

Module 1: Networking Today

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Module Objectives

Module Title: Networking Today

Module Objective: Explain the advances in modern technologies.

Topic Title	Topic Objective
Networks Affect our Lives	Explain how networks affect our daily lives.
Network Components	Explain how host and network devices are used.
Network Representations and Topologies	Explain network representations and how they are used in network topologies.
Common Types of Networks	Compare the characteristics of common types of networks.
Internet Connections	Explain how LANs and WANs interconnect to the internet.
Reliable Networks	Describe the four basic requirements of a reliable network.
Network Trends	Explain how trends such as BYOD, online collaboration, video, and cloud computing are changing the way we interact.
Network Security	Identify some basic security threats and solution for all networks.
The IT Professional	Explain employment opportunities in the networking field.



1.1 Networks Affect Our Lives



Networking Today

Networks Connect Us

Communication is almost as important to us as our reliance on air, water, food, and shelter. In today's world, through the use of networks, we are connected like never before.



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Networking Today

No Boundaries

- World without boundaries
- Global communities
- Human network



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1.2 Network Components



Network Components

Host Roles

Every computer on a network is called a host or end device.

Servers are computers that provide information to end devices:

- email servers
- web servers
- file server

Clients are computers that send requests to the servers to retrieve information:

- web page from a web server
- email from an email server



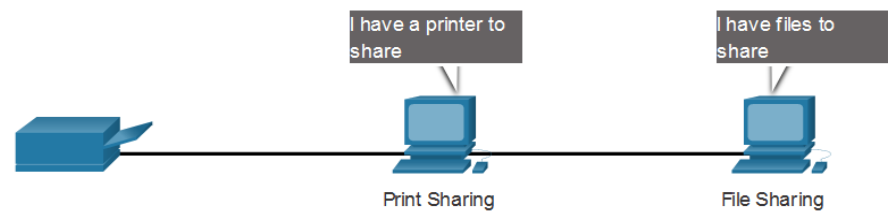
Server Type	Description
Email	Email server runs email server software. Clients use client software to access email.
Web	Web server runs web server software. Clients use browser software to access web pages.
File	File server stores corporate and user files. The client devices access these files.



Network Components

Peer-to-Peer

It is possible to have a device be a client and a server in a Peer-to-Peer Network. This type of network design is only recommended for very small networks.



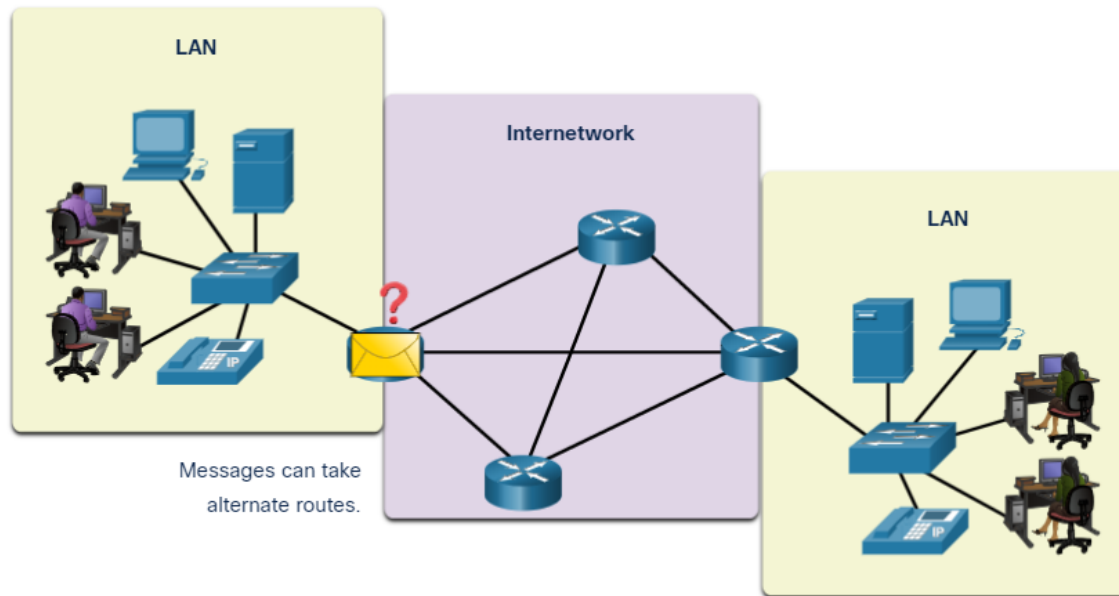
Advantages	Disadvantages
Easy to set up	No centralized administration
Less complex	Not as secure
Lower cost	Not scalable
Used for simple tasks: transferring files and sharing printers	Slower performance



