

# Week 1 – Introduction to Networking

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# Outline

- Computer Networks
- Network Types
- Protocols, Layers and Services



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# Terminologies

- A **network device**: eg. PC, Router, Switch, Phone
- **Server**: Provider of a service. Accept requests from clients
- **Client**: A network device connecting to a server and requesting a service
- **Computer Network**: A collection of autonomous computers interconnected by a single technology

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# Terminologies

- **Packet**: A message sent between two network devices
- **IP address**: A unique number identifying a network device

# Network vs Computer Network

## ■ Network:

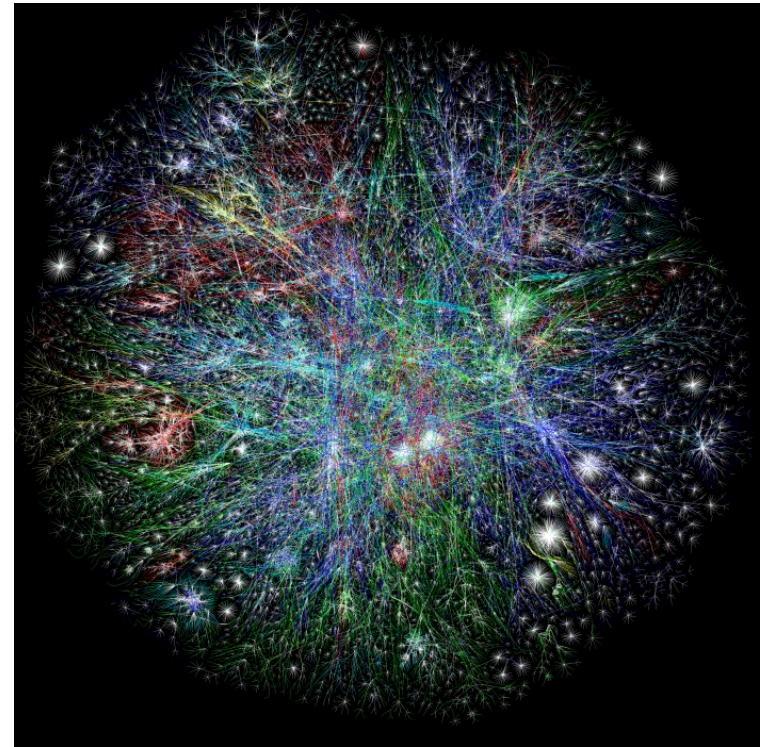
- ❑ An intricately connected system of things or people
- ❑ An interconnected or intersecting configuration or system of components

## ■ Computer Network:

- ❑ A data network with computers at one or more of the nodes [Oxford Dictionary of Computing]
- ❑ A collection of autonomous computers interconnected by a single technology

# What are the Internet and the World Wide Web?

- Neither the Internet nor the WWW is a computer network!
- Simple answers:
  - The **Internet** is not a single network but a **network of networks!**
  - The **WWW** is a distributed system that **runs on top of the Internet**



