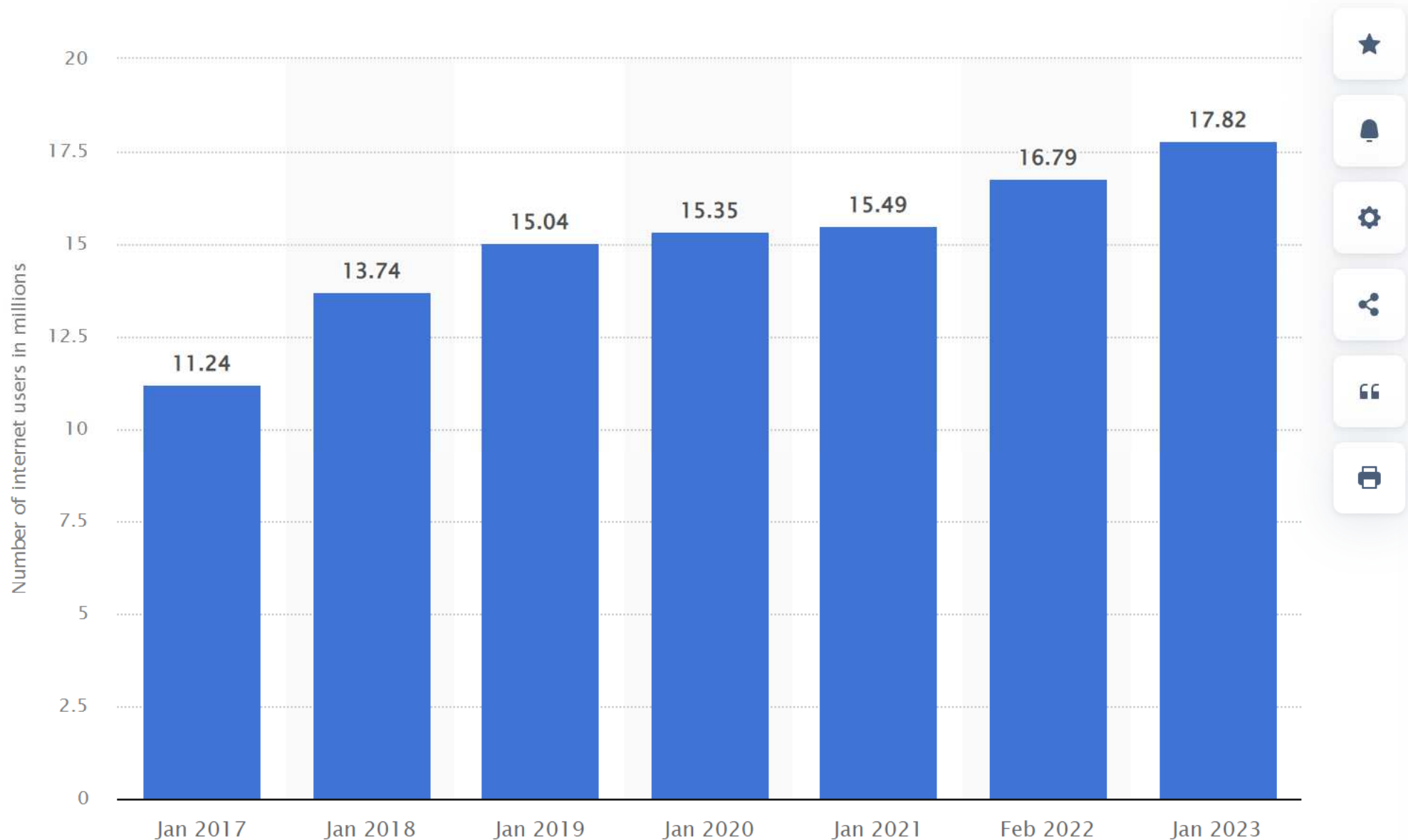
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