Network Components

End Devices

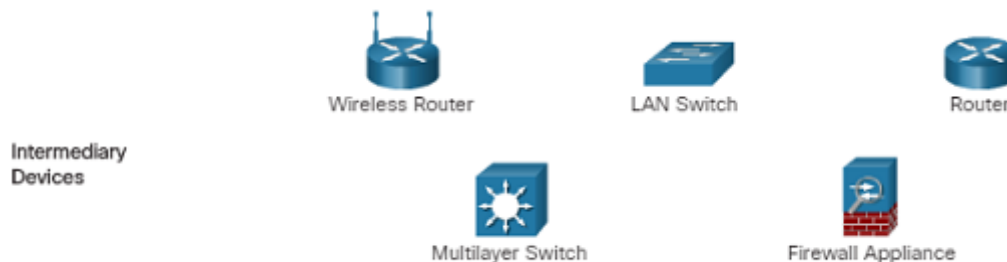
An end device is where a message originates from or where it is received. Data originates with an end device, flows through the network, and arrives at an end device.



Intermediary Network Devices

An intermediary device interconnects end devices. Examples include switches, wireless access points, routers, and firewalls. Management of data as it flows through a network is also the role of an intermediary device, including:

- Regenerate and retransmit data signals.
- Maintain information about what pathways exist in the network.
- Notify other devices of errors and communication failures.



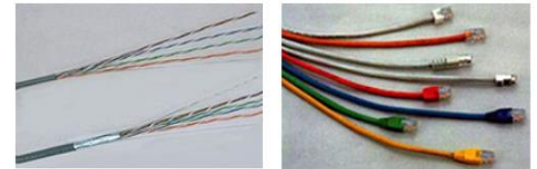
Network Components

Network Media

Communication across a network is carried through a medium which allows a message to travel from source to destination.

Media Types	Description
Metal wires within cables	Uses electrical impulses
Glass or plastic fibers within cables (fiber-optic cable)	Uses pulses of light.
Wireless transmission	Uses modulation of specific frequencies of electromagnetic waves.

Copper



Fiber-optic



Wireless



1.3 Network Representations and Topologies



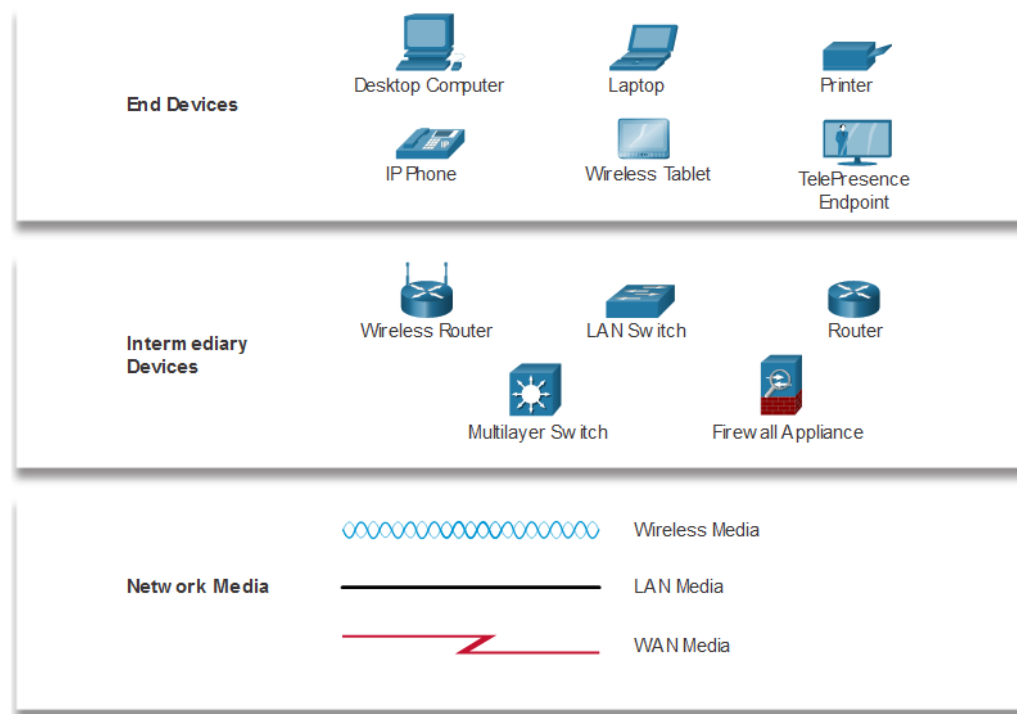
Network Representations

Network diagrams, often called topology diagrams, use symbols to represent devices within the network.