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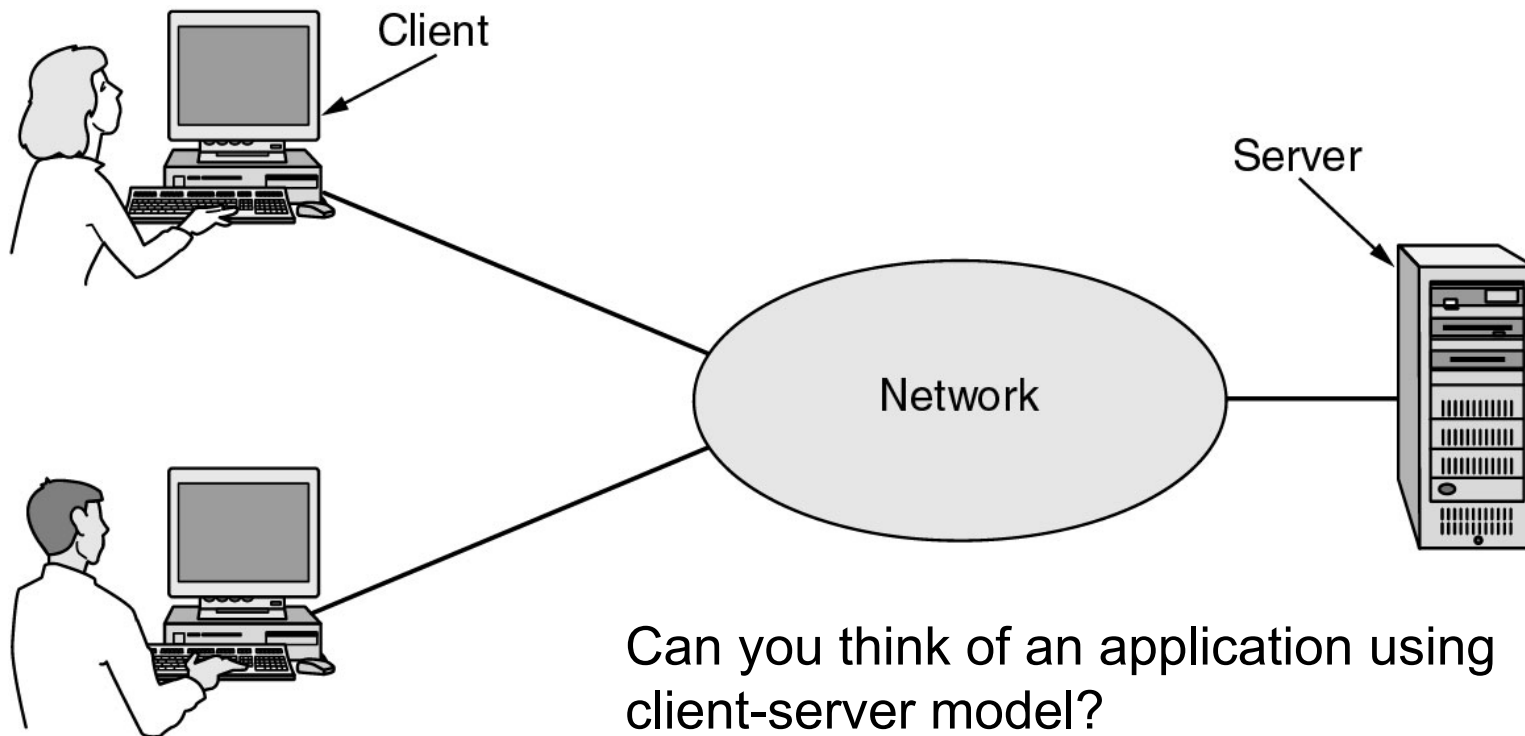
# Uses of Computer Networks

- **Business Applications**
  - Resource sharing (e.g., printer, scanner, files)
- **Home Applications**
  - Access to remote information
  - Interactive entertainment
  - E-commerce
  - Social Interactions
- **Mobile Users**
- **Internet-of-things**
  - parking, smart-meter, vending machines