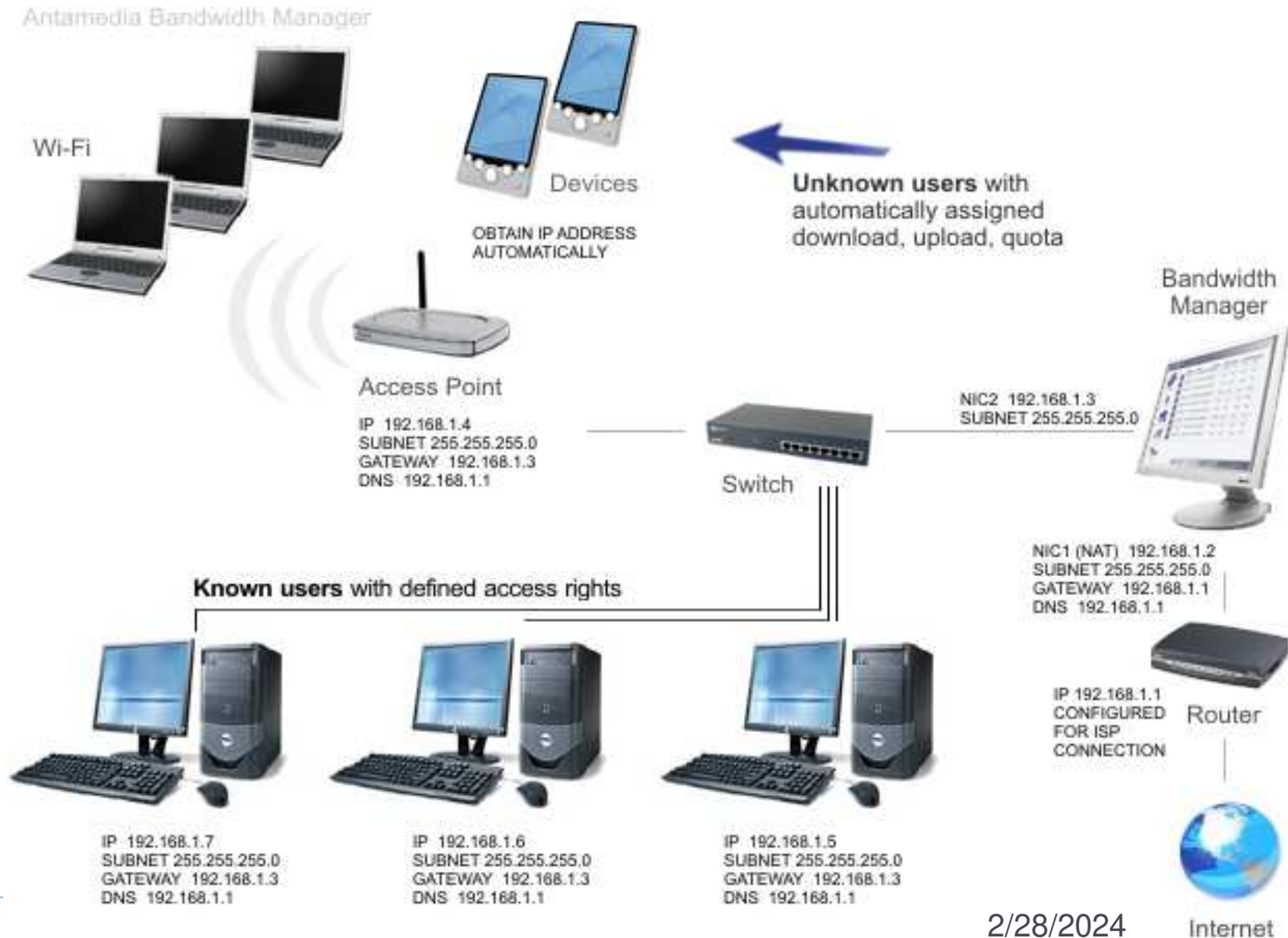