Important terms to know include:

- Network Interface Card (NIC)
- Physical Port
- Interface

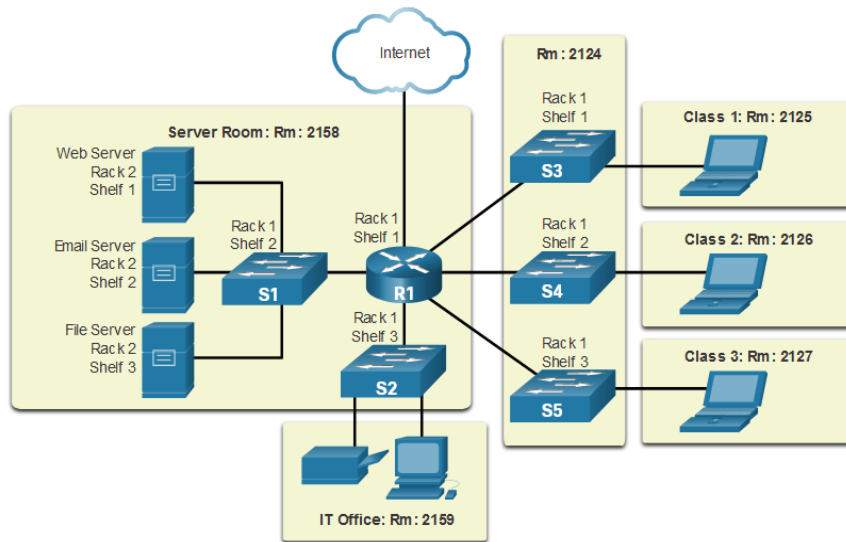
Note: Often, the terms port and interface are used interchangeably



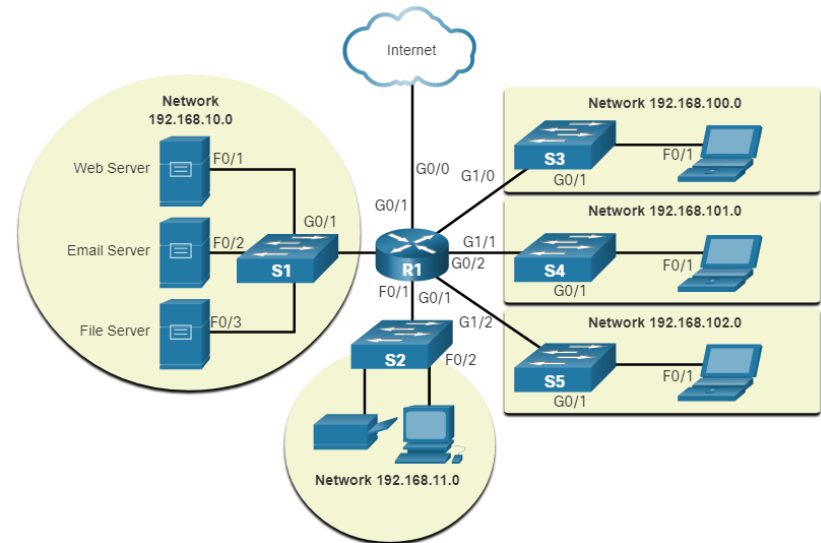
Network Representations and Topologies

Topology Diagrams

Physical topology diagrams illustrate the physical location of intermediary devices and cable installation.



Logical topology diagrams illustrate devices, ports, and the addressing scheme of the network.



1.4 Common Types of Networks



Common Types of Networks

Networks of Many Sizes



Small Home



SOHO



Medium/Large



World Wide

- Small Home Networks – connect a few computers to each other and the Internet
- Small Office/Home Office – enables computer within a home or remote office to connect to a corporate network
- Medium to Large Networks – many locations with hundreds or thousands of interconnected computers
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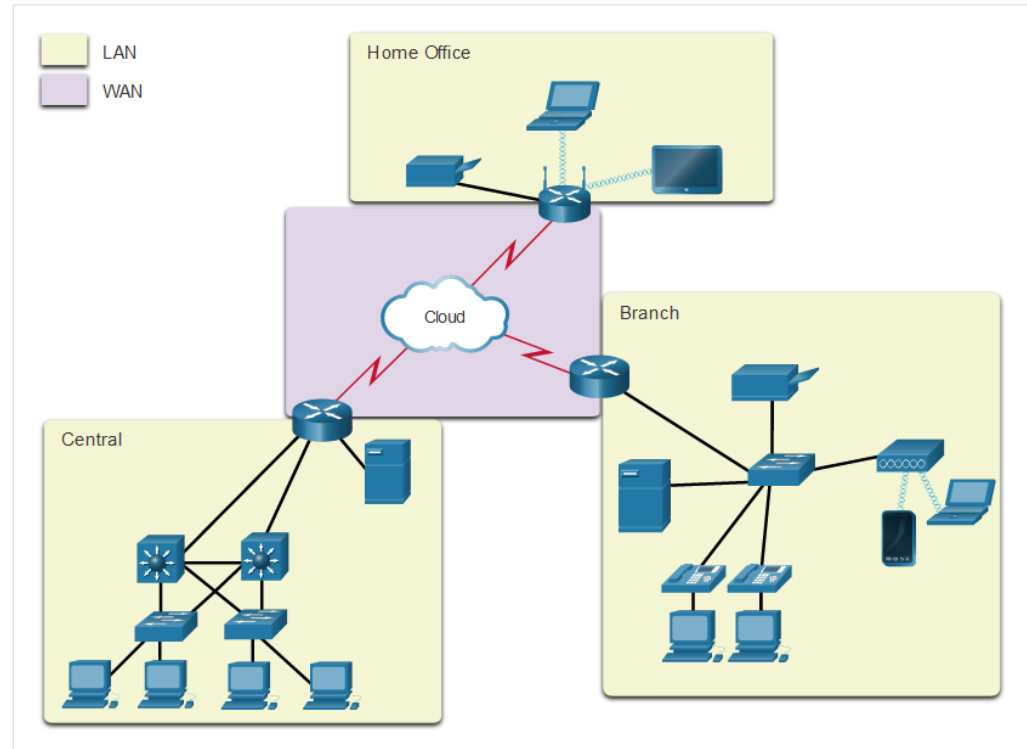
LANs and WANs