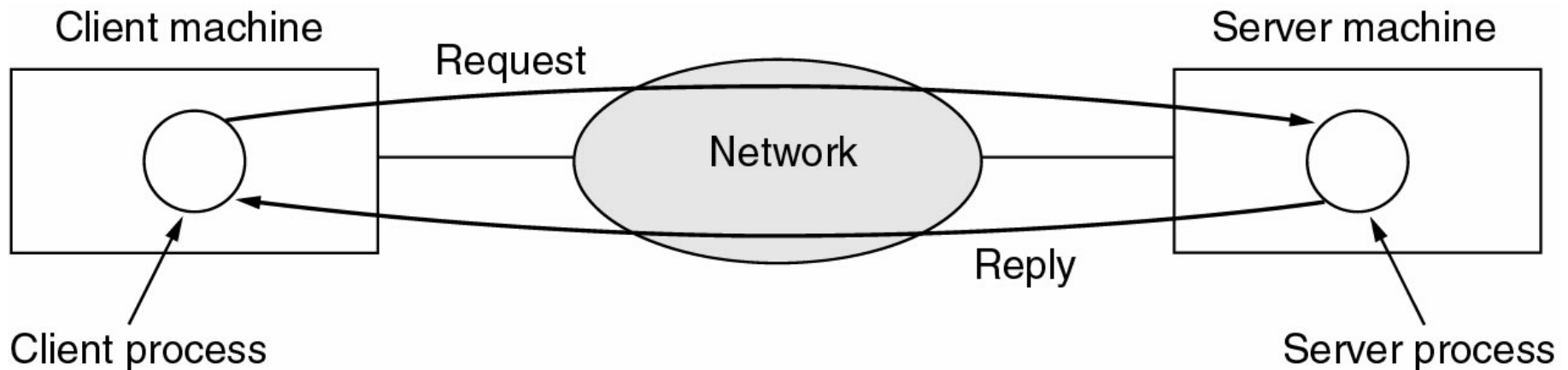
# A Core Application Domain: Business Applications of Networks

- Origins: Simple Client-Server Network
- A network with two clients and one server

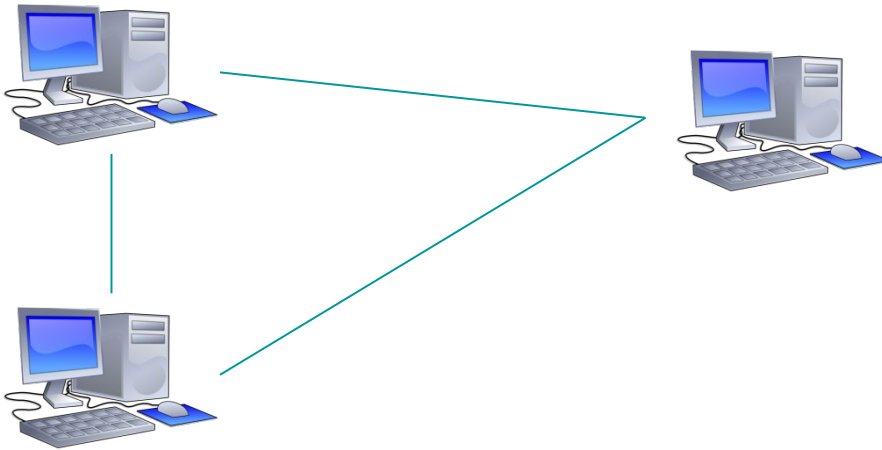


# Business Applications of Networks (2)

- The client-server model involves requests and replies



# Computer Networks



How does it scale to billions of devices?  
What about distances?

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# Differentiating Factors of Networks

## ■ Types of transmission technology

### □ Broadcast link

- Broadcast networks have a single communication channel shared by all machines on a network. Packets sent by any machine are received by all others, an address field in the packet specifies the intended recipient. Intended recipients process the packet contents, others simply ignore it.
- Broadcasting is a mode of operation which allows a packet to be transmitted that every machine in the network must process.

# Differentiating Factors of Networks

## ■ Types of transmission technology

### □ Point-to-point links

- Data from sender machine is not seen and processed by other machines
- Point to point networks consist of many connections between individual pairs of machines. Packets travelling from source to destination must visit intermediate machines to determine a route.
- Unicasting is the term used where point-to-point networks with a single sender and receiver pair can exchange data

### □ Multicasting

- Transmission to a subset of the machines

# Differentiating Factors of Networks

## ■ By Scale

Interprocessor distance	Processors located in same	Example
1 m	Square meter	Personal area network
10 m	Room	Local area network
100 m	Building	
1 km	Campus	
10 km	City	Metropolitan area network
100 km	Country	Wide area network
1000 km	Continent	
10,000 km	Planet	The Internet