# Romania Internet Usage



# Computer Network Devices

# Topologies and network devices



# Physical Layer

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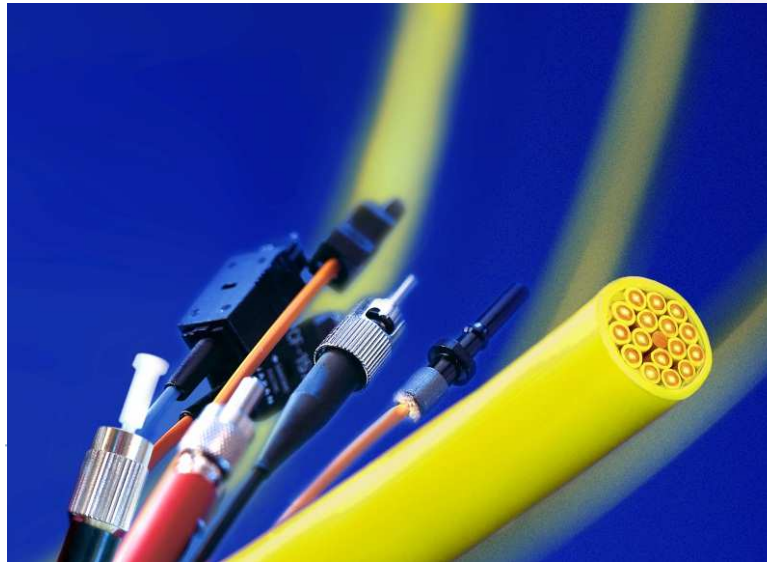
## ▶ Wireless

- ▶ RF
- ▶ Infrared
- ▶ Microwave



## ▶ Wired

- ▶ Copper: UTP, FTP, STP
- ▶ Optical fiber



# Data link Layer

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- ▶ Connecting devices in a LAN

- ▶ Wireless

- ▶ AP (Access Point)



- ▶ Wired

- ▶ Switch

- ▶ MAC address

- ▶ unique identifier assigned to network interfaces (48 bits)