Network infrastructures vary greatly in terms of:

- Size of the area covered
- Number of users connected
- Number and types of services available
- Area of responsibility

Two most common types of networks:

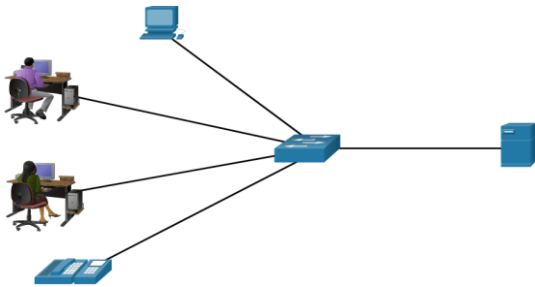
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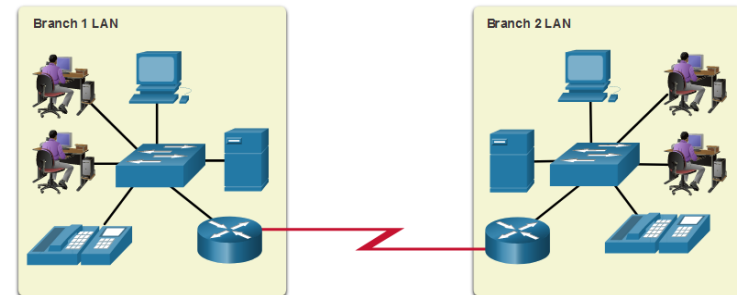
Common Types of Networks

LANs and WANs (cont.)

A LAN is a network infrastructure that spans a small geographical area.



A WAN is a network infrastructure that spans a wide geographical area.



LAN

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WAN

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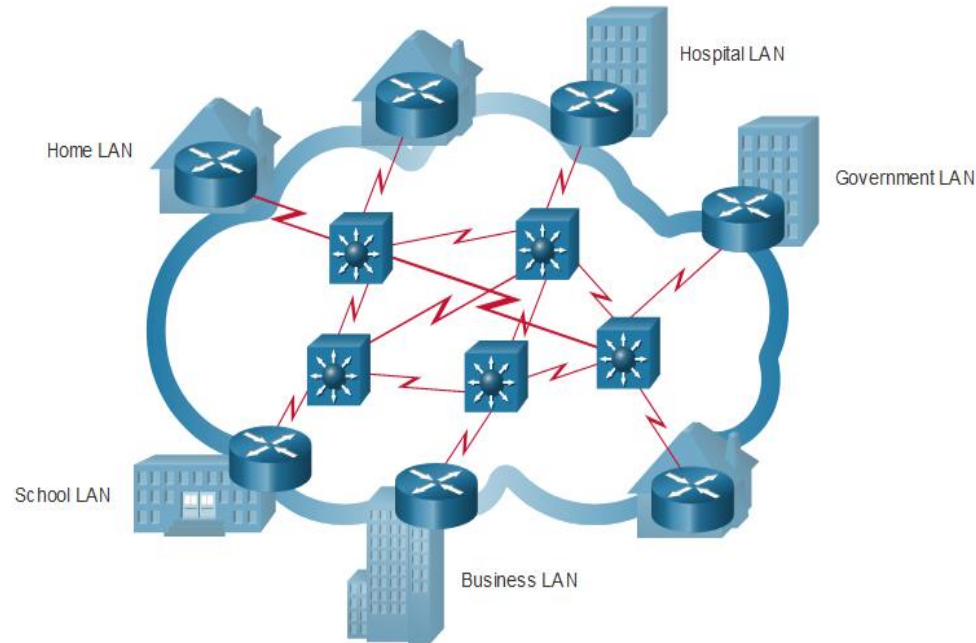
The Internet

The internet is a worldwide collection of interconnected LANs and WANs.

- LANs are connected to each other using WANs.
- WANs may use copper wires, fiber optic cables, and wireless transmissions.

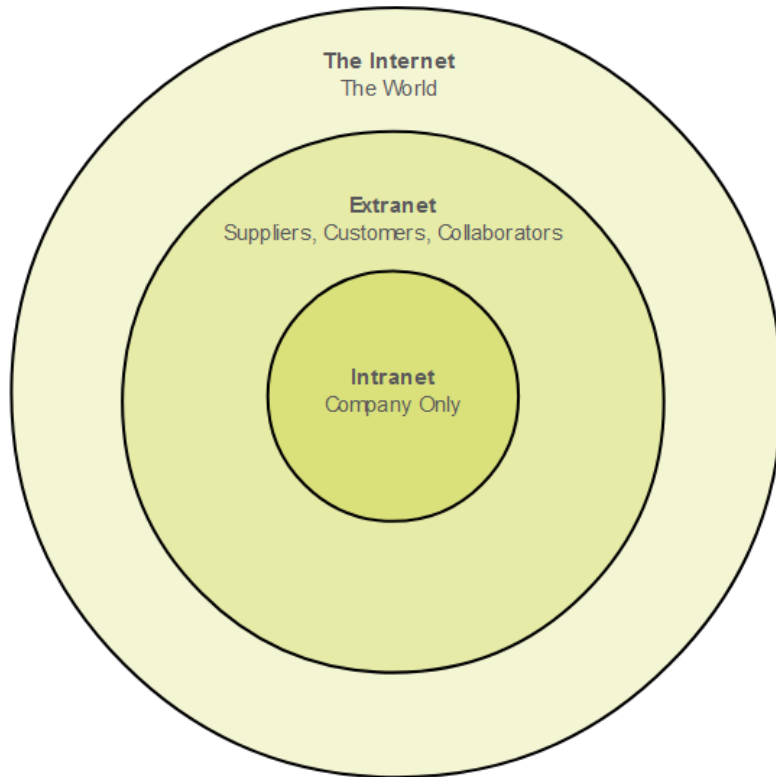
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- IETF
- ICANN
- IAB



Common Types of Networks

Intranets and Extranets



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1.5 Internet Connections



Internet Access Technologies



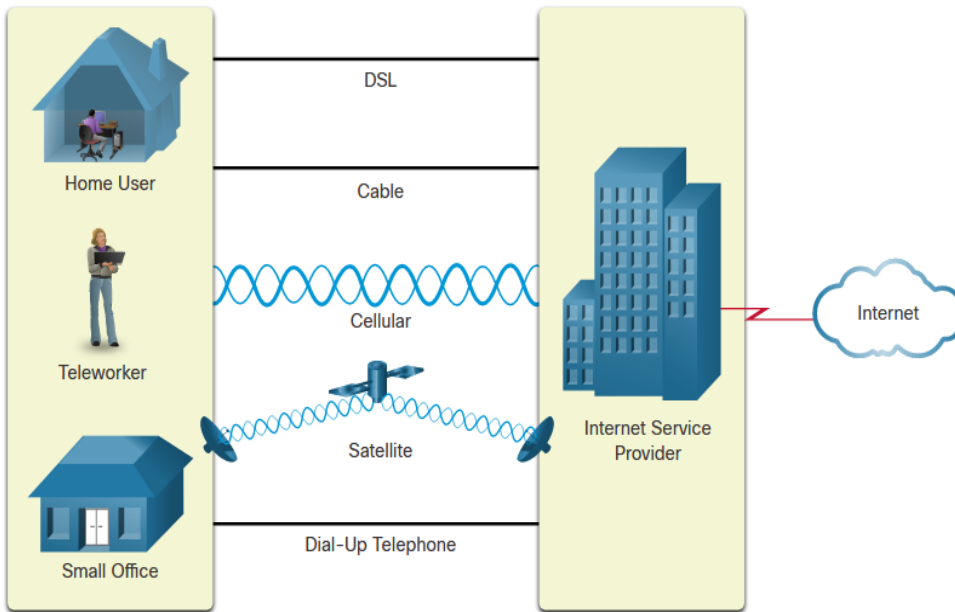
There are many ways to connect users and organizations to the internet:

- Popular services for home users and small offices include broadband cable, broadband digital subscriber line (DSL), wireless WANs, and mobile services.
- Organizations need faster connections to support IP phones, video conferencing and data center storage.
- Business-class interconnections are usually provided by service providers (SP) and may include: business DSL, leased lines, and Metro Ethernet.



Home and Small Office Internet

Connections



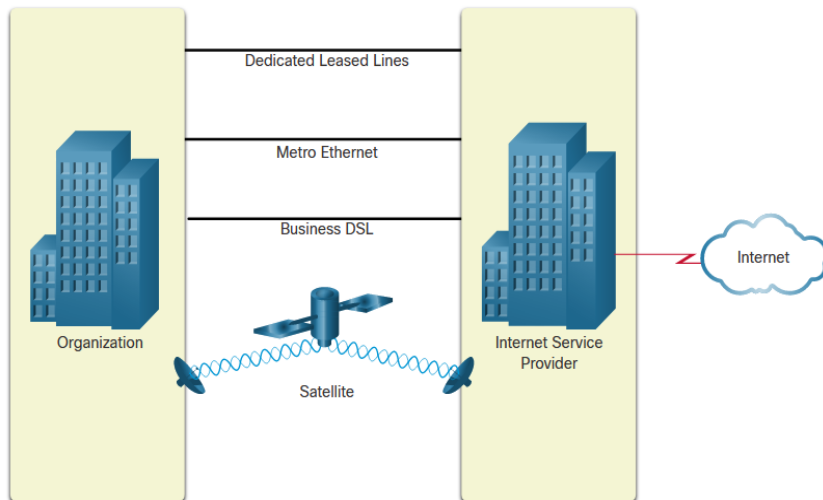
Connection	Description
Cable	high bandwidth, always on, internet offered by cable television service providers.
DSL	high bandwidth, always on, internet connection that runs over a telephone line.
Cellular	uses a cell phone network to connect to the internet.
Satellite	major benefit to rural areas without Internet Service Providers.
Dial-up telephone	an inexpensive, low bandwidth option using a modem.

Internet Connections

Businesses Internet Connections

Corporate business connections may require:

- higher bandwidth
- dedicated connections
- managed services



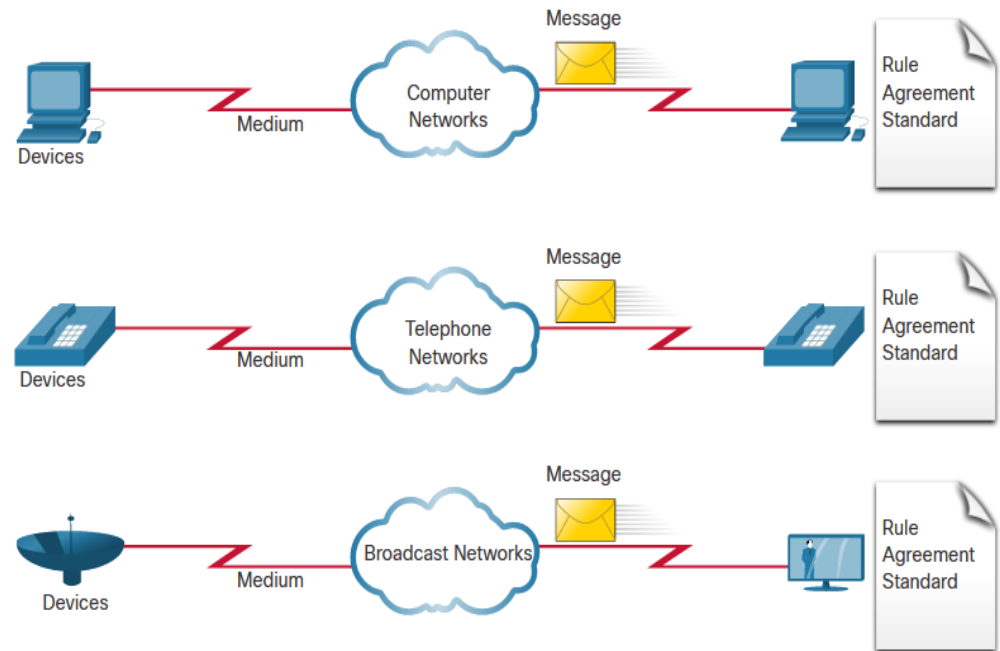
Type of Connection	Description
Dedicated Leased Line	These are reserved circuits within the service provider's network that connect distant offices with private voice and/or data networking.
Ethernet WAN	This extends LAN access technology into the WAN.
DSL	Business DSL is available in various formats including Symmetric Digital Subscriber Lines (SDSL).
Satellite	This can provide a connection when a wired solution is not available.



Internet Connections

The Converging Network

Before converged networks, an organization would have been separately cabled for telephone, video, and data. Each of these networks would use different technologies to carry the signal. Each of these technologies would use a different set of rules and standards.