# Differentiating Factors of Networks

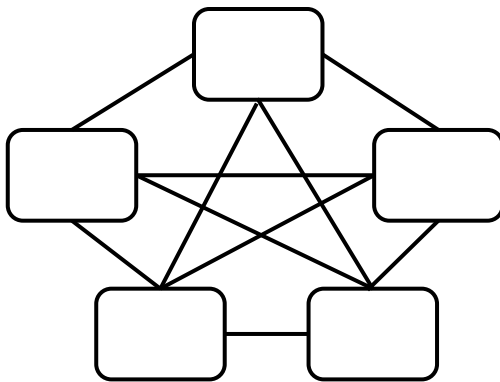
## ■ By Topology

### □ Mesh

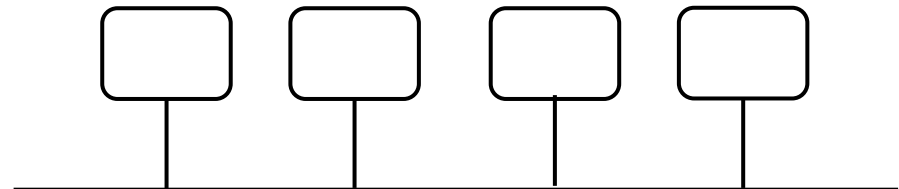
- Fully mesh: each device has a dedicated point-to-point link to every other device.

### □ Bus

- All devices are attached to a shared medium.
- Only a single device on the network can transmit at any point in time. Requires a negotiation mechanism to resolve transmission conflicts.
- e.g. Ethernet is the most common bus network.



(a) mesh



(b) bus

# Differentiating Factors of Networks

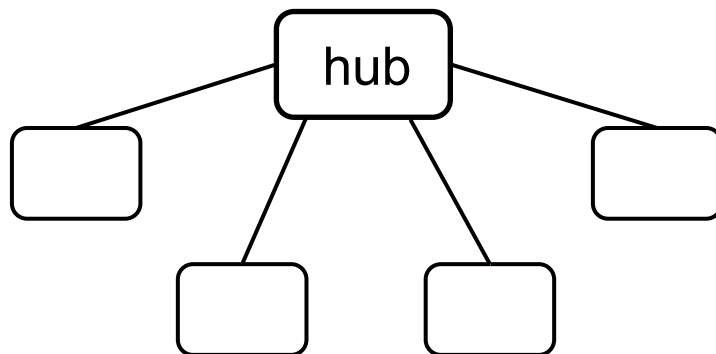
## ■ By Topology

### □ Star

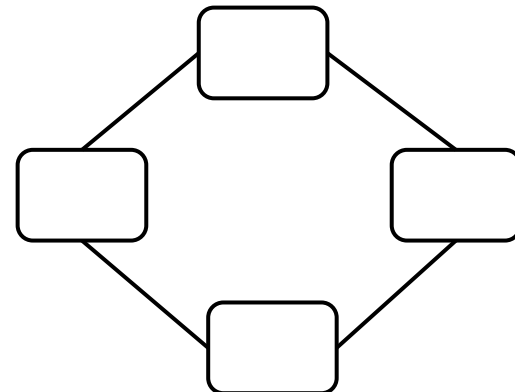
- All devices are attached to a central device (hub).

### □ Ring

- Each device on the ring receives the data from the previous device and forwards it to the next device.
- Requires access control to resolve propagation queuing.
- e.g., Token ring.



