

Computer Networking: Interconnecting computer systems via telecommunications methods to share data and resources.

1) Persistent: Networks are everywhere.

2) Distributed: Most mainstream software systems are spread out over systems.

3) Performance: can depend on network usage.

4) ARPANET: 1969 first internet connection. Connected US Universities. First message was "login", but it crashed after "lo". It sent the result after rebooting an hour later.

5) Jobs: Network Engineer/Architect: Design, build, maintain **NW's. Server App Dev:** Works on server/backend for cloud apps.

Network Software Admin: NWS on cloud. **NWS. Data Center / Cloud Platform Admin:** NWS/Cloud Comp. **Network Security Eng:** NWS + Computer Security.

1.1) Network Stack: 1) **Application Layer** - send & receive data. 2) **Transport Layer** - packetization (OS, packet type, network setup) abstracted away. Apps use **Protocols**, which define structure of data (requests & responses), port numbers and other conventions. Example: WWW, part of the Internet made by TBL, uses HTTP. Web browsers send GET requests to web servers, which receives, processes, and sends a HTML page response. The browser receives, processes, displays. **HTTP** exists in the app layer of **TCP/IP**.

2) Transport Layer - Establishes basic data channels, taking data to be sent/received and converting to/from data packets. **Two types of Network Connection:** 1) **Connection Oriented TCP:** UnACKed packets sent until they are received. 2) **Connectionless UDP:** Packets sent at once - performance. **3) Network Layer** - Adds IP addresses and other info to packets, routes them through a mesh network of hosts to reach destination. Path taken frequently changes and is per packet. **4) Data Link Layer** - NIC controls communication standards to allow phys. comm. of data to transfer packets between devices. NIC acts as an intermediate, to and from underlying 4G/5G/WiFi connections, or Ethernet/Coaxial/Fiber Optic. **5) Physical Layer** - the hardware that transfers data.

1.2) The Internet: Packet: Formatted unit of data.

1) Packet Switching: Switches/Routers operate on individual packets. They can be sent in a queue (waiting to be processed) or over the S/S depending on info in packet - (extra space in packet). Different packets take different paths - avoids slow/disconnected paths. + No setup cost. - Cannot guarantee quality of service. - High network resource utilisation. **Example: The Internet.**

2) Circuit Switching: - Expensive; path is specified and connected. Connection maintained for communication duration. + No processing or space cost - data sent straight down the link. - If becomes slow or breaks, must obtain new one. - Quality of service guaranteed (as we reserve resources - but nobody/anything else can use this line).

3) Circuit Switched Landline Telephones: (modern phones are digital, use VoIP (voice over IP)).

1.3) Internet Protocol Stack: Protocol rules determining data transmission between devices. Executable, unambiguous, complete.

1) Handshake: Establish identities, and context to begin comm.

2) Conversation: The communication, done as specified by protocol.

3) Closing: terminates conv., clears up/ notifies others.

We use the **5 layer model:** Application, Transport, Network, Data Link, Physical. There's also 7 layer OSI - with Presentation and Session between Application and Transport and 4 layer OSI (Network, Transport, Data Link, Physical), which flattens the bottom two layers into "Link Layer".

Service: If offering the HTTP protocol then we offer a web service. We are a web server.

1.4) Internet Protocol Stack & Implementation

Must understand Addressing (denote recp), Error Control (detect/corrupt), Flow Control (fast sender shouldnt' swamp slow receiver), De/multiplexing (support parallel comm), Good Routing, Network Layer usually supports connection-oriented (setup connection with client, transmit data over channel, e.g. TCP or IP) or connectionless UDP on IP, or circuit vs packet switching.

1) What is the Network Layer? The layer that handles sending data down their stack, until the bottom layer sends it to a receiver who then processes it up their stack.

1) Application Layer in IP: Defines app functionality and message formats. e.g. Old: DNS, SMTP, FTP, Telnet, HTTP, SSH, New: Middleware supporting distib. Systems (Java RMI, Apache Thrift). High-Low e-commerce, banking (VISA, P2P, BitTorrent, old Skype).

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1.5.1) Processing Delay

1) When we send data to a router we have **Processing Delay** (it has some work/computers route), some **Queueing Delay** - has to do other work first for a long time, get dropped (if $R = \text{link bandwidth} (b/s)$, $L = \text{packet length} (b)$, $t_p = \text{average packet arrival rate}$.

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Using Sockets: Creates Socket C by connecting to server; Use C by writing/reading to/from, Disconnect and destroy C.

2) Server: Waits to be connected to for communication. If on a connection oriented service, the server passively accepts comm. reqs. If apps have processes acting both as Client and Server, it's P2P arch.

1) Application Layer: Create socket C by accepting connection on port P. R/W data they send to client, Disconnect and Destroy S.

2.1.1) World Wide Web: Based on **hypertext/link**. Glorified HTTP, transfers **plaintext web files**. Success bc. of simplicity of HTML and HTTP (Simple Protocol). Easy to learn/use, GUI Browsers.

2.2) Web Terminology:

Document: A webpage, a website containing several.

Objects: A file, documents may contain several (HTML, JS, video).

URL: Uniform Resource Locator (specifies the address of an object).

Browser: Program to request, receive docs and process the document to display graphically.

Web Application: Interacting document and objects, serving them to clients over HTTP.

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3. **Router:** Receives ARP Message with MAC Address and uses it.