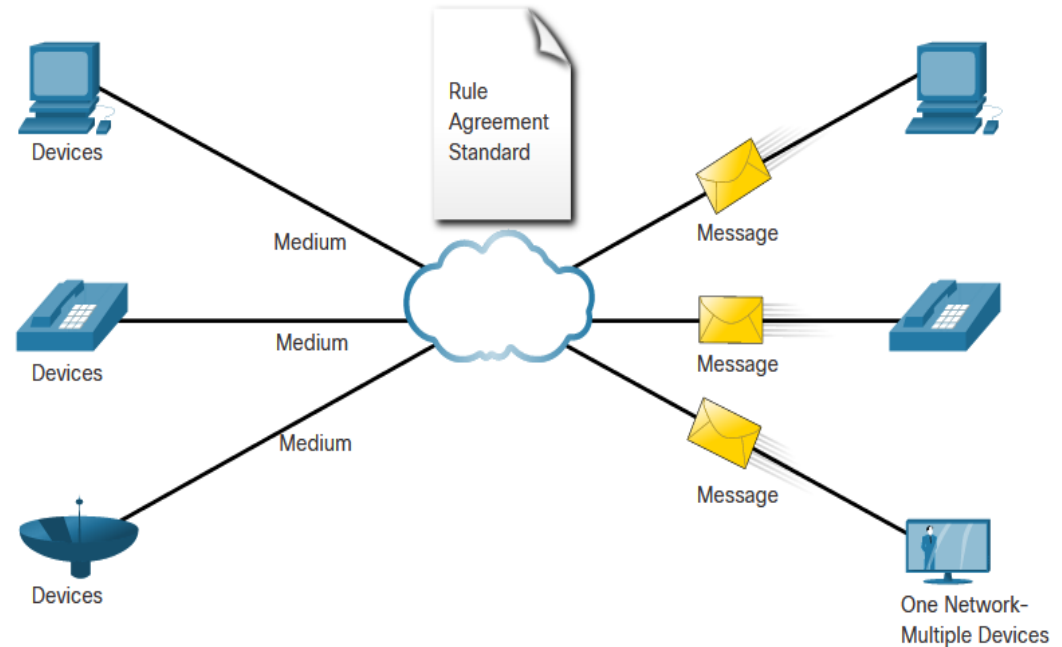


The Converging Network (Cont.)

Converged data networks carry multiple services on one link including:

- data
- voice
- video

Converged networks can deliver data, voice, and video over the same network infrastructure. The network infrastructure uses the same set of rules and standards.



Video – Download and Install Packet Tracer

This video will demonstrate the download and install process of Packet Tracer.



Video – Getting Started in Cisco Packet Tracer

This video will cover the following:

- Navigate the Packet Tracer interface
- Customize the Packet Tracer Interface



Packet Tracer – Network Representation

In this Packet tracer you will do the following:

- The network model in this activity incorporates many of the technologies that you will master in your CCNA studies.

Note: It is not important that you understand everything you see and do in this activity.