(c) star



(d) ring

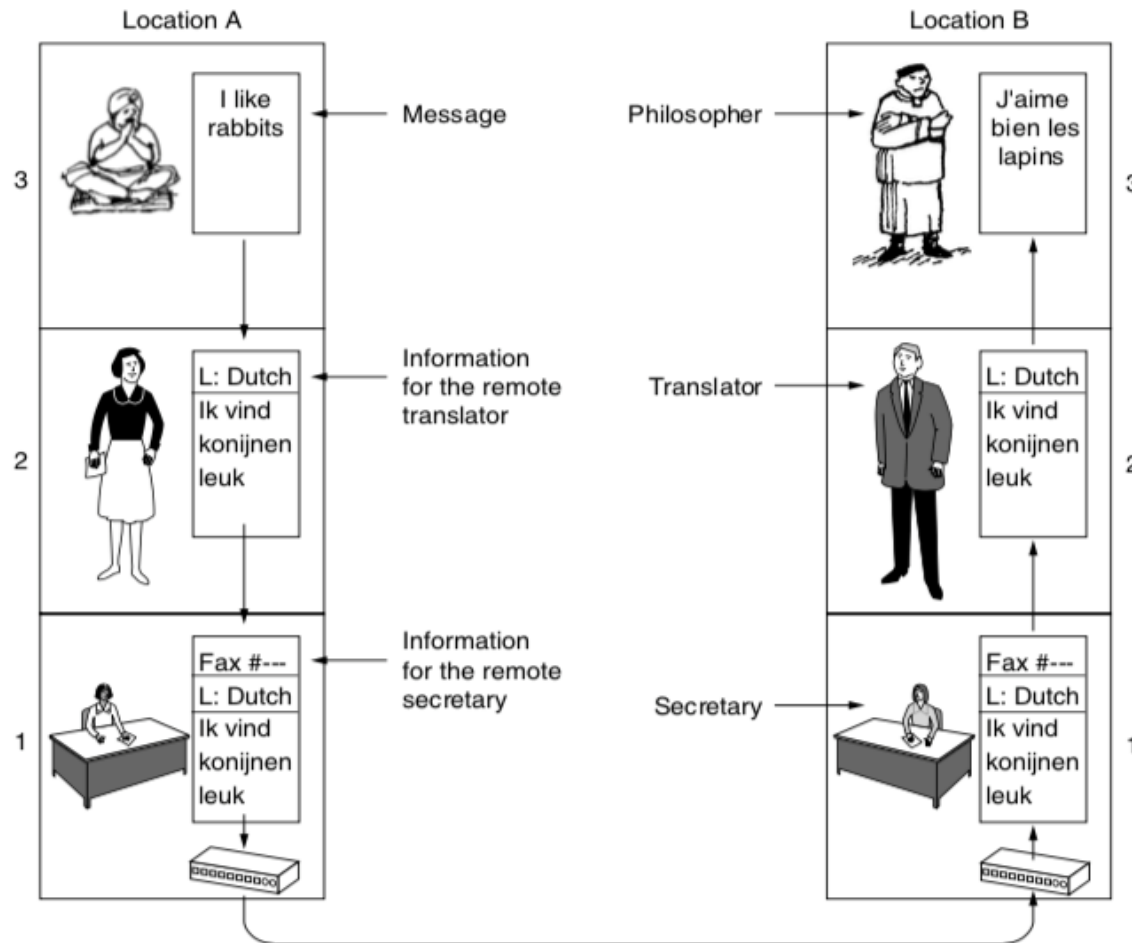


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# What Makes the Internet Work

