

Q1) Short note on circuit switched network

- Circuit switching is a switching technique that establishes a dedicated path b/w sender and receiver.
- Once the connection is made established then the dedicated path will remain to exist until the connection is terminated.
- Circuit switching technique operates in a similar way as the telephone works.
- It is used in public telephone network. It is used for ^{voice} transmission.
- Fixed amt of data can be transferred at a time.
- When any user wants to send the data, voice, video, or req signal is sent to the receiver then the receiver sends back the ack to ensure the availability of the dedicated path.
- After receiving the ack the dedicated path transfers the data.
- A complete end to end path must exist before comm takes place.

Communication through circuit switching has 3 phases

- Circuit establishment
- Data transfer
- Circuit disconnect

Advantage:

- Committed transmission channel is established b/w computers which gives guaranteed data transmission rate.
- There is no delay in data flow as there is no bcoz of dedicated transmission path.

Disadvantage:

- It takes more time to establish a connection.
- More bandwidth is required in setting up dedicated channels.

Q2) Short note on Packet-switched Network

- In packet switching technique the message is sent in one go, but is divided into smaller pieces and they are sent individually.
- The message is split into smaller pieces called packets and packets are given a unique number to identify their order at receiving end.
 - Every packet contains some information in its header such as source and destination address and seq number.
 - Packets will travel across the network, taking the shortest path possible.
 - All packets are reassembled at receiving end in correct order.
 - If any packet is corrupted/lost then the message is sent to resend that packet.
 - If the correct order of the packet is reached the ack message is sent.
 - Faster than circuit switched

There are two approaches for packet switching

- Used for multipath communication.
- It uses virtual connectⁿ for data transfer, i.e. first it creates a connectⁿ.

Advantages

- Cost effective, Minimal transmitⁿ latency, ~~cost~~
- More efficient in terms of bandwidth.

Q3) Short note on Guided Media

It is defined as the medium through which the signals are transmitted. It is also known as Bounded media.

In data communication terminology, a transmission media is the physical path b/w sender & receiver i.e. channel through which data is transferred.

Guided media is also referred to as Wired or Bounded transmission media. Signals being transmitted are directed and confined in narrow pathway by using physical links.

Features: • High speed • Secure • Used for short distance

Three major types of Guided Media:

i) Twisted Pair Cable

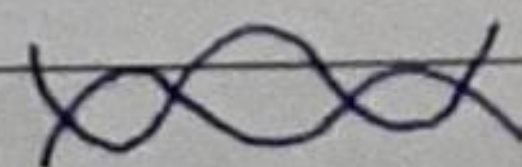
It consists of two separately insulated conductor wires wound about each other. They are most widely used transmission media.

* Unshielded Twisted Pair (UTP)

It consists of two insulated copper wires twisted around one another. This type of cable can block interference and does not depend on physical shield for this purpose.

Adv:

- least expensive
- easy to install
- high speed capacity

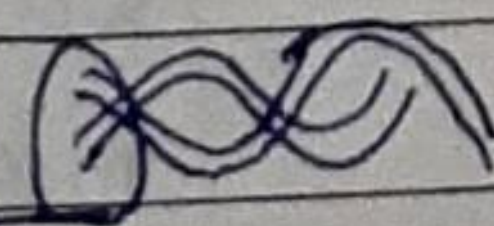


* Shielded Twisted Pair

This type of cable consists of special jacket (a copper braid or a foil shield) to block external interference. It is used in fast data rate ethernet and in voice and data channels of telephone lines.

Adv

- Better perform at higher data rate
- crosstalk elimination
- faster
- expensive



ii) Coaxial cable

It has an outer plastic covering containing an insulaⁿ layer made of PVC or teflon and the two // conductors each having a separate insulated protectⁿ cover. Used in cable and analog TV.

- Adv
- High bandwidth
 - Better noise immunity
 - Inexpensive
- Disadv
- single cable failure can disrupt entire network.

iii) Optic fiber

It uses the concept of ~~total~~ total internal reflection of light. The core is made up of ~~g~~ optic fiber/plastic. The core is surrounded by less optically dense glass/plastic covering called cladding. It is used for data transmiⁿ in large vol.

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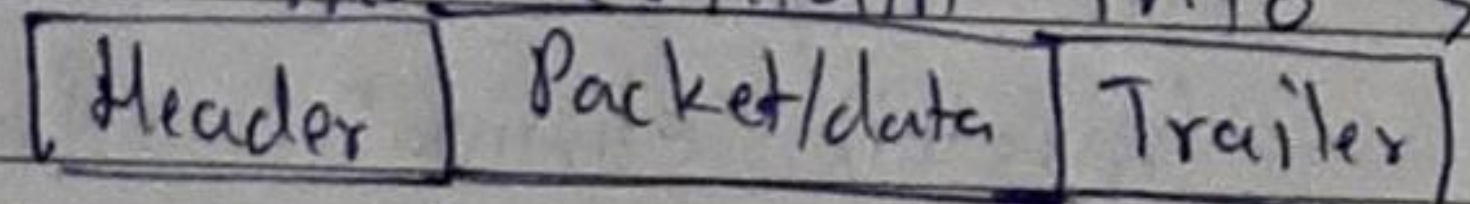
- increased capacity and bandwidth
- lightweight
- less signal ^{attenuatⁿ}
- ~~the~~ resistance to electromagnetic interference

Disadv

- difficult to install
- high cost

Q4) Framing in DLL with types.

Frames are units of digital transmiⁿ. Framing is a point to point connectⁿ b/w two computers or devices ~~consistit~~ consists of a wire in which data is transmitted as a stream of bits. However these bits must be framed into discernible blocks of info. Framing is a functⁿ of DLL. It provides a way for a sender to transmit a set of bits that are meaningful. Frames have headers that contain info such as error-checking codes.



At data link layer it extracts the message from the sender and provides it to the receiver's addresses. The advantage of using frames is that data is broken.

up into recoverable chunks that can be easily checked for corruptⁿ.

Two types of framing

i) Fixed size.

The frame is of fixed size and there is no need to provide boundaries to the frame, the length of the frame itself acts as a delimiter.

disadv: it suffers from inter fragmentatⁿ if data is less than frame size

soln. padding

ii) Variable size