

## Unit 2: Reference models

➤ Reference models are the standard network software used in network design  
There are two important reference models, they are:

1. OSI/ISO reference model
2. TCP/IP reference model

### OSI/ISO reference model

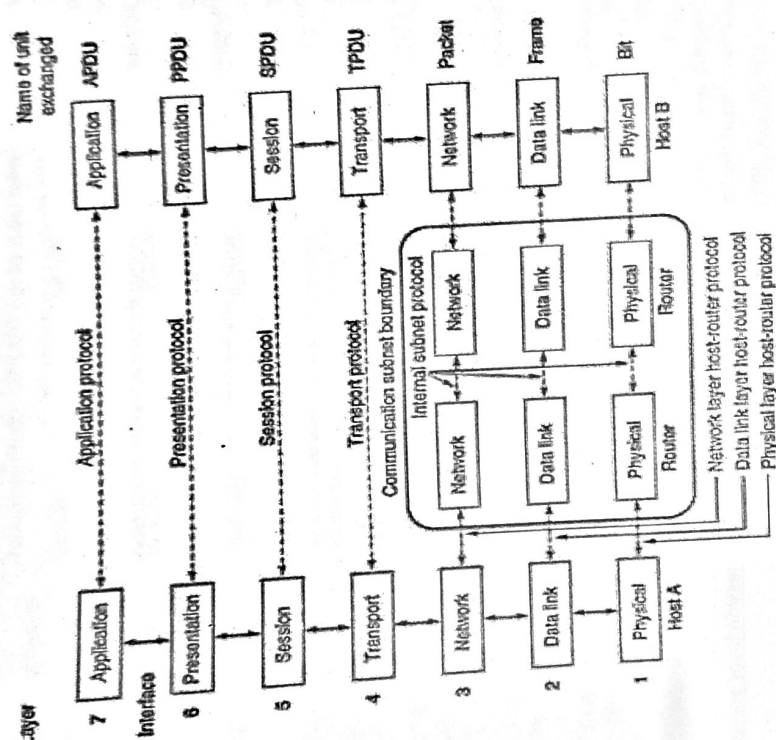


Figure. OSI/ISO reference model/Architecture of OSI/ISO reference model

- The Architecture of OSI/ISO reference model is illustrated as shown in figure
- OSI/ISO stands for Open Systems Interconnection/ International Standards Organization
- OSI/ISO reference model is a seven layered network architecture
- OSI/ISO reference model consists of the following 7 layers:

1. Physical layer