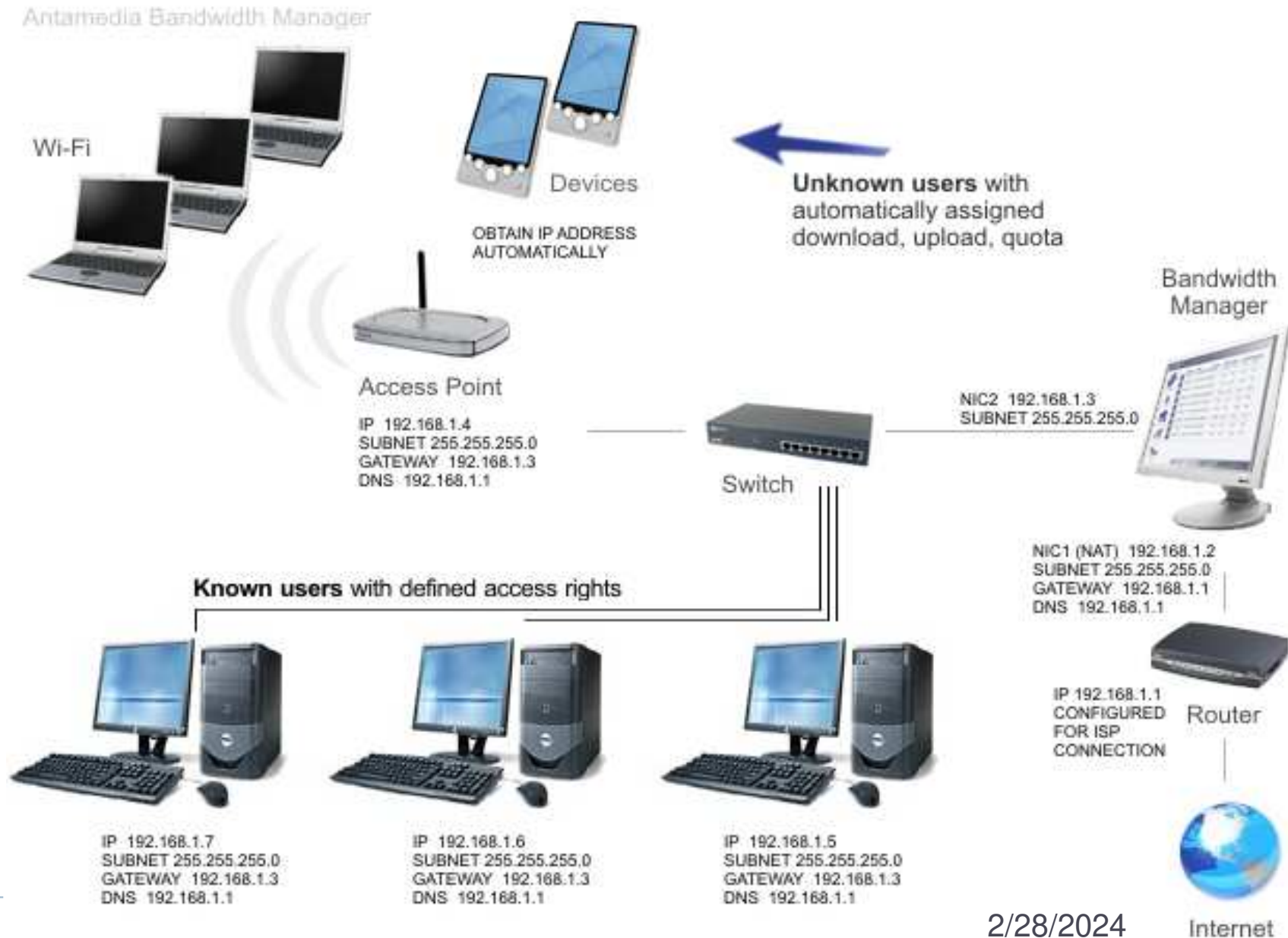
# Network Layer

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- ▶ Connecting different LANs
- ▶ Wireless
  - ▶ Wireless Router
- ▶ Wired
  - ▶ Router
- ▶ IP address
  - ▶ Version 4 (32 bits)
  - ▶ Version 6 – auto-configuration (128 bits)  
(2001:0db8:3c4d:0015:0000:0000:abcd:ef12 )



