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Networking Devices

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Network Interface Controller (NIC)

- A hardware that connects computers to a network
- Every NIC has a unique MAC address













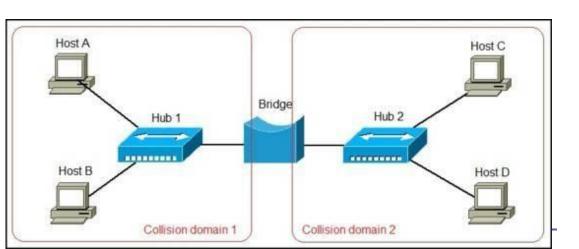
Hub

- Broadcasts data to every computer connected to it
- Suitable for small LANs
- Not secure because all traffic can be captured
- No routing capability
- Creates a collision domain
- Half-duplex





- Divides a network into segments
- Works at Data Link Layer (Layer 2)
- Forwards or filters the Ethernet frames



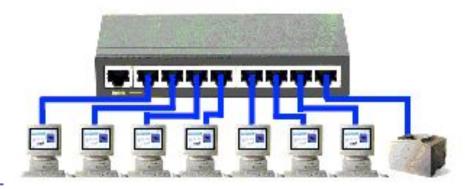




Switch

- Connects multiple hosts together (like Hub)
- Works on Data Link Layer (Layer 2) (unlike Hub)
- Can inspect received traffic and forwards only to recipient(s) (unlike Hub)
- Each port on a Switch is a separate collision
- Full-duplex (unlike Hub)







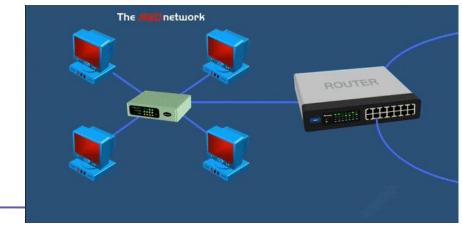




Router

- Connects multiple segments together
- Uses IP addresses to make decisions about the best way to get the data to its destination
- Works on Network Layer (Layer 3)
- Combination of hardware and software







Firewall

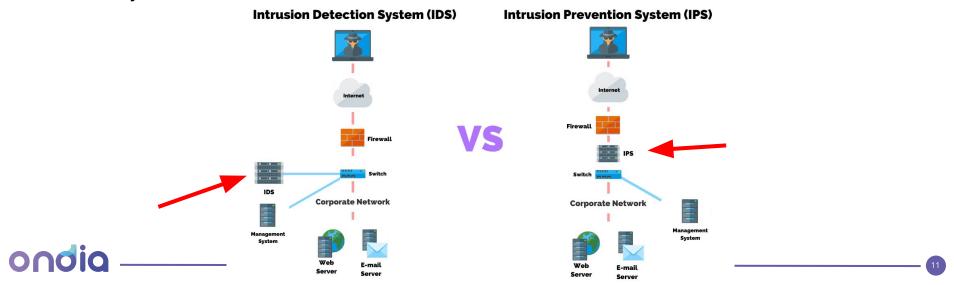
- Prevents unauthorized access to or from a private network
- Protects a network's data and resources from outside access and threats
- Usually placed at the end point of a network
- Either a hardware (black box) or a software





IDS/IPS

- Intrusion Detection System (IDS) monitors traffic and report malicious activities
- Intrusion Prevention System (IPS) stops threats in real-time as they occur









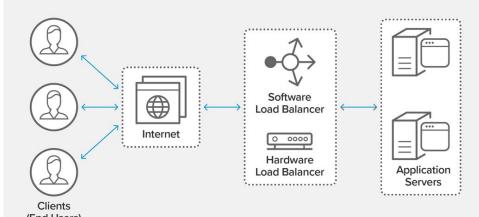
Load Balancer

 Distributes client requests or network load efficiently across multiple servers

 Ensures high availability and reliability by sending requests only to servers that are online

Provides the flexibility to add or subtract servers as demand

dictates







Domain Name Service (DNS) Server

- Finds the IP addresses of hostnames
- Computers use IP addresses, humans use names
- Easier to remember www.amazon.com than 18.66.112.8
- There are thousands of DNS servers
- Managed and controlled by The Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA)
- IANA is operated by the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN)





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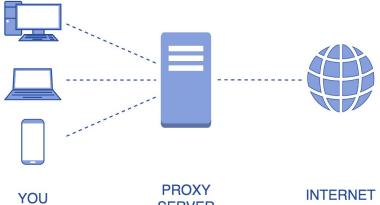
- .com A commercial organization
- .edu An educational establishment, such as a university
- .gov A branch of the U.S. government
- .int An international organization, such as NATO or the United Nations
- .mil A branch of the U.S. military
- .net A network organization
- .org A nonprofit organization
- Some DNS names end with country name like:
 .jp (Japan)
 .ca (Canada)
 .uk (Great Britain)





Proxy Server

- Acts as a gateway between you and the internet
- Acts as a firewall and web filter
- Provides shared network connections
- Caches data to speed up common requests
- Provides privacy







Encryption Devices

- Allows you to create secure connections over insecure channels
- Sometimes called encryption gateway







Packet Shaping (Traffic Shaping)

- Traffic shaping (or packet shaping) is a congestion management method that regulates network data transfer by delaying the flow of less important or less desired packets.
- Used to optimize network performance by prioritizing certain traffic flows and ensuring the traffic rate doesn't exceed the bandwidth limit.







Packet Shaping (Traffic Shaping)

Common uses of traffic shaping include:

- Time-sensitive data may be given priority over traffic that can be delayed briefly
- In a corporate environment, business-related traffic may be given priority over other traffic
- A large ISP may shape traffic based on customer priority
- An ISP may limit maximum bandwidth consumption for certain applications to reduce costs and create the capacity to take on additional subscribers





VPN Concentrator

- Provides secure creation of VPN connections
- A type of router device
- It can:
 - Establish and configure tunnels
 - Authenticate users
 - Assign tunnel/IP addresses to users
 - Encrypt and decrypt data
 - Ensure end-to-end delivery of data