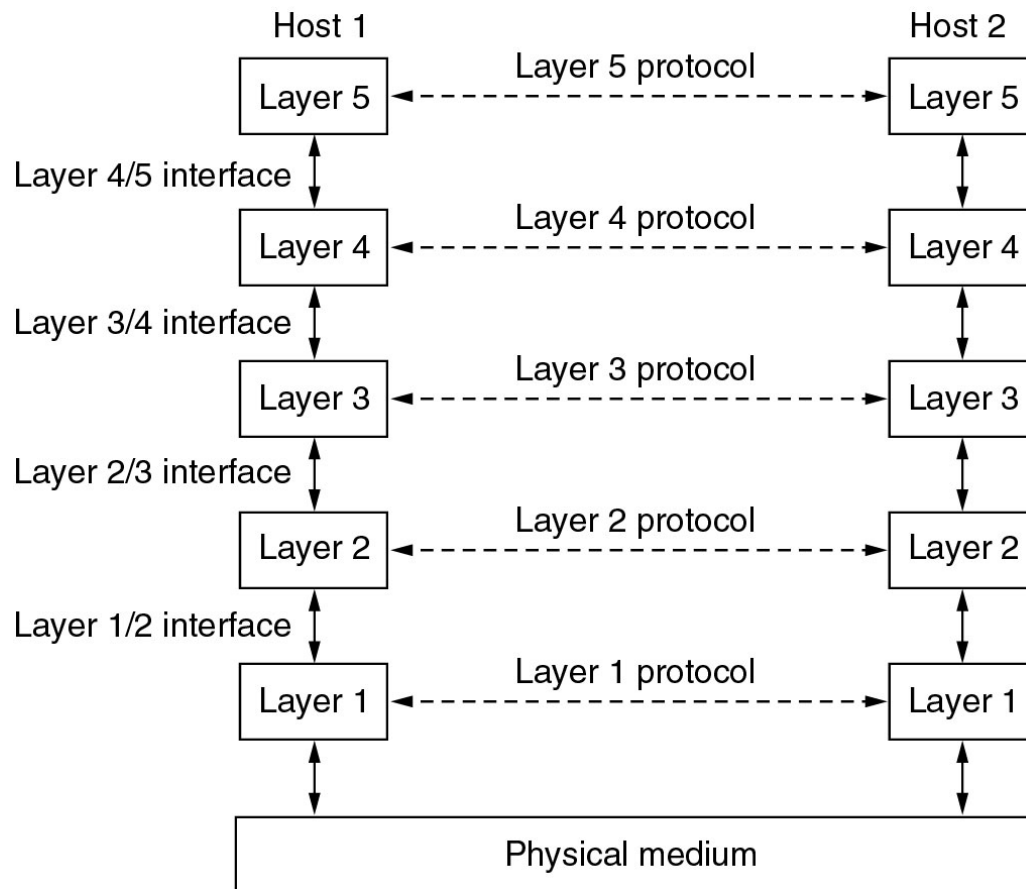
- Protocols, Layers and Services
  - Protocol Hierarchies
  - Design of Layer Models
  - Connection-Oriented and Connectionless Services
  - Services Primitives
  - Services and Protocols
- Network Reference Models
  - Open Systems Interconnect
  - TCP/IP
- Network Standards

# The Philosopher-translator-secretary Architecture



# Network Software: Protocol Hierarchies (1)

- Layers, protocols and interfaces



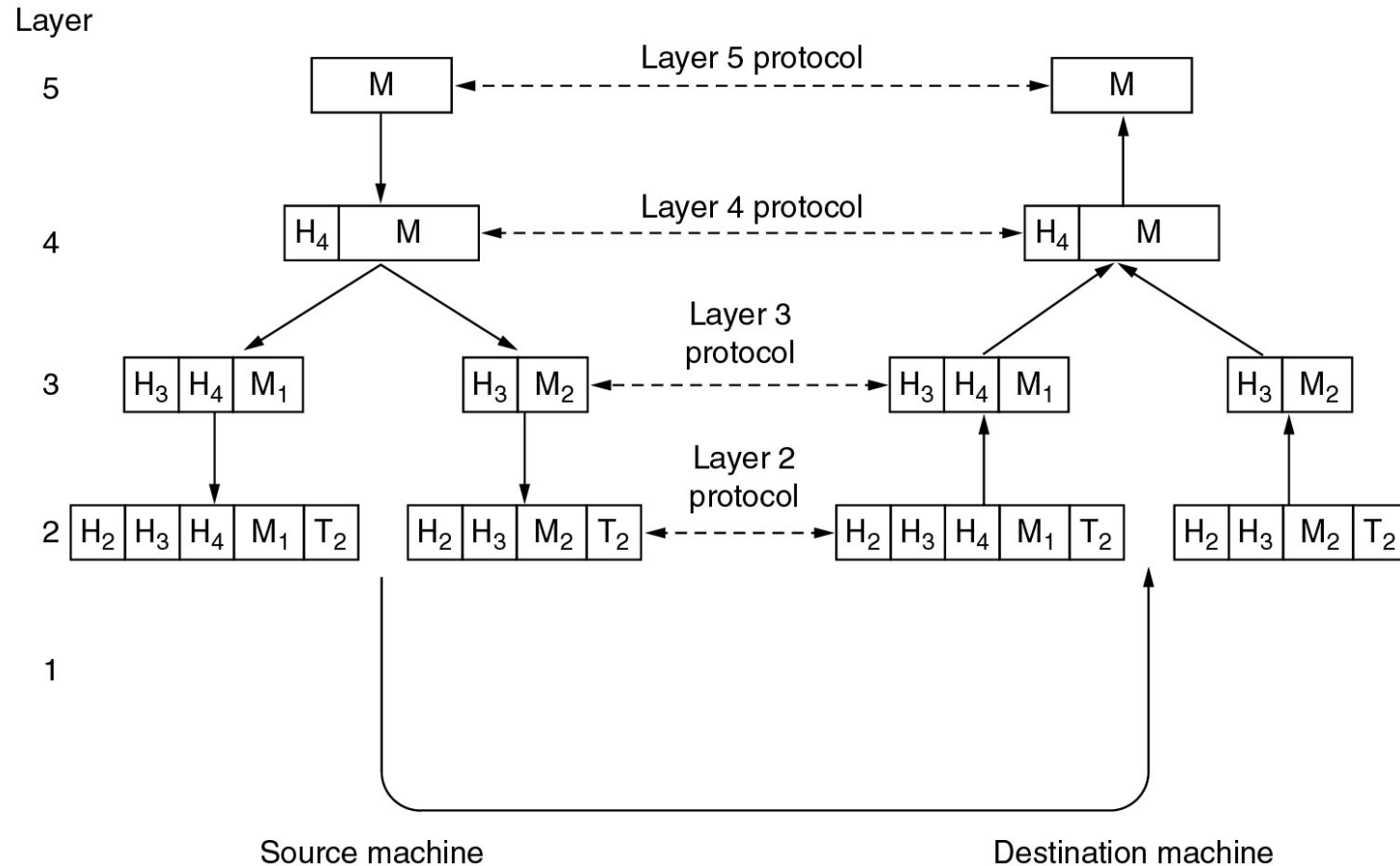
Consider the network as a stack of **layers**

Each layer offers **services** to layers above it through **interface**

**Protocol** is an agreement between the communicating parties on how communication is to proceed

# Network Software: Protocol Hierarchies (2)

- Information flow supporting virtual communication in layer 5



# Services

- Choice of service type has a corresponding impact on the reliability and quality of the service
- Connection-Oriented vs. Connectionless
  - Connection-Oriented: connect, use, disconnect (similar to telephone service). Negotiation inherent in connection setup
  - Connectionless: just send (similar to postal service)