# Topologies and network devices



# **Internet and Computer Networks Evolution**

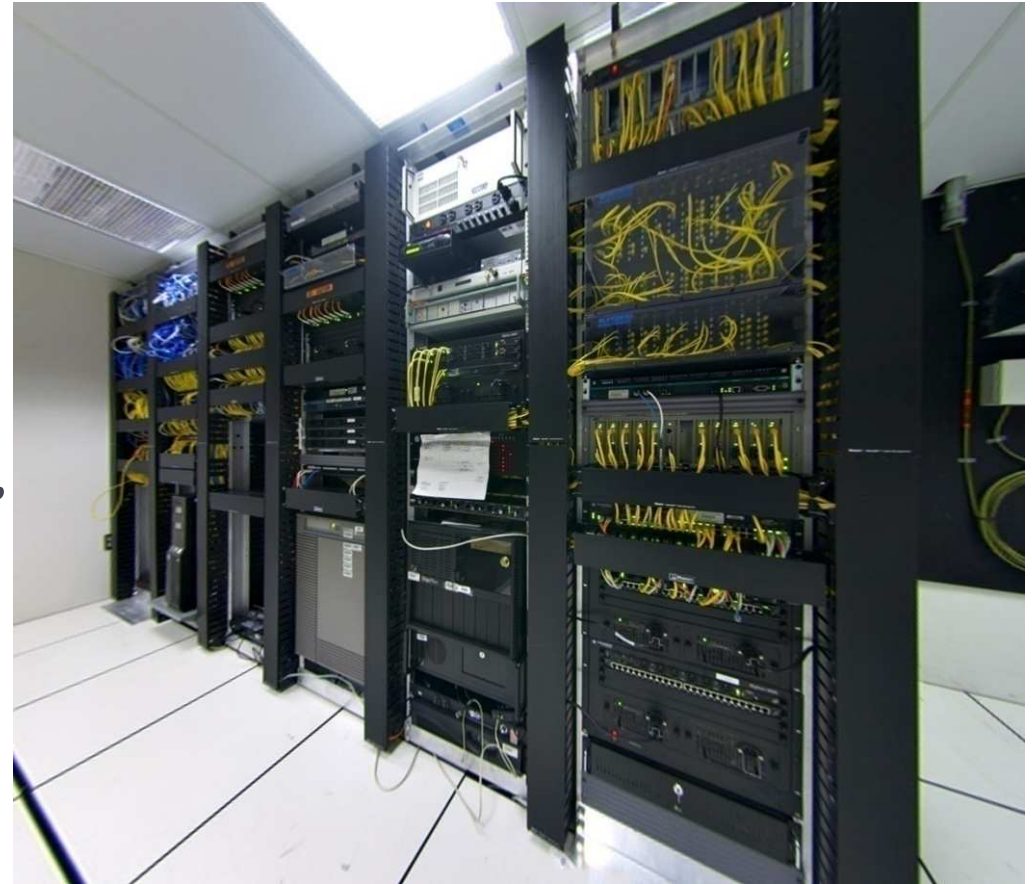


# Traditional solution

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## ► Requirements:

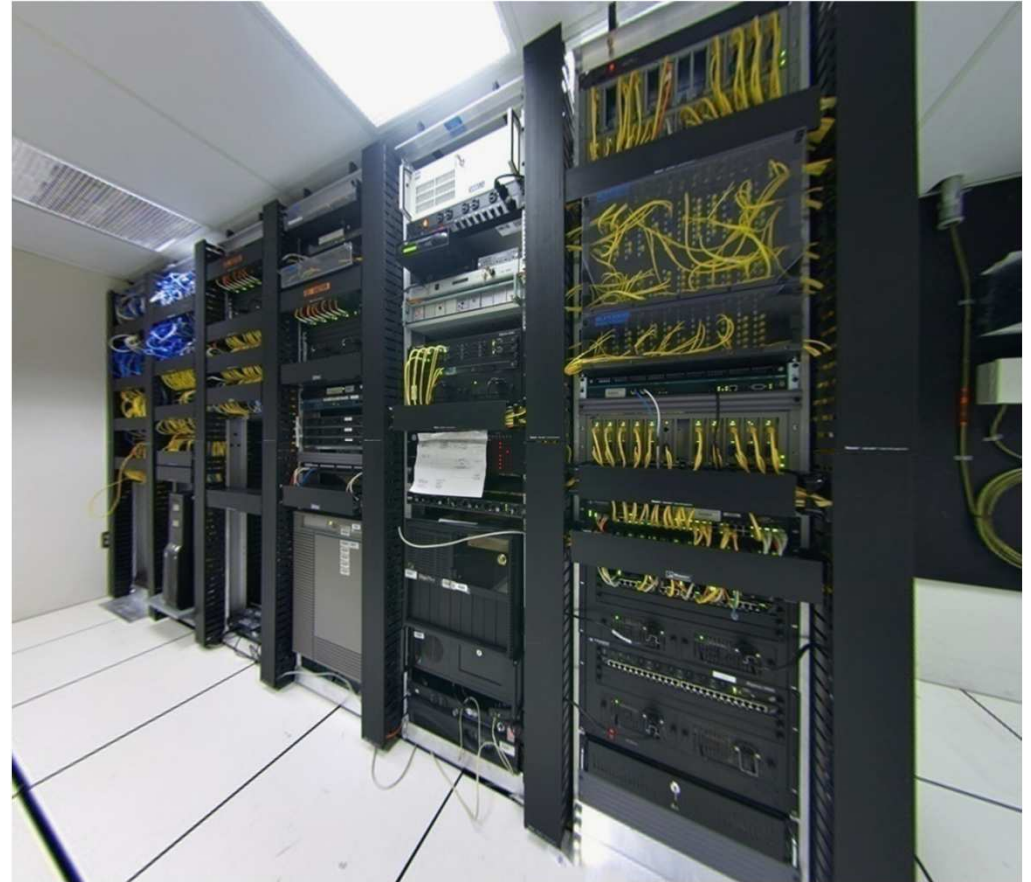
- Office space
- Servers
- Cooling
  - UPS
- Operating systems, softwares, upgrades, patches
- Firewalls, Intrusion prevention systems, spam control, ...
- Failover
- Disaster recovery
- Team of experts



# Traditional solution disadvantages

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- ▶ Time consumption
- ▶ Higher costs
- ▶ Slow scaling



# Evolution

Timeline:

