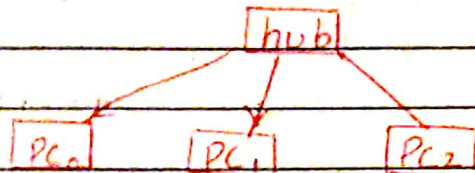


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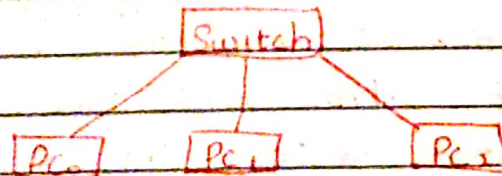
hub



hub is a simple device that does not learn its environment. i.e if PC₀ has to send a package to PC₂ through hub, then PC₁ will also receive it.

we use copper straight through wires for connections.

Switch



Switch is a smart device that learns which system is connected to which port. For example, if PC₀ sends a package to PC₂, then PC₁ will not receive any thing.

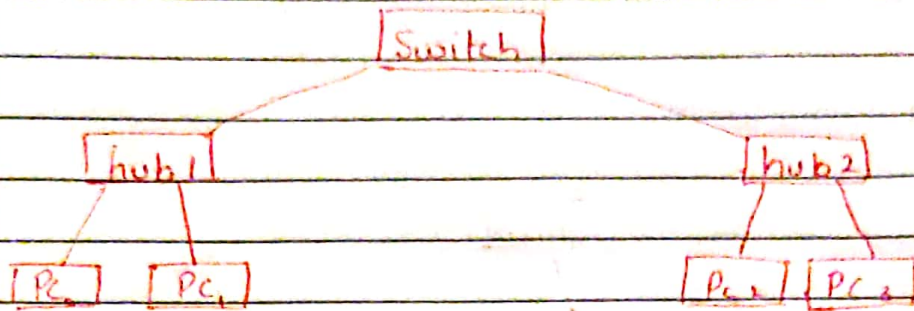
Straight through wires are used for connection.

Switch + hub

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PC's are connected to hubs through straight through wires and hubs are connected to the switch through cross-over wires.

When PC₀ wants to send a message to PC₃, it first sends the message to PC₂ the hub1 which in turn sends it to PC₁ and the switch. PC₁ rejects the message. the switch sends the message to hub2 which in turn sends it to both PC₃ and PC₂. PC₂ ^{accepts the message and} rejects it. PC₃ sends an acknowledgement back to hub2. Hub2 sends this acknowledgement to the switch and ~~to~~ PC₂. The switch sends it to hub1 which in turn sends it to PC₀ and PC₁. PC₀ rejects it and PC₁ will accept it.