# Connection-Oriented and Connectionless

## ■ Six different types of services

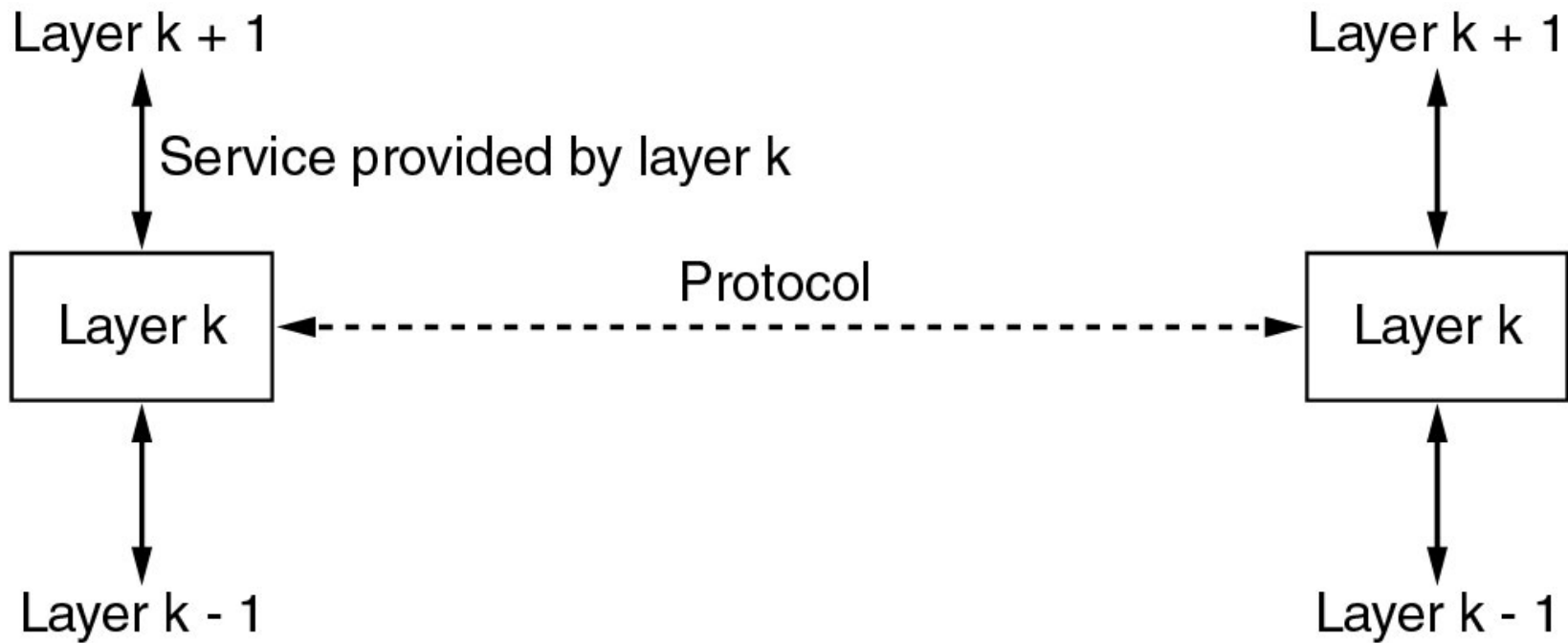
		Service	Example
Connection-oriented	{	Reliable message stream	Sequence of pages
		Reliable byte stream	Remote login
		Unreliable connection	Digitized voice
Connection-less	{	Unreliable datagram	Electronic junk mail
		Acknowledged datagram	Registered mail
		Request-reply	Database query

# Service Primitives

- Primitives are a formal set of operations for services
- The number and type of primitives in any particular context depends on the nature of service - in general more complex services require more service primitives
- Six service primitives for implementing a simple connection-oriented service

Primitive	Meaning
LISTEN	Block waiting for an incoming connection
CONNECT	Establish a connection with a waiting peer
ACCEPT	Accept an incoming connection from a peer
RECEIVE	Block waiting for an incoming message
SEND	Send a message to the peer
DISCONNECT	Terminate a connection

# Relationship of Services and Protocols





# Relationship of Services and Protocols

- **Service = set of primitives that a layer provides to a layer above it**
  - Provided through the interfaces between layers (service provider vs service users)
  - Defines what operations the layer is prepared to perform on behalf of its users
  - It says nothing about how these operations are implemented
- **Protocol = a set of rules governing the format and meaning of packets that are exchanged by peers within a layer**
  - Packets sent between peer entities

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# Reference Models

- The OSI Reference Model
- The TCP/IP Reference Model
- A Comparison of OSI and TCP/IP
- A Critique of the OSI Model and Protocols
- A Critique of the TCP/IP Reference Model

# Why do we need a reference model?

- A reference model provides a **common baseline for the development** of many services and protocols by independent parties
- Since networks are very complex systems, a reference model can serve to **simplify the design process**
- It's engineering *best practice* to have an **“abstract” reference model**, and corresponding implementations are always required for validation purposes