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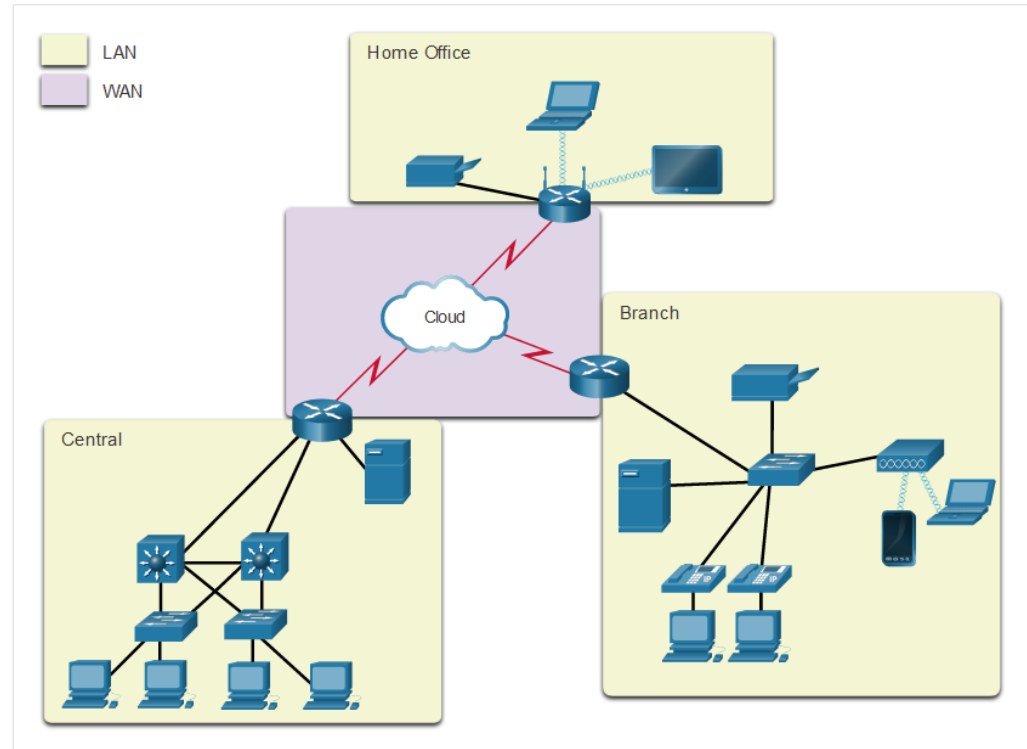
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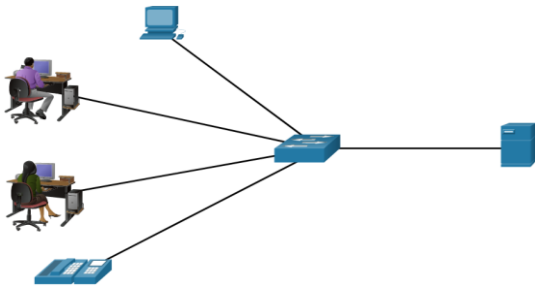
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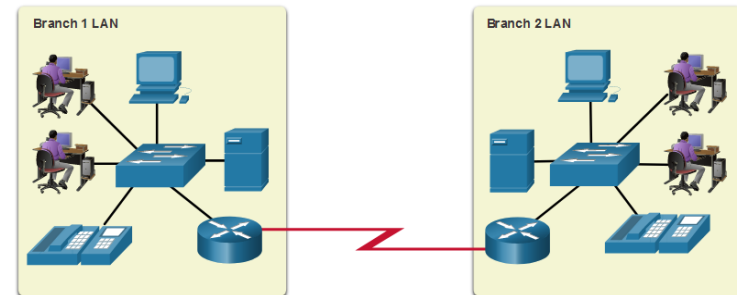
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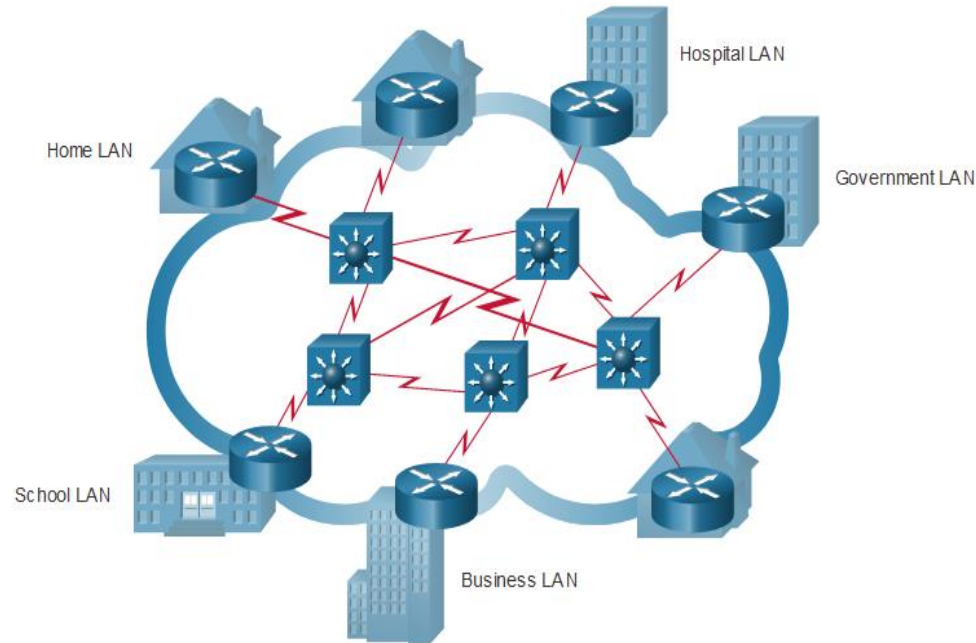
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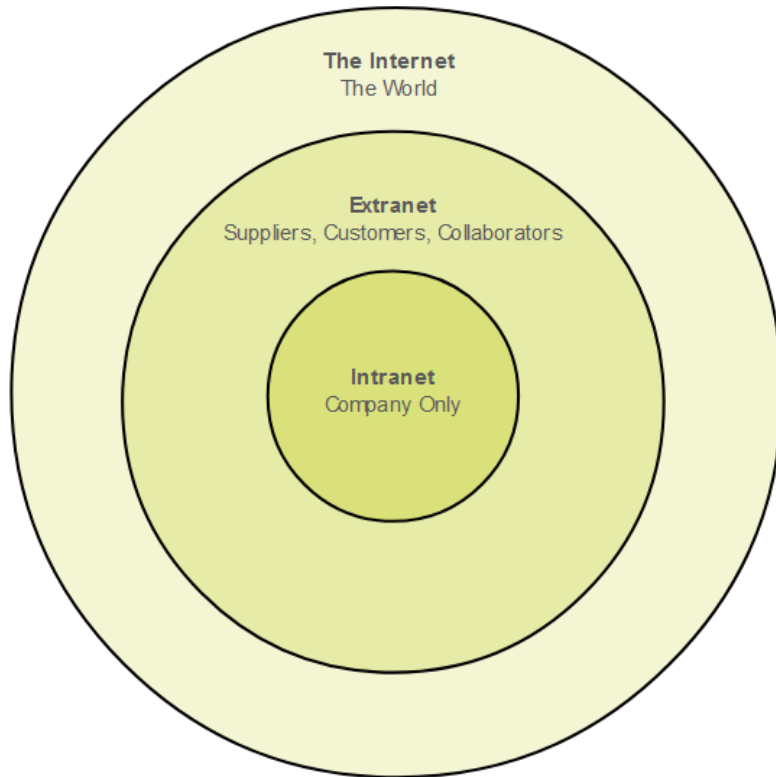
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