Will forward IP Datagrams (encapsulated in a Data-Link Frame).
Usually also caches the IP → MAC translation
 Optimisations: Caching recent ARP Message replies, having hosts

through class A hosts broadcast their IP and MAC address on boot (as a network policy).
As always, Caches are liable to **Poisoning**. Malicious users can send spoof ARP Messages to attempt to associate their MAC Address with a class As to create a

7.1) Physical Layer: Network Architects design networks, Engineers set them up. **Patch Panel:** Cables from the Computer Lab arrive into there. These link into a Network Switch, or Private Branch Exchange (used for phones unless its IP based, in which case we don't need PBX).

7.1.1) Wire Transmission:
UTP: Two wires twisted together. **Cheap, twisted pair reduces interference.** Used by telephone. CAT:1Mbps, CAT5:100Mbps (10 Base Ethernet).

Coaxial Cable: Conductors placed concentrically, surrounded by an insulator. (Inner conductor circle, outer insulator, outer outer conduct).

Far shielding – EM field is between inner conductor and outer outer. High bandwidth from range of freqs. **But more expensive than UTP.**

Frequency: 0-500MHz, **Attenuation:** 70dB/km at 10MHz,

Delay: 4µs/km, **Repeater Spacing:** 1-9km
Fibre Optic: Uses light and reflection. An optical fibre is 2-125 µm in diameter. **Attenuation** (signal loss) very low. Very high bandwidth.
Expense: In 2021 Japanese Researchers reached 1000 Tbps.
Freq Range: 186-370THz, **Attenuation:** 0.2-0.5dB/km,

have reserved. Requires stems.
 7.2) **Wireless Transmission:** Done using EM Waves (Radio usually).
 No wires (expensive, takes time), Bidirectional Comm., Broadcast (so all receivers see transmission), Inverse² law for signal strength, Environment affects signal.
Ways of Representing Information:
 1) **Digital:** Discrete info, represented by finite states (e.g., 0, 1 Binary).
 2) **Analogue:** Continuous info – represented by physical changes in

Baud Rate: Symbol (not always 1 bit) rate/second for digital channels.

Modems and Coders have a DAC (Digital to Analogue Converter) and (ADC) Analogue to Digital Converter:

7.3) Waves: Wavelength: A Length of a single cycle.

Amplitude: Maximum displacement/strength of the signal.

Period: p The time taken to complete a cycle = $1/f$.

Frequency: f The number of cycles per second.
Wavespeed = λf . **Phase:** Two waves with the same f and λ might be offset by the same distance – known as Phase Difference. Max phase difference is π – where the waves are at exactly opp displacements everywhere in their cycle. $c = \lambda f$ for radio transmission. ($c = 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$)
 In copper or fiber transmission speed usually slows to $2/3 c$.

2.4) Modulation: Modulation schemes are used to change an information signal into one more suitable for transmission.

Baseband Modulation Transmit unmodified (for dedicated lines)

Broadband Modulation Uses a basic carrier signal to encode information. The carrier signal has modifications added to encode

Better Modulation: To improve the data rate we transmit multiple bits per symbol (in modulation scheme). Use more phase differences, amplitudes. QAM does this by altering phase and amp at the same

7.5) Digital Subscriber Line (DSL): We used to have 3kHz bandwidth limit on phone lines (intended for human voice). This was removed for a higher bandwidth, but now **noise** is a limiting factor.

7.6) Asymmetric DSL: We divide our bandwidth divided into 4000 Hz channels (1.1 MHz = 256 channels). Channel 0: Voice, 1-5 Unused to prevent interference. The rest split into upload, download (more download as used more). **ADSL Splitter** splits voice/data. **ADSL**

modern performs modulation. **DSL Access Multiplexer** (owned by ISP) connects local telephone cables to the ISP. 1) **ADSL2**: 12Mbps, 2.2 MHz 2) **ADSL2+**: 12 Mbps, 2.2 MHz, **More bits per symbol** 3) **VDSL**: 52 Mbps, 12 MHz, **Very-high-bit-rate DSL** 4) **VDSL2**

8) The Future of Networking:

1) Faster Networks: Use of ASICs (Application Specific Integrated Circuits) to make faster network switches. Barefoot Networks

(purchased by Intel in 2019). They create high speed Ethernet ASICs with a programmable pipeline (using a language called P4). Their Tofino 2 switch can handle 12.8 Tbps. Many other companies such as Cisco also vend ASIC based network gear. Another consideration is

2) **Faster Wireless:** Kumu Networks have developed programmable filters to allow wireless devices to cancel out their own transmissions. This allows full-duplex wireless as wireless devices can receive and

transmit simultaneously on a single channel. Scientists in Japan and Germany have developed on terahertz transmitters (1.1 THz).

3) Legislation Net-Neutrality laws in the USA (though can affect the entire world as they affect internet infrastructure) allow ISPs to be

turn to transi-
(roking Ren Idea!!) selective about services provided for content on the internet (e.g
 when they have the token following down a competitor's website, offering special packages
 allowing access to a limited number of sites).

5) **Software Defined Networking (SDN) and Network**

Functions Virtualization (NFV)
A network architecture where applications and services are abstracted from the network infrastructure & control. Useful for containerisation, and being developed by Nicira (now owned by VMware), Cisco and

to communicate outside of their own address space. The Internet has become more centralised around large CDNs such as Amazon's, Google's, and around few large services (e.g. facebook).

given IP Address broadcasts.

series a reply with its services.

